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Subject: FW: Please open parks

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From: Kevin McCarthy <kpmccarthy88@gmail.com>
Subject: Please open parks
Date: June 10, 2020 at 10:33:44 AM PDT
To: Candace.Andersen@bos.cccounty.us

Dear Ms. Andersen,

I am a Danville resident and I am hoping you can give me an answer as to why our playgrounds are still closed, and why playgrounds are not even on the schedule to reopen. This chart also has playgrounds under the category of “not allowed by the state,” which is false. Surrounding counties do have their playgrounds open.

Not to mention that all sports are open and children will have more contact in sports than on a playground

While there might still be some “unknowns” about the virus, what we do know is that young children are the least likely to be affected. The CDC has also stated that the virus does not survive on surfaces as they once thought, so it no longer makes sense to keep “high touch” activities closed.

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We also know that vitamin d, fresh air, and exercise are vital for our immune systems, so why are we depriving children of these things? It doesn’t make sense that places and activities for adults, including the high-risk elderly crowd, are opening up before playgrounds.

Let’s also consider young children that need to socialize with their peers as a very important developmental skill.

It’s clear in my community that a majority of families do not agree with these strict orders. When I visit my local parks, I see multi-household groups having picnics and playing together, and many of them playing on the playgrounds despite the caution tape. We have already flattened the curve in Contra Costa County, and it’s time to let our kids exercise and enjoy fresh air.

I hope that you will be an advocate for me and voters in my community who feel the same way. Lastly I don’t want to be in conflict with our leaders or have to “protest” against basic fundamental rights... We pay for the parks by living here. I understand people are scared of covid and I respect them staying home even keeping there kids home too. But that is their choice they can are safe in their home I won’t come in, but statistically our children are safe playing in a park.....

Please provide any data that supports your case.

Respectfully,

Kevin McCarthy
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Sent from my iPhone