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To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#); Info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: Stadium at South Valleys
Date: Thursday, July 18, 2024 2:41:00 AM

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No stadium at South Valleys Park. If Wendy Damonte wants a stadium, a better site is where her family's home is on Old Virginia. Raze it and put the stadium there.

A stadium at that location defies common sense on so many levels.

I intend on investigating the circumstances surrounding this deal through all available remedies.

Brian Erbis
Brian Erbis Consulting LLC

From: [Marc Radow](#)
To: [Rose, Laura](#)
Cc: [CSD Info](#); [Roman, Brandon](#); [Emerson, Kathy](#); [Roebuck, Jennifer E.](#)
Subject: Re: Communicate with the Commission for Open Space & Parks
Date: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 5:42:36 PM
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Laura,

Thank you for the reply message.

Attached is the correspondence I want to share with the Commissioners. Following is the email text I sent earlier this week.

Brandon, will you please assist me to deliver this message to the Commissioners.

Please find the attached letter concerning the Unsolicited Proposal Washoe County received and [the] Open Space and Regional Parks Commission voted to advance to Stage 2 of its approval process.

Ms. Johnson, will you please share with me the email addresses for the 9 members of the Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission? Will you additionally forward this email and attachment to the members of the Commission.

Thank you for your consideration,
Marc Radow

I welcome dialogue with the Commissioners and interested parties concerning this matter.

Marc Radow

On Tue, Jul 9, 2024 at 3:55 PM Rose, Laura <LRose@washoecounty.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Brandon Roman, copied on this email, can assist with communication and public comment for the Open Space and Parks Commission. Brandon will return to the office in the morning.

Thank you,



Laura Rose

Administrative Assistant II | Community Services

The best way to reach me is: lrose@washoecounty.gov

My working hours are M-Th, 7:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m.

CSD Main Phone: 775-328-3600

From: Marc Radow <marc@battlebornfc.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 3:40 PM

To: CSD_Info <CSDInfo@washoecounty.gov>

Subject: Communicate with the Commission for Open Space & Parks

Team,

I am trying to send an email message to the Commissioners for Open Space & Parks. Will you please confirm how to send a message to them directly? Perhaps to them collectively and if possible, I prefer if they have individual email addresses.

Further, I am looking for the email address the public may use to send comments for consideration by the Commission concerning any agenda item. Will you please share this email with me?

Thank you!
Marc

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Marc Radow

President

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Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission
Reno City Council
Reno Parks & Recreation Director
Sparks Parks & Recreation Department
City of Sparks

July 7, 2024

To All Engaged in Northern Nevada,
There is natural enthusiasm for a pro sports team. Northern Nevada will only benefit from the emotional and positive energy. This is not the debate. Rather, in the American system, professional sports must answer, "Where will such a (soccer) team play?" That's the question and debate before all of us in Reno, Washoe County, Sparks and all of Northern Nevada. On this point, 1868, Reno's former pro soccer team was a success, however, the Simon Group wouldn't fulfill the mandate and didn't build a soccer specific stadium. 1868 is now gone and Northern Nevada lost, the people lost!

I am a resident of Northern Nevada for 45 years, with much opportunity to live abroad, and Northern Nevada is the best place but we don't [yet] have the services and amenities, or identity, of rival communities. Eagerly, I sought to make our region a destination for the best and brightest to want to be in Reno. My crowning professional endeavor, to build Nevada's 1st Professional Soccer Stadium and return Northern Nevada's Pro Soccer Team, BattleBornFC!

Since before Covid, and then in earnest early 2022, SportLogic Northern Nevada turned every stone and met with countless administrators and elected officials of our cities and counties. Among them, I met with Washoe County's Parks & Rec Director, Wallace, and Washoe County Commissioner, Lucey, in May '22. After roundtable meetings with me, with staff, and back with me, it was determined impossible that South Valley Park could ever be a professional grade soccer stadium. Since 2000, since the deed restrictions, since the 2015 Master Plan Update, since the close proximity residential neighborhoods this South Valley expansion area would be a park, period. Its destiny accelerated by the then recent \$2 million grant for construction. The simple and direct message, "Look elsewhere for a soccer stadium!"

Having operated BattleBornFC since 2021, with the region's top men's team since 1868's closure, and having competed at the highest level possible including the US Open Cup, I know first hand the lack of adequate field space from which Northern Nevada suffers. BattleBornFC lost rights to home games and even had game winning points deducted because our best fields still don't meet US Soccer and league standards.

Pouring over every option, I found 2 connected parcels, perhaps the last of its kind, 30 acres in total, ideal for exactly what we needed; high visibility, low neighborhood impact, easy access, centrally located; APN's 035-672-14, 035-672-15 (currently known as 0 Wes Ct, being renamed to "101 Battle Field Ct"). I invested millions of dollars in the purchase, engineering, and entitlements in this property. The City of Reno has approved the Stadium, its use, access, traffic, etc. Grading permit is in hand, Walls Permit is approved, and the Site Plan Permit is underway that will allow us to begin construction imminently.



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This site, as the sign on the property visibly reads from the 395 Hwy, “Future Home Pro Soccer”, will host a Major League Soccer (MLS) Next Pro Team. The Next Pro division carries the branding and global reputation of America’s top soccer. The mission of the MLS is to establish America as a soccer athlete producing nation. This later initiative, pathway and player development, is paramount to the opportunities for soccer in Northern Nevada [emphasis added].

Having owned and operated professional soccer teams in Europe and in Central America, promoting athletes around the world in the transfer market, only the MLS is relevant in this global perspective. Having lived overseas, and breathing the sport daily, this is the crucial concept that offers pathway and international recognition, much like attending Ivy League Universities helps a job applicant, the same holds true in promoting athletes to the 200+ countries and throughout each of their professional divisions, thousands of potential placements globally in total... Reno and BattleBornFC will stand out. We build this stadium in Reno and correctly integrate the pathways, we become a member of the distinguished MLS teams of America and connections to global soccer. World Cup 2026 will then have relevance.

While I was in Europe these past two weeks, attending to the professional Club I am affiliated with in Spain, I listened painfully to the presentation to the Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission, June 24, 2024, Item 8, South Valley’s Outdoor Soccer Stadium and Training Facility. I went back to watch the May 22nd meeting, Item 10 – South Valleys Soccer Stadium and Indoor Training Facility Stage II, pain expanding to sadness.

I must resist the temptation to correct the myriad exaggerations and falsehoods articulated with conviction to the Commission. Addressing these would consume a proportional amount of time and I empathize the Commission’s priorities are the people and parks of Washoe County, has familiarity with local soccer / sport, but has limited expertise in global and professional soccer. Ranging from exaggerated public programming, to misleading stadium architecture, to grossly inaccurate orientations, but under the guise ‘down the road - can kicking – cooperation’ proffered to the Commission the conduct and statements were misleading at best and fraudulent and at worst.

I am however compelled to correct the record in two (2) crucial areas;

1. there is land available and a soccer specific stadium is presently in development, and
2. inappropriate government meddling with private enterprise

There is an alternate stadium option and location in contradiction to the testimony of the presenters. Noted below are the time stamps wherein presenters to the Commission repeated this mistruth at the May and June hearings. Three separate statements during the presentations and one in direct response to the alternative stadium solution are deliberate, intentional, and misleading to the Commission.

Meeting Recording Link: <https://youtu.be/XIn0sPqrSMk>

Issue / Representation	Begin	End	Presenter	Misrepresentation
No Land available for a soccer stadium. Searched everywhere. Washoe County has to act now All of the easy developments are done. This proposal has to be approved otherwise the community misses out	1:49:00	1:49:35	Wendy Damonte, FOFF	There is an approved stadium in Reno that does not infringe on any homeowner or neighbor. Damonte met with SportLogic Northern Nevada in August 2023 but wants another 'Damonte' monument.
	2:01:30	2:01:54	Eric Crump, Washoe County	The alternative is an easy solution to Northern Nevada's soccer stadium. Ignorance and bullying threaten better judgement

Meeting Link Recording: https://youtu.be/yofM_JvXYwE

Issue / Representation	Begin	End	Presenter	Misrepresentation
No More Land. South Valley Park is the only option.	1:04:16	1:04:55	Wendy Damonte, FOFF	Damonte met with SportLogic Northern Nevada in August 2023 and knows this site is ideal for a Stadium. The land and site-plan are already approved for the Stadium and operations.

The second controversy, and perhaps the most important to the audience of this letter, is that the private sector is already doing this; building a soccer stadium in Northern Nevada, inside the City limits of Reno, and bringing Pro Soccer back to the region. I have endeavored to accomplish what Simon Group (lead by a billionaire) for the Aces / Greater Nevada Field would not do... build a sports stadium without public money, without political favor, implementing traditional hard work, dedication and with the goal to make Northern Nevada great. Great for families, great for athletes, great for boys and for girls, and great for Northern Nevada families. This is an effort to reach and bring together the widest audience and every demographic and age group in our community. For example, I still play with 'old guys', on the pitch are languages in Spanish and English... and some I don't understand, and nationalities represented from around the world. It is a fantastic opportunity to showcase how this can be done in the American system and we can do this in Reno and for Northern Nevada!

It is incomprehensible to consider that Washoe County, or any governmental entity, would thwart this entrepreneurial effort and seek to undermine us with a competing government stadium and to subsidize another entity with a land lease for \$1 per year (or at any amount regardless). Why would Washoe County contemplate taking away an outdoor recreation park for public use, land that the County received specifically with a deed restriction for exclusive public outdoor recreation purpose, and in light of the perpetual claims that there aren't enough fields. It is unnecessary to take away any field or future field. It is selfish and cunning, that the Commission was presented not once but twice and in special meetings to further contemplate infringing on neighborhoods with traffic, noise, light pollution, and to consider misappropriating a public asset.

Sadly, the presenters know this full well, but they did not reveal this at either Commission meeting. They concealed it and even downplayed it when asked about it during the June 24th meeting. The following segment is the exchange between the Commission and the Presenter(s) on this subject.



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Issue / Representation	Begin	End	Presenter	Misrepresentation
Pleading ignorance about the alternative Stadium. Claiming the difference is this alternative isn't associated with Pro Sports	1:28:17	1:29:12	Aaron Smith & Wendy Damonte	Disingenuous claim of ignorance. The alternative is in Reno, it's private, with substantial media and processes through development entitlement. Damonte met with BattleBornFC Aug '23 and knows it has a Pro Team. The sign on the freeway reads, in bold red, "Future Home Pro Soccer".

The Washoe County Staff Report, Board Meeting May 22, 2024, reads as follows,

“The Washoe County Budget Office is responsible for receiving unsolicited proposals and for coordinating the assessment process. Budget will participate on and establish an Assessment Panel comprised of representatives from the Capital Improvement Committee and affected County departments and agencies, to undertake the assessment of the proposal and provide a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners. The assessment panel for this proposal included representatives from the Office of the County Manager, Community Services Department (CSD), CSD Engineering/Capital Projects as well as CSD Planning and Development, and the District Attorney's Office.

This report continues, “The Board is responsible for initial approval at Stage One and for final approval, including entering into a contract. Budget is able to issue administrative instructions to clarify the requirements for the assessment under this Policy and Guideline. Any and all administrative instructions must be entirely consistent with this Policy and Guideline.”

Accordingly, the Evaluation Criteria is established as the “guiding principles” of the Stage One evaluation. Below and attached as the exhibit, “Evaluation Criteria”, are the exact wording (left column) which further provide the perspectives for which this Unsolicited Proposal is to be considered. The right column, are plain, obvious, and direct response to each Guiding Principle. It is incomprehensible that at every level of Principle this Unsolicited Proposal fails but was nonetheless was approved to advance to Stage 2, most alarmingly and seemingly because of the misinformation presented to the Commission and the Commission’s inability to independently ascertain complete information. If helpful, and because of the length of this letter and many details skipped over in order to focus on the most germane items, I welcome and encourage any explanation and further discussion on every Principle.

Finally, BattleBornFC operates a Cantera, a youth development system. BattleBornFC operates MLS GO, an MLS sponsored youth program for children ages 3-12. BattleBornFC was recognized by RCX Sports as organizing the most successful in the nation. These are important innovations that the present systems are unintentionally suppressing.

In closing, should this contemplation of misappropriating South Valley Park advance in any way, should the interference of private enterprise further damage the interests of SportLogic, I will ensure the people are duly informed and will go to every extent, without tire or fatigue, to ensure our government does not trample on public parks, damage neighborhoods, nor injure private enterprise.



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BattleBornFC and SportLogic Northern Nevada, and I, are deeply connected to Northern Nevada. We ask for your support, encouragement, and assistance. Thank you for your consideration and confirmation that South Valley Park will remain a Park!

Marc Radow

Marc Radow
President

Evaluation Criteria

The guiding principles of the Stage One evaluation are listed below:

1. The proposal is unique and innovative and cannot be reasonably delivered by another proponent or achieve the same (or greater) value for money outcome through a competitive Process within acceptable timeframes;	SportLogic Northern Nevada has an approved alternative site inside of the Reno City limits. BattleBornFC will operate a professional soccer team with global FIFA and US Soccer Federation recognition. Private development vs Public Funded. No competitive bid process.
2. The proposal aligns with the County's strategic objectives and policies;	County (Parks & Rec Dept) is to provide public parks & recreation. Look out for the well being of residents. Deeds (and donations) were for public use and outdoor recreation, not private wealth creation!
3. The proposal represents value for money for the investment required by Washoe County and provides benefits to the community by meeting the following principles:	There is a private developer now in development of a private stadium. There is NOT a private developer to expand South Valley Park (or build another county park).
a. The proposal is cost-effective on a cost-benefit basis;	Presenters could not and did not answer basic questions on how this will benefit the County economically, akin to 'approve now and you'll find out later'.
b. The proposed use of the facility is considered the highest and best use of the facility when considered against other proposals or plans for the Development of the property within the last 10 years;	The county and region need more park space (public amenities) for kids, families, adults. The proposed reduces space, causes congestion, traffic, light and noise pollution, infringes on hundreds of private residential properties.
c. The method of development and operation of the facility is less expensive than if the County were to develop the property in question itself unless the County lacks the financial resources within the next two fiscal years to develop the property itself;	The county doesn't need to invest anything because private resources are already being invested. The County received \$2 million Grant to expand the South Valley Park.
d. Preferably, there are synergies or economic spinoff benefits associated with the proposal that the County cannot solely achieve.	A professional sports stadium and team is good for the County (and region), and this is already happening.

4. There is a demonstrated need and support [or interest] for the project from the perspective of both the County and the broader public interest;	Yes, that's why a private group has already acquired land (private transaction) and invested in the approvals and entitlements with the City of Reno.
5. The proposal is financially, legally, economically, socially and technically feasible.	This is a private enterprise transaction and the County is not in business to compete against private enterprise.

Unique and innovative

For an unsolicited proposal to be considered, it must demonstrate unique benefits, a clear ability to deliver the proposal and demonstrate how its idea is differentiated from other offerings in terms of benefiting the general public. Factors that should be considered include whether:

• The proposal can be readily delivered by other private sector entities or the County itself;	Yes, BattleBorn Futbol Soccer Complex has been approved since March 2023 and advances through its entitlement process with the City of Reno
• The proponent owns something that would limit the County from contracting with other parties	No. FOF owns nothing unique. Professional soccer franchises are available from different sources, are readily available, and already approved for Northern Nevada.
• There are other attributes which may not necessarily stand alone as unique but, when combined, create a unique proposal; and	No. There is private enterprise deeply rooted in the development process and heavily invested in the construction of a pro soccer stadium and pro soccer team in Northern Nevada.
• The proponent has a unique ability to deliver a strategic outcome or financial arrangement.	No. There is private enterprise deeply rooted in the development process and heavily invested in the construction of a pro soccer stadium and pro soccer team in Northern Nevada.

Ethics

The assessment of unsolicited proposals must be fair, open, demonstrate the highest levels of ethics and be consistent with the public interest. The assessment of proposals will be conducted through the application of established ethical principles that aim to ensure the integrity of the decision making processes. In particular, Washoe County will aim to ensure the process is:

• Impartial;	No, SportLogic Northern Nevada met with Colleen Wallace, Washoe County Parks Director and Bob Lucey, Washoe County Commissioner in May 2022. Collective message was South Valley Park was pre-approved and destined to be an expansion park. Under no circumstances could there ever be a stadium at South Valley
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	Park. Stadium was inconsistent with neighborhood surroundings and County needs.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accountable and transparent, with any conflicts of interest managed appropriately; 	<p>No. Financial terms are being deliberately kicked down the road and not disclosed, akin to 'Approve now and find out what you get after it's too late'.</p> <p>Meetings have not been open, announced, or transparent. Interested parties would include ALL leagues, teams, clubs, and sports with interest in park space and all surrounding residential neighborhoods. Conflicted persons and groups are specifically GBYSL who receives and has received the operating permit at South Valley Park for decades where there are dozens of others who have competing interests but have been 'locked-out' of South Valley Park.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confidential to the extent allowed under State law; and 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides benefit to Washoe County residents. 	<p>Misappropriation of public land, preclude a future public park, and create a windfall of profits to a single private business is NOT a benefit to Washoe County residents</p>

From: [Topper Kain](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: Opposition to proposed south valleys park stadium
Date: Sunday, July 14, 2024 2:43:45 PM

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Hello,

My name is Christopher Kain. I live at 46600 Edmonton Dr, by Galena High School. I am writing in opposition to the proposed outdoor soccer stadium and training facility to be constructed at South Valleys park. The current proposal (1) has serious issues regarding viability, efficacy, appropriateness, feasibility, and uniqueness.

First and foremost, the current proposal seems to have serious deficiencies regarding parking. The claim that the site could accommodate up to 10,000 users for concerts would require sufficient parking to be built for that maximum use, not the average use. The amount of parking needed for a 10000 person venue seems to be at least 2000 spaces (I'm being generous and assuming heavy carpooling and some people use public transport). A quick search quick search for the cost of build a parking structure comes back with ranges of \$21000 to \$27500. That means a minimum cost of \$42,000,000, just for the parking structure, which is more than the entire project budget. A surface lot would be cheaper- ~\$3000/stall, but now a 2000 car facility takes up 15 acres of an 18 acre property, at 325 sq ft per car, the vast majority of which might be used one to two times per year. What's more, looking at a comparable USL League One facility (The 5000 person Spokane One Arena, host of the Spokane Velocity FC) advertises 2000 parking spaces for venue with a capacity of 5000, so these problems likely exist just with the 6500 person facility proposal.

The estimates for attendance also seem dubious. While the previous team had an average attendance of 5500 in its inaugural season of 2017 to 4313 in its final season in 2019 this was at facility much more central located and convenient to the majority of Reno's population. We love the Reno Aces but do not regularly attend because it seems difficult to get to the facility. A team and facility located in far South Reno seems to be an even worse proposition for most Washoe county residents. The proposal rejects current facilities as "not soccer specific" while citing previous success of professional soccer team at the Aces stadium and barely acknowledging the presence of Mackay Stadium. It suggests rehoming UNR soccer events to 6500 person venue 10 miles from campus while the University of Washington team plays on a 2200 person pitch in the middle of campus in the middle of massive metropolitan area. I

question any support from University as they are in the process of selling or recently sold their Redfield campus land up the road, which could also be used for this purpose. Building a new soccer specific stadium of this size in the far south end of Reno does not seem like a recipe for success.

What's more is that the current proposal is to bring a League One men's team and women's super league team. League One is two divisions below the championship league that the 1868 FC played and the women's super league is starting this year, making it an exciting but completely unproven business model. While the league a team plays in is not the sole determinant of attendance, generally attendance goes up with the level of play. The last season average attendance for the Championship league team in the middle of downtown was 4313. Given that, a 6500 person venue seems far over capacity for the proposed events and recipe for long term failure and the county being saddled with an oversized, poorly located facility.

This facility is not a good one for the community, and is particularly bad for the South Reno community. Despite claims for "community engagement" the proposal makes clear that the primary use of the facility will be for the professional soccer teams. No provision is included for general public use outside of the parking facility. The developing a single professional facility on 18 acres here precludes the development of the area for public recreation. The conceptual master plan for the South Valleys park that gained community excited was for the development of 3 baseball/softball fields, 3 soccer/football fields, a swim center, and splash park ([S. Valleys Regional Park MP Final \(washoecounty.gov\)](#)). This proposal would preclude the development of essentially any of those facilities, public use facilities that the county needs far more in this location than a stadium. Given these facts, the current community feedback for this proposal is overwhelming negative: [062424_Soccer stadium Public comments.pdf \(washoecounty.gov\)](#)

Reno already has an active proposal to build and equivalently sized stadium in far better location that also include multiple public use facilities- [Battle Born FC gets clearance to build proposed 5,000-seat soccer-only facility \(nevadasportsnet.com\)](#). That makes any physical aspect of this proposal non-unique or innovative, and certainly not cost effective. As stated in the initial proposal, the uniqueness of the proposal is tied to that the owner of the rights to the USL Reno franchise wants it. Despite establishing a non-profit to operate the facility, this proposal is coming directly from the rights owner for professional soccer in Northern Nevada. This is proposal to subsidize a privately owned professional sports team. The current proposal does not benefit the community sufficiently to justify granting a free land lease to a sports team owner.

This proposal is a bad deal for the community and should not move forward.

Thank you,
Christopher Kain
4660 Edmonton Dr.

1. [BCC Staff Report Template \(General\) \(washoecounty.gov\)](#)

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To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
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Laura Uschyk
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Good Morning,

I am reaching out because I became aware of the meeting 7/24 to voice our concerns about the potential new soccer stadium slated for South Valleys Regional Park. At first I did like the idea as I am a big soccer fan, but then when I realized it would take away the future development master plans that were already in the works for South Valley Park which would bring additional MUCH needed soccer fields, sport fields, a splash pad, and many more aspects to the already beautiful family friendly park! I believe that moving forward with the soccer stadium would seriously damage that Park's true potential of providing what Reno is in desperate need of, more sport fields (soccer, baseball, lacrosse, etc) that there is already such a very high demand to support the growing kids within the Reno Area. Plus, since there is already a planned Soccer Stadium for Parr Blvd, why does Reno need two of these stadiums? They would just take away from each other and all of the sport players. What Reno needs right now, with our endless population growth are more sport fields for the kids to play, more covered playgrounds and parks and splash pads to help with the intense heat that we have here in Reno. We want to get the kids out playing more outside and enjoying their friends and building relationships with their teammates and being able to play sports all year round. Please reconsider using South Valleys not for the Soccer Stadium, but where children can play their favorite sports and have the space that is needed to provide all the required field space!

Thank you!
Michelle Hastings

From: [Patricia or Carl Hill](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
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Please read the forwarded message and note my ongoing dismay over this project. It is antithetical to the purpose of public park lands in an area that needs more rather than fewer athletic fields and open space for residents of all ages. In this context, it's difficult to believe that the County Commissioners would contemplate leasing OUR public land to a private developer for any amount--much less for \$1 per year. Please reconsider, and weigh in on the side of RECREATIONAL PARK USERS rather than SPECTATORS and DEVELOPERS!

With thanks for your attention,
Patricia

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From: Patricia or Carl Hill <pchill@pacbell.net>
To: BRoman@washoecounty.gov <broman@washoecounty.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2024 at 05:06:07 PM PDT
Subject: Proposed Soccer Stadium near Wedge and Mt Rose Hwy

Dear Sir or Madam,
Since I've been traveling, I'd like to weigh in on a project about which I've just learned. My understanding is that Item 8, a proposal by Wendy Damonte for FOFF, will be discussed at today's Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Committee meeting. I hope any corporate or commercial proposal that will encroach on public park land in the area near Wedge and Mt. Rose Hwy. will be dismissed out of hand. Access to the library and athletic fields in the area should remain the priority. Neither area roads nor other infrastructure will support a stadium, and why deprive local residents, young people engaged in sports, dog owners, and library patrons easy access to the best facilities in south Reno in order to support a private venture? Public parks should serve residents and visitors to the region. And, in this case, there are no comparable facilities nearby that could accommodate current users.

Many of us moved to the area in large part because of its proximity to trail systems and national forest lands AND access to traditional city parks and recreational facilities. In a society where so many spend too much time in front of screens and live sedentary lives, it would be especially wrong to favor those who will profit from privately-operated spectator sports over community-based athletic organizations and local residents seeking outdoor exercise and leisure in public parks.

I have no beef with professional soccer, but it doesn't belong on our park lands or so nearby that it impairs access!

With thanks for your attention,
Patricia

Dr. Patricia Evridge Hill
302 E Jeffrey Pine Rd
Reno, NV 89511
(510) 821-7324
pchill@pacbell.net

From: [R Mark Nelson](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: South Soccer Stadium
Date: Thursday, July 18, 2024 5:09:37 PM

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I use Wedge getting home. I object to creating a 5000-10000 auto jam due to a local stadium.

Anyone who has not lived by a similar sized sports stadium cannot understand the damages. I have lived near a college baseball field, and it gets used often from 8AM to 10PM for events, baseball, softball, concerts, rallies, etc.

NO - OPPOSE.

Mark Nelson

From: [R Mark Nelson](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: Fwd: OPPOSE: South Soccer Stadium
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OPPOSE SOUTH SPORTS STADIUM ON PUBLIC PARK LAND

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From: **R Mark Nelson** <reno.mark.nelson@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Jul 18, 2024 at 5:08 PM
Subject: OPPOSE: South Soccer Stadium
To: <broman@washoecounty.gov>

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NO - OPPOSE.

Mark Nelson

From: [Matthew](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: info@sportligicglobal.com
Subject: Not in Favor of South Valley Park Proposal
Date: Thursday, July 18, 2024 3:35:26 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I'm only a few miles from this proposed park. There's already so much buildup in the area that it's very difficult at times with traffic. We don't need this type of congestion added to an already condensed area. Please consider this at another location or not at all. Nobody in the area wants this park. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Matthew Wiese

From: [Julie Zunino](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); Info@sportlogicglobal.com; [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Subject: Oppose A Stadium at South Valley Park
Date: Thursday, July 18, 2024 9:17:45 PM

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Dear Commissioners, The Unsolicited Proposal for a Stadium at South Valley Park is a bad idea for the following reason(s):

1. The traffic is insane on wedge and arrowcreek as it is, how is it going to get better by building a 10k capacity event center?
2. The noise in a residential area. We moved to south reno to be away from the chaos.
3. Serving alcohol, large crowds, commute to events sounds like a disaster waiting to happen. Alcohol and large crowds is a recipe for crime... isn't this supposed to be a family park?
4. There are only so many parks for kids, we want splash pads, outdoor parks, dog parks, trails... not stadiums.
5. I honestly fear for my children's safety having this stadium here, it's going to bring so much chaos into a really beautiful family friendly area.
6. You already have the soccer stadium off of parr, leave this rec center alone. I don't want to pay with my money to fund something I am so utterly against. I am truly devastated along with multiple other neighbors surrounding my community.

Thank you for your consideration and hearing my objection to this proposal,
Cordially,
Julie Zunino

From: [Linda Florentine](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Proposed Soccer Stadium
Date: Thursday, July 18, 2024 7:41:58 PM

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The proposed stadium project is counter to everything we thought we'd have to use as south Reno residents. Please do not allow this to happen. The park is now a place for families to enjoy and the promised improvements will add much needed amenities. The splash park and dog park are high on my list of needed recreational assets.

Thank you

Linda Florentine

Galena Forrest resident

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [Marc Radow](#)
To: [Robert Kleinberger](#)
Cc: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Emerson, Kathy](#)
Subject: Re: Parks Commission Agenda for Wednesday July 24, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.
Date: Thursday, July 18, 2024 10:50:13 PM
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Excellent points Robert. Great connection to the malay at the copa america cup in Miami. Imagine if that happens in Reno at South Valley Park. My only contention is downplaying MLS NP. It's imperative to have a global outlook. In this context, the MLS NP is designed to make America a player producing nation, not only a player buying nation. Herein, we weave the development pathway and centralize this in Reno. This is the importance of our project in Reno... to create opportunities for Northern Nevada.

Many thanks for the depth and breadth of your input!
Marc

On Thu, Jul 18, 2024 at 9:11 PM Robert Kleinberger <robert@renovikings.com> wrote:

I am not sure who came up with the verbiage in the proposal for the professional stadium and that professional teams such as USL W will utilize the facility – in reading the County Summary there are some serious misleading statements.

First off USL W is not a professional League – USL W is a high level amateur league and far from professional!!! They are similar in fact to the UWS League 1 which is also a high level amateur league.

The professional women's league in the United States is the NWSL and in chatting with them recently about a potential franchise in Reno the NWSL buy-in is a \$250 Million USD affair and plus a club must get a slot. NWSL is no longer this Mom & Pop shop style franchise it is big money!! The men's side MLS is even a more costly franchise! Here is how it sort of shakes out:

NWSL – Professional Women League \$250 Million USD Minimum

MLS – Professional Men's League \$500 Million USD Minimum

Far down the totem pole are::

MLS Next Pro

NISA

Etc.

Farther down the totem pole and not even close are:

USL W Women's Amateur League (Which is being proposed in this proposal)

UWS League 1 Women's Amateur League

Then even further down the totem pole is:

WPSL Women's Amateur League

UPSL Women's and Men's Amateur League

UWS League 2 Women's Amateur League

While the stadium is a nice to have let there be no misleading information – USL W alone will not fill the stadium in Reno enough to make it profitable – far from it in fact – it will most likely go bankrupt if it is utilized by USL W and perhaps some other team such as a men's team - I was involved in the Home Depot LA Galaxy Stadium when it was built years ago – the first 5 years running was a major, major loss for the stadium and that stadium is located in Los Angeles with an 11 million population and the home to the MLS LA Galaxy – the stadium supplemented there income with concerts, college graduations, even car shows and simple fact is the owners just had deep pocket to weather the storm.

There is a reason why stadiums are built far from resident housing – it's the noise, lights, parking, traffic and out of control people all (just check out the recent 2024 Copa América stadium chaos) of these will all have a major impact to the local inhabitants in the surrounding area – local population may not mind prior to the build and I don't know whether the locals will or not, but later it may become a headache for the stadium with restriction to its operation – imagine a concert going to 1 am blasting up the hillside into the local residence housing.

A stadium needs to be located slightly more remotely in my opinion and has to be well thought out with all kinds of users and events with minimal restrictions for its use – because restrictions in its use will have a significant fiscal impact!

Robert

Reno Vikings - Director

United Wome Soccer www.uwssoccer.com

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From: Marc Radow <marc@battlebornfc.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2024 7:44 PM

To: Roman, Brandon <BRoman@washoecounty.gov>; Emerson, Kathy <KEmerson@washoecounty.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Parks Commission Agenda for Wednesday July 24, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Brandon and Kathy,

Thank you for sharing the agenda for the Open Space & Parks Hearing scheduled for Weds July 24th, 1:30pm.

I notice the matter concerning the Unsolicited Proposal for the Wedge Parkway Stadium is included at item #11. At this meeting I anticipate many persons who may want to speak during the allotted Public Comment period(s); beginning Item 1, or end item 15.

In addition, there are certain experts and tradesmen engaged with the advancement of the approved Reno Soccer Stadium Project located at 395 / Parr Blvd. 0 Wes Ct (to be renamed Battle Field Ct) APNs 035-672-14 and 035-672-15, Project: BLD24-06788E, who will attend in person or by video conference to share with you and the Commissioners about the details of their engagement and advancement of this project. These statements will dispel the misinformation and misrepresentations that were proffered to the Commissioners during the May and June Hearings and importantly communicate the positive progress being made to achieve the Stadium as approved.

Please accept this email message for these experts to address and present to the Commissioners during the Agenda Item #11. And importantly, to allow for their important comments to inform the Commissioners, respecting the Commission's time and efficiency, without an arbitrary 3 minute limit.

Thank you in advance for your confirmation and cooperation,

Marc Radow

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From: **Roman, Brandon** <BRoman@washoecounty.gov>

Date: Thu, Jul 18, 2024 at 1:25 PM

Subject: Parks Commission Agenda for Wednesday July 24, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

To:

Cc: Emerson, Kathy <KEmerson@washoecounty.gov>

Good Afternoon, Interested Parties,

Attached is the agenda for the Parks Commission meeting on **Wednesday July 24, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.** You can access the draft minutes, staff and monthly reports by clicking on the blue hyperlink located within the related item on the agenda.

I have also included all public comment I have received so far for the soccer stadium. The only one you have not seen is the first email from Brian Erbis. I received that one today. It is the first email after the agenda. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Brandon Roman

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From: [Tracy Reese](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov
Subject: Soccer Stadium at South Valleys Park
Date: Thursday, July 18, 2024 9:02:34 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

This email is in regards to the proposed soccer stadium at South Valleys off of Wedge Parkway. My family is very much a "soccer family". Both of my children have played soccer since they were 5 years old, eventually playing competitive club soccer. We frequently attended 1868 games when Reno was lucky enough to have a semi-pro team and have attended other professional soccer games abroad. As much as we love soccer, we 100% oppose this location off of Wedge Parkway for a soccer field.

