

Against MVRHS plastic field proposal

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To: Alex Elvin <elvin@mvcommission.org>;

Dearest MV Commission:

First, do no harm.

We are a single source aquifer. Would you risk our water source for an expensive, harmful, non-recyclable plastic field? These fields contain "forever chemicals" the same chemicals that are forcing homeowners with wells south of the airport to be unable to drink their water. See article from MV Times below:

<https://www.mvtimes.com/2019/01/22/airport-files-action-plan-pfas/>

Are you sure your commission can assume the liability for the risk you are exposing us to, given that you cannot say after the fact you did not know about the hazards?

For athletes? Do you know that professional athletes (soccer and football) are demanding their contracts include clauses which protect them from ever having to play on plastic grass? They have a significantly higher chance of lower body injury on plastic grass. Even the GOAT, Tom Brady, asked that the plastic field at Gillette Stadium be replaced with natural grass. See below:

Studies show that chances of suffering an ACL injury in **turf** increases by 45%. Not only in **soccer**, but in american football, players were also 67% more likely to suffer from ACL injuries on **turf** fields. Injuries are more likely to happen on **turf** because cleats aren't able to penetrate the ground as they would on **grass**.

The Reason Why All Soccer Players Prefer Grass Over Turf | Master ...

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It is no good for our water, for our health, for our fish, for our children's bodies, for the climate, for our budget. You must listen to reason. We can't afford these fields on any level.

Sincerely,

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