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**Bcc:**  
**Subject:** Re: Fw: San Miguel Park Expansion Project  
**From:** Phil Acosta/PubWorks/COSLO - Monday 09/21/2015 04:04 PM

Hello Annette and Sandy,

Please add the attached letter (below) from John Green, Dick Hoffman, and Jean Hoffman to our record for the BOS Hearing of 9-22-2015. It is noted that an email dated 9-17-2015 from Dick Hoffman, and Jean Hoffman has already been submitted to the record.

Thanks.

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**Date:** 09/21/2015 03:41 PM  
**Subject:** Fw: San Miguel Park Expansion Project

FYI. This is in regards to item 28 on the agenda tomorrow. It's the resolution to vacation a portion of K Street.

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Kindest regards,

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San Luis Obispo County Supervisors

San Luis Obispo, CA. 93408

Re: San Miguel Park expansion Project

Dear County Supervisors,

On May 17<sup>th</sup> I attended a meeting at San Miguel Park regarding the expansion of the park. This was one of a series of meetings that I have attended on this subject.

I have been following this effort since Ms. Kavanaugh introduced the idea. Many people attended the various meetings. Many gave some input from the idea of closing K Street to the various types of the sports activities that might be accommodated in the design build out. Ms. Kavanaugh indicated that a soccer field was the most popular by a handful of votes. (I believe in the neighborhood of 6 votes equaling 21). The problem as I see it, is that a soccer field is overwhelming in size in respect to the amount of space available. At the meeting I just attended, there may have been as many or more than 21 people that weren't in favor of a soccer field at this location. Many of the concerns were that a soccer field would encroach on the family use of our community park.

Ms. Kavanaugh's perceived intent is to invite A.Y.S.O. to San Miguel. She believes there are 30 children who would participate in an organized soccer program. However when the A.Y.S.O. plays on this field, such games would block out the use of the picnic area and the baseball field, which are used by groups and families regularly and would congest the limited parking. Basically our "park" would become a soccer field with a tree line around it. Most importantly, this plan is moving forward when not all of the required land has been successfully acquired.

At the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting I would estimate that the group was evenly split on the subject of closing K Street. After hearing the supporting side to closing K Street, It occurred to me how easy it would be to accommodate both groups.

- Place a 4-foot fence down both sides of street with an openings mid-block.
- Install a pedestrian crossing with two-way stop mid-block, at the opening of the fence.
- Add speed bumps every 200 feet.

The opposing side was concerned about, the traffic impact on L Street and the alleys. This is a genuine concern and not one that a county official can give any guarantee, only speculation. Some other ideas that were presented, were that the current amount of shaded picnic space be increased, as often the existing space is insufficient. There were also requests for the following.

- Additional parking at the Community center
- Additional shade around the library.
- Widening of the alley
- Bring facilities up to ADA compliance.
- Upgrading the irrigation system to reduce water usage.

It was pointed out that large open areas of turf are not drought tolerant suggesting that this is a flawed design due to current water usage restrictions. There was also a concern of the expansion of an already under maintained facility.

In short, as much as I would like to see a sports field of this size in San Miguel, I don't think it should be at the expense of eliminating the precious amount of shaded space in our family park. To alienate a population so that 30 children can play soccer is not an equitable solution.

My main concern is that if the Board of Supervisors approves the vacation of K Street, the Dept. of Parks and Recreation will move forward with a plan that is inconsistent with the wishes of the community. The current plan is undesirable even with the successful acquisition of additional space.

It was a bit concerning to me as I sat and watched county employees counter the concerns of this group as though they had more invested in the project than the community itself.

I realize this property is under the ownership and control of the county, but the purpose of its use is for the benefit of the community. Many others including myself feel this plan is a terrible injustice to this community. Please listen to your constituents, oppose the vacation of K Street until all stakeholders agree upon an acceptable plan.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

John Green, Dick Hoffmann, Jean Hoffmann

September 14, 2015

San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors

San Luis Obispo, CA. 93447

RE: Support for the Expand San Miguel Community Park Project That Includes a Multi-use Ball Field

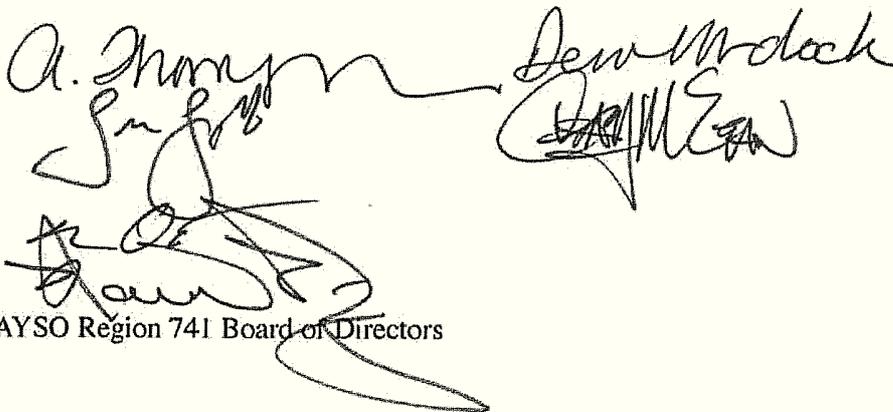
Dear Madams and Sirs,

AYSO Region 741 (Paso Robles) supports your Parks and Recreation Department's plan to expand San Miguel Community Park to include a multi-use sports field.

One third of San Miguel's citizens are under the age of 18, which is more children per capita than any other community in our County. Another third or more are parents of these children, yet San Miguel has no sports fields or other facilities for children and families to participate in team sports. The benefits of team sports for children are well documented and include healthier bodies, higher IQ's, more confidence and emotional control. Kids learn important life skills such as hard work, persistence, respect, creative decision making and strategic thinking. In addition, a coach can be one of the most influential people in a child's life and are often mentors to the children they coach. The proposed plan to Expand San Miguel Community Park includes a multi-use ball field will enable San Miguel's children to play team sports and experience these benefits.

AYSO Paso Robles Region 741 has children from San Miguel playing on our teams and we are certain there are many others that would like to play but can't because of the 10 miles distance to the closest soccer fields in Paso Robles. Many families in San Miguel have one or no cars making this commute an impossible hurdle to surmount. Please approve the steps necessary to expand San Miguel Community Park so the children and families of San Miguel can participate in team sports and experience all the benefits that go along with with team sports.

Sincerely,



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AYSO Region 741 Board of Directors

