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REQUEST TO APPEAR CITY CLERK, FRESNO CA
BEFORE THE FRESNO CITY COUNCIL

On April 1, 1980, the Fresno City Council adopted a policy relating to procedures to be used for those persons wishing to appear before the Fresno City Council, as follows:

SCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – APPEARANCES ON PRINTED AGENDA

In order to be placed on the agenda for a scheduled time, complete and submit the form below. State the topic to be discussed and provide any supporting material, if any. Also state the action you want the City Council to take. Your request will be referred to the City Manager and placed on the agenda no sooner than ten (10) days after receipt of your written letter in order to provide an opportunity for City staff to prepare comments for Council consideration. The policy is to limit your presentation to three (3) minutes pursuant to Ordinance 96-67. The City Clerk shall provide copies of your request to the Fresno City Council.

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

You may address the City Council at the conclusion of the Council meeting and the policy is to limit your presentation to three (3) minutes pursuant to Ordinance 96-67. Please be present at the conclusion of the Council meeting if you wish to be heard.

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Telephone No. 559-573-4559 / 559-301-7183 Date: 2/19/15

Topic: AL Radka Park and the intention to displace our foundation and special needs Athletes by the City Parks department.

Action (if any): Reverse the decision that was made - Investigate the issue at hand



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February 19, 2015

To Whom it May Concern,

As the President of Way of Life Sports Foundation, I am writing this letter to inform you that our foundation that serves hundreds of children and special needs adults and youth in the inner cities of Fresno is at risk of losing their home known as Al Radka Park based on a decision passed down from the PARCS Department.

Our foundation has been caring for Al Radka Park for nearly two years and this is the home of our Special Needs Sports Leagues, Fresno East Cal-Ripken Baseball League and the SJV Spartans. We were previously on the Adopt-A-Park Program and were notified after many months that the program was depleted and we would be switched to reservations. Since the adoption, we have paid our respected fees, maintained the playing surfaces, engaged hundreds of families and athletes with sports in areas that have not seen baseball in nearly thirty years, only to learn we are being pushed out of the very park we brought life to by another organization who is now "adopting the park" with no reason given. To our surprise it seems the Adopt-A-Park program has been reinstated and will be occupied by another league without Way of Life Sports Foundation being made aware prior to their decision.

Park officials have notified us that we are no longer welcome at Al Radka Park as of July 31st, 2015. This is a huge inconvenience for the foundation and athletes who have signed up with us for upcoming tournaments, camps and clinics. I cannot stress to you enough that we need your urgent response to this matter and allow us the opportunity to speak in front of the council during the upcoming meeting on March 5th, 2015. We truly believe we have been targeted and are being attacked by officials who have a personal interest within Al Radka Park.

Respectfully,

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