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Playing and competing through school sports programs is of great benefit to our youth physically, mentally, and emotionally. As detailed in Council File 98-2162, there have been efforts in the past to better define the City of Los Angeles's role with developing programs and supporting opportunities for youth golf, such as through the Junior Golf Program.

Golf as a high school sport necessitates access to public parkland most often found in the form of city owned golf courses. Student golf teams at schools across the City do not have golf courses onsite at school and rely on public golf courses for both practice and competitive matches. Many smaller schools in Los Angeles lack public funding and therefore can barely afford to offer golf programs for their student-athletes. Currently, city owned golf courses charge student golf teams at a rate of \$6 or \$8 per golfer to use the facilities during specific hours, and charge youth golfers at a rate of \$6 per golfer. If a team is unable to attend a session and has to cancel, the team could be charged with a cancellation feed. Charging teams before they are able to book their sessions due to previous season cancellation fees can cause delays and result in late "tee times".

Later tee times are not suitable for high school students or matches that are played on city owned golf courses. Note that this occurred in the past and is not normal practice, it has since been discontinued. High school sports are best practiced and played in the immediate after-school hours. This can further cause golf coaches to pay for sessions and for those sessions to be only for times that were open only to adult members. Understanding how city owned golf courses manage youth and student golf tee times and programming is vital to maximizing non-adult tee times as well as expanding opportunity for more student teams to participate in these activities.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the Department of Recreation and Parks to report on how the City of Los Angeles manages and promotes all youth and student golf play on public parkland owned by the City. This should include what rates have been historically charged for youth golfers versus student golfers/golf teams, the hours of session offered for youth golfers and student golfers/golf teams, and a plan that optimizes the use of youth/student golf tee times situationally related to the golf season for high school sports. Additionally, this report should include an update on the Junior Golf Program and any attempts to better define the City's role with developing programs and supporting opportunities for youth golf, specifically related to outreach and programming offered to youth from historically underserved neighborhoods as well as any future funding plans to address these needs.

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