This is mainly a residential area. As someone who lives up Arrowcreek Parkway, we do not want a stadium in this area. It is not the right place for it. This area is already congested with traffic trying to come on and off Wedge for the fields currently there. This is not the right place for the noise or lights a stadium would bring. I'm not sure why this would even be considered an appropriate place to have a stadium? There are so many more appropriate areas for a stadium in Washoe County!

Washoe County is already lacking in fields for our youth to play. I manage my daughter's competitive team, as well as three other soccer teams, and field space has been an increasing challenge in our area. Use this area for more field space for our area's youth, whether it be soccer, baseball, etc. I remember filling out community interest forms voting on what Washoe County citizens wanted to see in this space a few years ago - suggestions were all recreational activities for our citizens - increased soccer fields, baseball fields, frisbee golf, splash pad - nowhere was a stadium an option.

Please listen to your citizens who actually reside in south Reno and utilize the South Valleys area...we do NOT support a stadium being built here. I have not talked to a single person who is in support of this, so please do the right thing and follow what your citizens who elected you want you to do. Do what is right for our citizens and our children - a stadium is not it!

Sincerely,
Tracy Bruntz
Washoe County Citizen, Tax Payer, and Soccer Mom

From: [Tyler Stratton](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Soccer stadium in South Valley park.
Date: Thursday, July 18, 2024 4:30:19 PM

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Dear Sir,

I would like to voice my opinion, as a resident of the Saddle Horn community, of my opposition to the building of a stadium in the South Valley Park. Instead, I propose that the area be used to build a public batting cage. Reno no longer has a venue such as this and I believe it would be put to good use and could generate more funds for the park system itself.

Respectfully,

Dr. Tyler Stratton M.D.
4075 Quail Rock Ln
Reno, NV 89511
808-343-6885

From: [John Icanberry](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: [Info@sportlogicglobal.com](#); [Len McWilliams](#)
Subject: Soccer Stadium on Wedge Parkway
Date: Thursday, July 18, 2024 9:44:17 PM

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How dare you give away land that was donated to the county for private use, taking out the very limited soccer fields that support local youth development. And, for no public financial return and allowing 20,000+ traffickers weekly to invade this sensitive area. There has been no public announcements of your secret development and all in the face of an already approved stadium located adjacent to Hwy 395 off Parr Blvd. This stadium consumes no public money, is on private land and does not infringe on any neighbors or their home values.

What in heck are you doing? You defy common sense! Definitely drop this insane project and example of totally flawed planning by Washoe County.

John & Betty Icanberry
14055 Quiet Meadow Ct
Reno, NV 89511
775-409-3379

Sent from my iPad

From: [linda baird](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Soccer stadium
Date: Thursday, July 18, 2024 3:15:53 PM

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I live in South Reno close to the park area that is being considered for a new stadium. I am firmly opposed to taking our park extension area for this endeavor. Use the land that was already approved for it away from our housing neighborhood.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [jannarager](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#); info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: South reno stadium- oppose
Date: Friday, July 19, 2024 9:33:53 AM

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Commissioners

I am 100% against a sports stadium off of wedge parkway in what is already a very crowded area with the library, Reno Ice, and the various fields. The one lane traffic on Wedge Parkway in no way could handle the proposed traffic from a 6000+ seat stadium and with the existing developments already in place, there is no extra room to expand those traffic lanes.

Secondly, that location is supposed to be a WC park area with fields for the entire community and should not involve a private entity, nor does WC have the ability to change the wishes of the grantee (if the land was donated to WC) if the grantee stated the land was to be a park for the community.

There are other local sports venues and yes Reno/Sparks could use a few more but this is absolutely not the place to have it.

If we can't get the community to attend UNR football and basketball games or Reno Aces games how does this company say they are going to fill a soccer stadium? I don't think they can.

In my opinion there are many other needed facilities that would by far take precedent over a soccer stadium that would never be full. Our area could utilize an indoor tennis facility, another indoor/outdoor pool, indoor batting cages, more fields for soccer, baseball, softball, and flag football.

Historically WC, Reno and Sparks has allowed developers to dictate how our cities will look without requirements to also provide additional infrastructure to facilitate these projects and growth. It should be the other way around. WC should be dictating and having projects contribute to infrastructure expansion. We don't need a stadium in south reno, we don't need more warehouses in south reno. We need traffic infrastructure, housing, schools, parks and open spaces.

Please vote no on this project and don't set a bad precedent for the future.

Sincerely
Janna Rager
Mt Rose/Callahan

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

From: [Hal Kraft](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Cc: [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Subject: South Valley & Wedge Pkwy Damonte Stadium - We support it !!!
Date: Thursday, July 18, 2024 1:53:25 PM

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My wife and I live in South Reno and think it is a great idea to build the 6500 seat stadium on Wedge Pkwy, especially if it is multi use (supports music events, etc.)

thanks.

- harold & joan kraft

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6564 Champetre Court, Reno, NV. 89511

"Life before Death. Strength before Weakness. Journey before Destination." - Brandon Sanderson, The Way of Kings

From: [Tiffany Talafuse](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Subject: South Valley Park Proposal
Date: Friday, July 19, 2024 6:35:32 AM

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Commissioners and Staff: I am very concerned about the potential negative impacts of a 6500 seat soccer stadium (and hold "concerts of up to 10,000 people") at the South Valley Sports Complex facility and the possible traffic which would affect the quality-of-life of residents off of Wedge, Arrowcreek and Mt. Rose Hwy. Further, I am concerned about the loss of public open space and parkland from any land leases to the FOFF. Free land being given to a private investor. 18 acres that could benefit the entire community for outdoor recreation would be handed over, \$36 million for \$20 for a 20 year land lease???

Seriously?? I would rather see this land used for outdoor recreation, multi-purpose flat fields, baseball fields, a splash park, picnic area, kids play area, dog park and trails for everyone.

Before the County spends any more staff time and tax funding on this proposal, I recommend that FOFF is required to come back with a comprehensive traffic study and a 1-mile radius survey of landowners and residents. At that point, the public can begin to have an informed conversation regarding this large facility on a 2-lane, largely residential feeder street. While

I am not against a venue of the nature in Reno, (which has actually been approved for Parr Blvd. Perhaps we should wait until the completion of this location),

I do feel that another location should be determined. This area is way too congested ,as is, and would affect anyone living off of Wedge parkway.

The Reno Ice location is extremely busy (and is approved to put in another ice rink adjacent to it, the last I heard), the baseball fields, and then the soccer field and park can have a tendency to get very crowded. Plus, we have a shopping center that was built across from Reno Ice. A development of this size is ridiculous in such a congested area!

I appreciate you taking the time to hear my concerns and hope that this will be researched thoroughly before anything is even highly considered.

The development along the Mt. Rose corridor is very alarming. What used to be open land with wildlife is being taken over by buildings left and right. The Wedge Parkway development at Redfield near TMCC (satellite campus) is supposed to be huge as well with apartments, tennis facilities, pool, shopping and a hotel? Wow! How much can you squeeze in?

I appreciate you taking the time to hear my concerns and hope that this will be researched thoroughly before any more consideration. Property values in this area will go down due to the traffic, (on a 2 lane road) congestion, and the light and noise pollution in the area.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Tiffany Talafuse

From: [Alissar Puckett](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: Info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: STOP the South Valley Park Proposal
Date: Friday, July 19, 2024 8:04:40 AM

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To whom this may concern:

We are absolutely outraged and saddened that there are plans to build an outdoor stadium at South Valley Park. South Valleys Park is a county park that was donated and reserved for public use. I personally take my daughter who is 2 years old almost everyday to this beautiful park and most days, it is by her request. Our neighborhood park gives my daughter and so many families a sense of community. It is a beautiful refuge for our family and so many that live around it and visit it daily, especially those in neighboring apartments and mobile homes in the area. The fact that there is a proposal to turn this land into a stadium is especially shocking, given the fact that an alternative stadium has already been approved recently adjacent to Hwy 395 off Parr Blvd. The already approved stadium consumes no money, is on private land and does not infringe on any neighbors or their home values. We look to our leaders to ensure that the well being of our community is conserved and protected and this proposal is absolutely disappointing to the community that it is intended to serve. We ask you to help us conserve this very special part of our neighborhood, my daughter and so many will be better off by having their park, having a special and safe place to play outdoors. It is what we hope and intend for all our children.

Sincerely,
Alley Puckett

From: jstpln crz <metchankm@gmail.com>


Sent: Friday, July 19, 2024 11:09 AM

To: Managers - Commissioner Support <commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov>

Subject: Opposition to the Stadium project at South Valleys Park

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I oppose a stadium at South Valleys Park! How can the commissioners even be considering this? First off ignoring the terms of this gift to the COMMUNITY! We are already in a crunch for soccer field use and this proposal will remove 8-10 soccer field from availability.....not wise, nor is it a benefit for our Soccer Youth in Washoe County. Isn't the park for them? I haven't seen the layout but I assume the baseball fields will go also. There is presently a two lane road in and out of this area, so traffic will be a disaster for a 10,000 seat stadium. Who's idea is this....they obviously haven't thought of all the problems associated with this disaster, so I guess it's all

about the money. But it shouldn't be! And what about the local homeowners, has anyone asked if they want the traffic, the noise, the crime, the lights? The commissioners are there to do the PEOPLE'S business , not the developers! I say NO to this project. By the way is any of you ashamed to be ignoring the Trust which donated this land in the first place? How can you just push that aside without consulting the people?
Sincerely Ken Metcalfe.....42 year Washoe County resident

From: [Jessica Beehler](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#); Info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: I Oppose a Stadium at South Valleys Park
Date: Friday, July 19, 2024 11:01:22 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

The Unsolicited Proposal for a Stadium at South Valley Park is a bad idea for the following reason: it takes away the expansion of fields and open spaces our part of town desperately needs especially with the exponential growth of south Reno.

My name is Jessica Beehler. My husband and I have lived in Reno on and off since 2005. I graduated from UNR in 2007. My husband is from Ely, NV so our Nevada roots run deep. We have 3 daughters. They all play softball at Washoe Little League. We were promised for years now the expansion of the South Valleys park to include new softball fields for our girls to play on. There is currently not enough field space so we are forced to play at whatever fields around the south part of town are available. This is unacceptable that you want to take this away without any approval from the community.

Thank you for your consideration and hearing my objection to this proposal,
Cordially,
Jessica Beehler

From: [Gary and Dianne Speegle](#)
To: [Managers - Commissioner Support](#); [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Opposition to Proposed Soccer Stadium
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We are absolutely opposed to gifting public land to a private entity. Washoe County government and our Commissioners have already destroyed a beautiful rural area by allowing Toll Bros to build the Ascente development on a mountainside covered with earthquake faults. The present soccer, baseball and Lacrosse fields are very much needed for youth sports in this city. Washoe County continues to allow developers to build high density developments and then we are constantly reminded that the temperature in Reno continues to rise. It does not take a genius to know that when you cover natural open land with cement and asphalt, you will increase temperatures. We already have Damonte covering every square foot of a once beautiful valley with construction as well as the horrible land clearing and construction across from Summit Mall. Now the proposal to cover Pleasant Valley with subdivisions is racing for approval. The existing county parks must remain and more open/grass areas must be developed to improve the quality of life in Washoe County. The Reno Planning Commission has already approved an alternate setting for a stadium on private land at no cost to the City. As taxpaying citizens, we are absolutely fed up with the County allowing developers to ruin this beautiful area.

DO NOT ALLOW THIS PROJECT TO MOVE FORWARD!!!

Gary and Dianne Speegle
15500 Donnybrook Ct
Reno, NV 89511

From: [Denny Weyhe](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov; Infor@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: Proposal for Soccer Stadium at South Valleys Park - are you kidding me
Date: Friday, July 19, 2024 11:52:52 AM

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I'm writing to let you know I'm very much against building a soccer stadium on Wedge Parkway for the following reasons.

(1) It's my understanding that there is already a proposed location in the North Valleys that is away from homes and has ample space.

(2) From what I can determine the South Valley land being considered was donated to be used as follows:

South Valleys Regional Park use is restricted by three different deeds. Two of the deeds placed by the previous owners prior to transferring to the County restrict the use of the park to public purposes. The property also contains a restriction for outdoor recreation from the Land and Water Conservation Fund program.

It's my view that a soccer stadium doesn't fit with these restrictions.

(3) I note the following in Wendy Damonte's proposal.

"... it is unique to Wendy Damonte because she currently owns the exclusive rights to purchase the USL Franchises".

This fact is interesting to me and makes her proposal seem just a little self serving.

My position is to build the facility in the North Valleys. No "free" land for self-serving purposes especially when they involve "confiscating" a public park for private use.

Sincerely,

Denny Weyhe
14350 E Windriver Ln
Reno

From: [Autumn Laidlaw- Amantia](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Proposed stadium in south Reno
Date: Friday, July 19, 2024 2:01:37 PM

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I am emailing to ask you to please oppose the private stadium that is proposed near South valleys Park. Wedge parkway is already overcrowded, and the field space needs to remain for public use. South Reno needs more soccer and multi use fields for youth not for a private entity.

There is already a proposed and approved soccer stadium elsewhere, so why take away public land, and make a road more unsafe. This doesn't make any sense.

Please oppose this for the sake of my children who walk and drive wedge parkway to get to school, the library and the park.

Thanks

Autumn Laidlaw-Amantia

Concerned parent and citizen

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

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From: [Joseph K Taylor](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov
Subject: Stadium in South Valley Park
Date: Friday, July 19, 2024 2:53:44 PM

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Hello,

I am strongly and irrevocably opposed to building a stadium off Wedge Parkway in South Reno. I have lived in Washoe County for over 45 years with 32 years in the Saddlehorn area and I am a registered voter. Yes, I received a flyer as did many of my neighbors and if even half of the statements in the flyer are accurate then what a slippery deal this is! It is a project based on commercial interests and greed. It has no benefit for the people of south Reno.

Do not approve this stadium! If your desire for "growth" requires a stadium then go with the SportLogic Northern Nevada project.

Regards,

Joseph Keen Taylor
14297 Quail Springs Ct
Reno, NV 89511
775-741-4107
Sent from my iPad

From: [John Harmon](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Subject: South valleys soccer proposal
Date: Friday, July 19, 2024 4:06:44 PM

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I would like to voice my disapproval about the proposed soccer stadium at South Valley Park. I live in the area and use the park in a regular basis. I think the proposal would be a detriment to the surrounding families. If any development at that park happens it should be park improvements for the current uses i.e. playgrounds/trails/facilities for existing fields.

Thank you for your time.
John Harmon
11040 Bondshire Dr
Reno NV 89511

From: [Lenni DePaoli](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Stadium in South Reno
Date: Friday, July 19, 2024 11:14:02 PM

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I oppose the Stadium proposal in South Reno. There are so many reasons I oppose this stadium.

The biggest problem is traffic.

The traffic in this area is terrible, on a good day. There is not enough time, or space to describe the traffic atrocities, at this location.

My name is Lenni DePaoli. I live in the neighborhood above this park. I was born and raised in Reno.

It is my understanding that the existing park will be lost. Simply put, this park is vital to the neighborhoods, in the area.

My family walks the park. My kids grew up playing at this park. I am hoping to bring my grandchildren to this park. We have attended birthday parties at this park. Please do the best thing

for the people who live in this area; the people who play in this area; the people who shop, and work in this area.

Sincerely,
Lenni DePaoli
7757711865

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ingrid Lubbers](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: OPPOSITION to Wedge Pkwy Stadium!!!!
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 12:36:51 AM

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I grew up in Reno and owned a small business here which I sold recently after 31 years. I've watched this area grow since 1962. You have a chance to avoid making a mockable and abysmal mistake on par with building a homeless shelter in the center of our tourist area and ballpark. That was a botched decision by previous officeholders, not you, however you should not join them by parking a stadium next to an established residential area.

This proposed location is way too close to the flanking residential neighborhoods and many recently-built nearby dense apartment complexes. They are also a residential use!. I'm sure the residents there would not appreciate having a giant event center so close to their dwelling. Do not dismiss their importance to you simply because they do not OWN their place of residence. There will be excessive traffic as well as NOISE and LIGHTING. It subtracts what is now a wonderful outdoor field for children in those apartments.

The City of Reno and Washoe County should not be in the business of using OUR taxpayer dollars (whether local or Federal dollars) to subsidize construction of a stadium at all. That is what private enterprise is for. This is not a purpose we ask our government employees to perform for us. Officials are public servants who work for the citizens. Do not be swayed by special interest developers.

This is NOT an appropriate location for such a thing, nor is it an appropriate allocation of tax revenues. Currently the park is a beautiful open grassy field which cools the area, allows kids of any means to enjoy open space for free and allows precipitation to soak into the earth and recharge our aquifers. A massive building and paved parking lot is counter to the recently stated goals to penalize property owners based on the percentage of surface area that is impenetrable to rainfall, etc. We should not be removing pleasing greenspace. It would be detrimental to the community's quality of life to "pave Paradise and put up a parking lot" no matter how proponents try to sell it to you.

Please use some common sense and show a backbone. Vote NO on placing a stadium in this rural residential setting. Stay out of the stadium business.

Sincerely,

Ingrid Lubbers DDS

From: [Dudley Larsen](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: South Valley Soccer stadium
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 8:18:49 AM

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I strongly object to the proposed give away of public land to develop a soccer stadium. Traffic congestion, lack of parking, noise pollution, lowering of home values are just a few of my objections. There is already a lack of public space for recreation and this proposal will further reduce public access. Place your resources and energy on developing other infrastructure and get out of the pro sports and stadium business to the detriment of your constituents

Sincerely
Dudley Larsen
Mountaingate
Sent from my iPhone
Dud Larsen

From: [Greg McVickers](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Cc: [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Subject: Proposed Soccer stadium
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 8:53:48 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

My wife and I would like you to know that we DO NOT support the proposed Professional Soccer stadium for South Reno.

We would much rather see the existing park well maintained and even expanded for all to use! Especially as there appears to be a professional Soccer Stadium approved for North Reno, which is a private enterprise that is not requiring taxpayer dollars to support!

Thank you for your consideration,

Greg & Dianne McVickers
12355 Westridge Dr.
Reno, NV 89511

From: [Hilary Huffman](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); comissionersupport@washoecounty.com
Subject: Soccer stadium
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 2:19:43 AM

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From: [Ramos, Candee](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: FW: Soccer stadium
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 9:40:40 AM
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And another one!



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From: Hilary Huffman <hilaryhuffman6@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2024 2:44 AM
To: Managers - Commissioner Support <commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov>
Subject: Soccer stadium

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Do not want or need a stadium at south valleys. No more sweetheart deals.

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From: [Ramos, Candee](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: FW: Vote NO on Wedge Parkway Stadium proposal
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 10:03:58 AM
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These just keep coming in for you!



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From: Nanette Boyer <mtnvines@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2024 10:01 AM
To: Managers - Commissioner Support <commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov>
Subject: Vote NO on Wedge Parkway Stadium proposal

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Good morning. My name is Nanette Boyer. I am a native Renoite and have lived in south Reno for the last thirty years. Four years ago I moved to a SFR home off of Wedge Parkway. I did my research and there was only small commercial establishments planned around this area.

I was appalled to recently find out that there is a plan proposed to use donated park land to build a professional soccer field off of Wedge Parkway. There is already a plan in the works to build one in North Reno. The Wedge area already gets very congested with traffic during soccer and baseball games. This is a quiet, mostly residential area and a stadium is not conducive with the existing development.

I am not against the stadium. I think it will be a win for Reno but it needs to be built in a location that has ample parking, no additional noise issues, etc. Please vote no on this proposal and look into why the North Reno location is not a better placement for the stadium.

Thank you for your time. Nanette Boyer, 988 Truckee Valley Drive, Reno 89511
Sent from my iPad

From: [Edward Schoepke](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Cc: commissionersupport@wshoecounty.gov; info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: South Soccer Stadium
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 10:32:29 AM

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Dear Commissioners:

I understand that there are plans to build a large soccer stadium in the South Valleys County Park. I think that this needs to be stopped since this is a residential neighborhood, and a very large stadium is much more suited to be built near downtown. It will tragically increase traffic and noise in this area. I often take walks in the trails at that park, and appreciate the open space there as was the original intent. I realize that a private developer sees a huge amount of money coming in, but that is not the purpose of a county park. The people should take precedence over money.

I wish to lodge my opposition to this idea.

Your truly,
Edward P. Schoepke
16210 Tanea Drive
Reno, Nevada 89511

From: [Scott Willis](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Cc: info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: Support the New Stadium Project
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 10:53:29 AM

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I wanted to email and express my support for the new proposed soccer stadium in south Reno.

I think this is a wonderful idea and amenity for the community. It will help to fill out an underused part of the park and provide a much needed place to hold events in South Reno.

Like the Reno Ice before it having this close by is a positive and it should continue to be explored with the potential positives vastly outweighing any of the downsides.

I hope you can allow this to continue

-Scott

From: [Ramos, Candee](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: FW: Wedge Stadium
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 10:56:46 AM
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From: kitoshell@gmail.com <kitoshell@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2024 10:55 AM
To: Managers - Commissioner Support <commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov>
Subject: Wedge Stadium

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I am opposed to building a stadium in Wedge area. There is too much traffic and the accompanying noise now. I live in Damonte Ranch and feel that the stadium will make the area much too crowded for our cars, motorcycles and bicycles to safely travel our streets and the access to the 395 and 580 will be impossible,

Respectfully,
Kathleen OShell
2366 Clementine Lane
Reno, NV. 89621

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Tammy Brace](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Subject: STADIUM AT SOUTH VALLEY PARK PROPOSAL
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 11:00:34 AM

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David Brace
20 Snowball Ct.
Reno Nv. 89511
TLBRACE2022@GMAIL.COM

775/848-4825
7/20/2024

Dear Brandon Roman,

I am writing to formally express my strong objection to the proposed construction of a stadium in the middle of our neighborhood in South Reno. As a 27 year resident directly impacted by this project, I am deeply concerned about its potential adverse effects on our community. As most people do, I purchased here for peace and serenity not noise and traffic, as I'm sure you would not like a stadium built across the street from your home for the same reasons. It's one thing to have homes encroach on a stadium, but to have a stadium built in the middle of a residential area where there is already a park that just received a 2 million grant for upgrades and improvements is a slap in the face, just so a contractor gets a sweet deal and rakes in the profits at others expense.

Firstly, the location of the proposed stadium raises significant issues related to traffic congestion and safety. Our neighborhood already experiences challenges with traffic flow during peak times, and the addition of a stadium is likely to exacerbate these problems, posing risks to pedestrians and cyclists, as well as residents navigating local streets.

Secondly, noise pollution is a major concern. Stadium events are notorious for generating high levels of noise, which would disrupt the peace and tranquility that residents in our neighborhood currently enjoy. This disturbance would not only affect daily life but could also have detrimental effects on the well-being and quality of life of our community members, particularly those living in close proximity to the proposed site.

Furthermore, the construction and operation of a stadium could potentially lead to environmental degradation. The increased traffic and large crowds associated with stadium events may result in air pollution, littering, and strain on local resources and infrastructure. These impacts could negatively affect our neighborhood's natural environment and undermine efforts towards sustainability.

In addition to these concerns, there are uncertainties about how property values will be affected. Studies have shown that proximity to stadiums can sometimes lead to decreased property values, which could have long-term economic repercussions for homeowners in our community.

As a resident and stakeholder in this neighborhood, I strongly urge you to reconsider the proposed location of the stadium and explore alternative sites that are less densely populated and better equipped to handle the associated impacts. I also request transparency in the decision-making process and meaningful opportunities for community input and dialogue.

Please consider the collective concerns of the residents who will be directly affected by this project. We are committed to preserving the character and livability of our neighborhood and believe that the construction of a stadium at this location is not in the best interests of our community.

Thank you for considering my objections. I look forward to your response and to further discussing this matter with you.

Sincerely,

David Brace

From: [Ramos, Candee](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Cc: [Johnston, Sally](#)
Subject: FW: Soccer stadium south Reno
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 11:32:32 AM
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Here is another one that didn't include you on it! I am including Sally Johnston on this so she will know to forward to you if these come only to Commissioner Support without including you on it. Sally – just forward to Brandon if he's not on it, but still log in QAlert – thanks!



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From: Kim Woods <kimberlytahoe@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2024 11:24 AM
To: Managers - Commissioner Support <commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov>
Subject: Soccer stadium south Reno

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Hello,

I live off of Wedge Parkway and visit the library, fields and ice rink easily and often. The proposed soccer stadium is very exciting to hear about. I think it would be a great asset to our community.

Thank you!

From: charcurtisedd@aol.com
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); commissionsupport@washoeconomy.gov
Cc: info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: South Valleys Stadium proposal is unthinkable
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 11:42:40 AM

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What a crazy idea to put a South Valleys Stadium in land designated for public park facilities. Wedge Parkway is so impacted with traffic currently due to Reno Ice, soccer events on Saturday, new strip commercial development center across from the library and homes that have been there for years. It's a two lane road with heavy traffic already.

We totally oppose any plan to build a stadium off of Wedge Parkway. The plan for the stadium off Parr Blvd. is much more realistic!

We oppose Stadium on Wedge Parkway!

Chet and Charlotte Curtis
10129 Indian Ridge Parkway
Reno, NV 89511

From: [Ann Minahan](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Proposed Soccer Stadium
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 11:58:56 AM

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I am opposed to the Soccer Stadium being built on Wedge Parkway in South Reno, NV.

The area is too congested as it is and this will only impact the area in a negative way. Wedge Parkway, a two lane road, cannot support a stadium that holds up to 6000 people... The infrastructure just isn't there.

I propose you leave the property as is or perhaps make the upper soccer field area a designated dog park.

Please do not approve this.

Thank you,

Ann

From: [Laura Chapman](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Cc: [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Subject: YES to Wedge Stadium
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 12:22:19 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

A neighbor informed me that there are plans to build a professional soccer stadium off Wedge Parkway. While that individual is against the idea (and trying to recruit others to voice protests), I for one am excited by the idea. As I anticipate some negative emails coming your way regarding the prospect, I thought it was important to voice some support. I think the stadium would be a wonderful idea. I foresee it drumming up more business for the establishments across the street from the library. I can also envision it being both inspiring and exciting for the kids who play soccer at the fields already in that area to have a professional soccer stadium in their vicinity. Finally, with the addition of the semipro hockey league up at South Tahoe, it will be nice to have another draw for business back down in our area of South Reno.

Sincerely,

Laura Gnesda

From: [Valerie Venegoni](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Soccer stadium on Wedge!
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 12:24:25 PM

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I wish to oppose this construction with all my heart! We have too much construction on going in that 1 mile area.... Costco and Sam's club on my Rose will bring enough congestion without a stadium! What are people thinking! I vote NO!

I am Valerie Venegoni

4250 Twin Falls Drive reno 89511

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Michelle Tebault](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Subject: Pro sports team stadium
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 12:33:36 PM

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I'm understanding that's for profit stadium is being pushed thru. Also that south town multi use park complex be given to a private developer for a dollar a year lease. This is to build a stadium for a pro soccer team.

I'm completely against this idea. There is already property off of Parr blvd for this idea. South town is residential and doesn't need or want a large single use stadium in our area. The property off Parr blvd is not near residential area that would impact anyone quality of life.

We already have enough light pollution at night in the south valley. We don't need large lights to be turned on for night games.

The park we have now is at least multi-use park. Not just dedicated to one type of sport. The park we have now is owned by everyone. The park that is being pushed thru is a for profit single use type stadium. I'm sure a stadium will be owned by a Llc or something to that effect.

I understand I'm just one insignificant person living in the south valleys however I don't think that one developer's idea for a for profit stadium should take precedent over my ability to enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the nights sky, in my own back yard. If I wanted to live in the middle of Los Angeles , I'd move there. But I don't. I love living here in south Reno. Don't ruin it.

M. Tebault

From: [Sandra Williams](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Do not want stadium at Wedge congested enough.
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 12:42:25 PM

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From: [Kate Wiley](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Soccer Stadium
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Do NOT screw up our neighborhood!!!!

From: [Doug Bohall](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: OPPOSE SOUTH VALLEYS SOCCER STADIUM
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Mr. Roman,

We have lived in the South Reno area for 34 years. We understand with the population growing in our area, there is an increased need for certain venues including parks, open spaces, hiking trails and stadiums. We are contacting you with our concerns regarding the planned South Reno soccer stadium location. Apparently, there is another soccer stadium planned near Parr Blvd. It seems the Parr Blvd location would be more accessible to all of Reno, not just south Reno residents. We don't feel the current location planned for Wedge Parkway in South Reno stadium is viable. The flyer we received states the stadium will seat 6,500 and has a 10,000 capacity for special events! Do we know what those special events are?? We can't even imagine what kind of traffic situation that 5,000 plus cars would cause when entering or leaving a game or special event in this area. It is truly not fair to the people that live and have made a prior substantial financial commitment in close proximity of the proposed site. Our area traffic has increased tremendously in the past five years. Additionally, the noise level of 6,500-10,000 fans or attendees, especially any night (regardless of a night curfew), cannot be overlooked. We live approximately 1.0 mile away from the Bishop Manogue high school football stadium. We can hear the announcer and the cheering from the stadium at various times at the events being held in their stadium. Bishop Manogue has a seating capacity of 2,500 in it's football stadium. We are approximately 1.2 miles from the proposed South Valleys stadium location. We are now being asked to approve a new noise level created from this proposed stadium, with possibly, four times the amount of people during events. On a side note, both of our children grew up playing soccer at the South Reno complex and we still love soccer. We feel

the location off Parr Blvd would better serve all of Reno/Sparks area.

Please oppose this South Reno soccer stadium location.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Doug and Sylvia Bohall

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Barbara Berent](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#); Info@SportLogicGlobal.com
Subject: Soccer stadium
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I live in Southwest Vistas, located in the south end of Reno. I have seen congestion, increased traffic and the natural beauty and views of the area be impacted by:

A town home community along Zolezzi.
The ever growing number of apartments along Wedge Parkway.
The new mixed use development on the west side of Wedge Parkway.
Reno Ice.

Now a soccer stadium is being proposed that:

Seems to have been kept quiet until now.
Is an alarming sweetheart deal for a private investor.
Brings an astronomical increase in noise, traffic and pollution to an already congested area.
Is a stadium for soccer fans - very specific, not for everyone.

I like the current ideas for the South Valleys parklands:

Multipurpose fields (for everyone's use)
Splash Park (It gets hot here!)
Picnic area with restrooms (needed wherever humans gather)
Kids play area (little humans)
Dog park (adorable non-humans)
Trails (walking is good for us!)

Let's elevate our values, climate awareness and sense of community by utilizing the land that is most appropriate for the project. Let's utilize the soccer stadium already in the works by Parr Boulevard, that does not infringe on existing homes and is much less congested!

I'm talking to you, Wendy. Do you live next door to this proposed stadium? Will you be moving there? Hmmmm. Didn't think so.

Thank you for considering public opinion,

Barbara Berent

From: [wanda otoole](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Cc: [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Subject: NO ON SOCCER FIELD OFF WEDGE
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 1:10:40 PM

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I know Wendy Damonte was trying to get a soccer stadium built at GSR. That was not successful. However, I understand that was a better location due to a more commercial location and it would draw spectators with the hotel.

Now she wants to bring it to a residential area where the traffic is already more crowded than it should be. The area is built to capacity . Plus, the older homes which have been along Wedge for more than 20 years?.....it's already NOISY with the current sports field and lights.

Ten thousand outdoor stadium? The new merchant center built on Wedge Parkway, the newer housing on Wedge and up Arrowcreek which joins Mountaingate. The newer apartments at the beginning of Zolezzi and more coming at Zolezzi and Arrowcreek intersection. What in the world are they thinking?

There is no place to widen or add the roadway in this area.

Never mind the noise and added traffic.

Has there been a noise and traffic study done? Have they gone into the neighborhoods and advised the homeowners asking their opinion?

This is not the right location and any fool who lives in this area can attest to the reasons why we SHOULD NOT EVEN CONSIDER THIS PROPOSAL.

Shame on Wendy Damonte taking our only remaining area with its small field.....

Wanda OToole

Reno NV 89521

From: [WhitecoatReview PA](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#); info@sportlogivcglobal.com
Subject: We Object The Wedge Parkway Stadium Proposal
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 1:13:19 PM

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County Commission
Washoe County
1001 E 9th St
Reno, NV 89512

Dear County Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposal of using South Valleys Park's public land for the construction of a private stadium. This project, driven by corporate greed, poses significant harm to our community and disregards the public interest in favor of private gain.

South Valleys Park was established to serve as a public recreational area, providing much-needed green space and recreational facilities for the residents of our community. The proposal to convert this cherished public park into a private stadium is a blatant betrayal of public trust. Such a decision would result in numerous negative impacts, including:

Light Pollution and Noise: The stadium, designed to host events with a capacity of 6,500 seats, will introduce significant light pollution and noise into our residential neighborhoods. This disruption will affect the quality of life for thousands of residents, particularly during late-night events.

Erosion of Public Assets: Our park, currently utilized for various public activities such as sports, picnics, and family gatherings, will be significantly diminished. The trails, fields, and recreational spaces that serve our community will be overshadowed by a private entity's interests.

