



Office of the Mayor

October 25, 2016

Honorable Dianne Martinez
Mayor of Emeryville
1333 Park Avenue
Emeryville, CA 94608

Dear Dianne,

As you are aware, the City of Berkeley is applying for a \$1,000,000 Youth Soccer grant from State Proposition 40 funds to install an additional natural turf field and permanent bathroom facilities for the Sports Complex located here in Berkeley. The Sports Complex is governed by the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) board made up of representatives from Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, El Cerrito and Richmond.

We are very pleased that all of the cities expressed support for submitting the grant application. Without that support it would be difficult to score well on the grant application. Yet in order to receive maximum points for our application the JPA needs to cover the planning costs of the project of \$200,000. A proposal was put forward with the JPA Carpet Reserve account absorbing 50% of the costs and the remaining 50% being distributed equally amongst the 5 JPA member cities: \$20,000 each. Berkeley is contributing an additional \$50,000 in Staff costs.

In discussion, with our JPA partners about the sharing of planning costs Emeryville raised a concern that equal sharing of the costs may not be equitable because the number of sports field participants from each city is not considered.

As Chair of the JPA, I have been in discussion with our colleagues on the JPA board to try to resolve the grant issues and to consider what future contributions to the Carpet Reserve Fund should be. We would like Emeryville to consider the following:

If the City of Emeryville would commit \$10,000 towards the planning costs of the grant proposal, the JPA Carpet Reserve account will contribute the additional \$10,000.

In addition, the JPA members will commit to examine how future annual membership contributions are determined and, if possible, consider sports field participation in determining the amount Cities contribute.

The State grant is due Nov.1. Please let me know as soon as possible if the conditions I have outlined are acceptable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Bates". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tom Bates
Mayor

cc:

Councilmember Jac Asher
Councilmember Ruth Atkin
Councilmember Nora Davis
Councilmember Scott Donohue