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Brentwood Community Speaks Out Over Proposed Closure of Creekside Pickleball Courts

BRENTWOOD, CA — September 24, 2026 — Brentwood residents are asking the City Council to reconsider its decision to dismantle the pickleball courts at Creekside Park, saying the courts serve a much larger community than the 160 members of the Brentwood Creekside Pickleball Club who regularly use them.

The Creekside courts are also used by non-member players, families and new players learning the sport. Club members say they regularly welcome newcomers and help teach pickleball etiquette and the rules of the game, creating an inclusive recreational environment for players of different ages and skill levels.

For some residents, the courts have become an important source of community and belonging.

“When I moved to Brentwood, I had a hard time finding my friend group. I actually considered moving back to Danville because I didn’t feel connected. Then I found the pickleball community at Creekside. It gave me a place to meet people, make friends, and feel like I belonged in my community.”

— Corrado Fontana, Brentwood Resident + Creekside Pickleball Member

Community members are also questioning the decision from a taxpayer and planning perspective. City records identify the Creekside Park Pickleball Courts as a City capital improvement project, with the project bid process occurring in 2023. Residents estimate approximately \$408,000 was invested in the facility and are asking how much additional taxpayer money would be required to dismantle it.

“We are not asking the City to ignore neighbors’ concerns. We are asking the City to find a responsible solution that considers everyone, the nearby residents, the pickleball community, and all Brentwood taxpayers.”

— Kelly Reddell, Brentwood Resident + Creekside Pickleball Member

Residents have suggested exploring solutions such as noise mitigation, restricted hours, barriers, landscaping, and court or equipment modifications rather than simply closing the courts.

Residents also have questions about references made during the City Council discussion to police reports related to the courts. Following the meeting, members of the pickleball community requested the reports referenced in the discussion and said they were unable to locate responsive reports on file. The community is asking the City to clearly identify the documented complaints and incidents being considered in the decision.

Residents are also questioning the City's communication surrounding the Council meeting. The meeting was held on a different night than the City's regularly scheduled second and fourth Tuesday meetings, making it difficult for many members of the pickleball community to attend. Residents say that when a decision directly affects a large community group, consistent scheduling, clear communication, and reasonable opportunity for public participation should be a priority.

“This is bigger than pickleball. It is about community, recreation, responsible use of taxpayer dollars, and making sure residents have a meaningful voice before a public facility is removed. The proposed alternative also raises serious safety concerns. The area

being suggested is not designed or prepared for the active movement and equipment. Before moving people to a space that may not be equipped to safely accommodate this activity, the City should come see the current courts, understand how they are being used, and work with the community on a responsible solution.”

— Michael Huarte, Brentwood Resident + Creekside Pickleball Member

“I have two invitations for our City Council members. First, come out to Creekside, meet the people who use this space, and see firsthand the community that has grown around it. You’ll see that this is about far more than pickleball. It’s about connection, health, families, friendship, and belonging. Second, allow us to help find a compromise that balances the benefits of the pickleball courts with the concerns of the neighbors. We have sought and continue to seek a positive and productive relationship with the city. Let’s work together to find a better way forward than the immediate and permanent closure of a nearly new \$400,000 facility.

— Aaron Hill, Brentwood Resident + Creekside Pickleball Member

Residents and supporters are encouraged to sign the petition asking the City to reconsider the closure and work collaboratively with the community toward a solution.

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Community members are also encouraged to share the petition with neighbors, friends, and others who have benefited from the Creekside courts.