

**Paso Robles Area  
Pioneer Museum  
2010 Riverside  
Paso Robles, CA 93446**

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Mr. Duane Picanco  
Mayor of Paso Robles

Dear Mr. Mayor:

The subject of land use at the Pioneer Museum and Pioneer Park has been brought to a head by the impending construction of the Skate Park. As you know the Museum Board supports the park and in fact hosted a welcoming fundraiser party at which time over \$1,200.00 was raised for helping fund the construction.

At the present time there are at least eight constituencies who have an interest in the park. They are, but not limited to:

1. Pioneer Museum
2. Pioneer Day Committee
3. Skate Park
4. California Mid State Fair
5. Softball Players
6. Immediate Neighbors of the Park
7. General Public
8. Swim Club

Enclosed is a map of the entire park with our plans for the area which we believe will be of benefit to all while jeopardizing none of the constituencies.

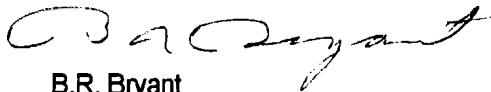
1. The Museum is running out of room. We would like to expand by building one or more buildings east of our present location. Funds for this would be gathered through donations – at no cost to the City for construction.
2. The Pioneer Day Committee needs to have access to Gregory Street for their equipment. Forty feet of level driving area is required. They also must have access for parking of their vehicles necessary to work on the equipment and keep it running.
3. The Skate Park needs ten to twelve thousand square feet of area with access to 19<sup>th</sup> Street for parking of their vehicles to work on the equipment and keep it running.
4. The California Mid State Fair would like to require through lease or purchase as much of the area as possible for expansion. We do not have access to their definite plans. However, we would support them if their plans did not infringe upon the other constituencies and their use on the Park.
5. The softball field is as you know an important part of the softball program. No changes in the use of this area of the Park is suggested or supported until other equal or better facilities are provided, such as the completion of Barney Schwartz Park and or the relocation of this field to another location in the northern part of the City.

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6. The immediate neighbors have this Park as an esthetic enhancement to their neighborhood. The open grassy, shaded area should be preserved at all cost.
7. The general public uses the Park 365 days a year for their picnics, rest and yes at times promotion and display. i.e. the Rockhounds annual gem show uses the entire area west of the existing sand pile. This year over 2500 people attended this event. The Pioneer Day activities also fill this area. To decrease the grass area west of the sand pile will negatively impact many of the activities throughout the year.
8. The Swim Club uses the entire Park during the Fair to raise sufficient funds to meet their obligation of over \$20,000.00 for the use of the pool.

We would appreciate an immediate hearing of all groups involved with the use of the Park to give better direction for the ultimate planning of Pioneer Park. This request may seem to be at the last minute but it is a result of the misunderstanding with the City as to the exact boundaries of the Skate Park. We have had the boundaries marked twice and the location seems to have been changed. Further discussion indicate it may have been changed again. It is this confusion that leads us to request this hearing. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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President, Pioneer Museum Board

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