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Good afternoon,

I am writing to express support of turf at Roosevelt. Having children in Maldeb youth Baseball, it is terrible how often our children are unable to play the sport they love due to terrible field conditions. Not only is it bad enough that the league has to spend so much of what little fundraised finances we have on park permits for fields that our taxes already pay for, but it's completely unacceptable when our volunteers, board members and coaches have to take time off from work after it rains to prepare the fields by vaccuming huge puddles and spreading speedy dry trying to frantically dry up the fields so the children do not have to be let down by yet another cancellation due to poor field conditions. Two years ago my husband broke his nose when a baseball bounced from the dirt which was basically as hard as concrete and riddled with rocks. The following year parents from somerville complained after balls bouncing off of the terribly maintained field caused injuries to children as balls flew at their heads and necks. Had these balls hit the children the same way they hit my husband and broke his nose, they would have caused a young child's face to shatter.

Where the primary use of Roosevelt would be for childrens sports, it makes the most sense to have a field that the younger kids can use for sports that is easy to maintain, reliable regardless of weather and is above all SAFE!!

We already invest a lot of time and money into our children's sports and to have games continuously cancelled due to field conditions is unacceptable. Our children should be able to actually use what our taxes and our permit fees are paying for and volunteers shouldn't have to use their time and resources to scramble so our kids can play.

I am a very progressive person but let's face it, turf at Roosevelt will not tip the scale on global warming.

Thank you for your time,

Shaina Kalil

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