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Dear Mayor Henriquez and City Commissioners,

I am writing today to voice my support for this Wednesday's City Commission Agenda Item #47 while also continuing to oppose Agenda Item #48.

My three children and I live less than half a mile from Bayview Park. We spend many days enjoying the fields. Just this last weekend we reserved the Bayview baseball field through the City Parks Dept to throw my two sons a Baseball Birthday Party for all of their friends. I attached some photos to enjoy.

While I understand there are large plans for the park in the long term, I am disturbed by the pace at which the project has prioritized removal of the current grass to replace with fake grass.

One of the things we love most about Bayview Park is how natural it feels. We choose to spend our afternoons at Bayview over other parks because they are covered in fake grass and pavement. Bayview is a treasure. Imagine growing up and the only "grass" you feel at parks is Astro turf. Our children should not be left with only fake grass to lay in. How will they know what real grass is? Yes it is our responsibility to leave something "nice" for our children, but shouldn't it also be real?

In closing, I want to thank you all for last month's decision to bring this matter back to Parks & Rec for further discussion. I'd also like to thank the Parks & Rec Board for then further recommending a clear and comprehensive plan with postponement until July. You all have made it clear that the community deserves input and a plan moving forward.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Regards,

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