

Dear Supervisor Matt LaVere:

October 20, 2023

Re: RFP Oak Dell Park (aka Oak View Community Park)

On Oct 19, 2023 the Oak View Advisory Commission (OVAC) held a special meeting to "Discuss the recently issued RFP for Oak Dell Park (also known as the Oak View Community Park) and other options going forward."

At the September 11, 2023 meeting of the OVAC, at your direction, the OVAC requested "information" on the RFP regarding the "process" and what it means to the community. We have not received that information. Instead of any information or discussion, the RFP was released, and the OVAC was not notified of the release.

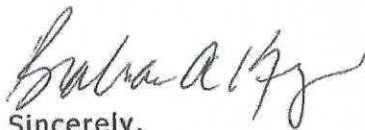
In this RFP, one of the terms asks that the lessee enter into a 10-year lease for year-round baseball. As your advisory commission, we believe this presents a real problem to the Oak View community; given our deep involvement with the community, we believe that a 10-year lease does not allow for community input on use of the fields and the surrounding areas during the time this area is not being used for baseball.

To address this, a motion was made by Commissioner Robles to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors, CC you, to postpone the action of the RFP at this time. This motion was 2nd by commissioner McKeen and unanimously carried by all commissioners present. So, we propose the letter to contain the following statement:

"We formally request that the current RFP process is postponed until a time the OVAC can assess the current community needs and allow for community input to explore other options for local control of the ball fields and surrounding areas by local entities of the Oak View 93022 Community."

An amendment to the motion made by Commissioner McKeen, seconded by Commissioner Robles, and carried by all commissioners:

"There appears to be several dead trees hanging over bleachers and outfield of the ballpark and due to the health condition of the damaged Oak and other trees at the park, we believe it is also in the best interest of the County of Ventura not to enter into such lease unit all safety issues are resolved. There is great concern for harm to the public and children under the damaged trees, and we advise you to have the county employ an arborist for the tree issue, if no other safety hazards exist before consideration of any lease or agreements are made."



Sincerely,

Barbara Kennedy

Vice Chair, Oak View Advisory Commission

Commissioners

Present: Kristeen McKeen, Brian Aikens, Elizabeth Robles, Chris Anacker, Randy Burg

Absent: Chair Velma Lomax

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Present: Christina Pacheco, alternate Commissioner

Please see attached letter from Commissioner Lomax to be entered into the record

Special OVAC Meeting

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I believe the point of this meeting is this follows:

We believe the RFP for Oak Dell Park was sent out prior to gaining any input from the Oak View Advisory Commission. As a result, we feel that the process lacks input from the community and the commission to the Board of Supervisors regarding our vision for Oak View and the Oak View recreation area.

It is our understanding that the Board of Supervisors created the Oak View Advisory Commission for the purpose of advising the Board of Supervisors on what is best for the community of Oak View. We strongly believe that the way this RFP came about was in direct conflict with the mission and understanding of why the Commission was formed and commissioned to do.

Velma L. Lomax
Chair
Oak View Advisory Commission