Unethical Private Gain: The fact that the stadium will be handed over to private developers for a negligible fee of \$1 per year is an egregious misuse of public land. This deal prioritizes private profits over public benefit, raising serious ethical concerns about the motivations behind this project.

Furthermore, I question the intentions of Wendy Damonte in her support for this unethical project. Ms. Damonte's advocacy for the stadium appears to be driven by interests that do not align with the well-being of our community. Her statements trivialize the very real concerns of residents who will be adversely affected by this development. The notion that people would want to live near a stadium without considering the significant disturbances it brings is out of

touch with the community's needs and realities.

There is already an alternative soccer stadium proposed in Reno, which does not encroach upon public land and does not impose on residential neighborhoods. This alternative demonstrates that the current proposal is not the only viable option and that more ethical and community-friendly solutions are available.

In conclusion, I urge the County Commission to reconsider and reject the proposal to convert South Valleys Park into a private stadium. It is imperative that we preserve our public spaces for the enjoyment and benefit of all community members, rather than surrendering them to private interests. Let us protect our parks and ensure that public resources remain in public hands.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Concerned Residents From Callahan Ranch

From: [Debbie Currie](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Wedge stadium
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 1:24:26 PM

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From: [Loren Biglieri](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Wedge Stadium
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No to this proposal!

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From: [Parker, Robert](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Soccer Stadium
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 2:07:01 PM

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We are not in favor of the County allowing a private party to build a soccer stadium on our park land. This was tried on the east coast, and the “developer/team owner” wanted to enlarge it even before approval was given.

The traffic alone is a reason not to allow it. Wedge Parkway is a mess, and the attendees will use the library parking lots, which are already congested.

Bob and Kat Parker
120 Cliffrose Circle
Galena Forest

From: [The Tait Family](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Objection to South County Stadium Proposal
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 2:13:12 PM

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As a resident of Washoe County I wish to strongly oppose the proposed stadium that is being planned for the Damonte/Wedge Parkway area.

I do not wish to give up my access to the very limited number of County parks available in my area. I also do not believe that a stadium of this size will be a good fit for the neighborhood. The resulting traffic from this stadium will be horrific to those that live nearby.

Please vote NO on this proposal.

William Tait
6144 Mesa Road
Reno Nevada 89511

From: [linda.pedersen](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Opposition to the South Reno Stadium
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 2:28:50 PM

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My name is Linda Pedersen. I am writing to voice my opposition to your plans to build a stadium in the south Reno park location. This neighborhood is a residential area with streets that cannot accommodate the traffic that will be generated by a stadium with the capacity to hold 10,000 spectators. It will create a major traffic problem for the residents trying to turn from side streets, the library and the small shopping center. In addition to increased car and foot traffic, the residents will be impacted by the noise and bright lights, especially at night.

The walk to the park where children and their parents can play and meet with friends and family is essential to their social and emotional well being. The soccer fields are necessary for children's competitive soccer matches. Removing them leaves few options for this popular children's sport. With the obesity issues facing our children, these parks and fields are needed to help keep kids off iPads and TV screens and give them easy access to outdoor activities where they can exercise in the fresh air and release excess energy. With the Parr Blvd. option, why destroy a south Reno neighborhood? Avid soccer fans WILL travel north to see professional soccer games and bring more revenue and jobs to that part of town. Those who are considering this stadium in South Reno obviously don't live in the area. If they did, the Part Blvd. option would be their only choice. Families are moving to Reno every day, and as a parent and grandparent I believe we need to start thinking about being more child friendly. After all, children are our future. For the sake of the children, along with the other issues involved, I am asking that you reconsider locating the stadium to the Parr Blvd. location. Thank you for your important consideration.

Linda Pedersen
lpedersen@sbcglobal.net
(775)772-1105
Sent from my iPhone

From: rfarnsworth54@gmail.com
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Don't give public land to private developer for unnecessary stadium
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 2:40:54 PM

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Hello,

As a Washoe resident, I would like to urge you not to allow the South Valley land donated to County residents for public use and recreation, to a private developer for a stadium that doesn't benefit the general public. There is already a stadium on Parr Blvd that is being built without public cost and impact.

Please be a responsible public servant and make the right decision regarding South Valley Park, and **do not hand over public recreation lands to private developers**. There is no benefit or return on investment in a decision to give private developers public land worth tens of millions of dollars for them to then profit off the public. I am very disappointed this is all being quietly negotiated behind closed doors, so please represent the welfare of the public in your NO DECISION.

Thank you,

Rachelle Farnsworth

From: [Jaime Winchell](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: NO to Wedge Stadium
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 2:51:24 PM

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Good Afternoon,

I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed location for the new soccer stadium on Wedge Parkway. Based on my experience and observations over the past decade living in the area, I believe this site is not well-suited for such a development.

Traffic congestion on Wedge Parkway and Arrowcreek Parkway has significantly worsened over the last five years. Adding a stadium to this already congested area would exacerbate the problem, leading to further traffic issues. Additionally, the current land and parking provisions are insufficient for accommodating a large stadium, which could result in overflow parking spilling into nearby neighborhoods and affecting local amenities such as the library.

In contrast, a location with more open space, like the Golden Eagle Sports Complex, would be better suited for this type of facility. This would ensure adequate parking and reduce the impact on surrounding areas.

Given these concerns, I strongly urge the county to reconsider the proposed location and explore alternative sites that can better support the needs of the stadium and the community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best regards,
Jaime Winchell

From: [Ramos, Candee](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: FW: I Oppose a Stadium at South Valley Park
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 3:07:33 PM
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He spelled your name wrong...



Candee Ramos
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cramos@washoecounty.gov | 775.276.3846 (cell)
1001 E. 9th, Reno, NV 89512



From: KENNETH VAUGHN <ken-andrea@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2024 3:01 PM
To: browman@washoecounty.gov; Managers - Commissioner Support
<commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov>
Subject: Fw: I Oppose a Stadium at South Valley Park

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Andrea Vaughn. I'm writing this email on behalf of myself and my husband Kenneth Vaughn. We are native Nevadans and have spent our entire lives in the Truckee Meadows area.

We have spent the last 12 years living in the very area that you propose to build this new Reno Soccer Stadium. We have already been directly impacted by the increase in growth on this side of town.

A Soccer Stadium of this magnitude built in this area would negatively affect all residents. Wedge Pkwy is already overburden with excessive traffic and is extremely unsafe for pedestrians and bicyclists. We've had numerous incidents of pedestrians being injured by automobiles and in addition, we've had gridlock in emergency situations and for many of us Wedge Pkwy is our only access in or out of our neighborhoods.

For this plan to be moving forward behind closed doors without the input of the very people it will impact the most is undemocratic. We pay an exorbitant amount in property taxes to live in this area. This 18 acres was meant to be donated and reserved for public use, not to be given to a private developer for a

sweetheart deal of \$1/yr in taxes.

Please find a more fitting area that will be able to accommodate the size and magnitude of this project so that all can enjoy the benefits of bringing a professional soccer team to the Truckee Meadows.

We would like to be included in any future meetings regarding this project.

Thank you,
Andrea Vaughn

Kenneth and Andrea Vaughn
16050 River Oaks Ct
Reno, Nv 89511



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From: [Alejandra Livingston](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#); Info@sportlogiclogal.com
Subject: Stadium in South Reno
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 3:47:31 PM

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Good afternoon, our family has been recently informed of plans to build a soccer stadium in the South Valleys area. We are opposed to this project. As much as we believe in economic development, zip code 89511 is expensive and pays high property taxes. The type of development that is needed is not of this type. We have enjoyed our area and decided to move here to be close to the mountains and to be in a zone with the better schools in the county. Dolan Academy and Galena High School already contribute a lot of traffic, and it is very difficult for us to exit our subdivision when students start or end school or during their lunch. More houses and apartments are being built in this community and we, law abiding tax payers, must be included in such decisions. There is already a soccer stadium being built on Parr Boulevard which will consume no public money, is on private land, it's near a freeway, and won't infringe on that community or its home values. The stadium in downtown Reno can accommodate soccer games too. The proposed stadium in South Reno will result in a loss of land that was donated to the County for use by the public. Many of us have been taking our children and dogs to this park and have enjoyed its use. We taxpayers pay to support this land. Library users will need easy access and room to park. Kids walk back in that neighborhood and forth, and sports events will make it unsafe for these kids to enjoy their neighborhood. This project will earn private revenue to the expense of its residents having to bear heavier traffic, noise, and lights in our district, plus those who drink heavily at sports events. We taxpayers want transparency from our public officials, many of which we elect, but we are being told that contracts are being executed without the public's knowledge or input. I cannot think of any of my neighbors wanting this type of undesirable activity in our community and we urge you to be transparent and take your taxpayers input or vote before proceeding further. Doing so will strengthen our faith in our local institutions and its public officials.

Sincerely,

Alejandra and Richard Livingston

From: [Tim Hogan](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Public land giveaway for private stadium
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 4:37:35 PM

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I was shocked to read that Washoe County is considering giving public land that is now the location of a park that is heavily used by the local community year-round to a private developer to build a soccer stadium. My grandkids and I use this park all the time and will be very unhappy if it is no longer available to us. I am very sure that like myself the vast majority of Washoe County residents would vote against this diversion of public park land for private development if given the chance. Do not support this plan.

Timothy Hogan
14240 Powder River Ct
Reno, NV 89511

From: [Edward White](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Sports arena on Wedge Parkway
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 4:44:50 PM

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To whom it may concern

My family and I are firmly against a sports arena on or near Wedge Parkway

There are too many homes and other commercial properties in that area!!

We have lived in the Mount Rose highway corridor for over 7 years. We are very familiar with Wedge Parkway. Over the years more commercial real estate has been developed. The area you want to put the arena already has a ton of homes and a library, a retail shopping center. The park area where you want the arena is already tight with ball fields soccer fields etc.

I understand there is another location that is set up for an arena which would, due to the demographics, be much better for an arena. The traffic is already tight this arena will cause the traffic to grind to a stop

Please reconsider and go with the other arena and leave this area for other activities that won't cause such a back log on Wedge Parkway and destroy this local park area.

Sincerely
Edward White

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From: [Kathleen](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: OPPOSE S. Valleys Soccer Stadium
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 5:02:25 PM

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Hello Mr. Roman,

As a 31-year resident of the Mt. Rose corridor, I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed soccer stadium on Wedge Parkway. We have seen the area grow incredibly over the years but this is still a NEIGHBORHOOD area. The lighting, traffic, and noise caused by the stadium would completely change the feel of the area. I don't know a single person who lives nearby who is in favor of this proposed development.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Christopherson

From: [Maureen Zupon](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Stadium
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 5:18:54 PM

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Hello,

I live in close proximity to this proposed stadium. It has no business taking park land meant for kids soccer fields etc donated by my former neighbor Massoud Dorascar. This city/county constantly, and haphazardly do not think things through, and give away the farm to developers. The constant traffic, noise and obnoxiousness of this project is insulting to all of the citizens who have invested in homes near the site. There is plenty of open space with highway access that would be a better location. It's already too crowded on Wedge all the time.

This is shady and disrespectful to those of us who have invested in this area. The county knows better than this. Who is paying who off to make this happen? None of this makes sense, and the project needs to stop, and move locations.

Regards,

Jeff and Maureen Zupon
1040 whites creek lane
Reno,NV 89511

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From: [Marcy Ross](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: STOP Soccer STADIUM
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 5:41:56 PM

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I am strongly opposed to this new soccer stadium..
Thank you,
Marcella Ross
Sent from my iPad

From: [Nick Gregg](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Cc: [Cindy Gregg](#)
Subject: Strongly Against the Soccer Stadium off of Wedge Pkwy
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 5:46:50 PM

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Hello Mr. Roman,

I live and own the home at 1045 Whites Creek Rd near the proposed soccer stadium. My wife and I are retired and purchased this property 2 years ago because of the lack of traffic congestion, easy access to the dog park across Wedge Pkwy and general peace and quiet in the area. This stadium will change all of that with its noise, traffic, lights, etc and we are strongly opposed to allowing it to move forward. Every neighbor we have spoken to about it is also strongly opposed to it. We support sports for our youth but this is the wrong location for a soccer stadium as it is so close to our homes. Please follow the will of the majority of the people and vote against this stadium off Wedge Pkwy.

Sincerely,

Nick Gregg

From: [Jan Cooke](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: I Do NOT Support - Stadium at the South Valleys Regional Park on Wedge
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 5:50:30 PM

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Hello,

I do NOT support a proposed stadium at the South Valleys Regional Park on Wedge Pkwy. A stadium is not appropriate for this area.

Jan Cooke

2470 Killington Drive

Reno, NV 89511

From: [Lyn Mundt](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Pro soccer stadium on Wedge Parkway
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Vote NO on stadium at Wedge Parkway. There is already way too much traffic from apartments. I already hear the kids soccer games even though I live quite a distance away but that is preferable to the roar from a professional stadium full of adults probably drinking alcohol. This is a quiet residential area surrounding a nice neighborhood park that has good access from Galena High, 2 elementary schools and 1 middle school. Please don't vote to spoil it!
Sent from my iPhone

From: [hsmeeks](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Against soccer stadium
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 6:50:48 PM

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My wife and I are opposed to building the proposed soccer stadium in this location. Increased traffic congestion, noise and overall negative impact on local residents must be respected and protected.

Regards,

Mic and Janet Meeks
13285 W Saddlebow Dr
Reno 89511

From: [Cam Gordinier](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: Info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: South Valley Park Stadium Proposal
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 7:25:59 PM

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To Whom this may concern.

I am a resident in the South Valleys Community. We love our County Park, it is always in use as it should be. I totally oppose the idea of a private stadium coming in and taking our 18 acres of park area. We have enough stadiums. We need to have more parks and open spaces where all people and children can go out to play and recreate in.

As I understand there is already a place off 395 Hwy and Parr Blvd. This is a great place for a stadium and it does not consume public money. It's on private land and does not infringe on the South Valleys neighborhood. Please vote NO on the South Valley and Wedge Damonte Stadium.

Thank you for considering,
Cam Gordinier

From: [Brian Wirt](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: [Kelly](#)
Subject: Reno Soccer Stadium
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 7:46:56 PM

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We live in south Reno. We absolutely do NOT want a stadium to be built on Wedge Parkway under the current proposal in which a private developer is given a sweetheart deal. We do not want 18 acres in south Reno to be used to build a stadium that is adjacent to houses, apartments and mobile homes, and without question will create traffic jams as well as light and noise pollution. There is no doubt that the affected residential neighborhoods will be compromised and home values will decrease substantially. This entire plan is particularly galling because South Valleys Park involves land that was donated and reserved for public use, but the county wrongly intends to divert this land for private use to construct a stadium.

Further, the proposed plan makes no sense whatsoever because Reno and the Reno Planning Commission already have approved plans for a different stadium, and the permit process for this alternative stadium is proceeding. This alternative stadium consumes no public money, is on private land, and does not infringe on any neighbors nor does it decrease home values.

Washoe County must back away from the business involving pro sports and stadiums. The county should allow SportLogic Northern Nevada, a private developer, to proceed on its stadium project.

We will be watching the county's actions in this matter very closely, and will take these actions into account at the next election.

Thank you. Brian Wirt

From: [Julie Diaz](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: info@sportslogicglobal.com; [Albert Diaz](#)
Subject: Residents Objection: 18 Acre Proposed Stadium in South Reno
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 8:20:44 PM

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Dear Washoe County Government Officials,

We are residents living at 1285 Wisteria Drive in Reno, 89511. Our home is located just off Wedge Parkway near the South Valleys Regional Park.

I'm writing to express concern that the South Valleys Regional Park may be diverted into a private use, 6500 seat stadium. Right now, we are amicably sharing these already over-crowded fields amongst many different soccer players/teams, dog owners and their dogs, and residents using the park for their own enjoyment. It's a beautiful, multi-use peaceful park that enhances the neighborhood.

It's been brought to our attention that this proposed stadium comprised of 18 acres is adjacent to thousands of single family, apartments and mobile homes in this particular area. Already, traffic has increased in this neighborhood due to a new shopping center built along on Wedge Parkway, plus the Reno Ice rink. Additional light and noise pollution from a new stadium will certainly compromise our peaceful residential neighborhood and depress our home values.

We are asking that the county get out of the pro sports and stadium business and reconsider which developers you choose to work with. It's our understanding that a different local private developer (SportsLogic Northern Nevada) already has land on Parr Blvd to support Northern Nevada in getting a stadium and pro-soccer that won't adversely affect any existing neighborhoods.

Thank you for your consideration of maintaining the peace in our beautiful neighborhood.

Albert & Julie Diaz
1285 Wisteria Drive
Reno, NV 89511
(775) 895-1445

From: [Andrea Lazzari](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Cc: commissionerssupport@washoecounty.gov; info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: Reno Sport Stadium in South Reno
Date: Friday, July 19, 2024 4:56:07 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to address the proposed sport stadium that may be going in on land that has been reserved for public recreation.

We have worked hard to grow youth sports in south Reno. The land that is set aside included softball fields for our girls out south. Unlike baseball we do not have sports complexes designated in parts of town to little league for our girls. This is not just a public land issue but a title 9 issue.

The land is reserved for recreational development for our youth and community. I am a huge advocate for sports. However, this is not the place for a stadium.

We will come strong on south Reno and make this very public. We do not agree with the development of a stadium in that area.

Thank you,

Andrea Barton

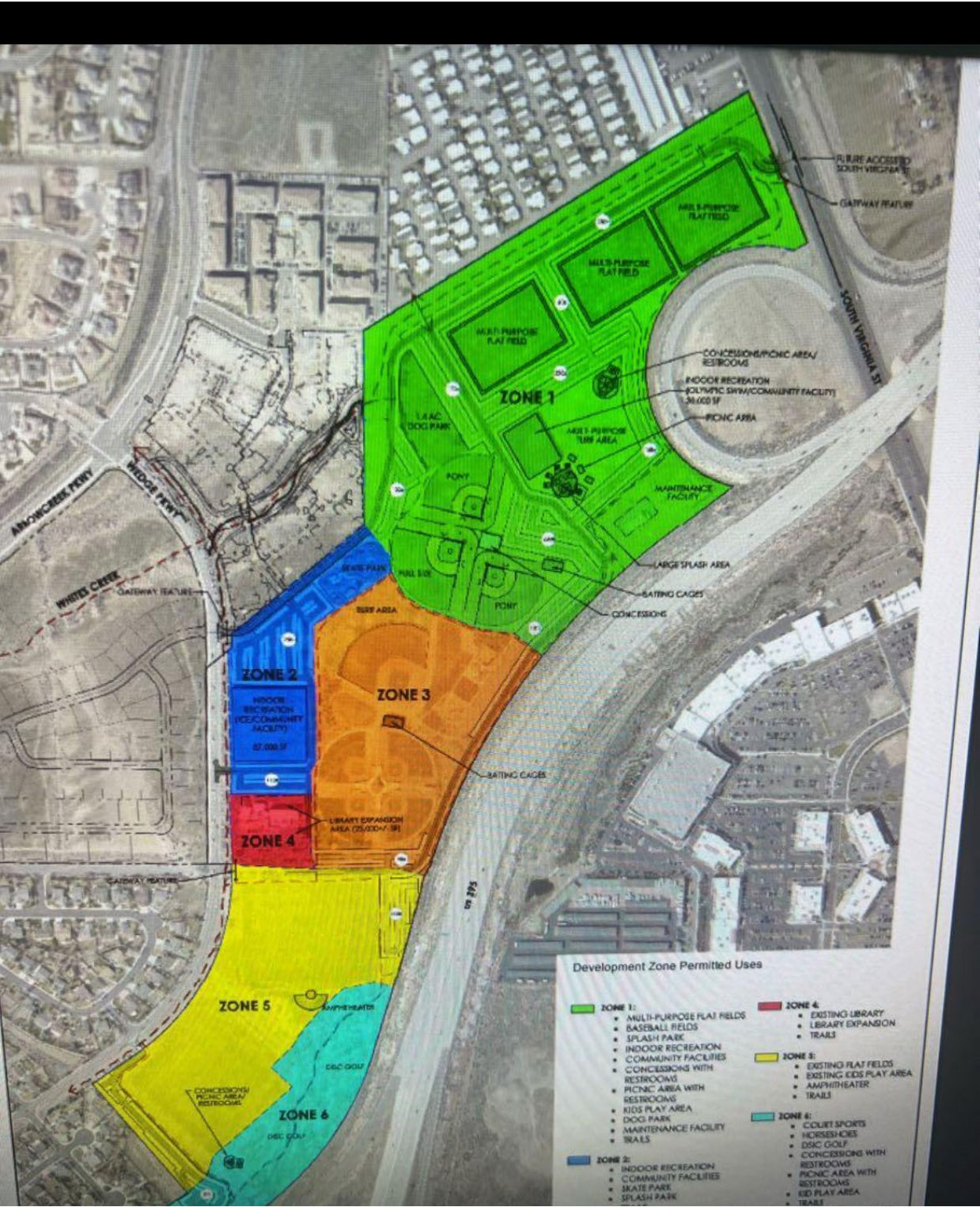
From: [Andrea Lazzari](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon; Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Subject: NO to wedge stadium!
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 9:30:41 PM

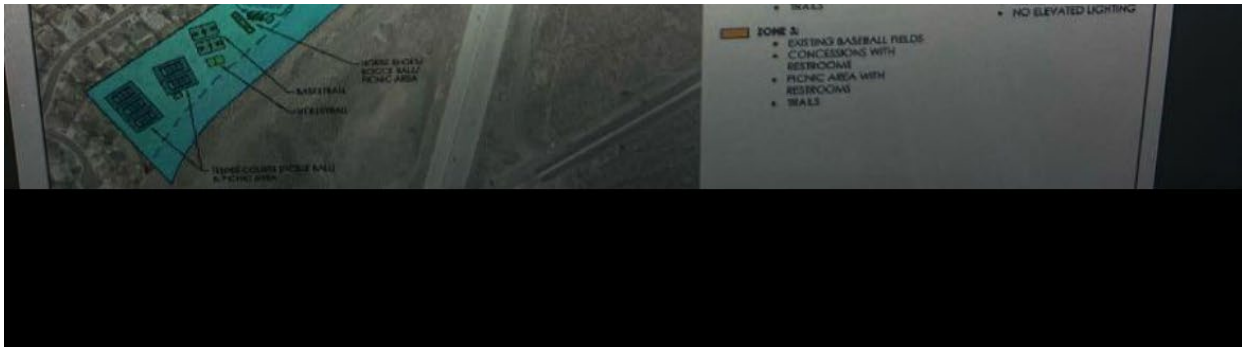
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My vote is no!! Go with the original plans below like you promised our community and youth!!





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From: [William Gibson](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Wedge Stadium
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Hello, Alicja Gibson here, a long time resident near the proposed stadium.
I am vigorously opposed to having the stadium in my area.
We are very congested and exposed to very loud noise from automobile and air traffic above our home already.
We don't need more people and more traffic noise here. Arrowcreek Parkway is already used as a recreational race track on many weekends. We are tormented by loud motorcycles racing at night. We have no quiet relief despite the reason we relocated to this part of Reno.
We need a people park in this area.
Lot of trees, picnic tables and a place for children, not more rowdy game attendees.
Please keep our sanctuary a "sanctuary".
Time for sanctuary spaces for locals who pay dearly in taxes to have a spot of peace and respect that which we have earned.
With most sincere thanks for your consideration,
Alicja Gibson

Sent from my iPhone

From: [William Gibson](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Wedge stadium
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 1:42:30 PM

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Alicja Gibson again.

I was so upset about the stadium in my previous letter that I forgot to mention the obvious venues

on Wedge Parkway: The hundreds of new residential units (more on the way), ice skating rink, existing sports fields, shopping center, professional offices and the library. So the idea of "piling up" and destroying South Reno is absolutely outrageous! OUTRAGEOUS!!!!!!

Why is it that where there is a pure piece of land (special to many of us) immediately it has to be destroyed??? \$\$\$\$\$\$???

Think it over, we don't have to destroy every part of Reno! Leave it alone!!!

Let's not become California.

I am a 56 year resident of this beautiful city for a reason !

Please! Don't kill it!

Our grandchildren deserve what we cherished and held close to our hearts. Do You have a heart?

Just say NO to the stadium!

Sincerely,
Alicja Gibson

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Lee Conley](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Soccer stadium
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No to the soccer stadium! Traffic has become HORRIFIC @ Wedge Parkway and all the way up Mt. Rose Highway. The "scenic corridor" is no longer intact and is becoming unenjoyable. STOP ruining the south end of Reno!!!!!!

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To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Proposed Soccer Stadium
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Hello,

I am writing to voice my concern for the new Soccer Stadium that is being mentioned off of Wedge Parkway. This is so saddening to hear. Wedge Parkway is already a nightmare when baseball and soccer games are going on. I can't even imagine what it would be like with a venue of that size. Why take away one of the last open green spaces our community has? I visit this park daily with my dog, I take my boys over weekly to run and practice sports. I'm absolutely sickened by the thought of that incredible view and open space being taken from us. There has to be another option for this soccer stadium. I'm not against the stadium itself, just against the location. Please don't allow this to happen!

Megan Murphy, South Reno Resident

From: [June Pulver](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Vote
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My vote for this project is definitely NO

Please leave the outdoor parks as is! We have great indoor access at swift sports dome near by .. (thank you swift!!)

I live off of wedge parkway and and already feeling the impact of traffic!

With the apartments on wedge and arrow creek, arrow creek and mountain gate the traffic and roads are becoming terrible! Please stop adding more homes and venues without considering the lousy accessibility!

We're out of room! Leave the new soccer arena to the north Reno as planned.

Thank you for consideration

June Pulver

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Sherill Janssen](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Stadium
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I am very much opposed to building a soccer stadium off Wedge Pkwy. This is an area for walking, watching youth baseball and soccer, going to the library, going to the dog park, etc. The traffic would be insufferable! This is a residential area, not a commercial area.

Sherill Janssen

From: [Cynthia Evans](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Cc: [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Subject: NO to Wedge Parkway Stadium
Date: Sunday, July 21, 2024 7:15:45 AM

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Good morning,

I am writing to express my NO opinion for the stadium off Wedge Parkway.

I am a resident of SW Reno. I live off of Zolezzi on Westridge Dr.

My family frequents Wedge Parkway for the library, shops, and Reno Ice for ice skating lessons. We also use S Virginia St. every day to get to and from our home.

I am really disappointed that there is a proposal to build a 10,000 seat stadium in that location. We already have traffic congestion from new homes and apartments and cannot accommodate what the stadium would bring. People buy homes in our area to get peace and quiet but easy access to Reno. If I wanted more of the "city life", I would have purchased a home more central to the city.

Please consider the people of SW Reno and do not allow a stadium to be build off Wedge Parkway.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Evans

From: [tami lehouillier](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: NO to soccer stadium off Wedge
Date: Sunday, July 21, 2024 8:16:50 AM

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Please, NO!!!! Traffic, noise, pollution, crime, people. Please. NO.
Tami LeHouillier
3340 Jenna Way
89511

From: [Nicol Herris](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Oppose the Stadium Project on Wedge Park Way
Date: Sunday, July 21, 2024 9:34:16 AM

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Hi:

This is the first I and many of my neighbors have heard about this project. I am opposed to this project as the location of this project is inappropriate for various reasons such as: traffic flow, noise, safety and etc.

We are asking you to delay the approval of this project until the citizen have adequate time to provide input.

Thanks a Million for all YOU do!

Nicôl Herris

45 Golden Currant Circle

Reno, NV 89511

775-300-3763

Thanks a Million for all YOU do!

Nicôl

From: [Cindy Young](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Soccer field
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Please don't build the soccer field in S Reno. Area can't handle traffic and they already have land in N Reno

Sent from my iPad

From: [Linda Nazemian](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: South Valley Park
Date: Sunday, July 21, 2024 10:20:42 AM

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This region's fields are over 150% overused. South Valley Park received a \$2 million grant to expand the park - not to build a private funded fee based stadium. A stadium seating 6500 for games and \$10,000 for special events. The surrounding neighborhood is densely populated with single family homes, apartments and condos and we do not want the noise, traffic and pollution that this stadium will bring, while at the same time limiting the space for much needed flat fields, baseball fields, splash park Kids Play area, Dog Park and trails. And NO, Wendy Damonte is totally wrong about people actually wanting to live near stadiums. It is these kind of actions which cause trust in our county, state and federal institutions.

Linda Nazemian

From: willsforrest@aol.com
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Oppose Unsolicited Proposal - South Valley's Outdoor Soccer Stadium
Date: Sunday, July 21, 2024 10:39:41 AM

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Brandon

My name is Mary Williams and I am asking you to forward my comment to the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission on July 24th. I am unable to attend the meeting so cannot publicly comment.

I live in Mountain Gate, just north of the proposed site of the South Valley's Outdoor Soccer Stadium. I use the park for long walks weekly and drive past the park on most days. I do not support the stadium being built. In addition to the loss of the park, the current roads and infrastructure cannot support this large of a venue. The costs and disruption to my neighborhood, in my view, is prohibitive and just not worth it.

Therefore, I recommend that the Board "NOT support the unsolicited proposal for an outdoor stadium & training facility at Washoe County's South Valleys Regional Park and that staff should not move forward with negotiating the unsolicited proposal."

Thank you for forwarding my comment.

Mary Williams
13340 Crest Valley Dr.
Reno

From: willsforrest@aol.com
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Oppose South Valley's Soccer Stadium
Date: Sunday, July 21, 2024 10:46:04 AM

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Brandon

I am unable to attend the Parks Commissioners meeting on July 24th and would appreciate you forwarding my comment.

I live in a close neighborhood to South Valley's Regional Park and oppose any and all support for the South Valley's Outdoor Soccer Stadium and Training facility.

Thank you for forwarding my comment.

Roger Williams
13340 Crest Valley Dr
Reno

From: [Vicki Nelson](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Subject: Proposed soccer stadium/Wedge Parkway
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Building any type of large capacity event center on Wedge Parkway is insane. Have you seen Wedge Parkway? The library already fights for parking from the park that's there. The noise and traffic congestion would be a nightmare for nearby residents. Even the patrons attending would be discouraged from fighting that traffic mess. Neighborhoods would be infiltrated with cars, people, trash left behind, noise etc., etc.

Please STRONGLY consider voting NO on this proposal. South Reno residents thank you.

Victoria Nelson

From: [Jeffrey Solomon](#)
To: commissionersupport@washoe.gov; [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Reno Soccer Stadium
Date: Sunday, July 21, 2024 11:49:01 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

We are writing to you to protest the plan to put a soccer stadium in South Meadows Park, this location is clearly not suitable for this project.

1. Wedge Parkway is not a parkway but a small secondary road that is already congested.
2. The vicinity is already congested (i.e., Arrowcreek Pkwy, Wedge Pkwy./Zollezzi/Virginia St. intersections), with traffic from various homes, apartments and businesses entering Wedge from several side streets.
3. There is also a patio home development being added at Arrowcreek/Zollezzi to add more congestion.
4. The stadium will add traffic, noise and light pollution to a generally residential area.
5. There is already a library, ice rink, and several sports fields in that location which is ENOUGH!
6. Lastly, we are tired of giving public assets to private businesses (e.g., Wendy Damonte), ESPECIALLY sports related.

Build it in a more appropriate and less invasive location.

Jeffrey & Ann Solomon
14115 Moonrise Ct. Reno, NV

From: [Maria Denzler](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: OPPOSED to South Valleys Regional Soccer Field
Date: Sunday, July 21, 2024 11:59:11 AM

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Dear Brandon,

My husband, Mark, and I live in Washoe County in South Reno in the Saddlehorn area. We built our home here and have lived here for the past 18 years.

We **GREATLY OPPOSE** the new plans for a 10,000 person soccer field off of Wedge Parkway. Over time, we have seen tremendous growth in South Reno, but this plan goes beyond all reason in terms of size, number of people, noise and overall negative impact on this area. Local media claiming that residents love to live near these facilities and love the noise that they create are just **NOT TRUE!**

PLEASE DO NOT SUPPORT THIS PLAN.

Best Regards,
Mark and Marie Denzler
4545 Saddlehorn Drive
South Reno

From: cheryl.maes@icloud.com
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#); Info@soportlogicglobal.com
Subject: Withdraw Support for the Proposed Stadium on Wedge Parkway
Date: Sunday, July 21, 2024 12:33:53 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I strongly oppose this stadium being built at the suggested location on Wedge Parkway. In fact, I am outraged that you have *even* suggested putting a stadium in this location. As a longtime resident to the area (1991), the growth to this area has been incredible as it is, but to add a stadium to an area that's roads are already stressed? Do you folks think beyond your pocketbooks? Anyone having done their research on costs (both immediate and in the future) of a stadium to the community would not consider this a good choice. The benefits (profits) go to the developer and not the community who need to pick-up the tax bill.

Lastly, have you driven on Wedge? It's a lifeline for those of us living and getting around in the area and it has already reached capacity with the all the new apartments built in the area. You are suggesting that an additional 20,000+ vehicles could be seasonally using it? Are you kidding us?! Ludicrous! There is little-to-no room to expand this road and the county barely maintains this road as it is.

