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Item No. 10

Approval of Fiscal  
Year (FY) 2025-26 Fee  
Schedule Update

Written Communications

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**To:** [City Council](#); [Rachelle Sander](#); [Pamela Wu](#); [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: 05/01/25 Parks and Rec Commission - Fees for facility rentals.  
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Dear City Clerk,

Would you please include the below in written communications for the upcoming city council meeting. Thank you.

[Writing on behalf of myself only, as a Cupertino resident.]

Dear Parks and Rec Commission and staff,

I am writing about agenda item 3 on the 05/01/25 parks and rec commission meeting on indoor facility rentals.

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I urge the commission and staff to lower fees for residents and offset by raising the fees on non-residents and non-resident non-profits. I further urge the commission and staff to do likewise on all parks and rec programs, classes and memberships. The premium charged to non-residents is minimal today. The city is under no obligation to be subsidizing non-residents. Fee increases have been passed on equitably to residents and non-residents. Parks and rec popular offerings have seen increasing surge of demand. Please ask for metrics on residents vs non-residents for all usage of facilities, memberships, classes, camps. Perhaps you might observe a large % of non-residents consume our resources and facilities while paying a negligible premium.

I urge you to make residents the first and primary mission, priority and focus of parks and rec and use non-residents to subsidize residents and resident non-profits.

Please raise prices on non-residents and non-resident non-profits steeply and lower prices on residents on all parks and rec offerings, not just indoor facility rentals.

In particular **the city should not be under any obligation whatsoever to**

**subsidize all the non-profits from any address how so ever far it may be outside Cupertino and offer them significant discounts compared to Cupertino residents.** There are no limits on these non-resident non-profits such as within a 3 mile radius outside the boundaries of Cupertino city. Why should the city offer steep discounts to, say, an Oakland or Richmond or Hayward or Fremont or Sacramento non-profit at prices steeply lower than for Cupertino residents.

I urge all of you to act swiftly with urgency to immediately lower prices on Cupertino residents and raise prices on non-residents and non-resident non-profits.

I further implore you to re-order your priority groups. Group 2 should be Cupertino residents. Group 3 should be non-resident non-profits.

Nowhere is this pricing and non-resident overload on city resources more egregious than popular parks and rec events such as the Halloween and holiday events the city puts up. These are inundated with non-residents and residents cannot get in. I know plenty of families including mine that could not get into the Halloween event last year because it was overrun by non-residents.

Let's also please keep advance bookings open to residents only on popular events like Halloween and holiday festivals and open to non-residents only a day or two before the events or only as walk-in if available and if not already fully booked up by residents.

Thank you for making Cupertino residents the first and primary focus for parks and rec and non-residents should bear a steep premium to subsidize residents.

Thank you for reading and acting on behalf of the interests of Cupertino residents primarily rather than subsidizing non-residents.

Thanks,  
San Rao  
Cupertino resident and voter  
(Writing on behalf of myself only)