

PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Correspondence Received

			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
25.		Favor	Frederick Terrell	Please see attached letter in favor of the Maggie Renewal Project, on behalf of the Fore Youth Golf Foundation
			Kevin Gigax	On behalf of our community friends, participants and partners, we submit the attached letters in support of the Maggie project.
		Other	Wayne G Wasson	The LA County Dept. of Parks and Rec. Senior Golf Rates are no longer being honored by the County. It appears that as of the last few weeks the County has made a change to their booking process by outsourcing the golf tee times to a 3rd party. This entity has negated any ability for us Senior Citizens to book an affordable tee time. Their is simply no option on line to book a senior rate. As a result many of us to whom our recreation dollars are so important are left with no option but to pay double what we are currently paying, even with a valid Senior Card! I can say this must be costing your constituents hundreds of thousands of dollars. I am asking the Bd. of Supervisors to look into this matter promptly to ascertain if this is a new policy issue or simply a question of mis-management with your new IT partner. In any event I am sure I can speak for all of us in saying this situation need to be addressed promptly. Thank you for you attention to this matter.
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As of: 1/15/2025 7:00:08 AM

To the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

My name is Earl Sampson, and I am writing this letter to express my support for the rejuvenation of Maggie Hathaway GC. Our juniors first played at Maggie Hathaway GC in 2023, when they were 7 and 5 years old. At first, they did not think they would like golf, but slowly their developing a love for the game. They have enjoyed all their course and coaches so far. Our juniors love their coaches. They have been nice, professional, patient, and informative.

We love that the course is not too big, so walking the greens is not a problem. Maggie's is perfect for development, which is one of our main reasons for coming, as well as the convenience.

As much as I love coming, the course could use some renovation the restrooms stall doors don't lock, wash stations do not work properly. The course does not have a proper seating and eating area. It does not have an inviting appeal. It does not reflect the great people that play and coach here.

We are excited for the course to be renovated so it will become an even bigger part of the community where more kids can safely learn how to play and enjoy golf.

Sincerely, Earl Sampson



To the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors: :

1/10/25

My name is Jose Alfaro and I am writing this letter on behalf of the Al Wooten Jr Youth Center. The Al Wooten Jr. Youth Center is a neighborhood approach to the revitalization and empowerment of a community in crisis. We provide a safe and nurturing environment committed to good citizenship and academic excellence.

We currently utilize Maggie Hathaway GC for our kids to be able to participate and learn the game of Golf. The rejuvenation of Maggie Hathaway GC will have a tremendous positive impact on our community.

In our community and schools golf is not offered as freely like other sports, for that reason having Maggie Hathaway in our community is imperative. Maggie Hathaway has become a place for our kids to be able to enjoy and learn the game of golf. If it were not for Maggie Hathaway our students would not have a place to participate in Golf. The rejuvenation of the Golf course would only make this course so much more enjoyable and appealing for other kids in our community.

We are excited for the course to be renovated so it will become an even bigger part of the community where more local residents can learn and enjoy golf. Thank you for supporting Maggie Hathaway Golf Course.

Sincerely,

Jose Alfaro

Program Director Recreation Al Wooten Jr. Youth Center 9106 S. Western Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90047 (323) 756-7203 office

1/05/2025

My name is Gabriela Zubia and I am writing this letter to express my support for the rejuvenation of Maggie Hathaway GC. Our junior first played at Maggie Hathaway GC in 2022, when they were 12 years old. My son has Autism and having him enrolled in this program has made such an impact on my son. He has become more social and really looks forward to his Golf classes at Maggie Hathaway. My son loves that he gets to learn more about his favorite sport and he also gets to make new friends. This renovation is very important to us parents, we feel that the Golf Course is a safe place for our children and the community. It is a safe space for my son to be himself and also learn more about his favorite sport. We need Maggie Hathaway so that our children can experience the program in a safe environment like Maggie Hathaway. We are excited for the course to be renovated so it will become an even bigger part of the community where more kids can safely learn how to play and enjoy golf.

Sincerely,

Gabriela Zubia





January 10, 2025

To the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

My name is Danielle Lugo and I am writing this letter on behalf of Woodcraft Rangers. Woodcraft Rangers is an LA-based non-profit expanded learning program with a mission of guiding young people as they explore pathways to purposeful lives. Founded in 1922, Woodcraft Rangers ensures all youth have access to high quality programming led by trained staff and mentors.

