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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Concerns over proposed MLK Jr. Park development plan
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Dear City Planning Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Marin City Sausalito FC youth soccer club to express our concerns regarding the proposed affordable housing plans, particularly around MLK Park. While we fully support the need for affordable housing, the current plan would severely impact our ability to continue serving the youth of Sausalito, as it would significantly reduce available space and parking at MLK Park, one of the few large recreational areas left in the northern part of the city.

MLK Park is a vital community hub, especially for youth sports. Reducing its open space and converting parts of it into parking lots would limit the availability of fields for our soccer club and other local programs. This loss of space would not only reduce opportunities for physical activity but also strain the limited parking already available, making it even more difficult for families to participate in recreational activities.

Additionally, the concentration of affordable housing units in the northern third of Sausalito, while other areas of the city are underdeveloped, places a disproportionate burden on our community. We urge the city to consider a more balanced approach to development, one that spreads the benefits of affordable housing across all neighborhoods without compromising valuable public spaces like MLK Park.

We believe that there are better alternatives for meeting the state's housing requirements without sacrificing vital recreational areas. Preserving MLK Park is crucial to maintaining access to public spaces for the youth and families who depend on them.

We ask that the committee reconsider the current plans and explore smarter, more balanced solutions that meet the housing goals without jeopardizing the recreational needs of the Sausalito community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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