So, no to Wendy Damonte! No to the private developer! And no to you wanting to hand public land over to private interests. We are "worried about the noise" and "we *do not* want to be a part" of your mess (sorry, legacy). Put it in your own backyard! Or better yet, continue with the other stadium proposal that was already approved.

Please reconsider this proposal and withdraw your (our) support,

CMaes

Cheryl Maes, MA

From: [Pam Ricci](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: info@sportligicglobal.com
Subject: Stadium South Valley Park
Date: Sunday, July 21, 2024 12:48:28 PM

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Dear Mr. Broman and County Commissioners,
It has come to my attention that you are in the final stages of approving a soccer stadium to be built in the South Valley's park area without consideration of what it will take away from our children and grandchildren.
I feel a Soccer stadium will be good for the community but there is already one under way planned and already has permits to go forward without impact to homeowners and families. The fields here are already overcrowded and we need more park area for our growing families in the area. Please do not push this aside.
I encourage you not to approve this project and go forward with the planned outdoor recreation and county park for this area. It is important to our families and homeowners in South Reno.
Sincerely,
Pamela Ricci



Pamela B Ricci
Ciao for now!!
Cell: 775.742.2671
Pam@Riccihomes.com
Make it Great Day!

From: [Terri Farrell](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#); info@SportLogicGlobal.com
Subject: Wedge Parkway Soccer Stadium
Date: Sunday, July 21, 2024 1:04:02 PM

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I am writing you to voice my opinion on a proposed soccer stadium. I have lived in Reno since 1964. I see all the new cheap construction going up all over Reno but especially South Reno area. The traffic has increased to the point of backed up traffic trying to merge on 580 going North. It is backed up from the Home Depot turn off. Reno needs to have the infrastructure to support all the new construction. I use Wedge Pkwy for shopping, going to the Library and the new strip Mall across the street from the Hockey Ice Arena. The traffic is busy and daunting at times. The park proposed for the stadium is for the public and has youth soccer and baseball games and practice. We do need lots more fields for our youth, not less. Please do not allow the soccer stadium to be built in busy neighborhoods. What are our county and city planners thinking?

Terri

From: [Kris Batross](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov
Cc: [Michael Batross](#)
Subject: Opposition to Wedge Stadium
Date: Sunday, July 21, 2024 1:19:08 PM

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I am writing to express my opposition to the development of a stadium off Wedge Parkway. We chose to settle in the Meadows neighborhood because it was a quiet and less developed part of South Reno. We love that they had so much park land and open space and this was one of the big selling points in our decision to buy our current home. The proposed stadium is going to overwhelm our little part of Reno with traffic, noise and lights that are inconsistent with the original zoning of the land.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kris Batross
941 Truckee Valley Dr.
Reno, NV
89511

From: [Kris Batross](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Subject: Opposition to Wedge Parkway area Stadium
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Kris Batross
941 Truckee Valley Dr.
Reno, NV
89511

From: [Tamara M Valentine](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov; [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: Opposition to a sports stadium on Wedge Parkway: Vote NO!
Date: Sunday, July 21, 2024 1:30:46 PM

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I am writing to the Washoe County Commission and all of Washoe County that I oppose entertaining the ludicrous idea of giving a county park on Wedge Parkway to a private developer to build a sports stadium!

I live in the South Valleys area, and I do not want the lights, noise, and traffic that comes with such a business. Nor do I want another 18 acres of park land in south Reno go to a private developer.

Washoe County is already overpopulated and crowded. Traffic is out of control. And our beautiful flora and fauna is being covered with concrete. Besides, there is already an approved alternative soccer stadium off Parr Blvd.

OPPOSE THIS DEAL!

Tamara Valentine
2525 Homeland Drive
Reno, 89511

From: [Michelle Rahman Stricklin](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Cc: info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: South Valleys Stadium
Date: Sunday, July 21, 2024 1:36:31 PM

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Hi,

Please do not build a stadium in south valleys and take away one of the few parks in south Reno. Our family plays soccer there, goes to the library, plays at the playground and uses the field as a dog park in the off season as do many other families. This is a terrible idea. Not only are areas by stadiums undesirable, you would be destroying the scenery and home value of houses nearby.

I vote no on the stadium.

Michelle Stricklin

From: mcdboyerl@gmail.com
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: proposed professional soccer stadium at South Valleys Park
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Mr. Roman: I am writing to express my complete opposition to this venture. The proposed stadium does not serve the majority of taxpayers (it is proposed to utilize publicly-owned land), and will not be to their benefit (at \$1/year?). It will wreak additional traffic and congested in an already highly-impacted area. It was deceptively proposed using language implying that placing such a stadium adjacent to suburban homes is common and normal. The likelihood that paved area will alter groundwater recharge and snowmelt runoff is high (and not studied), which is not acceptable. The possibility of the stadium being used at a time that requires night lighting is high- and completely unacceptable for nearby neighbors.

If you look at who benefits, and who pays, this is a non-starter. Unbelievable it was proposed, and actually is being evaluated for a public park. Very disappointing for so many good people in this city and county.

Laura McDowell-Boyer
6020 Mountain Shadow Ln.
Reno, NV 89511

From: [Dennis Pelham](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Soccer stadium on Wedge Pkwy
Date: Sunday, July 21, 2024 2:31:56 PM

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Hi there, I've been reading about this stadium proposed for Wedge on Nextdoor. Please please shut that down. We live just a couple miles away and absolutely don't want the traffic, the noise, or the loss of our nearest park. This area is too congested already and it's only getting worse, a stadium would just destroy it.

Thank you,
Dennis Pelham
4370 Great Falls loop

From: [Mark Nelson \(Home Gmail\)](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Public Comment - Planning Commission and County Commission - OPPOSE SOCCER STADIUM DEVELOPMENT AT SOUTH VALLEYS PARK
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More South Valleys Park STADIUM INFO - The truth seems stretched to the breaking point! The hope was apparently that no one would research the developer/owners claims. Bad news..... In the RGJ article, the development/ownership group implies that professional soccer stadiums adjacent to suburban homes is both normal and common. They cite 4 stadiums (or projects) that they claim are similar to the Reno proposal. Well - let's see: OC/Irvine, CA The OC soccer field is inside the 1300 acre former El Toro Marine Air Station. The base land was provided to the City of Irvine for redevelopment, including sports. The air base had long runways and limited residential surrounding it. NOPE - Not like South Valleys. Antelope Valley, CA The Antelope Valley soccer field is a conversion of a 30+ year old existing minor league baseball stadium. It's located in a largely commercial/industrial area, with bare, undeveloped land on 2 sides. As an existing land use for baseball games, this is certainly not jamming a stadium into a residential neighborhood like the South Valleys proposal. Tidewater Landing, RI The Tidewater Landing site is a brownfield reclamation project. Photos across the last few decades show a high voltage electrical substation and high voltage towers. They also show old, early 1900s buildings. The site is one commercial lot away from a football field and across the water from a party pier and some boat works. Like Irvine, it's reclaiming a brownfield site for a new use. Again - not like the GREENFIELD project at South Valleys Park. Roswell, GA This might be the best story. The USF (something soccer something) is moving its corporate headquarters to Atlanta, GA - a hop skip and a jump south of Roswell. Do you think that the USF plans to jam a team into area? Furthermore, Justin Papadakis, a Roswell native and USL's deputy CEO and chief real estate officer, seems to be point man on the deal. Gosh, I wonder why Roswell? The plan is to create a from scratch entertainment district in downtown Roswell with a 10,000 seat multiuse stadium, 2 soccer teams, and downtown development. Think San Diego Padre Stadium downtown or Oracle Park in SF. Hardly SUBURBAN, eh? NOPE - yet another red herring. Take the developer/club owners spiel with a dump truck of salt.

From: vetajdb@charter.net
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Stadium at South Valley Park
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I am absolutely AGAINST this. I can't understand how this private company is able to TAKE land donated for public use. Sounds very dishonest! Sounds like a form of theft from the county. The neighborhoods and streets and shopping area, surrounding will not be able to absorb the influx of people and cars traveling into and out of the area if the stadium is built. Seems to me a law suit is in order to stop this. Or are our city/county officials getting their pockets lined... and if so they should be impeached.

According to a flyer I received, Wendy Damonte is behind this. Astounding she would say "people want to live near these stadiums". If that's how she feels, perhaps it can be built in her neighborhood. I sincerely doubt she lives near this site. Clearly she's financially going to benefit by this.

Please STOP this.

Thank you,

Janine Veta

Mountaingate Reno

From: [Cindy Cohen](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Subject: Opposed to Wedge Pkwy Soccer Stadium
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This is public comment for the open space and regional parks commissioners and the washoe county commissioner.

I oppose the proposed South Valley Soccer Stadium. This project is not a good fit for the area and infrastructure needed for a stadium this size does not exist.

The fact that this project is being proposed to be built on public land for a for profit company is also something I am opposed to. As a Washoe County taxpayer, this land should be used to benefit all community members not one group of developers.

This group does not know what is best for our community nor do they care. I urge you to listen to the people who live nearby and see that this is not something we want in our neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cindy Cohen
12640 Fieldcreek Ln
Reno, NV 89511

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Peggy Whitney](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); info@sportlogicglobal.com; [Managers - Commissioner Support](#); [Clark, Michael](#)
Subject: NO STADIUM in South Valley Park
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To Whom It May Concern, News of a proposed stadium in the South Valleys Area is ridiculous! The land was donated and reserved for public use for the residents of the communities surrounding it. The area along Wedge Parkway, Arrowcreek Parkway, and Zolezzi Lane is congested as it is with the development of shopping, ice rink, and apartments. I am strongly urging Washoe County to get out of the pro sports and stadium business! To my knowledge there is already property and investments for such a stadium up off Parr Blvd. Let it be! Please leave the South Valleys alone!! Let it be for outdoor recreation, public use, and a county park!

Once again, it appears local leaders work behind the backs of the residents pushing through a proposal without inviting input from those affected the most. Shame on you!

Just say no! Peggy Whitney, resident of Washoe County

From: [Johnston, Sally](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: FW: Stadium
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From: Diane Vierra <vierrad63@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2024 12:01 PM

To: Managers - Commissioner Support <commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov>

Subject: Stadium

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I vote NO TO A STADIUM OFF WEDGE PARKWAY!

From: [Valerie Clark](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: AGAINST Soccer Stadium on Wedge Pkwy
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 11:23:33 AM

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Would love to have one, but this location is BAD. please DO NOT approve.
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From: [Johnston, Sally](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: FW: Vote NO for soccer stadium
Date: Sunday, July 21, 2024 3:54:17 PM
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One more.



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From: Valerie Clark <valeriejeanneclark@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2024 2:21 PM
To: Managers - Commissioner Support <commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov>
Subject: Vote NO for soccer stadium

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This is a horrible place for a soccer stadium. Vote NO!

From: [c.godowd](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Subject: Re: Wedge Stadium
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 11:37:19 AM

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We are against any stadium being built on Wedge. We are a family community and didn't buy homes here to have the traffic congestion that will be brought on by a stadium that holds 10,000 people.

Sincerely,
Cecilia and Kevin O'Dowd

On Sat, Jul 20, 2024 at 11:29 AM c.godowd <sweethomesb@gmail.com> wrote:

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From: [Kevin O'Dowd](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Soccer Stadium
Date: Sunday, July 21, 2024 3:58:57 PM

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Dear Mr Rowman,

I wanted to voice my concern over the proposed Soccer Stadium on Wedge Parkway. As you know this area can't handle this type of traffic nor the crowds of drunken soccer fans that it would bring. I am strongly against this as a location and it is very concerning.

Thanks, Kevin

--

Kevin O'Dowd
General Manager
Guckenheimer Food
775-399-1600

From: [Johnston, Sally](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: FW: Wedge parkway stadium
Date: Sunday, July 21, 2024 4:10:58 PM
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From: paul james <terracleam@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2024 5:38 PM
To: Managers - Commissioner Support <commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov>
Subject: Wedge parkway stadium

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This proposal reeks of corruption!
It ignores the residents' right of Quiet Enjoyment of their Property.
Sincerely,
Michael and Colleena McHugh

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From: [Johnston, Sally](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: FW: Please read in public. I am against the stadium in south Reno.
Date: Sunday, July 21, 2024 4:13:25 PM
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From: Birgitta Koehler <birgitta66@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2024 7:05 PM
To: Managers - Commissioner Support <commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov>
Subject: Please read in public. I am against the stadium in south Reno.

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I am against the stadium 100%. Do not build this in proposed location. Too much traffic and residential area!!!! Birgitta Louise Koehler 89511

----- Forwarded message -----

Make this a public comment. I am against this. No no no no no. Put it in Wendy Damonte's neighborhood so they can ask her to do eminent domain on her property. My comments need to be public. I am 100% against this no no no no no

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On Saturday, July 20, 2024, 4:58 PM, Birgitta Koehler <birgitta66@aol.com> wrote:

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No stadium! How dare you! Vote no or delay the vote! Do not let this happen

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Begin forwarded message:

On Saturday, July 20, 2024, 4:50 PM, Birgitta Koehler
<birgitta66@aol.com> wrote:

I am Birgitta Louise Koehler and I am 100% against the stadium build in South Reno. There is not sufficient parking. There's not sufficient road infrastructure, this does not belong in this community!!!! Once again, this is all a money game.

Please record my position 100% against this stadium. There are lots of other places that are better suited. You are removing green space and another area of South Reno, which should remain untouched.

Please respond and document (in writing) your position and the financials behind this venture. With the ice-skating rink and the lack of sufficient parking and roads this will be a disaster for the people of South Reno and you will destroy our property values and create, a horrible environment with traffic and congestion that we don't want for Reno

Please provide your position in writing, so I am clear and who else I need to tell that this is an awful awful option for our community.

Respectfully, Birgitta, Louise, Koehler, and Family
2786 Shadow Dancer Trail, Reno, NV 89511

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From: [Johnston, Sally](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: FW: Soccer field
Date: Sunday, July 21, 2024 4:24:01 PM
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From: Luebke, Richard [VISUS] <rluebke@ITS.JNJ.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2024 9:55 PM
To: Managers - Commissioner Support <commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov>
Subject: Soccer field

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Hi. My family is extremely opposed to the soccer field near south meadows. I can't believe it is even a proposal. Thanks. Ritch Luebke and family.

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From: [Johnston, Sally](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: FW: Against Stadium in South Valley Park
Date: Sunday, July 21, 2024 4:28:34 PM
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Just in case you didn't receive this one.



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From: Kristin Lovell <kristinmlovell16@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, July 21, 2024 8:04 AM

Subject: Against Stadium in South Valley Park

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Good morning,

I am just writing today to express my full objection to the construction of the soccer stadium by a private company on the public lands at South Valley Park. This would be a horrible use of public space, which should remain accessible to all of the public with things like open fields, dog parks, splash pads, etc. This area also cannot withstand the increase in use that a stadium would put on the roads. Wedge parkway is already at capacity with the ice rink, new housing, and new ships that were just put in. Do not allow this stadium to be built at this public park. Thank you,

Kristin Seyfried

Resident of Rolling Hills above Galena High School

From: [Johnston, Sally](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: FW: Soccer Stadium
Date: Sunday, July 21, 2024 4:31:47 PM
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From: Dwight Hansen <dwrightshansen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 21, 2024 10:16 AM
To: Managers - Commissioner Support <commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov>
Subject: Soccer Stadium

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Please, please, please do not approve the building of the proposed professional soccer stadium on Wedge Parkway. The park is beautiful as it is and a professional soccer stadium, with the increased traffic and people will just ruin it. Additionally, no matter where they decide to build it, there should be no government incentives or give-aways to accomplish it. Let's work on improving infrastructure and reducing housing cost for existing growth without encouraging faster growth than we can keep up with.
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Gail Small](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Opposition to Proposed Stadium on Wedge Parkway
Date: Sunday, July 21, 2024 3:37:54 PM

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July 21, 2024

To: Washoe County Commissioners

Subject: Opposition to Proposed Stadium on Wedge Parkway

Dear Washoe County Commissioners,

I am writing to strongly oppose the construction of the proposed commercial sports stadium along Wedge Parkway in South Reno. This stadium, backed by the United Soccer League, poses significant issues that will detrimentally impact our community.

Firstly, the stadium's location exacerbates existing problems such as parking shortages and restricted community access to vital facilities like the library and sports fields. This contradicts its supposed goal of promoting soccer by restricting access to professional teams and those who can afford to pay for its use.

Moreover, a stadium of this size is inappropriate for a residential neighborhood due to its noise, increased traffic on already narrow streets, and its incompatible scale with the surrounding area. It is simply not suitable for a community-oriented environment.

Additionally, contrary to fostering local employment, the stadium's construction will not benefit our area as it is to be prefabricated elsewhere and then assembled here. This negates any potential economic boost it might bring.

The land in question, originally donated by Dr. Dorostkar for community use, should not be repurposed for commercial interests. The commission has a responsibility to honor this donation and consider its intended use for the benefit of residents, rather than profit-driven enterprises.

Furthermore, the "public-private partnership" nature of this project seems skewed in favor of investors rather than community welfare, with profits prioritized over genuine public benefit.

I urge you to reconsider this proposal and instead support the stadium's relocation to an appropriate site, such as the one near Highway 395 and Parr Boulevard, already approved by the Reno Planning Commission. This alternative location aligns with community planning and minimizes disruption to residential areas.

Finally, I request transparency in the decision-making process, including meaningful community engagement and disclosure of all relevant details, particularly regarding the use of proceeds from any land sale.

Please do not allow this stadium to disrupt our peaceful neighborhood and jeopardize the quality of life for its residents. Our community deserves better consideration than what this proposal currently offers.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gail Small

Resident of Reno since 1982

Washoe County District 2

14430 Spezia Rd. Reno, NV 89511

100gail1908@gmail.com

775-287-4196

From: [Cindy Gregg](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Proposed stadium off Whites Creek
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024 8:16:45 AM

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I just saw an article about this on Nextdoor. I live on Whites Creek Lane. Myself and my neighbors are against this proposal. This is a peaceful residential neighborhood. There are other locations that would not impact a residential neighborhood. The increased traffic and noise from a stadium that holds 10,000 people is an outrageous proposal. I'm not sure where Wendy Damonte is getting her information that the neighbors would be thrilled, but that is an outright lie. Please know the people do not want this in that location.

Thank you,
Cynthia Gregg
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Johnston, Sally](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: FW: Stadium South Valley Park
Date: Sunday, July 21, 2024 4:48:10 PM
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From: Cindy Gregg <greggfamil3@aol.com>

Sent: Sunday, July 21, 2024 4:47 PM

To: Managers - Commissioner Support <commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov>

Subject: Stadium South Valley Park

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I live very close to the proposed stadium. I am very opposed to the soccer stadium in that location. Every one of my neighbors feels the same way. It is an outrageous proposal. It seems to be Wendy Damonte's agenda. I do not know one person who lives in this area that wants this project to go forward. I'm told there is another location available for a soccer stadium that would not impact a residential area. The traffic, lights and noise would be out of control. We purchased our house because it was in a peaceful residential area. Please help all of us who want our neighborhood to remain the way it is. I hope you will respect the will of the people.

Thank you,

Cynthia Gregg

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From: [J Stretch](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Soccer Stadium off Wedge Parkway
Date: Sunday, July 21, 2024 5:33:48 PM

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Hello,

Emailing to let you know that my wife and I are both STRONGLY opposed to a Stadium at/near/off Wedge Parkway. I am stunned to learn the County would consider a proposal to give the stadium's developer the 18 acres for a \$1 per year lease. - Talk about screwing the public!

That land should go for more county parks and sports and recreation, not for a private developer to profit off of a private-commercial stadium.

Let the stadium be built elsewhere and in a way that does not take land donated for public use away and give it to a private for profit developer.

We also don't want Stadium traffic in our neighborhood.

-James and Sandra Stretch
Washoe County property owners and residents

July 21, 2024

Calvin and Tiffany Nicholson

513 Silversmith Place

Reno NV 89511

Subject: South Valley Park Proposal - WHAT CHANGED AGAIN?

To: County Commissioners in South Reno

This letter is in opposition to the brand new proposal for a new Stadium. I have lived in south Reno at this address since 1997. There were plans shown then about what was going to happen down the street at the park when I bought before it was even there and since then it keeps changing including;

- 1) A number of meetings over the years
- 2) All of us voting at the library for 4 different plans back in 2017.
- 3) Further meetings and another review a couple of years ago in November of 2023!

PLEASE stop the bait and switch! None of these plans ever included items like an Ice Rink yet somehow we got one down there. As I drive down Wedge going the speed limit, I have cars on their way to the rink that pass me, honk, tailgate me and who generally do not care for the health and safety of others. Since there are no lights and only 2 crosswalks, I see people risk their lives everyday crossing Wedge. It should be a safe place for walks, biking and walking your dog but people usually go between 40 and 50 miles an hour down it in a hurry to get to the rink or other places. The speed limit needs to be 25 so people only go 30-40 miles an hour on it. The increased speed limits on Veterans have made it like a freeway!

This area cannot support large events like a stadium (which I assume that 6,500 people is for the soccer and 10,000 is for other large events) that will be held there. The area can't even support the soccer events that are at the park now with a much smaller crowd and number of cars. Parking already flows into the neighborhoods with large groups of people crossing Wedge on foot and traffic jam ups. This is also true of the ice rink when there are games and people are forced to park across the street though they are not patrons of these businesses.

Now a huge stadium on a road that already has more traffic than it should as Wedge cannot support the traffic it has now whether it is widened or not. It just makes no sense since another facility is already under construction and past high density developments in the area including the new ones underway now that do not allow for any other development like a massive stadium at this location.

WHAT TO DO:

- Stop telling us one thing and then doing another! No park plan ever had a stadium in it!
- **Do not approve this project as nobody in the area wants it.**
- I thought Mt Rose highway was a scenic byway- it gets less and less scenic every single day.
- Stop doing whatever the developers want!

A National Scenic Byway is **a road recognized by the United States Department of Transportation for one or more of six "intrinsic qualities": archeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational, and scenic.**

Why is the upcoming meeting at 1:30 on a Wednesday? Do you not want people to attend?

Best regards,

Calvin

From: [Brian Belanger](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Wedge Parkway Stadium
Date: Sunday, July 21, 2024 6:55:36 PM

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I am against the stadium on Wedge Parkway. It makes no sense to put it in a residential area with a lot of small children and a small road access.

Brian Belanger

(775) 304-2605

Sent from my iPhone. Please excuse any typing errors.

From: [Mitchell Miller](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: Soccer stadium project
Date: Sunday, July 21, 2024 7:48:39 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

I urge a vote against the proposed soccer stadium at South Valleys Park. My wife and I were born in Reno 68+ years ago and have seen the recent surge in growth. I do not feel that a project of this magnitude is in the best interest of the citizens of South Reno. South Valleys Park was donated and reserved for public use. Diverting this area to private use for a select group of individuals via a sweetheart deal is corrupt at best.

I recall, while going to school at Nevada 45 years ago, that Washoe County and the City of Reno were very concerned about sufficient water resources to serve our community. I recall concerns about traffic and infrastructure in our valley 45 years ago. These issues are being ignored by our local government. I recall golfing at Rosewood Lakes where you could not even step into the "protected wetlands" to collect a wayward shot. Now that area has largely been paved over. What changed? I fear that our public areas are being paved over by private entities for the benefit of the few.

The citizens of South Reno do not need the traffic, noise and light pollution that will compromise the large residential community in this area. Stop catering to special interests to benefit the few and vote NO to this sweetheart deal for a private developer. Get out of the pro sports and stadium business. If these entities believed that their projects were truly worthwhile they would risk their own money, and not the taxpayers, to make them come to fruition.

Mitchell Miller, MD
South Reno Resident

From: [Larry Crapo](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: Stadium proposal for south valley park
Date: Sunday, July 21, 2024 8:29:47 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am a homeowner that lives in Galena Country Estates and also an HOA board member here. Our community is right off of Wedge Parkway and myself and everyone that I have spoken to in our community is strongly against putting this stadium in our park. The traffic that already exists from the use of the venues along Wedge Parkway is already excess and is pouring over into residential areas. This proposal would make driving on Wedge parkway more dangerous than it already is.

Sincerely,

Larry & Amy Crapo

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From: [Audrey C](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: Proposed soccer stadium
Date: Sunday, July 21, 2024 11:40:53 PM

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I'm writing to share my objections to the proposal to build a stadium at the South Valleys Park. This land was intended for public use and should remain that way. South Reno is a growing area with many families and children. We want adequate parks and sports fields that can be enjoyed by current and future generations to come, not a soccer stadium! Reno ice has already increased the amount of traffic in the area. A stadium would further add to the traffic problem, while increasing light pollution and negatively impacting the surrounding residential neighborhoods. The alternate location near 395 and Parr that was already approved would still allow Reno to have a soccer stadium, without placing additional burdens on already congested residential areas. We urge you to consider the best interest of local residents and say no to a stadium at/near South Valleys Park!

Respectfully,
Audrey Cartwright

From: mike@mkjco.com
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: Reno Soccer Stadium
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 6:47:01 AM
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To Whom It May Concern:

I'm a longtime resident residing in the area of the proposed soccer stadium and wish to vehemently oppose the approval of this project to an already increasing volume of high traffic and lack of infrastructure as well as the proximity to surrounding neighborhoods, mine included. I reside off of Wedge Parkway halfway between Mt. Rose Hwy and Arrowcreek Parkway.

I respectfully request that you take my opposition with sincerity and seriousness.

Thank you,

Mike Joseph, CMCA
MKJ Co.
18124 Wedge Parkway #447
Reno, NV 89511
P (775) 853-9056; F (775) 853-7304
www.mkjco.com

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From: [Richard Gardner](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Soccer Stadium
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I oppose to proposed soccer stadium on Wedge Parkway due to it's proximity to existing residential homes, because it will take away sorely needed recreation space for children and adults and because of the increased traffic. I also oppose the funding methods proposed for the project. I don't believe valuable land should be given to private developers for next to nothing but I would oppose the stadium even if the developer paid full price for the land because that land is supposed to be reserved for public recreation.

Rick Gardner
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From: [Rhonda Wilson](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Wedge Pkwy Stadium
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 7:24:14 AM

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Adding a soccer stadium is an incredibly short sighted idea to be put on Wedge Parkway.

Find another place.

Too much congestion already.

Rhonda Wilson

Sent from my iPad

From: [Judy Baatrup](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: NO stadium on Wedge Pkwy
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 7:31:54 AM

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Wedge Pkwy is not the right place for a stadium. Please represent the best interests of South Valley residents and vote No on the stadium. Keep the park.

Judy Baatrup

From: [Cal Anderson](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: Info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: I Oppose a Stadium at South Valley Park
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 7:42:17 AM

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Cal Anderson, and I have been a resident of Reno for 30 years. I frequently use County Parks with my family, enjoying the natural beauty and recreational opportunities they provide.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Soccer stadium at South Valley Park. While I understand the desire for new development and attractions in our community, I believe this project would have several negative impacts that outweigh its potential benefits.

First and foremost, South Valley Park serves as a crucial green space for families, some wildlife, and the community at large. It offers a serene environment where we can enjoy nature, engage in outdoor activities, and escape the hustle and bustle of urban life. A stadium would drastically alter this landscape, leading to increased noise, traffic congestion, and pollution.

Moreover, the construction of a stadium would likely require significant infrastructure changes, potentially disrupting local ecosystems and creating more traffic. The natural beauty and tranquility that we cherish would be compromised, affecting not only the environment but also the quality of life for residents in South Reno. We must consider the long-term impact on our neighborhood and prioritize the preservation of this precious residential space.

Thank you for considering my perspective. I hope you will join me in opposing the Soccer stadium at South Valley Park.

Sincerely,

Cal Anderson

From: eurekah2o.bugenig@gmail.com
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: infor@sportlogicglobal.com; Producers@ktvn.com
Subject: my 2 cents - Proposed privately-owned stadium at South Valley Park
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 8:56:18 AM

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I am a resident of southern Washoe County who resides not far from the site of the proposed privately-owned 6,500-seat stadium/10,000-seat multi-use facility located in the southwest Truckee Meadows on land purposely set aside for public recreation. The developer's representative, Wendy Damonte, claims "People want to live near these stadiums" and "They're not worried about the noise. They want to be part of that." Bollocks! Ask anyone who lives near a school where athletic events go late into the night how much they appreciate it. We strongly support these after-school activities and accept them as part of the neighborhood because they enrich the students' lives, but we won't endure it to enrich some developer at the expense of our children's access to parks and playing fields.

Use of the region's playing fields is reportedly 160% of their design capacity. South Valley Park is no exception and received a \$2 million dollar grant to expand the park. Why would the Commissioners support something our neighborhood neither wants of needs?

Access to the proposed stadium is via Wedge Parkway. This two-lane road is the sole access to the Washoe County Library, adjacent playing fields and other South Valley Park amenities. It is extensively used by bicyclists of all ages and the single sidewalk is used by children, joggers, dog walkers and all manner of pedestrians. We do not look forward to several thousand additional vehicles whizzing past us as they drive to and from the stadium.

The 18 acres proposed for the facility is reportedly valued at about \$36 million dollars. Washoe County is proposing to lease the land to the developers for \$1 per year, or \$20 over the term of the lease. It makes no sense that the Washoe County would enrich developers at the expense of our kids.

I only became aware of this issue a few days ago. Perhaps local news outlets have covered the story and I missed the coverage. Apparently, the project has been under consideration for some time and is on the verge of being approved by the Washoe County Commission. I urge the Commissioners to slam the brakes on the process and save our parks for our use and that of our kids.

Dale C. Bugenig

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From: [Virginia Keeley](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Proposed Soccer Field
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 8:59:52 AM

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These meetings are held in the middle of the day when residents of the affected area are usually working.

It was my understanding that a meeting was to be held at the South Valleys Library for residents. When is that going to take place? After everything is approved???

From: jwoodworth@comcast.net
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Subject: Proposed South Valleys Stadium
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 9:14:01 AM

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Washoe County Commissioners

Dear Sirs:

My name is John Woodworth, and I am a resident of the Mountaingate community, near the intersection of Arrowcreek and Wedge Parkway. I am also a board member of the Mountaingate Homeowners Association. I am writing to voice my strong objection to the proposed 6,500 seat soccer stadium and special event facility being proposed by Wendy Damonte, and her investors ("Applicants") to be situated on public land currently utilized by South Valleys Regional Park, for the following reasons:

The Project under consideration is to be constructed on land currently utilized as open space, consisting of amateur soccer and baseball fields, a dog park and outdoor recreation sites adjacent to South Valleys Library. This park and open space, as well as the adjacent library are largely funded through the assessment of County taxes paid by homeowners through their county tax bills. The park currently serves residents in the Wedge Parkway consisting of churches, schools and both single and multi-family homes including:

- o Mountaingate
- o Arrow Creek
- o Galena Forest
- o Callahan Ranch
- o Fawn Lane

- o Saddlehorn
- o Galena Meadows
- o Wedge Meadows
- o Whites Creek Estates
- o Monte Rosa
- o Thomas Creek Estates

South Valleys Park recently received a grant of \$2 million to accommodate increased public use of the park, amateur soccer and baseball fields. The park was never slated to subsequently be sold or leased to private investors for their professional sports teams or for-profit events.

Alarming, Applicants have yet to conduct any outreach to residents in the above listed communities as to the impact of such a development. Aside from social media activity and a flyer sent to residents by another soccer team owner, residents have been kept largely in the dark as to the feasibility of a large soccer facility located so close to their homes.

Applicants have apparently not conducted nor made public, any independent third-party analyses typically performed in support of a project with such an impact on residents. These include studies addressing the seemingly huge impact of such a stadium on traffic, parking, site access and public safety.

Applicants have yet to disclose their individual financial and development qualifications to fund and operate such a facility in an ongoing manner.

Lastly, a separate soccer facility has been approved near Parr Boulevard. It is unlikely that Reno can support another team particularly located in a residential area.

As a result of the foregoing, I sincerely hope that you will vote to decline this dubious and ill-conceived project.

John W. Woodworth

13385 Arrowsprings Dr

Reno, Nv

From: [Marcus M. Johnson](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov; info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: NO to Stadium in South Reno at South Valley Park off Wedge Pkwy
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 9:35:10 AM

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Dear All of You,

Washoe County should get out of the pro sports and stadium business, now. My family, friends and I object to the proposal/project plans for a stadium on Wedge Parkway!

A different, local private developer (SportLogic Northern Nevada) already has land and invests in that project. It doesn't cost the people anything and is away from all residential property owners. We still get a Stadium and still get Pro Soccer.

Washoe County, please stop!!!! And why the secrecy on this!? ANS: Because it is a Terrible plan.

Concerned South Reno Resident,

Marcus

Friends and Family BCC'd

Marcus Johnson

Reno, NV 89511 USA

marcus.johnson.53@protonmail.com

From: [Aaron and Jessica Hartwig](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: Info@SportLogicGloval.com
Subject: We Object - Thank YOU For Listening
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 9:35:24 AM

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Please do not allow the planned stadium to be built on Wedge Parkway. For the good of our entire Reno community, we would be best served for the grant funds to go toward originally planned public use, outdoor recreation! Let's expand our parks and outdoor use facilities - those areas are what give relaxation, enjoyment, character and culture to local residents, not a stadium.

