



Parks and Recreation Commission  
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To: Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

From: Steven Weissman, Chairperson, Parks and Recreation Commission

Subject: Agenda Item 25- Support for Exploring a Joint Powers Authority for Playing Fields at Eastshore State Park

Last night, the Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the proposal before you this evening to explore a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) for the purpose of developing, maintaining and operating playing fields and facilities. I will attempt to summarize the Commission's discussion, concerns and formal position below:

The entire Commission is in agreement that there is a great need to increase the number of sports fields for our youth to play on and has, on previous occasions supported playing fields in Eastshore State Park.

Commissioners were generally supportive of the concept of exploring a Joint Powers Authority for the purpose of developing, maintaining and operating playing fields and facilities throughout the region.

Several Commissioners expressed concern that any JPA not be limited to lands in the Eastshore State Park but have a more regional focus.

Two Commissioners, while not opposed to the concept of a JPA for sports fields, opposed the placement of fields on the Albany Plateau and did not want the JPA established for that purpose.

The Commission adopted the following motion:

**(M/S/C: Huang/Gurdziel)** "The Parks and Recreation Commission supports the proposal before the City Council to explore a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) for sports fields in the region."

AYES: Gurdziel, Huang, Keleman, Minasian, Smukler, Weissman;

NOES: Barrantes, Thornton

**(Motion Passed 6-2-0-0)**