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Honorable Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Councilmembers,

I love El Corazon and all its opportunities to enjoy open space, swimming, and sports. I support sports for kids, including, but not limited to, Oceanside Pop Warner Football and Cheer.

I am very concerned about any effort to place artificial turf on City of Oceanside public property, especially in parks. There is voluminous data on the harmful effects of plastic grass directly on humans as well as on the soil, air, and water.

Microplastics naturally disperse with use and are leached into the soil and water supply. Artificial turf is not recyclable, so tons and tons of material will end up in landfills, which in turn leach microplastics and chemicals into ground water.

It should be obvious that plastic grass would heat up in sunshine and maintain heat up to unbearable temperatures—which can, and have, resulted in skin burns on feet, arms, and legs. Some terrible infections have also resulted due to the fact that plastic harbors harmful bacteria and chemicals. Obviously, natural turf does not have that problem. Natural grass obviously also absorbs carbon dioxide and gives off oxygen.

Attempts to justify installing plastic grass because of supposed savings in water use fail because of the need to wash down fields to cool them and to try to remove toxins. Our water supply is much better used and protected by watering natural grass. There have also been many advances in developing drought-resistant grasses which use less water.

Installing plastic grass fields instead of natural grass goes against our Climate Action Plan.

Please don't consider using plastic grass on our public park lands. Let's protect kids and all humans from the harm plastic grass causes.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Greetings!

I oppose the use of artificial turf at any Oceanside public spaces, especially at parks and recreation facilities.

Advantages of artificial turf at parks:

1. Increase profits for petroleum producers
2. Increase profits for the soccer organizations and other groups who use playing fields, by allowing them to play more games in a week (e.g., no "recovery time" like grass)

Disadvantages (not an exhaustive list):

1. Use fossil fuel-based materials -- contribute to pollution and GHG emissions during production, use, and disposal
2. Cannot be recycled and last only a few years, so end up filling up landfills
3. Provide a playing surface that is hotter and more likely to cause injury than grass -- potential for legal ramifications and injuries to youth and other users
4. Does not save water due to the need to be washed/rinsed often to clean and disinfect them and to keep their temperature down to a bearable level in hot weather
5. Does not save money due to costs for materials, installation, maintenance, and frequent replacement
6. Expose users to plastic particles and harmful chemicals, and release significant amounts of those pollutants into our local environment, including our beaches and ocean waters

It seems to me we should not consider using a material that has multiple negative consequences (cost, injuries, pollution, waste) and only really benefits fossil fuel producers and "recreation" companies. Is it worth it for kids to be able to play a few more games per year, if doing so also results in more cost, illness, injury, and local pollution? I think not.

Roger Davenport

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Cheers!

Roger