Please and Thank you!

Jessica & Aaron Hartwig
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Jess Cell: 702.460.8099
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hartwigsnv@yahoo.com
3407 Forest View Lane
Reno, NV 89511

From: [Katriel Van Cleve](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Subject: NO To The Proposed Wedge Stadium
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 9:46:59 AM

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Dear Sir or Ma'am,

I am firmly opposed to the destruction of the public park on Wedge Parkway for a soccer stadium. This park has been heavily used by local youth for their own sporting matches, by local dog owners as a safe place to exercise their animals, and as a family gathering area. This location is moreover a very residential area. Homeowners will not be benefited by the noise pollution and bad traffic introduced by a 6,000 plus seating stadium. Many good, tax-paying locals are against this plan, and we demand that the stadium proposal be rejected. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Katriel Van Cleve

From: [Don Simone](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: Wedge Parkway soccer stadium
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 9:54:07 AM

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Seriously?

Have you driven Wedge Parkway lately?

It's a mess already.

I live off Wedge Parkway, I often walk from my house across Wedge to another property of ours and literally - often - wait several 3-5 minutes just to cross Wedge Parkway.

Are you kidding, we'll add to the increasingly bad, heavy traffic already on Wedge Parkway?

I'm a homeowner off Wedge Parkway since 2001, I don't necessarily mind the growth in the area as that is just how it goes over time. I do, however, mind very much that all the new housing, new apartments, new small businesses, new skate arena, have been added with **ZERO** change to Wedge Parkway. No additional traffic controls, nada, zip nothing. No one cares about the people who live here, just keep on adding with no regards to control. Let's make So. Reno just like Sparks and North Reno, screw the people, they will be ok in California-style traffic which makes sense with the CA people coming to town anyway.

We have wonderful soccer fields and park down the street from our home, great. Great public library, great. Love these things since we've moved here in 2001. No need for a stadium down here, put it where it was already started, we can drive to it, we don't need it in our backyard, and we absolutely don't need extra traffic on Wedge Parkway.

Lame idea. I don't care who's bringing pro soccer back and who stands to benefit, just don't be stupid about it, the stadium/arena doesn't need to be in a residential neighborhood.

Don Simone

From: [Amy Tirre](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: [Peter Cornelius](#)
Subject: Opposition to New South Valley & Wedge Parkway Damonte Stadium
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 8:18:50 AM

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Dear Brandon Roman

I am 30-year resident of Washoe County. I have been a resident of ArrowCreek since 2001. I am writing to oppose the proposed stadium on Wedge Parkway – the South Valley & Wedge Pkwy Damonte Stadium.

To have a large venue in South Reno off of ArrowCreek parkway will negatively impact the local residents' quality of life – traffic, noise and lights in the evenings and weekends. The increased density from the building of large apartment complexes is already problematic for those of us who enjoy a quieter and slower pace.

I understand that there is another proposed venue in North Reno away from residential neighborhoods. Please move forward with that project, which has the benefits but not the detriments of locating a stadium in South Reno.

I would appreciate your confirmation of the your receipt of this email before the next Washoe County Commission meeting on July 24, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Sincerely,

Amy N. Tirre
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(775) 742-6681 Cell
amy@amytirrelaw.com

From: [Joy Wilson](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#); info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: Soccer Stadium
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 10:40:40 AM

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Hello,

I am greatly opposed to the Soccer Stadium that is being proposed on Wedge Parkway. The traffic, noise and lights are very detrimental to that area. We are already overwhelmed with apartments near by. The fact that you are giving away public land is criminal!

My voting will be affected by how this is handled.

Please consider the families in South Reno in this matter, not the developers pockets!

Thank you,
Joy Wilson

From: [Cyrus Pourzan](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Cc: ahill@washoecounty.gov; [Herman, Jeanne](#); [Clark, Michael](#); [Garcia, Mariluz C.](#); [Clara Andriola](#)
Subject: Proposed Stadium
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 10:45:30 AM

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Dear Mr Roman,

I live adjacent to the proposed stadium development and I am vehemently opposed to the project in its entirety.

- 1) There is absolutely no support among my neighbors for this project
- 2) A soccer stadium will bring traffic, crime and noise to a residential district
- 3) The project will negatively impact residential property values
- 4) Another soccer facility is already under development at Parr Blvd.
- 5) The proposal will negatively impact the existing recreational nature of the South Valleys Sports Complex which already has soccer fields
- 6) There is no provision for a stadium on the 2009 Master Plan approved by the Washoe County Parks & Recreation Dept.
- 7) Leasing land (for \$1 per year) to private investors that was donated for the benefit of the community doesn't pass the "smell test" and violates the spirit of the agreement and will not attain approval by the community if put to a ballot.

Take your stadium proposal and put it somewhere else, NOT in South Reno.

Sincerely,

Cyrus Pourzan, MD
1820 Whites Creek Lane
Reo, NV 89511

From: [Catherine Clark](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Cc: [Crump, Eric S](#); [Clark, Michael](#); [Hill, Alexis](#)
Subject: Proposed Outdoor Soccer Stadium - Vote NO
Date: Sunday, July 21, 2024 10:58:50 AM

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I am writing about the proposed outdoor soccer stadium, proposed for parcels APNs 142-011-13 and 142-011-02.

I have lived in Washoe County, and specifically in the south valleys area in proximity to Wedge Parkway for over 30 years.

I have seen this area grow significantly.

I am writing to convey my opposition to the proposed outdoor private soccer stadium proposed in proximity to Wedge Parkway.

1. Wedge Parkway is a two lane road, and cannot accommodate the traffic the stadium would produce, and there is not enough right of way space to expand Wedge Parkway to a four lane road (from Arrow Creek Parkway to Mt Rose Hwy). While it is true, when the stadium is not in use, traffic along Wedge Parkway would be normal. During the events when the stadium is in use, traffic on Wedge Parkway (from Arrowcreek Parkway to Wedge Parkway) would be a nightmare. Emergency vehicles would be significantly delayed in accessing the neighboring residential areas, library, and ball fields. Wedge Parkway is a two lane highway. Emergency vehicles would not be able to get through when traffic is backed up on both sides of the street (would emergency vehicles need to drive on the sidewalk?).
2. I question whether such proposed stadium would have enough parking. The neighboring public ball fields definitely do not have enough parking as it is, and they could use more space dedicated for public parking.
3. I am significantly opposed to the noise the stadium would produce. Residents do not want the increased noise from stadium events (screams, horns, loud speakers and announcers, vehicle noise, etc.). This noise will travel to the neighboring residential areas (including my home). I already hear Galena High school's loud speaker (Friday night football), and I hear the neighboring Hunsberger School class bell multiple times per day. We do not want to also hear a private stadium soccer event.
4. I am significantly opposed to the increased lighting that the stadium would produce. The Mt Rose Highway and surrounding areas were once considered in the country, and complied with "Dark Skys" initiatives (people reduced lighting at night). Residents do not want the skies lit up at night from this stadium.
5. This proposed stadium is such a major use (lots of people, big development), it is located too

close to existing residential areas. You are mixing a major sports development with existing residential homes. They should not be located adjacent to each other. A major sports complex that holds major soccer events should be located in a more dense commercial area, and not in a single family residential area. This proposed soccer stadium is not the same type of use as Highschool Friday Night football or a teenage baseball game that are played on the neighboring fields (at South Valleys Ball Fields or Galena High School).

6. The South Valleys Park and existing ball fields are overused now. What would be good for the area is more parks and open space (open space is needed to maintain our quality of life). The area is getting too congested. The addition of a stadium would just add to this congestion.
7. I am opposed to a private stadium located on Wedge Parkway, a private entity, should not be allowed to lease public land for a private event (the private entity is getting profits at the County's expense). The land should be used for public open space and public parks. What will the county do with an aging, degraded stadium once the 20 year lease expires? Will it become a 'big box' stadium, empty, with no use, but the County will be required to maintain it? (or will the County be required to pay to demolish it)?
8. I understand that there are other lands already slated for the proposed outdoor soccer stadium (Parr Blvd); and use of these lands would have less impact financially to Washoe County.

Please vote NO to establishing a open soccer stadium in the South Valleys at Wedge Parkway.
Please distribute my comments to all the Washoe County Board of Commissioners.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Catherine Clark
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Bc.clark@sbcglobal.net

From: [Robin Ravazzini](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: I Oppose a Stadium at South Valley Park
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 11:14:56 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

I have lived in South Reno for 10 years and am raising my three daughters here.

I live just off Wedge Parkway. Multiple times a week my children and I walk along Wedge Parkway to the South Valleys park area. We regularly go to the South Valleys Library, use the new fitness equipment at the park, and take our dog to run during dog park hours at the fields.

This is a pedestrian-friendly neighborhood with a school bus stop and kids walking to Galena High School each day.

Almost every time we walk on Wedge Parkway, we run into neighbors and friends who are doing the same.

I am shocked to learn that a proposal is being considered to circumvent the **pre-existing plan to develop more park and field land**, in favor of a stadium that will create dangerous traffic patterns.

While watching the recent meeting statements, I was surprised by Ms. Damonte's claim that simply encouraging stadium attendees to use South Virginia Street to access the new stadium would prevent traffic issues created by thousands of vehicles regularly descending upon the neighborhood.

As a football and baseball fan myself, I grew up attending professional athletic events in large stadiums, and anyone who has ever attended a popular sporting event knows that when exiting a parking lot post-game, drivers become strategic and use any means possible to get on the road and access the highway home. Add alcohol to the mix, and you have an even more dangerous situation.

This stadium will create a regular traffic nightmare throughout the whole neighborhood, endangering pedestrian lives and completely changing the dynamic of this whole neighborhood area, stretching from Galena High School to Zolezzi.

Additionally, Ms. Damonte's idea that plopping down a huge stadium would magically

transform an established, family-focused neighborhood into an urban live-work-community development is completely unfounded. That is not the way city planning works.

I think a professional stadium would be a great addition to our Northern Nevada community. Wedge Parkway is NOT the appropriate location for it, though.

Sincerely,
Robin Ravazzini
(775) 470-8625

Robin Ravazzini, Acacello Music
Composer ~ Songwriter ~ Producer ~ Cellist

From: [LEE GERATY](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#); Info@SportLogicGlobal.com
Subject: Soccer Stadium
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 11:26:04 AM

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It is in my opinion ridiculous to ruin a beautiful facility/park for a soccer stadium when there is already a preplanned area.

Poor planning is quite evident in property development, especially when considering warehouse development on open land being built and setting vacant.

I and my family vote no.

Lee Geraty

From: [Laura Colpo](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Subject: Stadium SOUTH Valley Park Proposal
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 11:28:24 AM

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Dear Sirs,

This is NOT OK!! We have lived in this gorgeous area for over 35 years. We understand development, however over and over our commissions, county government agencies continue to make decisions that impact the quality of our lives.

Please DO NOT APPROVE the South Valley Park stadium.

The property owners nearby (and there are numerous owners with property values close to 1M and over) will have to contend with NOISE, LOUD MUSIC, TRAFFIC and LIGHTS!! Plus the deficit that will occur to their property value. Whoever thinks this is a good decision is not thinking of our community!!! DO NOT BUILD THIS STADIUM.

There is an approved stadium in north RENO. We only need one stadium!! The North Reno location will not affect residents and their property values!

This is a HARD NO!! Please listen to those who live in the area. We need more commissions and the Reno government to have respect for our community and those who live, work, and pay taxes!

It is very sad to see what is happening all over RENO. To many apartments, no entry-level housing, and more new development housing starting at \$1M. We are the new Beverly HILLS!

Laura and Jack Colpo

From: [Margie Victors](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Proposed soccer stadium
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 11:36:08 AM

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Mr. Roman,

We live in the Estates at Mt Rose. We moved to this side of town because it was more "rural" and quieter. The recent construction (particularly of apartment buildings) has already clogged our streets; the light and noise pollution has increased dramatically.

I am VERY opposed to the idea of a soccer stadium (or stadium of any sort) in the public park on Wedge Parkway. A residential area is NOT the place for such a venue. We do NOT want the extra traffic, noise, lights!!! That area was intended to be a county park and it should be preserved as a PARK. There are not enough parks in our city. Not every open space should be built upon or looked upon as a money maker. Please DO NOT allow this project to proceed.

Margaret Victors

From: [Lori](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: I oppose the south Reno Stadium at Wedge
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 11:44:09 AM

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works.

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Sincerely,
Lori Wohletz

775-722-5299

Lori

From: [Alexis Victors](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: South Valley Park
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I am VERY opposed to the idea of a soccer stadium (or stadium of any sort) in the public park on Wedge Parkway. The adjacent residential area is not the place for such a venue. We do not want the extra traffic, large parking lots, noise, lights! That area was intended to be a county park and it should be preserved as a PARK.

There are not enough parks in south valley. Not every undeveloped space should be built upon or looked upon as a money maker. Please DO NOT allow this project to proceed.

Al Victors

From: [Julie Riley](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: I oppose the Stadium on Wedge Parkway
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 12:51:30 PM

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I am writing to inform you that I oppose the professional soccer stadium being built off Wedge Parkway.

I live in the area, right off Wedge, my backyard and the East side of my home facing Wedge Parkway.

Traffic is already difficult to navigate when there are games present at the current soccer fields. There is already inadequate parking, which means cars try to park on side roads, which again, complicates traffic.

The hockey rink and new stores have increased traffic already.

I can't even imagine what a professional stadium would do!

We moved to this area, the SUBURBS, to escape the city and the traffic. Please do not bring it here, right in our backyard.

I am not opposed to a professional stadium in Reno, but I am absolutely opposed to the location being off Wedge parkway. The noise, the lights, the traffic are not what this area wants or needs.

Thank you for your time.

Julie Riley
770 Summer Star Pl.
Reno, NV. 89511-1

From: [Jennifer Jay](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Crump, Eric S](#)
Cc: [Hill, Alexis](#); [Herman, Jeanne](#); [Clark, Michael](#); [Garcia, Mariluz C.](#); [Clara Andriola](#)
Subject: VOTE NO to Damonte's Proposed Soccer Stadium at South Valleys Regional Park
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 1:01:01 PM

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TO:

Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commissioners Chair Kevin Joell, Michaelangelo Aranda, Timothy Drake, Lisa Rode (District 2); Vice Chair Nicholas-Martin Kearney, Neal Jones (District 1); Mark Neumann (District 3); Sean Hill, Miles Gurtler (District 5)

Washoe County Commissioners Chair Alexis Hill (District 1), Vice Chair Jeanne Herman (District 5), Mariluz Garcia (District 3), Clara Andriola (District 4), Michael Clark (District 5)

Subject: OPPOSE Wendy Damonte Unsolicited Proposal to construct Soccer Stadium at South Valleys Regional Park

I am a resident of the Mountaingate community at the intersection of Wedge/Arrowcreek Pkwy, which is 0.30 miles from the proposed 6,500 seat soccer stadium and special event facility. I strongly OPPOSE to the soccer stadium proposal by Wendy Damonte, and her investors at South Valleys Regional Park, on the following grounds:

- The Project under consideration is to be constructed on land currently utilized as open space, consisting of amateur soccer and baseball fields, a dog park and outdoor recreation sites adjacent to South Valleys Library. This park and open space, as well as the adjacent library are largely funded through the assessment of County taxes paid by homeowners in the South Valley Park Tax District 1C through our county tax bills. Our family moved to this area because of the wide undeveloped open space of this nearby park.
- South Valleys Park recently received a grant of \$2 million to accommodate increased public use of the park, amateur soccer and baseball fields. The park was never slated to subsequently be sold or leased to private investors for their professional sports teams or for-profit events.
- Alarminglly, the Applicants have yet to conduct any outreach to residents in our nearby communities as to the impact of such a development. Aside from social media activity and a flyer sent to residents by another soccer team owner, residents have been kept largely in the dark as to the feasibility of a large soccer facility located so close to their homes.

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- Applicants have yet to disclose their individual financial and development qualifications to fund and operate such a facility in an ongoing manner.
- **Lastly, how many stadiums and entertainment venues does Reno / Washoe County need?** Reno City Planning Commission has approved Battle Born FFC to move forward with constructing a privately funded 5,000-capacity soccer stadium in north Reno with 1,000 on-site parking spaces across from Truckee Meadows Community College campus. University of Nevada, Reno has Mackay Stadium that hosts the Nevada's Wolf Pack football and women's soccer in the Mountain West Conference with 30,000 capacity. Grand Sierra resort is building a privately funded \$1 billion entertainment district includes a state-of-the-art arena with capacity that exceeds 10,000 seats and expansive parking. Reno Aces downtown ballpark and area casinos (GSR, Nugget, the Row, J Resort) have the parking and road infrastructure in place. Once South Valleys open space is paved over, we will never get it back.

Since 1970, summer temperatures in Reno, Nevada, have risen 10.9 degrees, making it the nation's fastest-warming city, according to Climate Central, a non-profit research group. Stephanie McAfee, Nevada state climatologist, says a contributing factor to the warming is urban growth, turning undeveloped land into new homes, roads, and other infrastructure. The current real existing grass soccer fields in South Valleys Park will be a lot cooler than black asphalt roadway, fake turf, and a stadium.

I moved to this side of South Reno because of the dark night skies and quiet nights listening to the crickets, frogs, owls, coyotes, and other wildlife. A brightly lit stadium would cause light pollution, traffic, and noise to our peaceful area. The residential roadways of our area in South Reno are not built to support crowds of 6500-10,000 people.

Please vote to decline Wendy Damonte's proposed South Valleys Park stadium. **Keep our open space open.**

Thank you.

Jennifer Jay
13385 Arrowsprings Drive
Reno, NV 89511

From: [Johnston, Sally](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: FW: No and no on the Wedge Pkwy proposed soccer stadium. Thanks. Helaine Greenberg
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From: hgsunshine@aol.com <hgsunshine@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2024 11:08 AM
To: Managers - Commissioner Support <commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov>
Subject: No and no on the Wedge Pkwy proposed soccer stadium. Thanks. Helaine Greenberg

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Subject: FW: NO TO WEDGE STADIUM
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Hello,

I believe the proposal to add yet another venue to the southern section of Reno will cause more chaos than necessary. Have you driven our area recently? Especially during rush hour? Too much growth all at once isn't good, in my opinion. From reading the proposal, it would be taxpayer funded. We have enough taxes. Additionally, the already proposed facility to the north on private land does not cost the taxpayers and has approval. By far, there is much more space in the north than Wedge Parkway. Small businesses in the area should get a fair shot, no stadium is needed.

Thank you for your veto.

Cheryl Camardo

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From: [Johnston, Sally](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: FW: South Valley does not need a private stadium
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From: Beth Schneir <bethschneir@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2024 12:07 PM
To: Managers - Commissioner Support <commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov>
Subject: South Valley does not need a private stadium

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The current site with a beautiful library, dog park, baseball fields, and kids play area are critical to people and dog development.

Please do not help destroy that.

Thank you for your consideration,

Beth Schneir
3685 Bozeman Drive
Reno, NV 89511

From: [Johnston, Sally](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: FW: Soccer stadium
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From: Rhonda Wilson <rhondalw@live.com>
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2024 11:46 AM
To: Managers - Commissioner Support <commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov>
Subject: Soccer stadium

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No. No. No. No. No. No. No.

This is a horrible idea for all residents in the area that would be affected by noise, traffic, too many people, parking issues, potential crime, policing issues, light pollution, lowering of the value of the homes in the area. I support everyone who voiced their concerns.

Rhonda Wilson

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Micah Kraemer](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Concerned Meadows Owner
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To Whom it May Concern:

I am both a home owner at The Meadows and a business owner at Meadow Creek. I am aware of the soccer stadium proposal and I want to make it clear I'm one of hundreds in the community who is against this proposal.

The traffic on Wedge is terrible and dangerous. It's almost impossible to turn out of our development as it is, as well as into Meadow Creek or out of Meadowcreek at peak times.

The noise and parking during baseball and soccer season is bad enough as it is. The idea of putting a professional soccer stadium in a residential area like ours is problematic and preposterous. The City of Reno is an absolute joke when it comes to city planning and zoning. Reno struggles to attract residents with children for this reason, and here is another prime example.

Instead of a soccer field, our community needs more green spaces and parks, and more pools. The traffic near residences needs to be reasonable, and it's your job to keep our families safe. I invite you to- again as a home owner and a tenant of Meadowcreek, to observe traffic patterns at peak hours.

A concerned resident,

Micah Kraemer
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Johnston, Sally](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: FW: proposed stadium on Wedge Pkwy
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From: Darlene Luster <lusteress@att.net>
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To: Managers - Commissioner Support <commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov>
Subject: proposed stadium on Wedge Pkwy

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County Commissioners,

I respectfully urge you to reconsider the proposal for a stadium on Wedge Parkway and instead support the stadium's relocation to an appropriate site, such as the one near Highway 395 and Parr Boulevard, already approved by the Reno Planning Commission. This alternative location aligns with community planning and minimizes disruption to residential areas.

Finally, I request transparency in the decision-making process, including meaningful community engagement and disclosure of all relevant details, particularly regarding the use of proceeds from any land sale.

Please do not allow this stadium to disrupt our peaceful neighborhood and jeopardize the quality of life for its residents. Our community deserves better consideration than what this proposal currently offers.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Darlene Luster
1015 Robin Street
Reno, NV
775.750.2198

From: [Nanette Boyer](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Reject proposed soccer stadium in south Reno
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 1:55:17 PM

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Mr Roman,

Please do not allow the proposed soccer stadium to be built at the South Valley Park for the following reasons:

- This land was gifted to be used for public activities, not private.
- Wedge Parkway is already very congested with traffic and cannot accommodate addition traffic from a stadium.
- The majority of the neighborhood is single family residential with a couple of apartment complexes and small commercial. A stadium built to seat at least 5,000 has no place in this area.
- The noise level would rise to an unacceptable volume.
- There is already an approved site north of town for a stadium.
- Keep the balance of the undeveloped property for additional fields or public access.

Why were the residents not notified earlier that this was even being proposed?

I am going to try and make the meeting. Please send me the recommendations from the meeting regarding this matter.

Thank you,

Nanette Boyer
988 Truckee Valley Drive
Reno, NV 89511

From: [Robin Keith](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: South Valley soccer stadium proposal
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Please add my voice to those opposed to this idea. I will be out of town on and therefore unable to attend the meeting this week. However, I plan to submit more complete written comments as this process moves forward. Thank you. Robin Keith, resident near South Valley Regional Park.
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Joan Buell](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Soccer complex at South Valleys
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I am writing to share my concern for this large complex at the location of a small neighborhood that already has a new shopping center and an ice rink adjacent to a park with baseball and soccer fields. Wedge Parkway is already becoming a thing traffic concern for those living nearby. Please do not fast track this decision and reconsider building this in an area that can handle to increase in traffic that this will bring.

Thank you

Joan Buell

From: [David Ansel](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: South Valley Park Soccer Stadium Proposal
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This project is completely inappropriate & unwanted in the South Valley Park area which is not equipped to handle the Crowds, Noise, & Traffic the Stadium would generate. Public Park Land should never be sacrificed to Private Development.

If this Stadium must be built, build it on the already approved (and more suitable) Parr Blvd site.

Thank you. David Ansel - 89511

From: [Talisha Anderson](#)
To: [Managers - Commissioner Support](#); [Roman, Brandon](#)
Cc: info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: Objection to the proposed Soccer Stadium in the South Valley Park area
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 2:11:15 PM

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Hello,

My name is Talisha Anderson. I came here over 20 years ago to play basketball for the University of Nevada and ended up staying and currently raising my family here. I come from the Springfield, Oregon area where the University of Oregon is a big deal around there. I have found that the access I had to being able to play any sport growing up vastly lacks here in the Reno/Sparks area. I also worked for the Park and Rec district in Springfield and yes even though it was Oregon the focus they do on the community and the actual Parks and Recreation is much better than what happens here.

I live in the South Reno area by Damonte Ranch High School. Yes, this community has grown very much since I originally came here in 2003. My kids are in 4th, 5th and 8th grade this year. I also coach for most of their youth teams and recently was high school coach for girls basketball at Reed High School. We play for the leagues that participate in the South Reno area. It almost disturbs me how much our community lacks in getting facilities that are more geared towards our youth. This entails throughout the whole city.

What kind of town are we trying to become? Big City Vibe? Our growth has been substantial already. I have always loved Reno/Sparks for its small town feel, that true biggest little city vibe. I enjoy having some of the bigger activities, like the Aces, to do but honestly they aren't high on my list. The Aces are fun to watch but how well are they actually doing with revenue?

It feels like our city does not have any money to put towards existing facilities and build new ones that can help with the growth of our population. A large soccer stadium is not the answer to the activities our community wants. These stadiums are overpriced activities that our existing community can't afford to constantly attend. To say because people want to move here just for that? Kind of makes me laugh. I didn't stay after playing basketball for the big town activities. Our university struggles to consistently put people in the stands. I have seen the power of a successful athletic department and the true buzz you get going to the games of any of those sports. Those U of O games are more consistently attended than some of the other local sport teams the Eugene/Springfield area has. The Eugene Emeralds minor league baseball team lost their facility awhile back and have been sharing their stadium with the UofO baseball but that contract is ending and the community voted no to building a new one. It just shows you that is not what existing residents want. They don't want to build bigger stadiums. Same goes for our community. We do not want another stadium like that built; they want something that can be of more use to them. The GSR project got some hype but that is

because it focuses on our University team. Plus it is more "downtown" near a spot that is more geared towards that and can handle more traffic. Living on the outskirts of town I can tell you I don't want it getting too large like some of those areas downtown. ie large buildings like the casinos and aces stadium.

How long did it finally take our city to finally build a new pool? That will open and it will be a great addition but we are still lacking in community pools. I'd propose an indoor waterpark for the community over a soccer stadium. (City of Sparks) Golden Eagle has done a nice job of creating a complex that caters to many. We play for Washoe Little League and they recently expanded to softball and we use a field that is owned by the city of Reno and it amazes me how much work we the league put into it and the bare minimum the city seems to do or even allows us to do. Why not allow that league if we are interested in being able to do more to it? It had been overgrown and not attended to before our league finally put it to use. That proposed extension of fields and multi use fields they are doing for that part of the south valley park is highly welcomed and much needed.

But to think adding in the stadium will be good? It will not. We already struggle when we have a little bit of traffic there from all the activities going on at once (soccer, hockey, baseball/softball) but in the end it is welcomed traffic because we know it is for our kids and our community. Reno Ice wants to add another sheet of ice. I would say yes to that over the soccer stadium because it has better use for a community as a whole. There are so many different activities from youth to adult that currently they don't even have enough ice time for everyone and can't expand the offerings yet. Yes, that will bring a lot more traffic but in the end it is a better community use facility than the soccer stadium.

It is amazing how much our town was and actually is still lacking in options via the Parks and Recs. Our Parks and Rec need to do better for us. I know it is the school district for schools but they need to do better because our schools are barely built with enough room for extra curricular activities or even just the space as it is like the cafeteria/gyms. The schools that are established barely have enough room to house the season sports that happen but that also comes to our community not investing into these areas/upgrades for them. I'd propose better teaming up with schools on fields than with the ones interested in doing the soccer stadium.

But yet it is being proposed that we would rather have a large stadium that only gets used part of a season all for revenue. That is not what our community, especially in the south Reno area needs. We need more fields and parks for our community. We are losing more and more of our open space and we need to be better at making sure we provide more parks and multi-use spaces for our community rather than more large buildings. Especially ones that it costs an arm and a leg to actually attend. As a sports enthusiast, I vote no for that large soccer stadium in south reno.

Thank you for your time,

Talisha Anderson

From: [Martin Raffauf](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Subject: Public parks being given up for private Soccer field?
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Dear Sirs;

My name is Martin Raffauf. I am a home owner on Truckee Valley Court in South Reno which is opposite the South Valley Library. I wish to comment on this proposal to build a soccer stadium at the location of the South Valleys Regional Park. It is NOT a good idea. Having lived here for 4 + years now, I can only observe that the traffic, congestion and noise has increased markedly in the area. The current road infrastructure cannot even support the current levels of traffic.

There is already a large new housing development being constructed near Arrowcreek and Wedge (Off Arrowcreek between Wedge and South Virginia). This will add significantly to the congestion already in the area. There is no road and or parking infrastructure in place to support anything like a soccer stadium at the South Valleys Park location. A large warehouse project is also already under construction on Mt Rose highway east of Wedge which will further impact this area in terms of noise, traffic and congestion.

As I understand it, the the county would give away public lands designated as part of the South Valleys Regional Park to a private developer to build the soccer stadium for no cost? That cannot be a good value for the South Valleys or the city, especially as there seems to already be a shortage of public park space in the area.

I urge a no vote on this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration,

Martin Raffauf
1030 Truckee Valley Ct.
Reno NV 89511

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From: [Cecilia Ansel](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
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To whom it may concern,

I am firmly against a South Valley & Wedge Parkway stadium. It will add increased traffic and noise to an area that has already experienced an increase in development. A stadium that will accommodate 10,000 people does not belong in a residential area. I moved to the Wedge Parkway neighborhood to get away from urban chaos. A stadium here will certainly have a negative impact on my life.

Why is the alternate stadium on Parr Blvd, which is away from residences, not being considered?

We need more parks, not noisy stadiums.

I am very disturbed by this plan.

Thank you,

Cecilia Ansel

From: [Randall Five](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Professional Soccer Stadium
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Hello. I would like to say I am 100% against a soccer stadium off of Wedge Parkway in South Reno. We chose to build our retirement home at The Meadows off Wedge Parkway because I understand it is a low light area, the existing park is beautiful and the dog park is wonderful to have for our quiet lifestyle. The stadium will destroy through noise, traffic and lighting all that we enjoy now. We never thought this was a possibility and we understand there are other areas approved for this. Please do not decimate our property values and all that we love now.

Brett Strong. 945 Solarium Dr. Reno NV 89511. 801 918-5151.

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From: [Mark Rittenhouse](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: [Lori Rittenhouse](#)
Subject: Proposed Soccer Stadium
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Hello,

My name is Mark Rittenhouse and I live in the Meadows Subdivision on Wedge. There has been an enormous amount of frantic concern discussed in our community over the past few days regarding a proposed soccer stadium being built in the sports complex across wedge from our community. Firstly, I am extremely concerned and disappointed on how quickly this is being moved along without proper checks and balances. Secondly, this was originally designated for family oriented additions to the existing park complex which is badly needed for this growing area. Thirdly, we have already experienced an extreme increase of congestion in this area with the increased usage of the park complex, and especially the skating complex. All of our nearby communities have accepted that graciously, but this is the next level of infringement. There is no logic for the consideration of such a complex in this residential neighborhood. I can assure you there are no residents in this area that support this proposal. The noise and congestion would be totally unacceptable to this area. We are extremely disappointed in our system allowing such quick and silent movement for a project of this magnitude, and ask that you provide the necessary support to eliminate such a project and put it back on track of its original intentions. Everyone moved to these communities for what it was 4+ years ago, and have already absorbed Reno Ice and additional retail. Any further commercial ventures would totally destroy the quality of life intended for these communities which zoning and public officers are intended to protect. Please be assured, NO ONE in the surrounding residential neighborhoods support this project, and will actively protest such a move. We are hopeful you are in support of this position and will protect our community. Please reply back with what rights of protest we have, and what avenues available to exercise such rights .Thank you again for your support !!

Mark Rittenhouse
979 Truckee Valley Drive
Reno, Nevada 89511
605-660-0989 Cell
markrittenhouse1@gmail.com

From: [Tiffany Roland](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Soccer Stadium
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Hello,

First of all, I want to say we are huge soccer fans and my husband even plays soccer on a men's league on the south valley soccer fields. We are not opposed to a new soccer stadium but is there any way to PLEASE have ingress/egress from Virginia Street only. That portion of Virginia Street isn't as busy as the area near Wedge Pkwy and Arrowcreek. I'm sure you can get traffic counts from RTC for both Virginia Street versus Arrowcreek/Wedge Parkway. Maybe a roundabout at that intersection would help with the already backed up traffic too?

We own a home in the Meadows subdivision that my elderly parents live in. (1003 Truckee Valley Dr) There's already so much traffic and congestion on Wedge Parkway that they have trouble exiting the community. This issue was exacerbated by the addition of the commercial businesses at the corner of Wedge Parkway and Arrowcreek. We already called the City of Reno about how many people are jaywalking across Wedge Parkway from the Ice Skating Arena after their practices to get pizza, beer, yogurt, etc. This is a huge safety issue and the soccer stadium hasn't even been built.

Thank you for listening to our concerns.

Tiffany Roland

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From: jslukacek@gmail.com
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov
Cc: info@SportLogicGlobal.com
Subject: Stadium NO! HANDS OFF!
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Hey Washoe County enough with the Switcheroo tactics of giving PUBLIC assets away to Private users! Wendy Damonte doesn't need our public \$!
How does Washoe County continue to employ you with your seedy business tactics? You do not represent the views of the South Valleys residents. Many of us are already concerned about traffic once the new retail location - under development- opens 24 hours in the Galena shopping center!

