

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: The Board of the Studio City Residents Association (SCRA) supports Council File 24-0602 to ban artificial turf in both public and private spaces due to the significant environmental and public health impacts associated with artificial turf installations in the City of Los Angeles. Since California's SB 676 was signed into law in October 2023 authorizing local governments to prohibit the use of artificial turf, cities across the state have begun evaluating and, in some cases, instituting bans on its use. Artificial turf was originally promoted as a water conservation solution by replacing natural grass in residential landscapes and athletic fields. However, evidence has demonstrated that artificial turf has failed to deliver these promised benefits and instead created serious unintended consequences. Artificial turf exacerbates the urban heat island effect, significantly increasing surface temperatures; eliminates water permeability, worsening stormwater runoff and flooding risks; and releases toxic pollutants, including PFAS and other harmful chemicals, into drinking water and surrounding ecosystems. It also contributes to the spread of microplastics into lakes, rivers and oceans. Additionally, studies show that athletes who play on artificial turf face a higher risk of injuries, and widespread turf installation contributes to the loss of urban habitat at a time when the planet is experiencing an unprecedented biodiversity crisis. Finally, artificial turf is a petroleum-based product, incompatible with climate goals that require reducing reliance on fossil fuels. It is not recyclable, ultimately contributing to landfill waste and long-term environmental harm. Prohibiting the installation of artificial turf encourages sustainable, climate-resilient alternatives that protect public health, water quality and urban ecosystems. Sincerely, Barry Johnson,
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