APPENDIX J

Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Comment Letters

From: Grady Hall
To: Linda Cogswell
Subject: Re: Memorial Park redevelopment
Date: Thursday, September 18, 2025 8:33:11 AM

EXTERNAL

Thank you, Rachel - I appreciate your help. I've moved you to bcc: so you can get busy on other things!

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Hello Linda!

As mentioned in my original note to Rachel, I'm the Advocacy Chair for the nonprofit Santa Monica Pickleball Club, a local nonprofit that represents thousands of local pickleball players.

I'm trying to find out a bit more information on the timing of the upcoming meetings on the Memorial Park Redevelopment EIR, as well as any proposed dates for the demolition of the tennis/pickleball courts.

There's a bit of confusion and concern around the courts, as the Memorial Park courts represent the only public courts in all of Santa Monica (and really, within a 20-minute+ drive).

With over 9,500 members (consisting of players from Santa Monica and nearby cities), I'm getting a variety of questions and I'd love to be able to point to accurate, updated information — as well as get enough lead time to develop alternative solutions.

Knowing the likely court shutdown dates (and/or when and how those dates will be determined) is probably the most critical piece of information right now. We need as much lead time as possible to figure out how to navigate this shutdown.

I'd deeply appreciate any guidance or information you can provide.

Best regards,

Grady Hall
Advocacy Chair
Santa Monica Pickleball Club
Mobile 310.569.6666

> On Sep 17, 2025, at 11:34 PM, Rachel Kwok <Rachel.Kwok@santamonica.gov> wrote:
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> Hi Grady

Thank you for your email. I am copying Linda Cogswell above who is the project manager for the project. You can direct any project questions to her.

Thank you
Rachel

From: Grady Hall <gradyhall@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2025 5:37:49 AM
To: Rachel Kwok <Rachel.Kwok@santamonica.gov>
Subject: Memorial Park redevelopment

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I'm writing in my capacity as the Advocacy Chair for the nonprofit Santa Monica Pickleball Club.

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I'd deeply appreciate any guidance you can provide as to who I might contact to learn more.

Is there an overall project manager within the city?

I've seen the public-facing website for the project, but it only says "check back for upcoming meetings." I want to make sure that I stay up-to-date and can share information with our 9,500 local pickleball community members.

Many thanks!

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From: Carter Rubin
To: Rachel Kwok
Subject: Memorial Park DEIR
Date: Thursday, September 18, 2025 2:44:37 PM

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