A stadium is already in the plans and has a location underway elsewhere in Reno! And that location has space around it!

I live off Wedge Parkway and walk to the park, there is already too much traffic on Wedge with residential and retail space across from library and at Mt. Rose. When the South Valleys park has athletic events, traffic is horrendous on Wedge!

Don't you look at traffic patterns???

PARKS are for the PEOPLE! Hands off! The South Valleys land was donated and reserved for public use. We use and enjoy the county park and there are not enough fields for the growing residential population as it is!

Do not give away assets to a private user! Dont take our public park land and use it for private gain!!! Don't ASK US to PAY IT either! We don't want the noise, traffic, light pollution in a residential area. ABSURD of each of you not to survey residents on this before Damonte spent \$20 on 18 acres and not ask us if we wanted it! PEOPLE deserve measures like this to be on a voting ballot- don't expect your residents to support something that we don't have a Voice on!

Each of you on this email do not represent the People! Just quit your job, as you are shameful to represent us to Washoe County !

Jeannette Swist Lukacek

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Leslie Howell](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Crump, Eric S](#)
Cc: [Hill, Alexis](#); [Herman, Jeanne](#); [Clark, Michael](#); [Garcia, Mariluz C.](#); [Clara Andriola](#)
Subject: Vote No soccer stadium at south Valley
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Washoe County Commissioners Chair Alexis Hill (District 1), Vice Chair Jeanne Herman (District 5), Mariluz Garcia (District 3), Clara Andriola (District 4), Michael Clark (District 5)

Subject: VOTE NO to Damonte's Unsolicited Proposal to construct Soccer Stadium at South Valleys Regional Park

I am a resident the of the Mountaingate community at the intersection of Wedge/Arrowcreek Pkwy, which is 0.30 miles from the proposed 6,500 seat soccer stadium and special event facility. I strongly OPPOSE to the soccer stadium proposal by Wendy Damonte, and her investors at South Valleys Regional Park, on the following grounds:

- The Project under consideration is to be constructed on land currently utilized as open space, consisting of amateur soccer and baseball fields, a dog park and outdoor recreation sites adjacent to South Valleys Library. This park and open space, as well as the adjacent library are largely funded through the assessment of County taxes paid by homeowners in the South Valley Park Tax District 1C through our county tax bills. Our family moved to this area because of the wide undeveloped open space of this nearby park.
- South Valleys Park recently received a grant of \$2 million to accommodate increased public use of the park, amateur soccer and baseball fields. The park was never slated to subsequently be sold or leased to private investors for their professional sports teams or for-profit events.
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Please vote to decline Wendy Damonte's proposed South Valleys Park stadium. **Keep our open space open.**

Thank you.

[YOUR NAME]
[YOUR ADDRESS]
Reno, NV 89511

Leslie Howell
13520 Tremolite
Reno, NV 89511



TO: broman@washoecounty.gov, ecrump@washoecounty.gov

CC: ahill@washoecounty.gov, jherman@washoecounty.gov, meclark@washoecounty.gov,
mcgarcia@washoecounty.gov, candriola@washoecounty.gov

From: [sma3760](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: NO to the stadium proposal
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 3:10:01 PM

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Susan Arms
13350 Damonte View Lane
Mountaingate

From: [offcentre444](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: NO to Soccer Stadium at South Valleys Rec Center
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 3:12:45 PM

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Bob Arms
13350 Damonte View Lane

From: [Anne Boucher Shrake](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#); info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: Proposed Stadium on Wedge Parkway
Date: Friday, July 19, 2024 12:31:01 PM

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All,

Please consider this email documentation of my opposition to the construction of a soccer stadium on Wedge Parkway.

For the record, I LOVE soccer. However, the location of this proposed stadium is of great concern. Wedge Parkway is NOT suited for this level of traffic. Furthermore construction of a stadium at this location will negatively impact the existing county park/fields.

Why give away public land when a private developer is already planning to construct a similar facility on private land, at no cost to taxpayers?

Please vote to reject this proposal.

Anne Shrake

From: [Mina Dorostkar](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Clark, Michael](#)
Subject: A Message From the Massoud Dorostkar Trustee Concerning the Proposal for an Indoor Stadium in South Reno
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 6:21:53 PM

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Gentlemen,

I am the daughter of Dr Massoud Dorostkar who generously donated a considerable amount of land to the county for public use. In addition to 26 acres for Dorostkar Park, he donated the area that is now known as the South Valleys Regional Park. He and his brother donated 22 more acres adjacent to that park with the intent to expand it into an outdoor sports complex for non profit use and enjoyment by the local community.

My father would have been absolutely opposed to a 10,000 capacity stadium built by private investors FOR PROFIT on land he donated. According to the RGJ, the proposed stadium is designated for professional soccer teams. This is far from the community use that my dad agreed to. Tennis courts and additional outdoor ball fields are notated in the original master plan. Those would actually be utilized by the local residents. He also would have wanted to maintain the integrity of the quiet suburban neighborhood in which he resided. A project of that scale would bring in additional traffic, noise, pollution and inevitably crime. Green open space would be much preferable over acres of asphalt needed to accommodate thousands of parked cars. There is also the possibility that the soccer team/league will fail as the previous one did and then the community will be left with an ugly stadium too expensive to upkeep.

I have contacted the lawyer who was involved with the land donation and who is familiar with the parameters of the agreement between my dad and the county. I believe that the proposed stadium is in opposition to the spirit and intent of this agreement. I hope that the parks commission will take this into consideration and not allow the stadium to be built.

Sincerely,
Mina Dorostkar

From: [Johnston, Sally](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: FW: I strongly opposed the proposed Stadium on Wedge Parkway.
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 3:34:00 PM
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From: Jane Grossman <janemaxg123@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2024 3:03 PM
To: Managers - Commissioner Support <commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov>
Subject: I strongly opposed the proposed Stadium on Wedge Parkway.

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Dear Washoe County Commissioners,

I'm against giving away county property to a for profit soccer stadium at the expense of needed park resources for our community. It seems like so many of us are finding out about this project at the 11th hour.

Where was the public notice for such a big project? It seems like the county tried to sneak this through the back door.

At a time when there are not enough parks and playing fields for our growing community, this is a terrible idea that takes away benefits for the many and gives them to a few.

The land in question, originally donated by Dr. Dorostkar for community use, should not be repurposed for commercial interests. The commission has a responsibility to honor this donation and consider its intended use for the benefit of residents, rather than profit-driven enterprises.

I implore you to reconsider this proposal and instead support the stadium's relocation to an appropriate site, such as the one near Highway 395 and Parr Boulevard, already approved by the Reno Planning Commission. This alternative location aligns with community planning and minimizes disruption to residential areas.

Finally, I request transparency in the decision-making process, including meaningful community engagement and disclosure of all relevant details, particularly regarding the use of proceeds from any land sale.

Our community deserves better consideration than what this proposal currently offers.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Jane Grossman
1665 Green Ash Rd. Reno, NV 89511
janemaxg123@gmail.com
775-849-9755

From: [Sandra Pazen](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Cc: jadsa@hotmail.com
Subject: Stadium/Wedge
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 3:41:39 PM

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My house is off Wedge Pwky. I DO NOT want a stadium!!!! The traffic will be HORRIBLE!!!! We all go over to the park. Young and old alike. PLEASE do not take our space. I know Ms Damonte would like it but we've lived here way before. Go somewhere else!!

Warren and Sandy Pazen

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From: [Lisa Craner](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: Info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: I oppose the Soccer stadium in South Reno
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 3:51:59 PM

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Hello,

I live in Mountain gate, a community on the corner of Arrowcreek Parkway and Wedge Parkway. I vehemently oppose Wendy Damonte's soccer stadium plans on Wedge Parkway as it will negatively influence, my families quality of life in our quiet neighborhood. The stadium does not belong in South valleys, as there are thousands of single-family homes, apartments, and mobile homes that will be negatively affected by the light, the traffic, the noise pollution, not to mention that it will bring down the value of our homes. It doesn't make any sense, especially when there is an alternative stadium already approved in Reno off of Highway 395 at Parr Blvd. This stadium consumes no public money, is on private land does not infringe on any neighbors or their home values. I can assure you, all of those that live here in this neighborhood. Do not want this stadium at South Valley Park. It doesn't make any sense whatsoever and we will do whatever it takes to prevent this from happening.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards, Lisa Craner
13505 Tremolite Dr, Reno, NV 89511

From: [Barbara Poole](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Subject: Stadium Wedge Parkway
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 3:54:11 PM

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To whom it concerns;

Stop the developer from building a stadium in a residential area & on land designated to be a park area. A stadium. & can only cause much chaos & disrupt the comfort & well being of many lives. The secrecy & disregard for others" rights, shows me a project based on Greed & disrespect. We already have a stadium. Barbara Poole Reno, NV

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From: [Robin Silvaroli](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: Opposition to South Reno Soccer Stadium
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 3:57:50 PM

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Hello. I am writing to voice my concern and opposition to the proposed stadium replacing the South Valley Park. The area is residential and cannot support this kind of endeavor!

I have been a resident of south Reno since the 90's and have witnessed horrible management of the area. The beautiful, quiet open spaces near our neighborhoods continues to be eaten up by apartment buildings, warehousing and retail space with NO consideration for the enjoyment and quality of life for those of us living here... now you want us to allow a stadium to be built in our backyards?

The proposed location is on a 2-lane street with no room for road expansion. Traffic on Wedge Parkway is already backlogged during soccer and baseball games. The impact of traffic for a minimum 6500 seat stadium or more for special events would paralyze the roads. The noise and light pollution would severely impact the lives of the families who have worked hard to live in a quiet neighborhood near a park!

South Valley Park was intended to be used for **public** use, NOT for a private developer to ruin the land and its' intended use to make a profit! Families use the park as a playground and picnic area, it houses baseball and soccer fields, little league football teams practice there, not to mention losing the library; all things that allow our children to make memories and enjoy the outdoors! Why isn't anyone looking at the impact this will have on our kids? We currently don't have enough open space for our young residents, why would you take away the only park in the area?

Sacrificing this space deprives many for the benefit of a few!

If a stadium were built here, there would also be demands for additional projects to include more services which the area cannot absorb... it wouldn't be 'just' a stadium! This is a land-locked area that cannot accommodate this proposal and forcing a large stadium in a small area makes no sense!

My understanding is there are other options for the location of the stadium, one of which is Parr Blvd. That area is better suited for this project since it already accommodates non-residential facilities, which would have less impact on local residents.

I implore you look at this location logically, consider the long-term impact and realize this is a horrible plan.

Thank you,

Robin Silvaroli
3846 Bellingham Dr
Reno, NV 89511

From: [Johnston, Sally](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: FW: Stadium/Wedge Pwky
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 4:08:08 PM
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From: Sandra Pazen <jadsa59@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 22, 2024 3:54 PM

To: Managers - Commissioner Support <commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov>

Subject: Stadium/Wedge Pwky

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We DO NOT want a Stadium on Wedge!!! There is no infra structure and WE don't want the noise or traffic!!!! We love that park and young and old go there. I know Ms Damonte would love it but we care and it's our neighborhood. PLEASE don't build it. Go somewhere else!

Warren and Sandy Pazen

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From: [Pamela Gardner](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Proposed soccer field in south Reno
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 4:14:34 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am completely against taking away the designated Washoe park next to the Library on Wedge Pkwy. Not only is the park used over 100% for children's sports and family activities but it would completely change the family atmosphere around the Library and neighboring communities. The traffic, noise, lights would be a detriment to the area.

Please do not approve the soccer stadium in a county designated park area. Thank you.

Pam Gardner
(775) 772-8402

Sent from my iPhone

From: [j.lane](#)
To: [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: [Roman, Brandon](#); info@SportLogicGlobal.com
Subject: Wedge Parkway stadium proposal
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 4:20:18 PM

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As a 42-year resident of Reno, it is a distant memory of small town living with a very reasonable balance of buildings and nature. One must accept the fact that growth is inevitable to sustain jobs and a healthy tax base. The land in question was donated to provide a small island of reprieve for public use. But here we are, once again, with a big dollar special interest group pushing their 1 dollar per year (?) agenda to the county. My property tax paying dollar says stick with the original intent of a traditional park setting. Perhaps Wendy Damonte and her neighbors would better enjoy The Stadium with its noise, lights, traffic and the heat generated by its necessary parking pavement in their back yard. Thank you, John Lane

From: [ANNETTE BOURNAZIAN](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: South valley soccer stadium
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 4:22:57 PM

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Dear Commissioners

I am writing to oppose the 10,000 seat soccer stadium.

I'm sure the commissioner's office did their due diligence and researched the risks and benefits of this proposed stadium?

This is a residential neighborhood with a heavy amount of traffic on Wedge Parkway putting pedestrians and cyclists at an increased disadvantage for their safety.

As residents of the neighborhood we're being exposed to increased traffic and noise during events.

I sincerely hope all of these points were taken into consideration and the driving force is not money motivated, but the preservation of a safe and lovely neighborhood we can all enjoy!

Thank you for your time

Annette Bournazian

Sent from my iPhone

From: haggerty1024@att.net
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Cc: info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: Stop the South Reno Stadium
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 4:24:45 PM

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I object to plans for a stadium in the South Parks area. This area should be used for outdoor recreation as originally intended. A stadium would have a negative impact on traffic and roadways. It would disturb the quiet of nearby neighborhoods. It could also negatively affect home values.

Stop the South Reno Stadium!

From: [Sharra](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Crump, Eric S](#)
Cc: [Hill, Alexis](#); [Herman, Jeanne](#); [Clark, Michael](#); [Garcia, Mariluz C.](#); [Clara Andriola](#)
Subject: VOTE NO to Damonte's Unsolicited Proposal to construct Soccer Stadium at South Valleys Regional Park
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 4:39:56 PM

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Please vote to decline Wendy Damonte's proposed South Valleys Park stadium. Keep our open space open.

Thank you,
Sharra Clemens
705 Meadow Rock Ct
Reno, NV 89511

From: [James Yasord](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Against the stadium
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 6:02:37 PM

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I am against using this site for a soccer stadium. There are excellent private sites, across from summit mall would have been an excellent one. This site, in proximity to residential neighborhoods would flood the community with traffic, hurt property values, and decrease the quality of life around the stadium.

I support this area to be developed for sports & recreational facility's as it was intended. These would be a positive contribution to the community and appropriate to the site.

Best,
Jami Yasord
775.379.7160

From: [Stephanie Contreras](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: No Soccer Stadium at South Valleys
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 5:35:01 PM

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As a south Reno resident of 12 years, my children and I utilize the park at South Valleys frequently. I would love for a splash park or pool to be built there, or an expansion of park space.

I absolutely do not want a 6k + seat soccer stadium on that land, in my backyard. Please do not go forward with building this stadium on our public land.

Thanks for your time,

Stephanie Fleming
703-597-5996

From: chellmans@charter.net
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Not in favor of soccer stadium in South Reno
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 4:54:33 PM

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Hello,

Please add me to your list of people who think that the South Reno Wedge Parkway location is not a good idea for a stadium.

Thank you,
Kathryn Chellman



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From: [Bob Falkenberg](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Crump, Eric S](#)
Cc: [Hill, Alexis](#); [Herman, Jeanne](#); [Clark, Michael](#); [Garcia, Mariluz C.](#); [Clara Andriola](#); [Bob Falkenberg](#)
Subject: Please VOTE NO on South Valleys Soccer Stadium Proposal
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 5:49:51 PM

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I moved to this side of South Reno because of the dark night skies and quiet nights. A brightly lit stadium would cause light pollution, traffic, and noise to our peaceful area. The residential roadways of our area in South Reno are not built to support crowds of 6,500-10,000 people. This proposal is particularly problematic given the huge amount of construction still going on in this area. Traffic has become horrendous and hundreds of new homes are still being built on Arrowcreek Pkwy, just 1/4 mile east of Wedge Pkwy. Once they are occupied, with no change expected to Arrowcreek Pkwy, the traffic will become even worse. Besides obvious quality of life issues, this overbuilding can seriously impact emergency vehicles (fire, ambulance) access when needed. This would be exacerbated during events where 5-10,000 cars could flood the roads, especially one-lane roads such as Arrowcreek and Wedge. Since this is a highly residential area with very little expandable infrastructure, this stadium proposal for this particular area is highly problematic. In my short 7 years here in South Reno, the massive amount of growth has changed this area where I sometimes regret purchasing here. This uncontrolled growth in South Reno needs to end. Infrastructure needs to come FIRST before any further more discretionary development takes place.

Please vote to **DECLINE** Wendy Damonte's proposed South Valleys Park stadium. We need more parks, not less. **Keep our open space open.**

Thank you,

Robert J. Falkenberg
13366 Travertine Ln
Reno, NV 89511

From: [Jeannette Stoll](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#); info@SportLogicGlobal.com
Subject: proposed soccer stadium
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 6:21:51 PM

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Mr. Roman,

I would like to express that I'm **opposed** to having a soccer stadium built at the South Valley Park area.

We purchased in that part of town because it was away from the hub-bub of the city center and venues that attracted large crowds.

The questions asked by your commissioners regarding noise and parking are very valid concerns.

And Wendy Damonte's statement about people wanting to live near a stadium, somehow that just doesn't ring true. She listed 5-6 such cities, but what percentage is that of the total number of professional sports stadiums. And who came first, an existing neighborhood or the stadium?

I encourage the commissioners to please reject the proposal to build a soccer stadium at South Valley Park.

Sincerely,
Jeannette Stoll
2400 Killington Dr.
Reno, NV 89511

From: [Mandy](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: Info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: Soccer Stadium Opposition
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 5:08:20 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to share my objections to the proposal to build a stadium at the South Valleys Park. This land was intended for public use and should remain that way. South Reno is a growing area with many families and children. We want adequate parks and sports fields that can be enjoyed by current and future generations to come, not a soccer stadium. Reno Ice has already increased the amount of traffic in the area. A stadium would further add to the traffic problem, while increasing light pollution and negatively impacting the surrounding residential neighborhoods. The alternate location near 395 and Parr that was already approved would still allow Reno to have a soccer stadium, without placing additional burdens on already congested residential areas. We urge you to consider the best interest of local residents and say no to a stadium at/near South Valleys Park.

Sincerely,
Mandy Hodach

From: [Jelaine Whipple](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Subject: STOP the Soccer Stadium off of Wedge Parkway!!
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 5:04:48 PM

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My name is Jelaine Whipple, and I reside directly across the street from this proposed location for the new Soccer stadium at 935 Solarium Drive. **I am AGAINST this stadium!**

We live in *a very heavy residential neighborhood area*... why in the world is this being considered to be built directly across the street from our homes, families and lives? And why is this being fast-tracked, we have only just learned about this even though it would have a huge impact on our lives and families.

Reasons:

1. **DANGEROUS TRAFFIC:** Even now, the traffic is way too heavy and it is frequently dangerous when leaving our neighborhoods to go onto Wedge Parkway or Arrowcreek. I have seen several close calls, especially in key traffic times!
2. **PARKING:** is already a massive issue for those attending the library, church, family soccer and baseball games and events at South Valleys. Even now events at the library must be cancelled when there are family baseball games because there is not enough parking. ***This frequently overflows into our neighborhoods so we can't easily park by our own homes!***
3. **SAFETY:** Myself and my neighbors are all very concerned even when crossing the street. I am hesitant even when going on a walk because so many cars quickly and dangerously speed on Wedge Parkway and Arrowcreek. They speed while looking at their phones, accidents waiting to happen.
4. **QUIET:** this will impact our quality of lives due to NOISE.

I am so concerned that I was going to ask what you are going to do to calm Wedge Parkway down so it is SAFE for families... and now you are considering exactly the opposite: adding a Soccer Stadium and more traffic to make it much more dangerous!

Stop this stadium!
Jelaine Whipple
775-240-6701

From: [Tom Rafferty](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Wedge Parkway Soccer Stadium
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Hello Brandon,

I just wanted to express my opposition to the proposed soccer stadium next door to the South Valley's library and Washoe Little League fields. Wedge Parkway is not adequate to handle the traffic during little league season with maybe 150-250 people. The congestion from the average attendance of 3,400 – 3,600 soccer fans will be unbearable on Wedge Parkway. This is a community recreation area and the build out plan I reviewed a year or so ago included bocci ball courts, tennis courts, etc., on the South end. There was no mention of a soccer stadium for a professional team anywhere on this build out plan. The homeowner's who live off Wedge Parkway purchased their homes to enjoy the community recreation area, not a commercial soccer venue. The noise and congestion that this will create on gameday will be unacceptable. The potential decline in the marketability and value of the homes located in this area is also unacceptable. The stadium is better suited for a more Urban location – Mt Rose Hwy next to TMCC Campus, Aces Stadium.

Please remove the Wedge Parkway location from consideration.

Best regards,
Tom Rafferty

Tom E. Rafferty, CPA
Shareholder



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From: [Casey Johnson](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Subject: Community opposition to Damonte proposal of South Valleys Soccer Stadium
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Mr. Roman and Commission for Open Spaces,

As a local homeowner that lives within walking distance of South Valleys Park, I have a very strong opposition to a new soccer stadium proposal. This land was and is intended for public use and is not equipped for a large private soccer stadium. Regardless of Wendy Damonte's recent comments to the commission stating that the community "wants to be a part of this." I strongly disagree. This is not the appropriate location for such a development. The approved location near 395/Parr for the Battleborn FC soccer stadium would more than satisfy the need for such a facility, so there is no logical function of another soccer stadium, specifically in the South Valleys park. I believe others in the community have voiced concern with this being a way to line pockets rather than a decision based around what is best for Reno residents. This decision regarding the proposal needs to be made from a place of integrity and respect for the Reno community. I believe you have received an overwhelming response that this is not what we want!

Our community wants adequate parks and open spaces for our children and future generations. In South Reno, we have already compromised much of our open spaces for commercial development, apartments, and warehouses. Such rapid growth has impacted traffic as our current infrastructure hasn't been updated to accommodate it, and a stadium in this area would only magnify these issues.

I also have concerns surrounding noise and light pollution as this proposed stadium would quite literally be in my backyard.

I sincerely urge you to consider the best interest of your local residents and say NO to a stadium at/near South Valleys Park!

Casey Johnson

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To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: FW: Please we do not want a soccer stadium.Nancy Furtado 17000 Wedge Pkwy #825 Reno Nv
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 1:36:12 PM
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From: greatgrannan <greatgrannan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 12:52 PM
To: Managers - Commissioner Support <commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov>
Subject: Please we do not want a soccer stadium.Nancy Furtado 17000 Wedge Pkwy #825 Reno Nv

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To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: FW: Proposal for South Valleys soccer stadium - object!
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From: linda j von graff <ljvongraff12@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2024 7:56 PM
To: Managers - Commissioner Support <commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Proposal for South Valleys soccer stadium - object!

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From: linda j von graff <ljvongraff12@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jul 22, 2024, 7:47 PM
Subject: Proposal for South Valleys soccer stadium - object!
To:
Cc: <broman@washoecounty.gov>, <commissionersupport@washoecounty.comgob>

Am writing to express my concern & objection to the proposal here in my neighborhood in South Reno, for the Soccer Stadium that is potentially being considered.

I am a senior in Pioneer Hills Mobile Estates (owned by Ben Damonte) which is adjacent to the open area that is being considered for this project.

As it is, this neighborhood and the surrounding ones can hear the noise, have light

interference at night & has sometimes have traffic issues with the current facilities at the South Valley Regional Park with its ongoing Soccer & baseball games year round. While I understand the demand exceeds the supply for areas to expand these extremely popular activities by our growing population, there are OTHER alternative areas for this expansion to take place...ie., the GSR proposal and the one up by Parr Blvd. Both these two options make more sense to have because of their locations, which would result in alot less impact to what is already an overcrowded area here in South Reno.

If they did want to still utilize some of the undeveloped area of the South Valleys Regional park, they could expand abit more on the current baseball park area or possibly designate it for specifically women's soccer or another women specific spirt. Either way, it would still satisfy the use of the open land, without having the impact of a full blown Stadium in this largely residential area in South Reno.

Please consider this a serious alternative to what is currently being pushed through by special interests, without the input of the people that will be impacted the most! Not democracy nor the democratic way..which we are all aware during these turbulent times especially.

Please, for the sake of what is fair and makes the most sense, I am asking you for this consideration.

Linda J. Von Graff
188 Daggett Drive
Reno NV 89511

From: [Johnston, Sally](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: FW: Proposed Soccer Stadium in South Reno
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 8:02:30 AM
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From: Kim Miller <kemiller77@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2024 9:54 PM
To: Managers - Commissioner Support <commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov>
Cc: Info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: Proposed Soccer Stadium in South Reno

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Dear Washoe County Commissioners:

I am writing to express my utter disappointment and amazement at the proposed plan for a private soccer stadium to be built on public land set aside for, and some land currently being used for, a park. And to have this proposal brought forth when there are already plans for a private stadium to be built with private monies in a more appropriate place in north Reno is ludicrous.

As I understand it, the land under discussion in south Reno has already been set aside along with promised funding to expand the current park by creating a dog park and a

splash pad, among other improvements. There is a need for more parks and more park upgrades in Reno. We rank near the bottom of the pile among the fifty states for our park areas.

In addition to this, there are other issues that come with building a 6500-seat soccer stadium that will hold 10,000 people for events in the proposed area in south Reno. The area is already congested with ball fields, a park, a library, an ice skating rink, a neighborhood with single family homes, hundreds of apartments, a convenience store, a mobile home park and a casino. Across Wedge Parkway is a strip mall with approximately 10 businesses in an area that was originally approved for three businesses. Getting in and out of the strip mall, the library, the ball parks, the ice skating arena, the library and the neighborhood is currently dangerous. More traffic from the soccer/event stadium would only make matters worse. I've heard a rumor that the entry and exit areas for the soccer stadium will be on South Virginia Street. There are already several accidents that have happened in that area on South Virginia St.

The noise factor is another issue. During special events, such as concerts, the noise will no doubt be heard in the various neighborhoods nearby.

There is no reason for this private park to be built on public land (and at a ridiculously low lease price), especially, when a private stadium, being built with private money, on land already purchased by a private party has been approved and is much better suited for such a stadium.

This project should not go forward because of noise issues, safety issues, and loss of committed park space that would be open to and enjoyed by the entire community for starters.

Sincerely,

Kim Miller

From: [Johnston, Sally](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: FW: South Reno stadium
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 7:49:48 AM
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From: Lori Rittenhouse <loriritthi@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2024 6:58 PM
To: Managers - Commissioner Support <commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov>
Subject: Fwd: South Reno stadium

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To Whom It May Concern,

I have just recently heard about the possibility of having an "unsolicited" soccer stadium built on "donated" land that was previously proposed to have things that were more family friendly. This was EXTREMELY disappointing and upsetting to me, my family, and many of my neighbors in The Meadows subdivision off Wedge Parkway.

When we bought our property over three years ago, we were told about the plaza that was going to be built. We knew that would increase the traffic, but were okay with that due to the different businesses going into the plaza. We knew about the traffic from the already existing soccer fields and baseball fields. Then, without our knowledge, Reno Ice was built which has increased traffic even more so. Now, there is something else that will draw even more traffic and noise into where we call "home". If we wanted to live in a

place where we had close access to a stadium where thousands of people would be entertained, we would've looked in another area.

I truly appreciate Commissioner Michaleangelo Aranda and Commissioner Miles Gurtler wanting to hear from the community close to where this stadium is to be built. I also appreciate Chair Kevin Joell stating the same thing in regards to people choosing to live in this area because it was more suburban and not "urban core". That is exactly why we chose to live in this area! I've lived in several different states and NEVER would think about living close to a stadium no matter the size or sport it entertains!

Ms. Damonte can spout "positives" from other cities/states, but it's not South Reno. It is NOT wanted here in the area of our homes!

I hope everyone on the council truly considers the homeowners' feelings from this area and votes NO on the building of this stadium.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Lori Rittenhouse

[979 Truckee Valley Drive](#)

[Reno, NV 89511](#)

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Lori Rittenhouse

ECE Teacher

Silver Stage Elementary School

3900 W. Spruce

Silver Springs, NV 89429

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From: [Don Johnson](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: I Oppose a Stadium at South Valley Park!
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 11:56:25 AM

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My name is Don L. Johnson and I am a 25 year resident, property owner and a tax payer here in Reno and Washoe County. Oh...I am also a retired Army Officer and the father of a 100% disabled veteran daughter who is also a resident of Reno and Washoe county. I personally use County Golf courses, dog parks and the Washoe County Shooting facility. My grandchildren and great grandchildren use various parks for play purposes and also use the dog parks. My younger brother uses the current Reno I facility to play hockey.

The current plan to deviate from the original intent for use of the land where some want to approve the installation of a soccer stadium is CLEARLY NOT in the interests of the people/public as this land was intended as a **Park** for the use of my family members and my neighbors. Rather, it is in the interest of developers. This is NOT supposed to be how this works. I Do live (In a house that I DO own) within walking distance of the proposed soccer stadium and we DO NOT NEED OR WANT more traffic, more people and more noise in our area.

If you have any questions for me, my contact phone number (cell) is 775-224-6852 and my email address is doninreno@gmail.com.

Don L. Johnson
Reno, NV

From: [Elaine Fox](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#); [Crump, Eric S](#)
Cc: [Hill, Alexis](#); [Herman, Jeanne](#); [Clark, Michael](#); [Garcia, Mariluz C.](#); [Clara Andriola](#); info@SportLogicGlobal.com
Subject: I OPPOSE the Wedge Parkway/South Valley Park soccer stadium proposal
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 11:42:11 AM

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Dear County Commissioners,

I wish to express my strong opposition to the proposed South Valley park soccer stadium. You have received numerous emails from residents of Wedge Parkway neighbourhoods explaining the many reasons why this is a very bad idea.

1. There is already a planned soccer stadium on land near Parr Blvd. this area is central to the 395/I-80 corridor and doesnt infringe on residential neighbourhoods.
2. Wedge Parkway is already extremely congested due to Reno Ice and soccer games/baseball games. I'm amazed that pedestrians haven't been hit by so many vehicles exceeding the speed limit and disregarding designated pedestrian crossings on a daily basis with almost zero speed enforcement.

Several years ago Mt Rose highway was closed for some hours due to fire. Wedge Parkway was a lifeline for Mt Rose Hwy residents being told to evacuate that area. The traffic was bumper to bumper on Wedge for hours.

3. Almost all the residents off Wedge Parkway are opposed to this insane idea that will bring unsustainable traffic, noise, undesirable alcohol-related behaviour, artificial lighting, reduced property values and most of all removing a beautiful green space that we all utilise and enjoy.

If Wendy Wyness-Damonte thinks a soccer stadium is such a great idea, why doesnt she build it in her back yard? I'm sure she has plenty of space.

NO to greedy, under-the-table sweetheart deals and shady, secretive behaviour by public officials trying to push this through without considering residents' opinions in advance.

Sincerely,

Elaine Fox
980 Little Star Dr.

Reno, NV 89512
(775)376-0277

Sent from my iPhone

From: [will Herrick](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Crump, Eric S](#); [Garcia, Mariluz C.](#); [Clark, Michael](#); [Herman, Jeanne](#); [Clara Andriola](#); [Hill, Alexis](#)
Subject: NO on FOF Soccer Stadium
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My name is Jack Herrick and I am 16 years old. I have been playing little league, soccer, football and lacrosse in Washoe County since I was 5. We always struggle with finding space to hold our practices. My mom and Dad have to drive far away because we do not have enough spaces to practice and play our games. I don't understand how anyone would want to take away land that is for kids sports.

Adults often complain about kids sitting around on our phones and playing games. Why don't you think about the future of kids sports and keep the land for the kids.

Please vote no on the soccer stadium being built on land meant for kids sports. My friends and I are depending on you to do the right thing.

Jack Herrick

From: [Lauren Bremer Jackson](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Crump, Eric S](#); [Garcia, Mariluz C.](#); [Clark, Michael](#); [Herman, Jeanne](#); [Clara Andriola](#); [Hill, Alexis](#)
Subject: No soccer stadium in South Reno
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my displeasure in hearing that a soccer stadium is being considered for the South Valley park. By no means can Wedge Parkway and Arrowcreek Parkway handle the traffic that would incur if there were to be a stadium on that land. When the parking lot fills from baseball and soccer families, not to mention the hockey rink traffic, in the spring and fall, there are already difficulties making turns off and onto Wedge Parkway.

Furthermore, there are greater needs for the South Reno community than a soccer stadium. A public pool, softball fields, and just plain old greenery to look upon are all better uses of this space than a soccer stadium. I urge you to find another piece of land if this is warranted.

Sincerely,

Lauren Jackson

From: [Jackie McKinney](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Cc: [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Subject: Objection to proposed South Valley & Wedge Pkwy Damonte Soccer Stadium
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Good afternoon,

I live on Crest Valley Dr, directly off of Arrowcreek Pkwy and Wedge Pkwy, and I'm writing to object to the proposal of a new soccer stadium on Wedge Pkwy.

