



AYSO REGION 70 – WEST LOS ANGELES (“AYSO 70”)

PROPOSAL TO CONSTRUCT AN ARTIFICIAL TURF
FIELD AT WESTWOOD PARK



AYSO 70 Meeting Representatives:

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History Of AYSO

- The American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) was established in the Los Angeles area in 1964 with nine teams. It was the dream of a group of devoted soccer enthusiasts who started the organization in a garage. Today, AYSO has more than 50,000 teams and more than 600,000 players.
- AYSO 70 uses field facilities at Cheviot, Bad News Bears, Westwood Park & University High.



Why the Need for an Artificial Turf Field?

- Over the past 4 years, the City of Los Angeles has dramatically down-scaled its headcount in the Department of Recreation & Parks (“RAP”) through various programs. For the past 2 years, AYSO 70 has assumed TOTAL responsibility for field maintenance for the South Athletic Field at Westwood Park and Bad News Bears. This includes rehabilitating, mowing, seeding, aerating and watering schedules for the fields.
- The city has indicated that due to budget constraints it is only going to get worse and AYSO 70 has been working with RAP and Councilman Koretz's office to explore an artificial turf option.



Why the Need for an Artificial Turf Field?

- Provided the turf field is properly secured and monitored (no food or beverages allowed, no metal containers, etc.), the maintenance costs are minimal, the field lasts for at least 15-20 years and it can be used everyday (day and night) without any downtime for rehabilitation. Field is currently closed for 2 months each year for rehabilitation.
- No need to water the field.
- No seeding, sod, aeration, mowing etc. required.
- Large savings on labor (requires 100 man hours per year).
- Safer as fields are level and uniform, good for kids & City.
- Resolve Gopher problem.



Why are we here?

- Before we started down this road, we solicited the support of Councilman Koretz's office, as well as RAP, and have been working in conjunction with both.
- The Councilman's office has requested that AYSO 70 meet with all the local HOA's to make sure that this project will have general community support.



Who will pay for construction of the Field?

- Project will be funded via QUIMBY funds, as well as Proposition K funding if needed.

Who will pay for maintenance of the Field?

- The field will be permitted and owned by the City, and portion of this revenue will be the primary source of maintenance funds.
- AYSO 70 is prepared to contribute funds for field maintenance as part of an overall yearly permit arrangement for non-exclusive field usage.



The Councilman's office has requested that provided you support this concept, that your HOA please provide us with a letter of support, so we can move the project forward.

We thank you all very much for your time.