

February 12, 2008



Mr. Dan Hernandez
County of Santa Barbara
Director of Parks
610 Mission Canyon Rd.
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

RE: Request for Quimby and/or Development Mitigation Fee Funds

Dear Mr. Hernandez

This letter is to share with you the Foundation for Girsh Park's effort to raise funding to provide the South Coast community with a synthetic turf soccer field. As you probably are aware, Girsh Park is the only active public park of its kind in the Goleta Valley. Owned and maintained by the Foundation for Girsh Park, a 501(c) 3 foundation, the park consists of 25 acres of active recreation offering soccer, baseball and softball play to the youth and adults of our community. The park serves both the City of Goleta and the unincorporated areas adjacent to the City.

The active play fields are heavily used, requiring reseeding and reconditioning at least once a year. The soccer field receives the most use and suffers the most damage resulting in its closure 3-5 months annually for reseeding. During this time, the adult soccer games are moved to the baseball and softball fields, which then become similarly degraded.

To resolve this problem, the Foundation for Girsh Park has embarked on a \$1.25 million capital project to convert the grass soccer field to state of the art synthetic turf. A synthetic turf field will result in year round availability, less wear and tear on the other fields in the park, minimal maintenance and water usage and the elimination of herbicides or pesticides. The increased play afforded by the new year-round use of the field will also assist in meeting the growing recreation demand needs of our community. The Foundation's goal is to complete the project by the end of 2008.

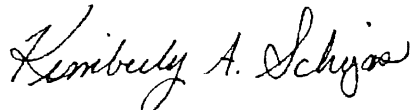
To date, the Foundation has received funding from various members of the community, local businesses and the City of Goleta. This letter is a request for \$50,000 from Quimby

and/or development mitigation fee funding from County Parks to help the Foundation reach its funding goal and afford the County the opportunity to become a part of the partnership for a successful completion of this much needed project. The Foundation is prepared to provide the ongoing maintenance that is required for a field of this type and is encouraged by the positive demonstration that this type of field covering may have on other similar facilities within the County as a whole.

If you concur with this request, it is our understanding that this will be forwarded to the Park Commission for their consideration at their next public meeting. A representative from the Foundation would be happy to attend the Park Commission meeting.

Please feel free to contact me at 805.967-6040 x14 if you have any questions or need any clarification. I look forward to hearing from you regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Kimberly A. Schizas in cursive script.

Kimberly A. Schizas
Vice-President/Head of Fundraising

Encl. Before and after photos of soccer field showing proposed new synthetic turf