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**Subject:** Airfield Park vs a Neighborhood Eastgate Park

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Dear Park Board Members,

It has come to my attention that some in our city government think that Airfield Park addresses the Eastgate neighborhood's ongoing need for a walkable, pocket-type park where children can play and families can hold neighborhood picnics.

This is not the case.

While I'm pleased for those Bellevue residents in the West Lake Sammamish and Lake Hills areas who will enjoy proximity to the planned upgrades to Airfield Park, I must highlight that Eastgate residents are *NOT* among them. (See attached)

As you can clearly see, the *residential* area of Eastgate is nowhere near this park. In fact, the <u>vast</u> majority of the residents live on the other side of an Interstate Freeway from Airfield Park.

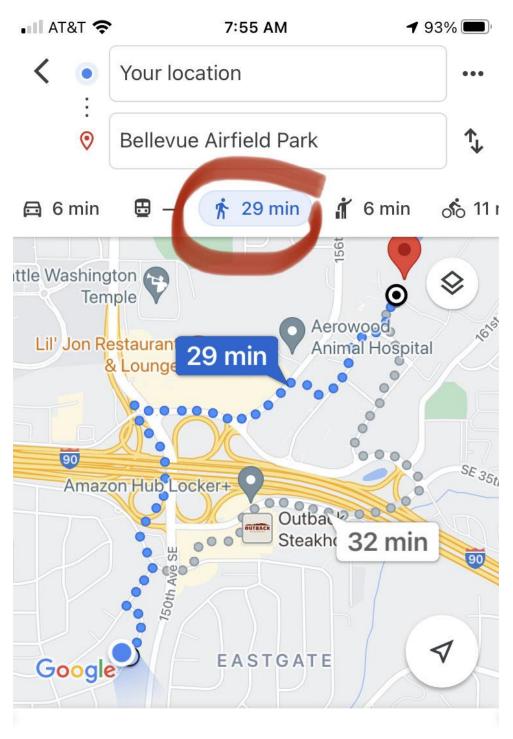
Eastgate residents will remain in a 'parks desert', until a walkable, kid-friendly pocket park is sited within the residential areas that are currently lacking.

I look forward to working with you to create a small green play-and-picnic area in the residential area of our highly diverse neighborhood.

Thanks for your service on our city's parks board.

All the best,

Micki Larimer Eastgate Community Association Board Member At Large



29 min (1.4 mi) Mostly flat

via 158th Ave SE