As this issue has recently received a great deal of discourse, I will try to keep this short.

If a soccer stadium is even wanted in Reno (which based on the previous attendance of the Reno 1868 FC, I don't believe a 10,000 capacity stadium will ever be necessary), then I would suggest other locations which do not remove public parks and other public recreation areas. It seems there is already another potential option in the North Valleys, but if South Valley is more ideal, perhaps find a location which will not take away already used public spaces.

Furthermore, I am not against a new soccer if the community really wants it. However, I do not think the community of South Reno or even the greater Reno area has expressed a desire for a soccer stadium. Should community outreach and survey results prove the want is there for a new soccer stadium in a location not already being used by the public though, please DO NOT just give a sweetheart deal to a private developer. If a private developer wishes to build a soccer stadium in Reno, I'm sure they can find a way without local government finding to do so, and if they cannot then they cannot afford to run a professional athletic program in our community.

Instead of considering funding and permitting unnecessary sports facilities, I would like to see the Washoe County Commission expand public transportation (perhaps adding additional bus stops and routes on Arrowcreek Pkwy and Wedge Pkwy that go maybe all the way to the main UNR campus!), build protected bike lanes, make sidewalks wider and safer, and support more green recreational spaces for pedestrians to enjoy.

Thank you,
Jackie McKinney

From: [Sharon Irvin](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Oppose So Valley Soccer Stadium
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I am all in favor of a soccer/events arena in south Reno or anywhere in our region for all the wonderful reasons stated in the application submitted by Wendy Damonte.

I am absolutely opposed to such a grand and ostentatious development between Wedge Parkway and South Virginia Street! Wouldn't the ample amounts of open space along S Virginia Street south of Mt. Rose Hwy be a much better location and a much better use of the land than the warehousing currently being built? Perhaps the city could have negotiated with the developer or a future developer to donate a piece of that parcel for such a positive addition to our community.

Please don't eliminate our beautiful park and open space for a noisy, congested commercial venue. As it is, two lane Wedge Pkwy has become seriously congested with the development of multiple apartment complexes and the addition of high density , small lot single family homes currently under construction will only add to the mess.

Sincerely,

Sharon Irvin
2150 Whites Creek Ln
775 772 1880

From: [carrie fountain-davis](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Oppose South Valleys Soccer Stadium
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I would like to express my opposition to the proposed soccer stadium by For our Fans Foundation.

I have been a resident of South Reno for over 21 years and a stadium is not appropriate for the South Valleys site. The land that was donated to the county should be used to expand the park with more play fields, play equipment, splash park and trails. It seems unethical to repurpose public land for private use.

The area surrounding the South Valleys complex is an established neighborhood. The stadium would create disruptive traffic and devalue residential properties. There is already an approved site on Parr Blvd where a soccer stadium will be constructed and a proposed stadium at the GSR. Both of these sites are more appropriately suited for this type of venue and already support the increased traffic without having a deleterious effect on residential neighborhoods.

I have grave concerns about who is behind For our Fans Foundation beyond Wendy Damonte and their motivations. Very little information is available about her non-profit. I am concerned that there is financial gain at the core of her motivations. It's disappointing that she egregiously misrepresented many items at your last meeting. It is very entitled for her to say that people in the area will love living near a stadium.

Maybe it should be built on her property next to her home. Guessing she doesn't want a stadium next door. It's ridiculous to say that children in the area will dream of playing there. They won't play there. They will have to pay to get into the venue.

They could play on expanded fields.

I think the South Valleys area needs more outdoor open space for recreation like what was originally proposed in the 2015 plan for this complex. That is what the people living near South Valleys park deserve.

Sincerely,

Carrie Davis

From: [Julie Kaldhusdal](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Subject: Opposing Stadium off Wedge Parkway
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 2:31:30 PM

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I am writing to ask you to NOT pursue allowing the sports stadium off Wedge parkway. This is a highly congested residential area that an arena has no business being in.

The traffic that is already daily on Wedge parkway is more than it can handle. That is on an average day, not the days that soccer and baseball is already going on. It is very dangerous to add more gridlock to this area.

I implore you to please deny this stadium in this region and focus on using this land to expand parking at the soccer and baseball fields, allow Washoe Little league to expand their softball program and reevaluate putting a swimming complex in this region. We all know Reno is massively behind in swim centers and south Reno desperately needs one to help fill this void.

Many more things could improve and serve this community better than a private sports stadium. Something like that should be in a region with more commercial development and the parking and roads to endure such a large amount of traffic, not to mention the noise and disturbance.

Please vote to improve Washoe county and it's parks and not fall victim to more businesses that bring no enhancement to the beauty of the area.

Julie Moresi

From: [Kamila Flake](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov; [Clark, Michael](#); [Hill, Alexis](#)
Subject: Opposition to Proposed Soccer Stadium in South Reno
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 11:45:12 AM

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To whom it may concern:

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposal to build a new soccer stadium in our already overcrowded area.

While I understand the potential economic benefits such a project might bring, the negative impact on our community, particularly on our youth sports programs, cannot be overlooked. The proposed site for the stadium is currently home to several fields and recreational areas that our children use for various sports activities. These spaces are essential for fostering community engagement, physical fitness, and providing a safe environment for our youth to develop their skills and friendships.

Replacing these vital community resources with a large stadium would not only displace our youth sports programs but also exacerbate the already significant traffic and congestion issues in our neighborhood. The increased traffic would pose safety risks for our children and reduce the quality of life for residents due to noise and pollution.

I urge you to reconsider this proposal and explore alternative locations for the stadium that would not disrupt our community and its recreational spaces. Maintaining and improving our current facilities should be a priority to ensure that our youth continue to have access to safe and adequate spaces for their activities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing your thoughts on how we can work together to find a solution that benefits everyone in our community.

Sincerely,

Kam Nobriga
kamflake@yahoo.com
775.762.6974

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [Marnye Strand](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Crump, Eric S](#); [Garcia, Mariluz C.](#); [Clark, Michael](#); [Herman, Jeanne](#); [Clara Andriola](#); [Hill, Alexis](#)
Subject: PLEASE- no soccer stadium - SAVE South Reno and vote NO!
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 2:45:45 PM

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Please reconsider the approval of the soccer stadium. I am 100% against for many reasons- traffic is already a nightmare! This will only make it worse, and it's just not the right place to build.

Marnye Bodenshot

From: [Keith Schneider](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Please stop the stadium
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 12:33:32 PM

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Mr. Broman,

Please stop the proposed Stadium in its entirety!

Thank you for caring!

Keith Schneider

From: [Ruth Wiley](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Crump, Eric S](#)
Cc: [Hill, Alexis](#); [Herman, Jeanne](#); [Clark, Michael](#); [Garcia, Mariluz C.](#); [Clara Andriola](#)
Subject: Please vote "NO" to Damonte's Unsolicited Proposal to construct Soccer Stadium at South Valleys Regional Park
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 7:27:17 PM

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To: Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commissioners:

Chair Kevin Joell, Michaelangelo Aranda, Timothy Drake, Lisa Rode (District 2); Vice Chair Nicholas-Martin Kearney, Neal Jones (District 1); Mark Neumann (District 3); Sean Hill, Miles Gurtler (District 5):

To: Washoe County Commissioners:

Chair Alexis Hill (District 1), Vice Chair Jeanne Herman (District 5), Mariluz Garcia (District 3), Clara Andriola (District 4) and Michael Clark (District 2):

Please vote "NO" to Damonte's Unsolicited Proposal to construct Soccer Stadium at South Valleys Regional Park!

I am a resident of the Mountaingate Community, at the intersection of Wedge and Arrowcreek Pkwy, which is 0.30 miles from the proposed 6,500 seats soccer stadium and special event facility. I strongly OPPOSE to the soccer stadium proposal by Wendy Damonte, and her investors at South Valleys Regional Park, on the following grounds:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->The Project under consideration is to be constructed on land currently utilized as open space, consisting of amateur soccer and baseball fields, a dog park, and an outdoor recreation sites adjacent to South Valleys Library. This park and open space, as well as the adjacent library, are largely funded through the assessment of County taxes paid by homeowners in the South Valley Park Tax District 1C through our county tax bills. Our family moved to this area 11 years ago because of the wide undeveloped open space of this nearby park.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->South Valleys Park recently received a grant of \$2 million to accommodate increased public use of the park, amateur soccer and baseball fields. The park was never slated to subsequently be sold or leased to private investors for their professional sports teams or for-profit events.

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<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Applicants have yet to disclose their individual financial and development qualifications to fund and operate such a facility in an ongoing manner.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Lastly, how many stadiums and entertainment venues does Reno / Washoe County need?** Reno City Planning Commission has approved Battle Born FFC to move forward with constructing a privately funded 5,000-capacity soccer stadium in north Reno with 1,000 on-site parking spaces across from Truckee Meadows Community College campus. University of Nevada, Reno has Mackay Stadium that hosts the Nevada's Wolf Pack football and women's soccer in the Mountain West Conference with 30,000 capacity. Grand Sierra resort is building a privately funded \$1 billion entertainment district includes a state-of-the-art arena with capacity that exceeds 10,000 seats and expansive parking. Reno Aces downtown ballpark and area casinos (GSR, Nugget, the Row, J Resort) have the parking and road infrastructure in place. Once South Valleys open space is paved over, we will never get it back.

Since 1970, summer temperatures in Reno, Nevada, have risen 10.9 degrees, making it the nation's fastest-warming city, according to Climate Central, a non-profit research group. Stephanie McAfee, Nevada state climatologist, says a contributing factor to the warming is urban growth, turning undeveloped land into new homes, roads, and other infrastructure. The current real existing grass soccer fields in South Valleys Park will be a lot cooler than black asphalt roadway, fake turf, and a stadium.

I moved to this side of South Reno eleven years ago, because of the dark night skies and quiet nights listening to the crickets, frogs, owls, coyotes, and other wildlife. A brightly lit stadium would cause light pollution, traffic, and noise to our peaceful area. The residential roadways of our area in South Reno are not built to support crowds of 6,500-10,000 people!

Please vote "NO" to decline Wendy Damonte's proposed South Valleys Park stadium and keep our open space "open"!

Thank you for your time!

Ruth Wiley
13495 Arrowsprings Drive, Reno, NV 89511

From: [Jes](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Crump, Eric S](#); [Garcia, Mariluz C.](#); [Clark, Michael](#); [Herman, Jeanne](#); [Clara Andriola](#); [Hill, Alexis](#)
Subject: Please Vote "No" on South Reno Soccer Stadium
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 2:11:08 PM

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Thank you for taking the time to read my correspondence. I hope this message finds you well. I am writing you today in regards to the Soccer Stadium Proposed to be built on public lands of South Valley Regional County Park

I am a proud soccer mom of two passionate soccer fans and athletes who would love to have a local professional soccer team but we also love the south valley regional park for playing soccer and frisbee golf and birthday parties. I believe a stadium adjacent to that location would do more harm than good for our community as a whole. I am strongly opposed to the current deal as written. I am opposed because it is a violation of public land use, it will cause undo burden to the surrounding community, there is another approved site, and

Public lands are for public use and should be protected and reserved for current and future citizens. The proposal is written to lease the land for \$1 with no provisions for how the private company use would reinvest the profits back into the community. This is a deal which takes away potential public park expansion without fair compensation to the public.

In addition, the increased traffic flow due to the stadium will suppress the availability of the park and parking to youth and public athletics and family use and will cause significant burden to the residential community.

It is outrageous and greedy to squeeze a stadium in this compact residential community when there is a site just north of Reno that will impact less residents.

We look forward to the day we get to frequent a professional soccer game in Reno but we will not be supporting a stadium built on public park lands of south Reno regional park.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my feedback. Please remember, vote "No" on South Reno Soccer Stadium!

Best,
Jessica Johnston
808.283.2942

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Tina Falkenberg](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Crump, Eric S](#); [Herman, Jeanne](#); [Clark, Michael](#); [Garcia, Mariluz C.](#); [Clara Andriola](#); [Hill, Alexis](#)
Cc: [Tina Falkenberg](#)
Subject: Please VOTE NO on South Valleys Soccer Stadium Proposal
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 2:27:10 PM

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TO:

Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commissioners Chair Kevin Joell, Michaelangelo Aranda, Timothy Drake, Lisa Rode (District 2); Vice Chair Nicholas-Martin Kearney, Neal Jones (District 1); Mark Neumann (District 3); Sean Hill, Miles Gurtler (District 5)

Washoe County Commissioners Chair Alexis Hill (District 1), Vice Chair Jeanne Herman (District 5), Mariluz Garcia (District 3), Clara Andriola (District 4), Michael Clark (District 2)

Subject: VOTE NO to Damonte's Unsolicited Proposal to construct Soccer Stadium at South Valleys Regional Park

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- South Valleys Park recently received a grant of \$2 million to accommodate increased public use of the park, amateur soccer and baseball fields. The park was never slated to subsequently be sold or leased to private investors for their professional sports teams or for-profit events.
- Alarminglly, the Applicants have yet to conduct any outreach to residents in our nearby communities as to the impact of such a development. Aside from social media activity and a flyer sent to residents by another soccer team owner, residents have been kept largely in the dark as to the feasibility of an enormous soccer facility located so close to their homes.
- Applicants have apparently not conducted nor made public, any independent third-party analyses typically performed in support of a project with such an impact on residents. These include studies addressing the seemingly huge impact of such a stadium on traffic, parking, site access, public safety, and environmental impacts.
- Applicants have yet to disclose their individual financial and development qualifications to fund and operate such a facility in an ongoing manner.

- **Lastly, how many stadiums and entertainment venues does Reno / Washoe County need?** Reno City Planning Commission has approved Battle Born FFC to move forward with constructing a privately funded 5,000-capacity soccer stadium in north Reno with 1,000 on-site parking spaces across from Truckee Meadows Community College campus. University of Nevada, Reno has Mackay Stadium that hosts the Nevada's Wolf Pack football and women's soccer in the Mountain West Conference with 30,000 capacity. Grand Sierra resort is building a privately funded \$1 billion entertainment district includes a state-of-the-art arena with capacity that exceeds 10,000 seats and expansive parking. Reno Aces downtown ballpark and area casinos (GSR, Nugget, the Row, J Resort) have the parking and road infrastructure in place. Once South Valleys open space is paved over, we will never get it back.

I moved to this side of South Reno because of the dark night skies and quiet nights. A brightly lit stadium would cause light pollution, traffic, and noise to our peaceful area. The residential roadways of our area in South Reno are not built to support crowds of 6,500-10,000 people. This proposal is particularly problematic given the huge amount of construction still going on in this area. Traffic has become horrendous and hundreds of new homes are still being built on Arrowcreek Pkwy, just 1/4 mile east of Wedge Pkwy. Once they are occupied, with no change expected to Arrowcreek Pkwy, the traffic will become even worse. Besides obvious quality of life issues, this overbuilding can seriously impact emergency vehicles (fire, ambulance) access when needed. This would be exacerbated during events where 5-10,000 cars could flood the roads, especially one-lane roads such as Arrowcreek and Wedge. Since this is a highly residential area with very little expandable infrastructure, this stadium proposal for this particular area is highly problematic. In my short 7 years here in South Reno, the massive amount of growth has changed this area where I sometimes regret purchasing here. This uncontrolled growth in South Reno needs to end. Infrastructure needs to come FIRST before any further growth!

Please vote to **DECLINE** Wendy Damonte's proposed South Valleys Park stadium. We need more parks, not less. **Keep our open space open.**

Thank you,

Tina Falkenberg
13366 Travertine Ln
Reno, NV 89511

From: [Kim Miller](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Proposed Soccer Stadium in South Reno
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 9:45:43 PM

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July 22, 2024

Dear Mr. Roman:

I am writing to express my utter disappointment and amazement at the proposed plan for a private soccer stadium to be built on public land set aside for, and some land currently being used for, a park. And to have this proposal brought forth when there are already plans for a private stadium to be built with private monies in a more appropriate place in north Reno is ludicrous.

As I understand it, the land under discussion in south Reno has already been set aside along with promised funding to expand the current park by creating a dog park and a splash pad, among other improvements. There is a need for more parks and more park upgrades in Reno. We rank near the bottom of the pile among the fifty states for our park areas.

In addition to this, there are other issues that come with building a 6500-seat soccer stadium that will hold 10,000 people for events in the proposed area in south Reno. The area is already congested with ball fields, a park, a library, an ice skating rink, a neighborhood with single family homes, hundreds of apartments, a convenience store, a mobile home park and a casino. Across Wedge Parkway is a strip mall with approximately 10 businesses in an area that was originally approved for three businesses. Getting in and out of the strip mall, the library, the ball parks, the ice skating arena, the library and the neighborhood is currently dangerous. More traffic from the soccer/event stadium would only make matters worse. I've heard a rumor that the entry and exit areas for the soccer stadium will be on South Virginia Street. There are already several accidents that have happened in that area on South Virginia.

The noise factor is another issue. During special events, such as concerts, the noise will no doubt be heard in the various neighborhoods nearby.

There is no reason for this private park to be built on public land (and at a ridiculously low lease price), especially, when a private stadium, being built with private money, on land already purchased by a private party has been approved and is much better suited for such a stadium.

This project should not go forward because of noise issues, safety issues, and loss of

committed park space that would be open to and enjoyed by the entire community for starters.

Sincerely,

Kim Miller

From: jekluk@att.net
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: info@SportLogicGlobal.com
Subject: Proposed Stadium in South Valley Park
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 1:15:44 PM
Attachments: [Stadium Proposal.pdf](#)

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This email is in response to the proposed new stadium at the South Valley Park Development. I AM OPPOSED TO ADDING THIS STADIUM! This will cause tons of traffic nightmare on Wedge Parkway to the point where there will be huge traffic jams. Already, the new homes, business park and Reno Ice building that was built in the last few years is causing a lot of stoppages due to people wanting to make a left turn or right turn in and out of those complexes. Wedge Parkway is mostly a single lane in each direction and when I have to enter Galena complex, I have to wait for oncoming traffic to clear while people behind me have to wait until I have made my left turn. Wedge Parkway is NOT BUILT TO TAKE THE CURRENT FLOW OF TRAFFIC. IT CERTAINLY WILL BE WORSE WITH THIS STADIUM! I heard that Wedge Parkway has been allocated money to expand Wedge Parkway with additional lane(s). Why has this improvement not yet been done then? Other roads such as Highway 431, Arrowcreek Pkwy, St Virginia Street, Diamonte Ranch Pkwy and 395 will have increased traffic with this new stadium. Arrowcreek Pkwy is another street that should be a four-lane street throughout. Not what it is right now where it narrows in some areas to one lane in each direction. Already, this street is congested during morning and evening traffic. Making a left from Arrowcreek Pkwy to St Virginia Street is full of cars when the light is red at the intersection of the two streets. The current roads are not adequate to handle the current traffic and certainly will not be with this new stadium.

The attached brochure to this email implies that this new stadium is being negotiated behind closed doors. Why? It appears that some people at Washoe County are being given money underneath the table in order that the developer gets what it wants. Once the developer is gone, the traffic nightmare will still be there, crime will most likely increase due to the stadium, trash will increase due to people being disrespectful

to the environment when people are at the stadium. THERE IS NOT ENOUGH PARKING WHERE THE STADIUM IS SLATED TO BE! I DO NOT WANT THIS DEVELOPER TO CONVERT PUBLIC LAND FOR PRIVATE USE! A stadium has already been approved elsewhere in Reno, so adding this new stadium is NOT NEEDED!

I am opposed to all this new construction of homes and apartments near Arrowcreek Pkwy. Reno now has become the new Los Angeles. Too much traffic and one day Highway 395 will now become the new Highway 405 (in Los Angeles) where traffic is pretty much stop and go most to the day. Reno should not be wall to wall homes like Amsterdam! Leave some areas unbuilt. Leave the public land at South Valley Park for other leisurely uses.

To summarize, this stadium is NOT NEEDED! I DO NOT WANT this stadium built in South Valley Park. The traffic will be extremely bad on Wedge Parkway. All the new construction on vacant lots on Arrowcreek Pkwy will not help either. Doing all these so call improvements to this area is not good when the roads are never improved.

Best Regards,

Jack Klukovich

Jack Klukovich
65 Wagon Wheel Court
Reno, NV 89511

Email: jekluk@att.net

Bonjour chez Vous!

County Commission must
hear your voice.
Weds July 24th, at 1:30 pm.
1001 E 9th St, Reno, NV 89512

Reno Sport & Community News A Stadium in our Backyard, South Valley Park Proposal,

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There is natural enthusiasm for a pro sports team. Northern Nevada will only benefit from the emotional and positive energy. This is not the debate. Rather, in the American system, professional sports must answer, "Where will such a (soccer) team play?" That question and debate is before all of us in Reno, Washoe County, Sparks and all of Northern Nevada. On this point, 1868, Reno's former pro soccer team was a success, however, its ownership group rejected the stadium mandate and didn't build a soccer specific stadium. 1868 is now gone and Northern Nevada lost, the people lost!

But did you know?

South Valleys, a county park may be diverted into a private use, a 6500 seat stadium (and 10,000 capacity special events).

Land that was donated and reserved for public use, outdoor recreation, and a county park approved to include; Multi-Purpose Flat Fields, Baseball fields, Splash Park, Picnic Area with Restrooms, Kids Play area, Dog Park, and Trails will be pushed aside, in spite of the argument there are not enough fields.

Because the region's fields are 160% overused and underfunded, **South Valley** Park received a \$2 million grant to expand the park... for more park!

But, the proposed stadium is adjacent to thousands of single family, apartment, and mobile homes. Traffic (20,000+ vehicle trips for events), light & noise pollution, that compromise residential neighborhoods and depress home values.

It's all about the \$... A sweetheart deal for a private developer.

18 acres in south Reno worth ~\$36 million is about to be given for free (\$1 per year) to a private project. The first lease term, 20 years, has already been paid, \$20! There's non-specific talk about revenue share (public will pay), but that's after private profits. This Stadium project is being pushed through without you knowing about it. The project is already in Stage 2, of a 3 Stage process. Contracts are being negotiated behind closed doors. Stage 3 means it's approved.

Did you know there is an alternative (soccer) Stadium, already approved in Reno?

- ❖ <https://nevadasportsnet.com/news/reporters/inside-battle-born-fcs-quest-to-build-a-5000-seat-soccer-only-stadium-in-reno#>
- ❖ <https://nevadasportsnet.com/news/reporters/battle-born-fc-to-host-regional-tournament-making-progress-on-soccer-only-stadium-in-reno#>

Reno and the Reno Planning Commission have previously approved a different stadium, location adjacent to Hwy 395 off Parr Blvd, and its development advances through Reno Planning Departments with Grading Permit issued, Walls Permit pending, and the final Site Plan presently under review. This Stadium consumes no public money, is on private land, and does not infringe on any neighbors or their home values.

What's the Beef?

The County hasn't enough \$, but gives its assets away to a private user, then diverts your public park to a private stadium... when elsewhere a Stadium in Reno is already underway, without public cost or impact. Damonte declined support, rather seeks another monument of their own. Asks the public to pay for it (free land), then downplays consuming park space to do it, dismisses negative impacts, and belittles concerns of nearby communities.

What Next?

Do Nothing: You lose the extended park and land that was donated to the County for public use and outdoor recreation.

Support: South Valley & Wedge Pkwy Damonte Stadium. You may soon live next to a stadium that hosts events every week. Lights, noise, traffic and all that comes with living next to a stadium. The County uses your resources, allocates your assets, for a private use and to a private developer. The County and Damonte say... this is really all just for you.

Object: Tell Washoe County to get out of the pro sports and stadium business. A different local private developer (SportLogic Northern Nevada) already has land and invests in that project. It doesn't cost the people anything and is away from all residential property owners. You and Northern Nevada still get a Stadium and still get Pro Soccer!

More Info: www.RenoSoccerStadium.com

Speak Up! Send emails: broman@washoecounty.gov,
commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov, copy Info@SportLogicGlobal.com,

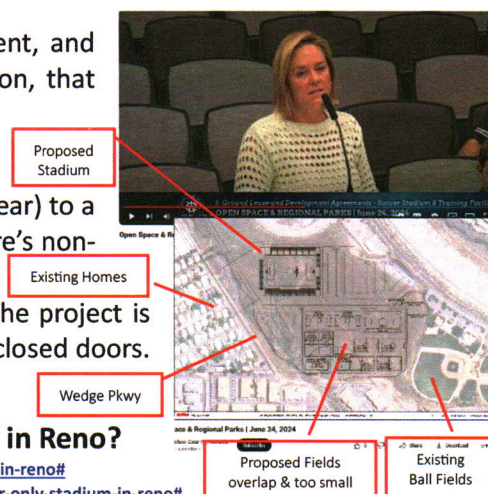
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Do You want to live next to a Stadium on Wedge Parkway?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yofM_JvXYwE&t=3895s

According to Wendy Damonte, you do...

- "People actually want to live near these stadiums."
- "So if I could... I would build apartments even closer than Wedge Pkwy."
- "They're not worried about the noise. They want to be a part of that."



Warning! Your park is about to be displaced. There's a difference when the Stadium comes to you vs you going to the stadium.

From: [Steve Baker](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Crump, Eric S](#)
Cc: [Hill, Alexis](#); [Herman, Jeanne](#); [Clark, Michael](#); [Garcia, Mariluz C.](#); [Clara Andriola](#)
Subject: Public Comment - Unsolicited Proposal for a soccer stadium
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 10:35:53 PM
Attachments: [Opposition to Soccer Stadium proposal.pdf](#)

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Please find attached my comments regarding this project.

Respectfully,
Steve Baker

22 July 2024

TO:

Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commissioners:

Chair Kevin Joell, Michaelangelo Aranda, Timothy Drake, Lisa Rode (District 2); Vice Chair Nicholas-Martin Kearney, Neal Jones (District 1); Mark Neumann (District 3); Sean Hill, Miles Gurtler (District 5)

Washoe County Commissioners:

Chair Alexis Hill (District 1), Vice Chair Jeanne Herman (District 5), Mariluz Garcia (District 3), Clara Andriola (District 4), Michael Clark (District 2)

Subject:

VOTE NO to the Unsolicited Proposal to construct a Soccer Stadium at South Valleys Regional Park

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Steve Baker and I am a resident of Mountaingate, located at the intersection of Wedge/Arrowcreek Pkwy. I am also the Chairperson of the Mountaingate HOA Board of Directors. I strongly **OPPOSE** the soccer stadium proposal by Wendy Damonte and her private investors at South Valleys Regional Park.

The extensive negative feedback the Commission has received in writing from residents in the general vicinity of this project underscores many of the same concerns I have. Traffic, noise, crime, litter, conflicts with and impacts to existing park usage, significant lack of transparency from the applicant etc. represent valid concerns from the surrounding communities. Rather than reiterate same, I would like to share the following additional thoughts regarding public policy and land use.

The property in question is designated in the South Valleys Regional Park Master Plan Update (December 2015) for a wide variety of uses that bring quantifiable public benefit. The surrounding communities would undoubtedly greatly appreciate the projects defined in the Master Plan.

I have also read that the land was donated for specific intention of public benefit serving our wonderful communities of South Reno. In addition, a \$2M grant was established to enhance said public benefit. While I am unable to locate specific documents relating to

the conditions and covenants for this public land, such an agreement would serve the public well.

A private investor-based project to generate wealth is in direct contradiction to the stated objectives for this property. This type of “land grab” has no place in our community. For-profit ventures are better suited for private land where investors weigh the risks and benefits of such ventures and make decisions within that framework.

The Commission might consider holding their own “town hall” with the communities in our area, much as you directed the Applicant to conduct same at the South Library facilities but which never happened. There has been such a significant increase in population across South Reno, many residents are simply unaware of the Master Plan, and would welcome the great thinking and effort put into this document.

I strongly believe that the Commission would hear of wonderful and creative ideas for the property in question as well as strong support for the suggested uses as defined in the Master Plan. Such a town hall would be welcome in our community, and represents sound public policy benefiting your constituents.

If you did choose to hold a town hall, I’m guessing that a recommendation you won’t hear from the community is to put a 6,500 seat stadium run by private money interests... but I digress...

In closing, I refer to the Mission Statement of Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission, which is:

“To provide exceptional parks, open space and recreational opportunities while preserving our natural, historical and cultural resources”

The Master Plan represents some of the best thinking that brings your Mission Statement to life. The soccer stadium simply has no place in this conversation.

Thank you for your time and attention in this matter, and for your service to our community.

Respectfully,

Steve Baker
13580 Tremolite Drive
Reno NV 89511

TO: broman@washoecounty.gov, ecrump@washoecounty.gov
CC: ahill@washoecounty.gov, jherman@washoecounty.gov,
meclark@washoecounty.gov,
mcgarci@washoecounty.gov, candriola@washoecounty.gov

From: [Jyotsna Ganta](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Cc: [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Subject: Soccer Stadium on Wedge Parkway-REG
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Dear Washoe county commissioner,

I am jyotsna Ganta Residing at 924 Truckee valley Drive Reno NV 89511

My house is in Meadows subdivision right opposite to Reno Ice skating rink. I have two children below age 12.

We have only a single lane without a safe bike pathway on Wedge Pathway right now and given the Meadowcreek commercial fully occupied and very busy place along with Reno Ice skating rink being busy until late nights, a library in front of our neighborhood, and over 6 soccer fields and 6 base ball courts wedge parkway is already very high traffic zone. There have been serious accidents near the stop signs in the past year in front of meadowcreek commercial. I have been living here over 2.5 years and I have noticed traffic flow has increased significantly, as well as risk for accidents.

It is common to see some drivers speeding at 60 miles an hour on Wedge parkway.

We are now notified that there is a plan for a new soccer stadium in the sports complex which will add to more problems and with due respect, I would like to voice against this proposal.

I also request the city/county to widen the wedge parkway to two lanes on each side which is very much needed.

I really appreciate your understanding and help in this regards

Jyotsna

From: [John Fors](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Soccer stadium south reno
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 9:54:38 PM

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My name is John Fors, and live in south reno. I am strongly AGAINST the plans to build a new soccer stadium here.

John Fors
1027 Truckee Valley Ct, Reno, NV 89511

From: [Dana Drinkwater](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Soccer stadium
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I've lived in Reno since 2004 and I'm against the soccer stadium due to the traffic and nearby neighborhoods , the noise pollution . We need some open space to walk and live life .
NO ON SOCCER STADIUM !!!

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From: [Diana Strong](#)
To: [Hill, Alexis](#); [Roman, Brandon](#); [Clara Andriola](#); [Crump, Eric S](#); [Herman, Jeanne](#); [Garcia, Mariluz C.](#); [Clark, Michael](#)
Subject: Soccer Stadium
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Dear Commissioner:

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Soccer Stadium near Wedge Parkway. We have been concerned about the increasing traffic on Wedge Parkway since we moved into our home in The Meadows. It's already very busy with cars and pedestrian traffic.

After reviewing the intentions for the available land, I think it was designated for the betterment and enjoyment of the community. The intention is that it be for public use, such as baseball, soccer, dog parks and swimming pools—NOT for a private venture!

It alarms me that this proposal was not only unsolicited but directly contradictory to the intended purpose of the land grant.

It is imperative that the government do a complete study of all implications and the negative impacts that a stadium on Wedge Parkway would have on the community, traffic, parking, refuse, etc. It is very concerning that this has been "fast tracked" without studying the scope and impact of this sort of development!

The South Park is a heavily used area currently. Soccer, baseball and sledding are enjoyed there. The library is used every day. However the South Park area it is currently not big enough to accommodate the many people who attempt to use it. Parking and traffic is already problematic.

Expansion of the intended use—NOT a private, for profit, business—would benefit the growing population much more than a greedy, for profit stadium.

Please register my opposition to this selfish, entitled land-grab stadium proposal!

Sincerely,

Diana Strong

From: [Robert E Bennett Jr](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: Info@SportLogicGlobal.com
Subject: South Valley Park Proposal
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 12:27:56 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

Please be advised that as a Washoe County taxpayer and local resident I wish to inform you that my wife Candace and I strongly disagree with your proposal to divert the South Valley Public Park into a privately owned Sports Stadium. The South Valley Park should remain just that, a Public Park for the families and children of local residents.

If a Sports/Soccer Stadium is to be built in Reno it should be located where there will be little or no impact on the value of homes of local residents and built without taxpayer funding such as that site already approved adjacent to highway 395 off Parr Boulevard.

Sincerely,

Robert Bennett
12430 Overbrook Ct
Reno, NV 89511

From: [Jane A McGowan](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: South Valley Park Proposal
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Recently, I received a mailer describing the proposed South Valleys Stadium. I would like to go on record in opposition to this proposal.

- South Valleys already absorbs all the noise and waste pollution from increased and steady traffic in the flight pattern for incoming and outgoing air traffic.
- South Valleys is currently congested at the intersection of Arrowcreek and South Virginia, including all the way to the freeway entrance, despite recent improvements to the intersection.
- I am concerned about the loss of public space sacrificed for private use/gain, including sweetheart tax and use deals at the expense of the people who currently use/enjoy this recreational space.
- This area cannot absorb the amount of traffic that would ensue. It's unbelievable this would even be considered for the proposed area.