We currently utilize Maggie Hathaway Golf Course to operate collaborative programming and events alongside the SCGA Juniors program. During our programming with SCGA Juniors, we had the opportunity for our students and staff to experience using this golf course. The majority of our students said it was their first time being at a golf course. Our Site Coordinator from 93rd Street expressed how she has lived her whole life in the community, grew up at Jesse Owens park and was not even aware that there was the Maggie Hathaway Golf Course right next door. It was a wonderful experience seeing our students get to participate in a new sport and go to a golf course for the first time. With MHGC being renovated, I know this will provide more opportunities for our communities to be exposed to golf.

The growth and enhancement of Maggie Hathaway Golf Course will have a tremendously positive impact on our community. We are excited for the course to be renovated so it will become an even bigger part of the community where more of our youth can learn and enjoy golf. Thank you for supporting Maggie Hathaway Golf Course.

Sincerely,

Danielle Lugo

Sports and Events Program Manager

Woodcraft Rangers

Dear LA County Board of Supervisors,

I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Sarina Waite, and I am a junior who has had the privilege of playing at Maggie Hathaway Golf Course when my sister started playing golf. I have had the opportunity to play with her many times at Maggie's. I am writing to express my thoughts on why I believe the golf course would greatly benefit from renovations and updates.

First and foremost, Maggie Hathaway Golf Course has been a cornerstone of our community for many years. It is not just a place to play golf, but a gathering space where players of all ages, especially young teenagers like me, can come together to enjoy the sport. However, as the game of golf continues to evolve, I believe it is important for the course to evolve as well, to better support both its current players and the next generation of golfers.

I believe that investing in the renovation of Maggie Hathaway Golf Course would not only enhance the experience for existing players but also attract more young golfers to the sport. As a junior, I often hear from my friends that they would be more interested in playing if the course offered more amenities and modern features. A well-maintained and updated course can inspire future generations of golfers and ensure that the sport remains vibrant in our community for many years to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I sincerely hope you will take these thoughts into account as you plan the future of Maggie Hathaway Golf Course. I am excited to continue playing here and look forward to seeing the course thrive for years to come.

Sincerely,

Sarina Waite

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Cassie Stephen, and I am writing to express my support for the rejuvenation of Maggie Hathaway Golf Course. In 2022, our daughter, Rylie Philpott, played at Maggie Hathaway Golf Course for the first time when she was six years old. Rylie loves golf for several reasons, including the bonding time it provides with her father. As a competitive child who thrives on mastering new skills, she has developed a passion for the sport, and the teachings from the exceptional SCGA junior coaches have given her confidence.

A newly rejuvenated course will give our SCGA Juniors a sense of pride and a beautiful environment to play in, enabling them to become great golfers. The neighborhood will benefit from the renovation, as it will add value to the community and attract more visitors.

We are excited about the course's renovation, as it will become an even more integral part of the community where more children can safely learn and enjoy golf. Thank you for considering Maggie Hathaway Golf Course.

Sincerely,

Cassie E Stephen

Dear Maggie Hathaway Renovation Committee,

I love Maggie Hathaway golf course. I've been playing here since I was a little girl. I have many memories there, meeting my closest friends, good conversations, and even my first birdie. I'm so happy that they are renovating the course to make it more playable and enjoyable as it has been for me!

Sincerely,

Haley Henderson



January 13, 2025

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: January 14, 2025, Board Meeting: Agenda Item No. 25 - Maggie Hathaway Golf Course Renewal Project

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

I am writing on behalf of the Fore Youth Golf Foundation to express our enthusiastic support for the approval of the Maggie Hathaway Golf Course Renewal Project at your Board meeting on January 14th. The Foundation was established to support the renovation, maintenance, and provision of impactful youth programming at the Maggie Hathaway Golf Course. Our "Fore Youth: 2023 U.S. Open Community Legacy" campaign, led by the Southern California Golf Association, the United States Golf Association, and The Los Angeles Country Club, has successfully now raised over \$10 million for the proposed Renewal Project. As detailed in the Board Letter, this initiative aims to create a lasting community legacy that benefits underserved and underrepresented youth. Like the County, our Foundation and its benefactors firmly believe that golf should remain affordable, accessible, and inclusive. The Renewal Project before you will significantly advance these goals.

Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell's Vision

As the Board considers the Renewal Project, the Foundation is particularly grateful for Supervisor Mitchell's leadership. Since our initial discussions in 2023, Supervisor Mitchell has been instrumental in advancing the vision that is now before the Board. She not only recognized the opportunity to restore Maggie Hathaway GC—a County public asset with a rich history in South Los Angeles—but also championed its establishment as an ideal location for youth golf programming, education, and community gatherings. Supervisor Mitchell's advocacy for a renewed golf course and new community buildings and gathering spaces has resulted in a project that will serve as a blueprint for community golf courses not only in Los Angeles, but nationwide. The Renewal Project will transform the existing course into a vibrant space that will foster social interaction and community engagement, providing residents with a welcoming area for recreation and leisure, and promoting physical wellbeing.

Department of Parks and Recreation's Expertise and Creativity

Under the guidance of Director Norma E. Garcia-Gonzalez, the County Department of Parks and Recreation has been exceptional in leading the design of the Renewal Project and advancing

Supervisor Mitchell's vision. Since the signing of the donation agreement in October 2023, DPR, the Foundation, and American Golf of Glendale (the current operator of Maggie Hathaway GC) have met weekly to advance the design of the Renewal Project and bring it to life. DPR's commitment, creativity, and deep understanding of both golf course management and community needs have ensured that Maggie Hathaway GC will be a place future residents of South Los Angeles can be proud of for decades to come.

We are also proud that the Renewal Project has incorporated principles of sustainable development. Of note, the Renewal Project will introduce sustainability features, such as the use of water-saving turf varieties and computer-controlled irrigation systems to ensure efficient water use. The Renewal Project will also result in a net increase of approximately 39 trees, adding shade for localized temperature moderating and enhancing the aesthetic appeal of Maggie Hathaway GC.

Southern Area Youth Programs, Inc.'s Community Leadership

For the past 30 years, SAYPI, currently led by Mary and Glenn Porter, has provided management, maintenance, and youth programming at Maggie Hathaway GC. The Porters have donated their time and expertise to help guide the Renewal Project and have committed to continuing their stewardship of Maggie Hathaway GC after its completion. SAYPI has worked hand-in-hand with DPR, the Foundation, and American Golf as the Renewal Project has evolved, and the Foundation is grateful that SAYPI will continue to promote and grow the game in South Los Angeles at the renewed Maggie Hathaway GC.

Fore Youth Golf Foundation's Commitment

As mentioned, the Foundation has already secured generous pledges and commitments of over \$10 million, and we continue to raise additional funds. These pledges and commitments have come from numerous supporters, including (among many others) Steve Ballmer, Thomas and Liz Laffont, the Kroenke Family Foundation, the Berry Foundation, American Express, Deloitte, Wells Fargo, the Los Angeles Country Club, the Southern California Golf Association, the USGA, Gene & Tracy Sykes, the Los Angeles Golf Club, U.S. Bank and PGA TOUR Professional Collin Morikawa. These commitments are not limited to financial gifts. They include donations of state-of-the-art landscaping and golf course equipment from Turf Star Western and others, which will ensure that the renewed Maggie Hathaway GC is well maintained into the future. The Foundation is also grateful for the pro-bono contributions of Hanse Golf Course Design, Inc., a renowned firm that has participated in the design, restoration, and/or renovation of some of the most iconic golf courses around the country. Hanse's unique expertise and involvement in the design of the Renewal Project will honor the course's legacy.

Maggie Hathaway's Legacy

Maggie Hathaway tirelessly advocated for diversity and inclusion in the sport of golf. Thanks in large part to her efforts, scores of young golfers have had the opportunity to learn the game at Maggie Hathaway GC. The Renewal Project will not only further secure her legacy but also help it grow, as the next generation of golfers in South Los Angeles will have the opportunity to learn

the game at a course worthy of Maggie Hathaway's name. We are also honored to further recognize her contributions in the new clubhouse and community room.

We remain steadfast in our commitment to see the Project's completion and Maggie Hathaway GC's ongoing role as a haven for golf, education, and community, and we look forward to continuing to collaborate closely with DPR and American Golf through the final design and construction.

Thank you for the opportunity to share these comments and thank you for all you do for Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Frederick O. Terrell, Fore Youth Golf Foundation Board Chair

cc:

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