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BOS Members

In the budget and appropriations meeting on Friday, RPD presented items 13-16 on sources of funding as a binary between keeping the employment and fees (specifically, court fees). This framing is misleading, and they are not mutually exclusive.

Their presentation was made after the public comment, and there was no opportunity to respond. We are not against all the fees, just against unfairly targeting the tennis and pickleball community.

When compared with the other items, the revenue from courts is minimal (~5%) of the revenue on RPD's items 13-16 of the Budget and Appropriations meeting. As mentioned in the public comment, an adjustment of just 30 cents to the Golden Gate parking meters would cover the entire revenue generated from court fees.

This would satisfy all the parties that spoke today, including the employees at the golf course, RPD employees at risk of layoff, and those interested in the continuation of other recreational programs.

We continue to urge you to reject Ordinance -250603 [Park Code - Court Reservations], when better solutions that do not undermine community recreation exist and have been presented.

Thanks,
-Tom

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Subject: Livable City supports Recreation and Parks" budget and revenue proposals, and R&P support community stewardship
Date: Friday, June 20, 2025 10:11:06 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

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We have reviewed the Recreation and Parks budget proposals, and are impressed by how the department has sought to preserve essential services consistent with San Francisco's equity, health, and environmental goals.

We are municipalists, and believe that City government should play a robust role in providing the public infrastructure and services essential for human and biospheric well-being. However it is important to distinguish between public goods, which should be provided to equitably and at high quality free of charge, and services which ought to be publicly provided on a fee-for-service or cost-recovery basis. The latter include services which have high costs, generate negative externalities, make large demands on limited resources. Everyone should be able to access green and well-maintained parks and open spaces within a short walk of one's home, and enjoy ample opportunities for recreation, connection with nature, and structured and unstructured play. However storing one's private car in a public park is not a public good. Cars are large and space in parks is limited. Cars create health, safety, and environmental liabilities for other users of public space. Charging for parking is both fair and effective. It recovers some of the public cost of providing and maintaining automobile infrastructure, reduces conflicts over limited space, and encourages people to choose sustainable transportation alternatives more often. We have been urging SFMTA, which has chosen to cut essential transit and sustainable mobility while refusing to consider greater cost recovery for private car storage, to follow Recreation and Parks's equitable and sustainable approach. Greater cost-recovery for golf courses is also fair - golf courses require enormous amounts of public space, water, chemicals, and maintenance and serve relatively few users.

San Francisco's park system is excellent – something we should all be proud of, and a model for how we should deliver other public services. It is made possible by the diligence of Recreation and Parks staff, and R&P staffing should not be cut. Thousands of San Franciscans contribute their time and their money to caring for and improving parks and natural areas. Stewardship of public places is good for us individually - it gets us outdoors moving our bodies. It builds community. It is good for the city as a whole, including the native plants and animals we share this place with. Community stewardship of public places is far more effective with city support, including staff support (gardeners, natural resource specialists, and the community garden program, etc), design, planning, and administrative support from professional staff, and grants which can be matched with donations, philanthropy, and volunteer labor and expertise. Community stewardship has taken a hit in the last year from corruption in the Community Challenge Grant program and the collapse of San Francisco Parks Alliance. It's essential that the City continue supporting community stewardship through its programs, Recreation and Parks' partnership division, and making grants available to community groups with minimal rigamarole. Even though budget times are tough, the City should do more, not less, to support community stewardship, understanding that it's an investment rather than an expense.

The R&P budget proposal is equitable and sustainable, maintains essential services for San Franciscans, and preserves the jobs of hard-working and effective public employees. It deserves your full support.

Sincerely,

Tom Radulovich
Livable City

From: [Sonya Dreizler](#)
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Subject: Budget Public Comment
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Hello Budget Committee, and CCing Supervisor Chen (my supervisor),

I came to the budget committee meeting today to voice my support for Rec & Park. I arrived at 10am and had to leave before 2pm so did not get to provide comment in person. Below is a copy of my 1 minute of remarks I prepared. Thank you for including them in your consideration.

Kindly,
Sonya

My name is Sonya Dreizler and I'm here to urge full financial support for Rec & Park programs. I have lived in The City for 23 years and raised a family here for the last 15 of those. When my kids were little we saw lots of families leave for the suburbs because they wanted a backyard, or more community, or they wanted their kids to join a swim team.

Like many other families, my family stayed. And Rec & Park has offered all of those amenities - and more - to our kids.

— The parks offer a **collective backyard** for all city families.

— The programs - from art classes to rock climbing, summer camps to sports teams (even a **swim team!**) - are amazing for both kids and adults.

— And the sense of **community** - though hard to articulate - may be the most valuable thing Rec & Park provides. All over the city, my kids see people they know - from Rec & Park baseball teams, art camp, swim lessons, or Camp Mather. And the instructors and park staff know and look out for all the kids.

In a busy and increasingly tech focused city, Rec & Park programs and people foster *in real life* community and a deep sense of belonging. Please fully fund these people, programs, and places that make The City a great place to live.

Sonya Dreizler

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