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Good afternoon Park Renovation Subcommittee. On behalf of El Segundo Little League and its board we would like to respectfully provide input on the Rec Park Renovations Project and the future of Brett Field.

El Segundo Little League will have just under 500 registered players this coming season. As one of the primary users of Brett Field, we appreciate the subcommittee's thoughtful approach to evaluating improvements to Rec Park and value the opportunity to share a practical stakeholder perspective.

El Segundo Little League would like to advocate for artificial turf for the infield portion of Brett Field, an option that was identified within the Capital Renovation Program that was previously presented to City Council. We believe artificial turf aligns with the City's goals related to field availability, maintenance planning, and long-term stewardship of public facilities.

More specifically we are advocating for a hybrid design—a turf infield paired with the current natural grass outfield—which would preserve the traditional character of Brett Field while addressing the areas that experience the greatest wear and tear. This approach has been widely adopted by other Cities and Little Leagues across our region as a balanced and effective solution.

First, an artificial turf infield would significantly increase field availability and reliability. In its current natural grass configuration, Brett Field is highly sensitive to rain during the early months of the year and Little League season, leading to closures and canceled games that often cannot be rescheduled. In addition, the field is closed for approximately three months each year—from November through January as it currently is now—for resodding and infield maintenance. A turf infield would greatly reduce these closures and allow for more consistent year-round use for residents and El Segundo Little League.

Second, artificial turf would reduce the level of ongoing maintenance required. Natural grass baseball infields require continuous grooming, watering, regrading, and repair each day. Turf would eliminate many of these recurring needs, resulting in more predictable upkeep and lower long-term costs over time.

With respect to cost, we recognize that this is an important consideration. In surveying other Little League programs and municipalities that have made this transition, we have found that the total cost to convert a baseball infield to artificial turf has averaged approximately \$250,000, depending on scope and site conditions. Previous estimates that were provided to City Council estimated these costs to be in the millions of dollars. While each project is unique, this figure provides a reasonable benchmark and suggests that a turf infield is a manageable investment when evaluated alongside long-term use, reduced closures, and maintenance savings.

Our goal is not to advocate for unnecessary upgrades, but to support a practical option already under consideration that would improve durability, usability, and long-term stewardship of Brett Field. We

respectfully ask the Commission to give serious consideration to installing artificial turf for the infield portion of Brett Field as part of the Rec Park Renovations Project.

Thank you for your time and for your continued commitment to our parks and the El Segundo Little League community.

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