

Communication from Public

Name: Diana Weynand

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Council File No: 24-0602

Comments for Public Posting: 24-0602 is an important motion. As Chair of the Climate Reality Project, San Fernando Valley chapter, I advocate for this motion to be passed for the following reasons: 1. All artificial turf contains hazardous PFAS chemicals that are known carcinogens, endocrine disruptors, and neurotoxins, as well as dangerous microplastics. 2. Children and athletes who play on artificial turf are at increased risk of exposure, and because PFAS chemicals bioaccumulate, it is especially harmful to children who are still developing. 3. Artificial turf is too hot and too toxic. We need to choose nature-based solutions like natural grass playing fields that are safer and sustainable – our children deserve better. 4. Artificial turf contains petroleum products. 5. Artificial turf outgasses ethylene and methane contributing to the climate crisis. 6. Artificial turf can become as much as 80 degrees hotter than the air temperature, creating a heat sink. 7. We should choose native plants and grasses that take in carbon and provide oxygen, as well as cooler surfaces. 8. Protect our health, the environment and wildlife – get rid of toxic plastic outdoor carpeting that pollutes our air, water and soil, and harms biodiversity. 9. Hazardous PFAS “forever” chemicals have been found in LA’s drinking water and wells. All artificial turf contains PFAS and microplastics. It leaches PFAS and other contaminants into our drinking water and groundwater. It sheds microplastics into our environment and aquifer. It is also an impermeable surface, impeding ground water recharge, and increasing the risk of flooding. 10. Artificial turf is toxic, not recyclable, and ends up in our landfills. 11. Artificial turf is NOT a safe playing surface, does not significantly reduce water usage, and is not a sound investment. Installing artificial turf does not take into account the true cost to our children’s health and the health of our environment. Nature-based solutions are better in every respect – California native plants and drought-tolerant grasses that use less water, thrive in our climate, recharge our groundwater and provide food and habitat for local wildlife. 12. When we install artificial turf, we are installing a product with a limited functional lifespan that cannot be recycled or reused. Every installation eventually becomes a waste product that will be inherited by future generations as the plastic endures for centuries. There is really nothing good about artificial turf and the sooner we can

start relieving our city from its burden, the better off we will all be. Diana Weynand Chair, Climate Reality Project, San Fernando Valley chapter

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Name: PEPPER EDMISTON

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Comments for Public Posting: Cancer and autism rates for children are rising. Contaminated air, water, food all contribute to multiple ailments affecting our kids & grandkids. Please, don't pollute the grass, too, where toddlers crawl and learn to walk. Wake up!!

Communication from Public

Name: Aaron Tupac

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Comments for Public Posting: This is an opportunity to support and help our local biodiversity flourish by voting against the use of artificial lawns that reduce habitat and severely harm our soils. Vote for flourishing life!

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Name: Robert Mason

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Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of LA in the SFV I want to encourage the council to vote to move from artificial turf to a more natural solution. Thank you.