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Carmichael



RECREATION AND
PARK DISTRICT

To: Advisory Board of Directors

From: Alaina Lofthus, Recreation Services Manager

Date: September 19, 2019

Subject: Letter of Support for the Junior Tennis Fund Sacramento Grant

Introduction/Background:

The Junior Tennis Fund Sacramento is a collective giving organization that supports public youth tennis for underserved kids in the Greater Sacramento area. In recent years, this organization has provided grants for youth tennis programs, projects, or equipment at amounts not to exceed \$1,800. The Carmichael Recreation and Park District have received a grant in previous years and are seeking support through the grant application process again. The District is requesting grant funds to help with youth scholarships and tennis net replacements at the Carmichael Park tennis courts. Through this application process, the District is required to receive a Letter of Support from the Advisory Board of Directors for the Carmichael Recreation and Park District.

Recommendation:

The District kindly requests Chairman Michael Rockenstein, on behalf of the Advisory Board of Directors for the Carmichael Recreation and Park District, to sign the Letter of Support for the Junior Tennis Fund Sacramento Grant Application.



September 13, 2019

Junior Tennis Fund Sacramento
4261 Lusk Drive
Sacramento, CA 95864

Dear Grant Committee:

On behalf of the Advisory Board of Directors for the Carmichael Recreation and Park District, it is our pleasure to write a letter of support for the Junior Tennis Fund grant application being submitted by Carmichael Recreation and Park District. Carmichael Park is home to six tennis courts. These courts are used throughout the day and night by community members of all ages and backgrounds, tennis groups, schools and organizations. In fact, it is rare to be at the park and not see activity out on the courts.

The tennis courts at Carmichael Park are a staple in the community, however, they are in need of net replacements. Funding from this grant for new tennis court nets would increase the quality of play for the highly active tennis community at Carmichael Park.

In addition, the District is requesting for funding to offer full scholarships to youth who are looking to sign up for tennis lessons but may not be able to afford them. Carmichael's youth would benefit from the award of the grant as it would create an opportunity for low income youth to participate in the tennis program free of charge. Jesse Colan has been the District's tennis instructor for youth and adult beginning and intermediate tennis lessons since 2006. His students are of a wide age range with his youngest student being five years old and the oldest 86! Jesse is a USTA certified instructor, has a lifelong passion for the sport of tennis, and strives to inspire a new love of the game in today's youth. By engaging youth in a constructive and positive program, we hope to deter them from looking for less constructive ways to spend their free time. We hope youth participation in the program will create a lifelong love of the sport, foster a sense of community, and teach life skills that they will use for many years.

In conclusion, we fully support the efforts of Carmichael Recreation and Park District in seeking external funding to offer scholarships to low income youth for the tennis program and cover the cost of the much needed replacement nets at Carmichael Park. The youth of today are truly our future and any opportunities we can offer to help create an opportunity for positive recreational experiences and foster community pride is a benefit to the entire community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael Rockenstein, Chairman
Advisory Board of Directors
Carmichael Recreation & Park District