

## Mike Langford

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**From:** Bettina Ferrando <bferrando@live.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 20, 2015 7:01 AM  
**To:** Doreen Gounard; Joe Burns; Sela Seleska; lpowerswow@gmail.com; Mike Langford  
**Subject:** Lycée Francais park request - my objection

I'd like to voice my objection to Lycée Francais's request to extend the private hours of their playground to 5.30pm. It's extremely disappointing, as a mother of children, living in Sausalito, where there is a lack of playgrounds as it is, especially new, updated ones, for this request to be considered. What is the point of even allowing the public access to it at 5.30pm when most kids can't even use it. Very few kids are playing in parks at that time of the day anyway so it's basically restricting the real available time to the weekend.

As I understand, the agreement under which Lycée Francais was allowed to create the park was not only for their use, but for the wider community's use, especially those children living in Sausalito, to have another park to enjoy. This right is now being denied and the kids are the ones that miss out in the end. It's not that I use the park all the time, but I definitely like to have a variety of parks in the local area for my children to enjoy. And I believe it's also especially important, for the value of Sausalito, to be able to provide a variety of parks to perspective new families considering moving to this area. You limit access to this updated park and I believe it reduces the ability for Sausalito to be able to promote itself as a family friendly neighborhood when we only have very old parks to speak of.

Thank you and I hope you take my comments into consideration.

With regards  
Bettina Ferrando

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**From:** John Kehoe <jmkehoe62@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 20, 2015 8:27 AM  
**To:** Mike Langford  
**Subject:** Playground at MLK jr. park

I am writing to you to formally object to the Lycée Francais' request to take park access time away from residents.

As Sausalito residents, our daughter enjoys very much playing on these creative structures and we enjoy interacting with the diverse community we are all a part of.

Restricting access to residents until 5:30 PM would effectively shut out residents with young children given early evenings at home.

I hope that this request will not move forward.

Thank you,

John Kehoe  
424B Johnson Street  
sent from a small device

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**From:** jblerner <jblerner@juno.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 20, 2015 9:44 AM  
**To:** Mike Langford  
**Cc:** Joe Burns; Doreen Gounard; Cindy Powers  
**Subject:** Lycee Francais playground

To: Sausalito Parks and Recreation Commissioners.

As a past Sausalito Parks and Recreation Chairperson and Chair of the Commission at the time the original Lycee Francais playground agreement was approved, I would like to register my strong disapproval of the current request by Lycee Francais that is now before the Commission.

The request effectively restricts the use of the playground by members of the Sausalito community during after school hours when the playground is in most demand. This restriction of hours is absolutely contrary to the original conditions of the approval Agreement.

John Lerner  
Past Chair, Sausalito Parks and Recreation Commission

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

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**From:** Ricardo Castro <castromilani@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 20, 2015 9:36 AM  
**To:** Mike Langford  
**Subject:** Martin Luther King Park Hours

To whom it may concern,

As a parent of a toddler that uses the Martin Luther King (MLK) park regularly during the appointed hours of use I am appalled by the request from Lycee Francais to restrict park hours at Martin Luther King park for all the many wonderful children that enjoy the park.

We are long-term residents of Sausalito long before Lycee Francais established their roots in the area. I am sure the issue of "hours of operations" was a well thought out process so I find it difficult to believe that Lycee Francais did not agree to the established terms. Surely, there must be a document bearing a signature that verifies when current hours of use would be allowed. Why change what is not broken? After school programs are exactly that and instead of exclusivity maybe Lycee Francais should find a creative way to incorporate the inclusion of everyone so that this message is propagated to the betterment of our children and society.

Martin Luther King inspired equality for All not just those enrolled at the Lycee Francais program especially given that that land is leased and property of the community at large. Do the right thing keep our park open with previously agreed to terms. If you consider any change in hours of operation it should be for greater public hours of operation! Our family adamantly opposes the time restrictions proposed.

Cordially,

Richard Castro, MD

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“Without deviation from the norm, progress is not possible.”-  
F. Zappa