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Hi Kim,

Here are my comments for the budget goal setting meeting taking place this Wednesday 3/22. I emailed this letter last week to the city council and I would like to add this to the agenda. Thank you.

Dear Agoura Hills city council,

As you know the future "Morrison Park Playground Rehab Project" is very important to my family. Our goal is to give our local neighborhood Morrison Park the facelift it so desperately needs. This email serves as a request to consider the "Morrison Park Playground Rehab Project" as part of the Agoura Hills 2022 spending budget.

I have brainstormed with several Agoura Hills residents about this project and we have received overwhelming support. Thank you to Councilmember Buckley Weber for providing recommendations on how to help steer this idea into action. It started with an online petition <https://www.change.org/MorrisonParkAgouraHills> We've received 229 signatures so far, mostly Agoura Hills residents or people with close ties to our community. Here's what I've learned, people in the community want park upgrades. Even though Morrison Park is technically considered ADA approved, it's really not. The wood shavings flooring in the playground is an outdated material that is not conducive for mobility. My son, Skylar age 4, cannot maneuver around the playground safely. Skylar has quadriplegia spastic cerebral palsy, in his case he struggles with balance, mobility, coordination and motor control. It's difficult to even access the playground with the current step down into the wood shavings playground. I've heard several complaints from parents of typical children as well. Falling on the wood shavings is painful and is also a fire hazard. The swing sets are only meant for toddlers and the two outdated play houses rarely get any use.

I initially proposed that the playground flooring needs to be replaced with a rubber/foam material similar to the upgraded Forest Cove park. I've since been in touch with local realtor Sheri Karp. We have had several constructive conversations about starting a fundraising campaign to raise funds for a full scale playground renovation. We believe that the Morrison Ranch HOA is interested in making the initial donation. A large significant donation has been discussed. Will the city of Agoura Hills be interested in a public/private collaboration to improve the Morrison Park playground? I understand that there may be government funds

available for this project via Measure A/ Prop A (Grants), CBG (Community Block Grants) in addition to Morrison Ranch HOA and other private donations. I've heard that the city of Agoura Hills General Fund is limited however I know there are other sources of income to propel this project forward.

My wife, Lindsey, reached out to Brian Woodworth recently to review the Morrison Park playground architectural plans. The plans we received were not specific to the playground area. Lindsey and I have measured the Morrison Park playground area and we have started the process of obtaining quotes from playground companies. We have reached out to Inclusion Matters, Play World playground equipment and Game Time playground equipment. A full scale playground renovation could cost up to \$100,000-\$200,000. These are ballpark figures and are subject to change of course. We wanted to understand the costs associated with a full scale renovation vs only upgrading the playground flooring. It turns out that Play World has worked with the city of Agoura Hills Parks and Rec department in the past.

Councilmembers- I urge you to discuss this project at your March 24th council goal setting meeting. My wife and I would like to participate in the virtual meeting as well. Calabasas has Brandon's Village and Thousand Oaks has Old Meadows Park. It's time for Agoura Hills to step up and build something special for our local special needs and disabled community. I want my family to be able to walk to our local park and enjoy the amenities of our beautiful community just like everyone else. Inclusion and accessibility do matter. I look forward to making this project a reality.

Please contact me should you have any questions or comments.

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Cc: Lindz [REDACTED]

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Dear Agoura Hills leaders,

I live in Morrison Ranch Estates, 1 block walk to Morrison Park. My 4 year old son is disabled. He suffers from cerebral palsy, epilepsy and feeds via g-tube in his abdomen. My son, Skylar, loves the outdoors and wants to play outside just like any other typical little kid. Unfortunately he cannot play at the play structures at Morrison Park. The play structure is not suitable for disabled children. The wood chips flooring surface makes it impossible for him to maneuver around the play ground safely. Can you imagine steering a wheel chair in a sea of wood chips? It's virtually impossible. Skylar struggles with walking and balance. The wood shavings are very painful when he falls and makes it incredibly difficult to walk around the playground, even with parental assistance. The flooring surface is not stable as it is just loose sharp wood shavings. We have tried to play at Morrison Park play structure numerous times and it never ends well. It's sad that we have to drive to Calabasas or Thousand Oaks to find a park suitable for our special needs son.

Here's what I propose:

Update the flooring at the Morrison Park playground to an ADA complaint soft foam type of flooring. Lower the swings 1-2 feet to make it easier to place a small child in the harness. Add a special swing for special needs kids.

I want my family to be able to walk to our local park and enjoy the amenities of our beautiful community just like everyone else. Unfortunately we cannot use the play structure as it is currently. Please consider these Morrison Park upgrades. This will not only help Skylar's development but it would be a blessing to our Agoura Hills special needs community.

I would love to continue this discussion with you. Please call or email me at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

Thank you for listening. I look forward to working with you to make this park a safer more accessible environment for all.

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