

**From:** [Patricia Saley](#)  
**To:** [Leonel Mendoza-Diaz](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Parks & Rec Commission discussion of GVCC & pickleball  
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Good morning - Apparently I had the wrong email address for you but I think this is right. Please share my email below with the P&R Commission. Thank you.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Patricia Saley <patriciawsaley@gmail.com>  
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**Date:** November 7, 2023 at 6:42:32 PM PST  
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Dear Parks & Recreation Commission,

I understand that you will be discussing the Strategic Plan for the Goleta Valley Community Center at your meeting tomorrow. On p. 61 of your report, the previous public input relating to pickleball is summed up with this statement: "There is a great love of pickleball in the community, with players wanting more courts and more free-play hours." Unfortunately, I wasn't involved in the public outreach but, if I had, I would not have agreed with this statement. I play pickleball at GVCC and there are many people who LOVE the reservation system. I think the City of Goleta has found a reasonable balance of reservation v. free play time with the latter having more than half the total hours available.

Please do not change the reservation hours at GVCC to convert to free play time. There are many other courts in Goleta (including Kellogg & Jonny Wallis Park) that offer free play time and no reservations. The GVCC reservation system serves many in the community who love the status quo.

Thank you, Pat Saley

**From:** [Goleta, CA](#)  
**To:** [Leonel Mendoza-Diaz](#)  
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Dear Parks & Recreation Commission:

I'd like to piggyback on Pat Staley's comments and submission below regarding Pickleball reservation access for the Goleta Valley Community Center's pickleball courts. Pat has stated our case very succinctly, so there's no need to repeat her assertions as they are spot on. I'd simply like to add that when I say "our case", I'm speaking for at least 40+ other players who depend on the reservation system to coordinate their pickleball playing schedules. That represents the contents of my personal player list. The full reservationist community of players is much larger. We mix and match all the time. It's not just the same players getting the same courts at the same hours. Variety and accessibility is built into the system. Another point to consider is that most of the players who love and use the reservation system are paying members with year long memberships. Although membership is not mandatory, it is a way to demonstrate support for the work of the community center.

Thank you for your balanced consideration of this matter.

Kind regards,

Nancy Dubie