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**Subject:** Airfield Park

Dear Parks Board, Ryan and Pam,

On behalf of the pickleball community, we want to thank the Parks Department and the Board for recommending, to the City Council, 8 covered dedicated pickleball courts in the Bellevue Airfield Park. We really appreciate that the Parks and the Board responded to public inputs in working together to make the Park and Open Space system better for all.

Furthermore, we want to thank Ryan in the Parks staff for working with us at the beginning of our engagement with the Parks. His work on the Bellevue Parks and Open Space System Plan and the inclusion of the near-term and long-term solutions for pickleball court shortage in the System Plan are essential for the later developments to alleviate the acute shortage of pickleball courts in Bellevue.

Lastly we want to thank Pam in shepherding the public engagement process for the Airfield Park Master Plan Update. We realize it is not an easy job in balancing the different needs and requests. She did a great job in that.

As we wait for the SEPA process going forward, we are standing by to offer help if needed.

Regards,  
David Lai