Please record my strong opposition to this proposal. Thank you.

Jane Griffen
12560 Creek Crest Drive
Reno NV 89511

775 813 3994

From: [John Wiley](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Crump, Eric S](#)
Cc: [Hill, Alexis](#); [Herman, Jeanne](#); [Clark, Michael](#); [Garcia, Mariluz C.](#); [Clara Andriola](#)
Subject: South Valley Park Soccer Stadium
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Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commissioners Chair Kevin Joell, Michaelangelo Aranda, Timothy Drake, Lisa Rode (District 2); Vice Chair Nicholas-Martin Kearney, Neal Jones (District 1); Mark Neumann (District 3); Sean Hill, Miles Gurtler (District 5) Washoe County Commissioners Chair Alexis Hill (District 1), Vice Chair Jeanne Herman (District 5), Mariluz Garcia (District 3), Clara Andriola (District 4), Michael Clark (District 5) Subject: VOTE NO to Damonte's Unsolicited Proposal to construct Soccer Stadium at South Valleys Regional Park I am a resident the of the Mountaingate community at the intersection of Wedge/Arrowcreek Pkwy, which is 0.30 miles from the proposed 6,500 seat soccer stadium and special event facility. I strongly OPPOSE to the soccer stadium proposal by Wendy Damonte, and her investors at South Valleys Regional Park, on the following grounds: • The Project under consideration is to be constructed on land currently utilized as open space, consisting of amateur soccer and baseball fields, a dog park and outdoor recreation sites adjacent to South Valleys Library. This park and open space, as well as the adjacent library are largely funded through the assessment of County taxes paid by homeowners in the South Valley Park Tax District 1C through our county tax bills. Our family moved to this area because of the wide undeveloped open space of this nearby park. • South Valleys Park recently received a grant of \$2 million to accommodate increased public use of the park, amateur soccer and baseball fields. The park was never slated to subsequently be sold or leased to private investors for their professional sports teams or for-profit events. • Alarminglly, the Applicants have yet to conduct any outreach to residents in our nearby communities as to the impact of such a development. Aside from social media activity and a flyer sent to residents by another soccer team owner, residents have been kept largely in the dark as to the feasibility of a large soccer facility located so close to their homes. • Applicants have apparently not conducted nor made public, any independent third-party analyses typically performed in support of a project with such an impact on residents. These include studies addressing the seemingly huge impact of such a stadium on traffic, parking, site access, public safety, and environmental impacts. • Applicants have yet to disclose their individual financial and development qualifications to fund and operate such a facility in an ongoing manner. • Lastly, how many stadiums and entertainment venues does Reno / Washoe County need? Reno City Planning Commission has approved Battle Born FFC to move forward with constructing a

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Please vote to decline Wendy Damonte's proposed South Valleys Park stadium. Keep our open space open.

Thank you;

John M Wiley
13495 Arrowsprings Dr. (Mountain Gate)
Reno, Nv

From: [Guy Hansen](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: South Valley Park Stadium Proposal
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 7:58:14 AM

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To Whom It Concerns,

I will keep this short. I live 1/2 mile from the South Valley's Library and Park. As a local homeowner, I am steadfastly against the development of a professional sports stadium. I demand that this process be tabled until all local homeowners are notified in writing and provided an opportunity to provide feedback. Additionally, that a environmental and traffic impact study be conducted and published with notification to all local homeowners. Finally, this project is of the sort that ought be presented as a ballot initiative for voters to approve.

Respectfully,

Guy Hansen
1860 Tess Way, Reno, NV 89511

From: [Denise Moore](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#); info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: South Valley's County Park- Proposed Soccer Stadium
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 12:04:20 PM

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Hello,

I have read there has been a proposal brought forth to build a 10,000 seat professional soccer stadium at the current South Valley's County Park. As a resident of South Reno, it is very apparent to me this location is not suitable for such a build. There is only a two lane road, many businesses, public services and lots of homes right at that location. Where are spectators supposed to park?

South Valley County Park is already fully utilized already by a library, soccer and baseball teams. Where would the kids play soccer when the fields are taken away from them? Why should the residents of South Reno give up 18 acres of public use land to support a soccer stadium? This land has been set aside for the families of South Reno and it is selfish to take it away from us.

It is also my understanding that there is already an proposed site off the 395 that would not intrude traffic problems for residents. Please do not approve moving forward with letting a professional team build a soccer stadium in South Reno.

Thank You,
Denise Moore

From: [Janet Wallin](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Subject: Stop the stadium project at the South Valley Park
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 1:26:55 PM

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Please stop this abusive use of land that was given to the city for open space and outdoor green playing space (not for an unnecessary pro soccer stadium). Who do you think will be willing to donate land in the future if you don't use the land as pledged.

I strongly oppose a stadium at the South Valley Park when there is already a stadium (done with private money) in the final stages of approval that uses no public money. This town cannot support two pro soccer stadiums.

I also don't like the way this appeared to be hush-hush rushed through the permitting process. I try to keep up with what is happening in the city/county but I didn't hear a word about this until it was nearly at the approval stage.

Janet Wallin
wallinjj@gmail.com

From: [Broker, Dodi](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Unsolicited proposal for soccer stadium
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 1:53:12 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

Upon reading the minutes from your June 24th meeting on this item, it seems there was confusion on a motion made. Clearly commissioners meant to ask for more information and more public input given the conversation around the motion, but the minutes portray you actually approved the process to move to step 2. I believe this is a problem that needs to be addressed and not just pushed aside as this error only benefits the applicants.

I also think it's interesting citizens of the Pioneer Hills Mobile Home Park for seniors, directly across the fence from this proposed soccer stadium (park landowners being the Damonte Family), had no knowledge of this project until someone shared a flyer online. Why would Ms. Damonte and friends not seek input from the senior citizens living exactly adjacent to her project who will be THE MOST AFFECTED BY THE PROJECT??

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I wrote to you before about the proposed stadium being completely outside the Master Plan and very inappropriate for the location due to the probable day and night noise and light pollution factors that will be extremely bothersome to those of us who live nearby. Most of the people I have chatted with in the mobile home park about the proposed project feel strongly this is not the right property for such a large project. When advised of the soccer complex already approved and in progress off Parr Blvd., most were very positive of this project due to its location with few neighbors to be bothered. Why on earth wouldn't Ms. Damonte and friends get on board with this already-approved project

and all work together?

I also have very big concerns about the proposed stadium providing “50 new parking spaces” for a soccer stadium that can seat thousands of people. How does that work? If Ms. Damonte knows anything about the existing Washoe Little League baseball fields AND the huge flat field next door to it where soccer is currently played, she would know that parking for the baseball games is already overflowing. When you add parking for people visiting the existing soccer field at the same time as baseball games are occurring, the parking problem becomes very much exacerbated, and overflow ends up on neighborhood streets to the west of the sports complex. How on earth will 50 NEW PARKING SPACES be acceptable to anyone who can count since they expect fans to the tune of 3400+ people? Little League and soccer have the same seasons when it comes to spring baseball, summer All-Star baseball, and Fall Ball. Along those lines, GIRLS SOFTBALL has no complex at all in Reno/Sparks. We had hoped a couple of new fields for the girls would be built on the land Ms. Damonte wants donated to her cause for free.

Please take note that when plans are changed to put entry and exit to the stadium area on South Virginia, with so few parking spaces available within the complex, does no one have concerns about where all the other visitors will park? It will likely be along So. Virginia Street between Arrowcreek Parkway and the Summit Sierra Mall creating a heavy pedestrian foot and heavy vehicular traffic catastrophe for those who live in South Reno. As well, people will try to illegally park at Tamarack Junction, the new hotel being built next door, and as well as along the streets of the mobile home park all day and possibly late into the night. Add in that the soccer entity plans to serve alcohol and this is not at all acceptable.

Commissioners, I suggest you get the planned layout of this monstrosity on paper in map form, which appears to still not have been distributed to you? You will see how the citizens of the mobile home park, the huge neighboring apartment complexes, and homeowners along Wedge Parkway will be highly affected if this unnecessary soccer stadium is built. Go for a walk in the area and try to picture a huge soccer complex and fifty parking spaces for it. If you have any questions about the

terrible parking problems that already exist for Little League parents and soccer player parents, please speak to board members of the Washoe Little League, and/or parent or grandparents like me who are at the fields 3 – 4 times per week during baseball season.

It is my opinion that Ms. Damonte and friends could get on board the Aces stadium and workout a shared use agreement. If they are opposed to that for some odd reason, why not get on board with the soccer complex already underway which does not affect many neighbors with noise, light, and traffic?

Please consider the wishes of the residents living adjacent to the proposed project and vote no. The park was meant for other things, and I would argue that most citizens would not agree with giving Ms. Damonte and friends free land for their pet project. Ms. Damonte invoking that “people want to live near a facility like this” is absolutely manipulative and ludicrous in my opinion.

Sincerely,

Dodi Broker

From: [Teresa Peterson](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Crump, Eric S](#); [Garcia, Mariluz C.](#); [Clark, Michael](#); [Herman, Jeanne](#); [Clara Andriola](#); [Hill, Alexis](#)
Subject: Vote NO on Damonte Soccer Stadium
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We want to save that land for future fields for our children! We moved to South Reno to get out of downtown. We do not want the extra traffic, noise, and music at the stadium, brought to this small congested area! This is a residential space and we want to keep our land for the future fields for the kids!

We do not want this in our back yard. Please support our kids and vote NO. Don't allow the deep pockets of the Damonte's to win this one.

Many thanks,
Teresa Peterson

From: [Teresa Belt](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Crump, Eric S](#); [Garcia, Mariluz C.](#); [Clark, Michael](#); [Herman, Jeanne](#); [Clara Andriola](#); [Hill, Alexis](#)
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Please vote against the FOF Soccer Stadium proposed by Wendy Damonte. We are deeply concerned about Wendy misrepresenting support from the youth sports organizations, when in fact, this is false.

Washoe County Little League issued a statement yesterday's when it was brought to their attention that at the last meeting, Mrs. Damonte said GBYSL, HSL (high Sierra lacrosse league) and Washoe county little league were all on board. This is false. Her words can not be trusted.

Don't take away the chance to develop this space into softball fields for our growing girls softball program!

This is a residential area and no one moved here to have a stadium and venue of this size to be built in their back yard. The traffic and noise would be unbearable.

Thank you for your time. We urge you to VOTE NO.

From: [Teresa Peterson](#)
To: [Liddell, Lindsay L](#); [Joell, Kevin \(Commissioner\)](#); [Jones, Neal \(Commissioner\)](#); [Gurtler, Mike \(Commissioner\)](#); [tdrake@washoecounty.gov](#); [Rode, Lisa \(Commissioner\)](#); [Aranda, Michaelangelo \(Commissioner\)](#); [Crump, Eric S](#); [Roman, Brandon](#); [Hill, Alexis](#); [Clara Andriola](#); [Clark, Michael](#); [Garcia, Mariluz C.](#)
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Don't take away the chance to develop this space into softball fields for our growing girls softball program! This land was donated to Washoe County with the intent of developing parks, open spaces, dog parks, and youth sports fields. Let's honor the wishes of the generous families that donated the land.

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From: [Lynn Jones](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Crump, Eric S](#)
Cc: [Hill, Alexis](#); [Herman, Jeanne](#); [Clark, Michael](#); [Garcia, Mariluz C.](#); [Clara Andriola](#)
Subject: VOTE NO to Soccer Stadium at South Valleys Regional Park
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Please vote to decline Wendy Damonte's proposed South Valleys Park stadium. **Keep our open space open. We can't lose the extended park and land that was donated to the County for public use and outdoor recreation.**

Thank you.

Larry & Lynn Jones

565 White Quartz Dr.

Reno, NV 89511

From: [Teresa Peterson](#)
To: [Washoe County Commissioners](#)
Cc: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Garcia, Mariluz C.](#); [Lowden, Joanne](#)
Subject: Vote NO on FOFF Stadium
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We do not want this in our back yard. Please support our kids and vote NO.

From: [Chris Nation](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); info@sportlogicglobal.com; [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Subject: "I Oppose a Stadium at South Valley Park"
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 8:51:13 PM

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Hello,

My name is Chris Nation and I have lived in the neighborhood adjacent to the South Valleys Regional park since 2015. I have lived in northern Nevada since 2006, graduated from UNR and work for a company that's been here since 1968. I use the South Valleys park at least once a week and enjoy it with my wife and son. We frequent the library next door as well.

I oppose the pro soccer stadium going in the South Valleys park because of the following reasons:

1. A private stadium will only be for public use on game days and be a cost to the public. Since the land is for county parks, the land should be used for county parks and available to the public.
2. A pro stadium to house 10,000 people will congest the area with vehicle and foot traffic, and increase the noise substantially. Traffic already gets congested with the small baseball and soccer games going on. When Reno Ice was added to the area, the traffic increased significantly and the inadequate parking for games caused people to park in the adjacent neighborhoods or shopping complex.
3. A pro stadium will **INCREASE** the **CRIME RATE** in the area from the increased traffic
4. Wedge Parkway will probably need to be widened to handle all the increased traffic, which will consume city funds that can be used to build more parks or public structures
5. The stadium will take years to build and the construction for those years will destroy the road and disrupt normal commutes for all the nearby residents.
6. Why is a pro stadium needed in the South Valleys park when another pro stadium park is already approved in north Reno off of Parr Blvd by BattleBornFC, which is not in a residential area but a commercial area where residents won't be disturbed by the construction, traffic and noise.

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Thank You
Chris Nation
775-230-9913
cnation79@gmail.com

From: [John Christopherson](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Against soccer field in south valleys park
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 8:23:34 AM

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Dear Mr. Roman,

I am writing to express my opposition to siting a professional soccer field on property slated for park expansion. I feel such a facility and its use would significantly alter the character of the area in a way that is detrimental to those who reside there. The traffic, noise, lighting and visual intrusion would degrade the quality of life for residents in the area.

It is my understanding that there is (or has been) an alternate location discussed recently that is located in the Par Blvd/Dandini Rd area. This area is not nearly as residential in nature and would make a much better location for the soccer field for that reason were it to be built.

I've lived in south Reno for 32 years and have witnessed the rapid growth in the area. The open space that the south valleys park provides the area is a real positive. Using the the property for a soccer stadium would detract from that benefit.

Please forward my comments to the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission.

Thank you very much.

John Christopherson
5700 Tannerwood Dr.
Reno, NV. 89511
Sent from my iPad

From: [jveta](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Damonte stadium
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 6:41:47 PM

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My wife and I are 100 percent against Damonte Stadium. How many monuments does the Damonte family need? Freeway exit. Damonte downtown. Water rights to Washoe lake and on and on.

Light pollution. Major traffic that will greatly impact our way of life in the Mountain Gate community. Wendy Damonte needs to go back to the job she used to have.

Sent from my Galaxy

From: [John Cassani](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: For our Fans Foundation
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 3:08:42 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to voice my support for the planned soccer stadium at Reno's South Valleys Regional Park. I am strongly supportive of bringing professional sports to our community and in backing For Our Fans Foundation (FOFF). It will offer a venue not only for professional soccer but for many other community events including multiple uses for individuals(graduations), UNR, and youth soccer and lacrosse. It will bring jobs and improve the gross domestic product of our community, similar to the positive impact that professional AAA baseball has done downtown.

This property was donated many years ago to be utilized as a sports complex and this is a wonderful opportunity for the County Parks and Recreation Department to work with a local foundation in achieving these results. This is a win win win for the county, the community and FOFF. The County does not have the funds to complete the task for which this property was intended and in concert with FOFF, this property can achieve this planned benefit to the community.

As a professional in this community who coached youth sports from 1998 through 2008, I understand first hand the benefits of recreational facilities for our youth. The South Reno Regional Park has and continues to offer an outstanding venue for parents, adults and children to enjoy the beautiful Reno outdoors while offering structure and fun filled interactions for many young people's lives. This planned stadium augments what is already present in the ice arena, baseball and soccer fields.

I understand there are many who live adjacent to the proposed soccer stadium who are concerned this will bring increased traffic to this area. While I don't live immediately adjacent to this property, I have lived in south Reno for 36 years and feel the benefits far outweigh the potential negatives in this project. I am confident that the County and FOFF will together build a project which will meet the community's expectations while simultaneously listening to those in the immediate vicinity to minimize any negative repercussions.

Sincerely,

John Cassani, D.O., M.B.A.

From: [Janet Billings](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: For the record
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 7:05:30 PM

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RE: July 24, 2024 Unsolicited Proposal by Wendy Damonte (FOFF). Public comment Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting

Dear Faye-Marie Pekar, and Commissioners,

I have read the proposal and have serious concerns, specifically and exclusively to this proposed location.

Washoe County South Valley's Regional Park is located on Wedge Parkway. There is only one ingress and egress, which are the same, via Wedge Parkway.

Wedge Parkway is a small 2 lane road with many homes, South Valley Library, soccer fields for kids, baseball field for kids, existing long time businesses such as a veterinary clinic, the new ice rink, and the new small business "mall" if you will, which include restaurants, yogurt shop etc.

To build a 6.5K fan soccer stadium that will also hold for a 10K fan concert stadium, training facility and parking garage/lot at this location would be extremely irresponsible.

This proposal will cause havoc for those that live adjacent, and those that live nearby. The fan traffic will cause delays for locals that live in this area that use S Virginia, and South Virginia to Mt Rose and to Arrowcreek Parkway. This will also cause problems on Wedge Parkway, for the Wedge Parkway businesses, residences, park and library patrons.

There's no question soccer fans and concert fans will park where they can off Wedge Parkway, such as in front of homes, or restaurant parking once they discover this quick back route.

Imagine the traffic before and after a game, or concert, 6.5k-10K fans driving on S Virginia, Mt Rose, Arrowcreek Parkway, Wedge Parkway, blocking the intersections, causing long lines of vehicles where locals have to wait a long time just to get to Raleys for groceries or get home.

We all have been to professional sport games and concerts, we all know how fans can drive (not all but enough) red lights will be run, people blocking the intersections so those who have a green light can't move. Then add intoxicated drivers.

When the local schools such as Galena have events/games, this too can add to traffic and cause problems on Mt Rose and it's possible fans will use school parking lots to compete with the school event parking.

Homeowners didn't sign up for this when they purchased their homes, they should not have delays to get in & out of their own streets. There will not be enough space for emergency vehicles on Wedge when 6.5K-10K fans are entering and exiting. Even if 1/3 of 10K fans find this convenient back way, and they will.

My kids, nephews and nieces played soccer. We love soccer. My only complaint is this proposed location.

Now let's talk about fan garbage, noise, drunk drivers, lights and crime.

Just because there will be a parking garage or lot, doesn't mean fans will park in designated parking. Fans will park down the residential streets, dump their garbage out on the street, This happens in stadium "areas". Fans want to get in & out quickly and will try to avoid the designated parking. Alcohol will be sold, that brings another concern. The local homeowners will now have to worry about crime & drunks & drunk driving in their neighborhoods. Please clarify exactly how many fans your stadium parking will hold, will it come even close to 10K fans? I've read 50 spaces but this must be a mistake, right?

I am completely baffled why on earth this location is even a consideration and equally concerning how this "business deal" is going down.

I ask you to please drive from the proposed stadium from S Virginia to Mt Rose and stadium to Arrowcreek Parkway, and down Wedge Parkway, any time, day or night. Then imagine 6.5K-10K fans getting through those intersections. Then imagine the residential side streets full of vehicles (even if no parking signs are put up, it will happen), then imagine locals wanting to go to library or Raleys or visit a friend that lives off Wedge Parkway or residences adjacent to stadium or homeowners simply wanting to go home. Then imagine a homeowner having an emergency and how the ambulance or police will get through the middle of the 2 lane Wedge Parkway with lines of cars heading north & south.

Wedge Parkway will be used even if ingress/egress is via South Virginia. It will become the known back route.

Please do not allow this proposal to go any further. I ask you to consider a better location in Reno city limits or Washoe County where it will not disrupt locals lives. Locals quality of life and safety are the upmost importance.

Reno growth is inevitable, let's plan smartly, this is far from that.

Lastly, please do not let Wendy Damonte or her group speak for those who live nearby, she has no right to speak for them. Another location away from residential neighborhoods, means everyone wins, we get a new stadium and residential neighborhoods are not disrupted.

Thank you.

Janet Billings

From: [Johnston, Sally](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: FW: I Oppose a Stadium at South Valley Park
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 8:08:12 AM
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From: Casey Johnson <casemail5@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 6:51 PM
To: Managers - Commissioner Support <commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov>; Hill, Alexis <AHill@washoecounty.gov>
Subject: I Oppose a Stadium at South Valley Park

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As a local homeowner of 10 years that lives within walking distance of South Valleys Park, I have a very strong opposition to a new soccer stadium proposal. We have chosen to make Reno our home and raise our two young children here for all that it offers us. The land proposed to build this stadium is where my children play almost daily. It is not equipped for a large private soccer stadium, and would be a devastating loss to our local neighborhoods. Regardless of Wendy Damonte's recent comments to the commission stating that the community "wants to be a part of this." I strongly disagree. This is just not the appropriate location for such a development. The approved location near 395/Parr for the Battleborn FC soccer stadium would more than satisfy the need for such a facility, so there is no logical function of another soccer stadium, specifically in the South Valleys park.

I believe others in the community have voiced concern with this being a way to line pockets rather than a decision based around what is best for Reno residents. This decision regarding the proposal needs to be made from a place of integrity and respect for the Reno community. I believe you have received an overwhelming response that this is not what we want!

Our community wants adequate parks and open spaces for our children and future generations. In South Reno, we have already compromised much of our open spaces for commercial development, apartments, and warehouses. Such rapid growth has impacted traffic as our current infrastructure cannot accommodate it, and a stadium in this area would only multiply these issues. I also have concerns surrounding noise and light pollution as this proposed stadium would quite literally be in my backyard.

I sincerely urge you to consider the best interest of your local residents and say NO to a stadium at/near South Valleys Park!

Casey Johnson
(702) 219-9845

From: [Johnston, Sally](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: FW: NO Wedge Stadium
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 4:38:57 PM
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From: jean held <jeanmheld143@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 4:11 PM
To: Managers - Commissioner Support <commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov>
Subject: NO Wedge Stadium

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Good morning,

I recently heard that someone wants to build a soccer stadium on Wedge Pkwy.

I am strongly against that. The grounds are utilized by many local residents for exercise, dog park, soccer & playground activities. It is a fairly quiet, residential neighborhood that we want to keep that way.

Please vote NO for the South Wedge Stadium.

Thank you,

Jean Held

jeanmheld143@gmail.com

775-790-5326

From: [Johnston, Sally](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: FW: Sports complex on Wedge Parkway
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 8:06:26 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
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Good Morning,

It's ground hog day !!!



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From: Brian Belanger <bbelangercpa@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 6:16 PM

To: Managers - Commissioner Support <commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov>

Subject: Sports complex on Wedge Parkway

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Reno, Nevada

I am the daughter of Dr Massoud Dorostkar who generously donated a considerable amount of land to the county for public use. In addition to 26 acres for Dorostkar Park, he donated the area that is now known as the South Valleys Regional Park. He and his brother donated 22 more acres adjacent to that park with the intent to expand it into an outdoor sports complex for non profit use and enjoyment by the local community.

My father would have been absolutely opposed to a 10,000 capacity stadium built by private investors FOR PROFIT on land he donated. According to the RGJ, the proposed stadium is designated for professional soccer teams. This is far from the community use that my dad agreed to. Tennis courts and additional outdoor ball fields are notated in the original master plan. Those would actually be utilized by the local residents. He also would have wanted to maintain the integrity of the quiet suburban neighborhood in which he resided. A project of that scale would bring in additional traffic, noise, pollution and inevitably crime. Green open space would be much preferable over acres of asphalt needed to accommodate thousands of parked cars. There is also the possibility that the soccer team/league will fail as the previous one did and then the community will be left with an ugly stadium too expensive to upkeep.

I have contacted the lawyer who was involved with the land donation and who is familiar with the parameters of the agreement between my dad and the county. I believe that the proposed stadium is in opposition to the spirit and intent of this

I think the stadium building here should be cancelled.!!

Sent from my iPhone. Please excuse any typing errors.

From: [CJ Bawden](#)
To: [Managers - Commissioner Support](#); [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: I oppose a Stadium at South Valley Park
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 8:42:52 AM

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Dear Washoe County Commissioners,

My family lives less than a quarter mile from the proposed stadium site. We have lived here in south Reno for the past eight years. I have used the county's parks and recreations sites my entire life as I am a native of Carson City. We oppose the stadium being placed in this area for the following reasons:

- 1) Washoe County's soccer fields are currently over capacity and there is no room in the Reno Sparks area for youth lacrosse. Currently, families must travel 29 miles to the Cold Springs facilities for all lacrosse games. The proposed site is a much better location to expand community use fields (baseball, soccer, lacrosse, etc.) than for a private use venue.
- 2) The proposed site is not able to handle the traffic and use demands of a 10,000 seat stadium venue. Currently, the access from Wedge Parkway can barely handle the traffic entering and exiting the apartments and ice rink during peak times. Please visit the site during a soccer tournament, baseball tournament or Reno Ice Raiders game to see the impacts on the existing infrastructure. A stadium of this size will require parking that will take away from community uses (more fields) of the property that have a much lower traffic impact. If the proposed stadium is approved at this location, ALL community activities may have to be cancelled at the facilities adjoining during events at the stadium to allow for ingress and egress of stadium attendees.
- 3) The land in question was donated to Washoe County by the Dorostkars with the intent that the land be used for outdoor sports by the local community. The proposed stadium is not a community use venue that can be used year round by the residents of Washoe County.

Thank you for taking the time to review our objections and opposition to the proposed stadium at South Valley Park.

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Regards,

CJ Bawden

From: [Amy Wallin](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: Info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: I Oppose a Stadium at South Valley Park
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 3:19:05 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am adamantly opposed to having a stadium built at South Valley Park.

I live in this community and walk the paths of this park multiple times per week. It always makes me so happy to see this lovely little spot of green and I marvel at how many different groups of people come together to enjoy the park. The last thing we need in this already congested part of town is something that will take away any of our precious open space only to increase traffic, noise, and pollution here.

Plus, it is my understanding that this land was gifted to the city to be used as a park and open space for the community to enjoy, I am horrified that anyone would think it would be ok to then take that land and use it for a completely opposite purpose! I would certainly never consider gifting anything to the city in the future knowing how the wishes of the person that gifted this land have been completely and insultingly disregarded.

I can only hope that enough of the community members reach out in protest against this proposed stadium and that in the future this land can be used as intended by expanding the park to its full size so that as many current and future generations can enjoy it as the gifter intended.

Thank you for your consideration,

Amy Wallin
17000 Wedge Pkwy #3325
775-722-5609

From: [Elyse Standerfer](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: I Oppose the Stadium!
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 8:07:47 PM

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Please please please.... Do not build the Stadium you propose n South Meadows.
The congestion in the area has already tripled.
I oppose this stadium. Please use Parr Blvd. That is a much better site.
Elyse Standerfer

From: [C-L GAUDIO](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Clark, Michael](#)
Subject: July 24, 2024 Meeting Item 11 - Soccer Stadium - NO!!!
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 7:19:53 PM

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I own a house in south Reno. I frequent the South Valley Regional Park with my dog, frequent the library, and dine at the business on Wedge. I am extremely concerned about a company coming to our town and wanting to take away our park land. Building the stadium will make the library and the business more difficult to frequent. Plus the loss of cooling green space can not be replaced by any amount of money.

Please do not go forward with this unsolicited offer.

It is a true representation of the Joni Mitchell song Big Yellow Taxi. I have attached some of the lyrics and feel free to sing along.

Big Yellow Taxi

by Joni Mitchell

They paved paradise
And put up a parking lot
With a pink hotel *, a boutique
And a swinging hot spot

Don't it always seem to go
That you don't know what you've got
Till it's gone
They paved paradise
And put up a parking lot

They took all the trees

Put 'em in a tree museum *
And they charged the people
A dollar and a half just to see 'em

Don't it always seem to go
That you don't know what you've got
Till it's gone
They paved paradise
And put up a parking lot

Best regards,

C-L Gaudio

1641 Ashworth Court
Reno, Nevada 89521

From: [M.L.](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); Ecrump@ashoecounty.gov; [Hill, Alexis](#); [Clara Andriola](#); [Herman, Jeanne](#); [Clark, Michael](#); [Garcia, Mariluz C.](#); Commisioners@washoecounty.gov
Subject: New proposed soccer stadium
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 8:55:46 AM

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I am writing in opposition to the proposed new soccer stadium. This land should be set aside for the creation of future softball fields for our area girls. Currently, there is nowhere for our girls to play and have to use city property that is not well suited and not maintained. We have in the past 3 years, Washoe little league has over 300 girls playing softball and currently hold state and regional championships for 10u, 12u allstars and also the hooligans team won the county division. Unlike other areas, we do not have ANY accomodations in Reno that support of girls sporting efforts.

From: [Miranda Levin](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov
Cc: info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: New soccer stadium south valley Reno
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 8:54:05 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

As a South Reno resident, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed soccer stadium at South Valley Park. My family, along with thousands of others, chose this area for its quiet residential neighborhoods, close-knit community, convenient access to shopping, and recreation.

Over the past several years, we have happily watched our community grow as like-minded families move to the area. But when each family made those decisions, at no time was a professional soccer stadium a consideration, much less that one could be forced upon the community, placed in a location ill-equipped to support it, and that will blatantly usurp the intended purpose for the land upon which it will be placed.

Reno should have a professional soccer stadium and the alternate site off Parr Blvd is a fantastic option. Wedge Pkwy, a quiet two-lane residential road near countless homes, is not. S. Virginia is already congested, before surrounding land is fully developed. A stadium would be disastrous in the proposed location.

Wendy Damonte is wrong when she states that, "people want to live near these stadiums." No, we do not. And if her sentiment was accurate, residents of South Reno would have chosen to reside elsewhere. Obviously, a stadium played no part in our collective decision to live where we do.

Ms. Damonte is filmed on record stating that Washoe Little League is on board with this stadium. Her statement to the County was untruthful, and she knows it. WLL, per recent public disclosure, does NOT support this project at this time.

Our community does not need, nor do we want another monument to House Damonte. She does not speak for us and her representation is out of touch with actual public sentiment.

Moreover, before Ms. Damonte continues to represent that she is working in this community's best interest, we call on her, and the County Commission, to publicly disclose any financial relationship that she or her family has with the developers,

investors, and the non-profit in question, along with any potential future financial benefit she or her family may enjoy if this project comes to fruition.

Please cease this ill-conceived project and defer to the alternate site.

Sincerely,

Miranda Levin

From: [Steve Witt](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#); info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: No Stadium in my backyard
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 7:54:19 AM

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As a resident on Wedge Pkwy and a frequent user of the South Valley Park, I strongly oppose the proposed soccer/events stadium! I oppose the traffic, noise, crowds, lights and crime that would come to my neighborhood as a result of this stadium. The people of this community moved out of the city and congestion to avoid the very issues this stadium would import. So of course if the vast majority of residents oppose the stadium why is Washoe County pursuing the deal? This is obviously a HUGE MONEY GRAB and we all know it. Keep our BELOVED park a green space and not an asphalt jungle. Washoe County doesn't have a single swimming pool in south Reno, but wants a stadium in our neighborhood? And this is called public service?

Sincerely,
Steve Witt

From: [Nicole Dicarlo](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#); info@sportlogicglobal.com; [Clark, Michael](#)
Subject: No to Soccer Stadium
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 9:03:58 AM

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To All Whom this Concerns,

I am a resident in South Reno with 2 kids participating in Washoe Little League baseball & softball. I am asking that the city prioritize our kids and build softball fields and more tee ball fields. The fields are packed and the softball girls who just won state and made it to the national championship broadcast on ESPN don't even have their own field. The kids need priority in the neighborhood. Look to the # of kids in our sports leagues compared to Reno continental!! This is not the right neighborhood for a professional sports stadium.

I would also ask you to reach out to AWAKEN the organization in town that works with girls in sex trafficking. Professional stadiums bring in demand for this. Putting this right next to where children will be is just asking for trouble. Has this been thought of? The safety of the kids in the area.

There is already a location for a professional soccer stadium off of Parr Blvd that no one is protesting. Why is this location not sufficient?

Lastly don't you remember professional soccer team 1868 came to the area and weren't successful. The community has already spoken we aren't interested in attending soccer games.

Please listen to the Community and build assets like softball fields and parks that our kids need and want not a soccer stadium that hurts our community and we don't want it. Especially when you can have both with the location off Parr BLVD.

Thank You ,
Nicole Turnbow

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From: [jean held](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: No Wedge stadium
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 4:06:28 PM

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Dear Sir:

I was recently made aware of the plan to build a soccer stadium on Wedge Parkway. I live in the area & use the park frequently for activities with my dog and to watch my grandson play soccer. I believe the stadium would have a negative impact on the neighborhood.

The trees, the public park & field are greatly needed & utilized by the community.

Please vote NO on the Wedge parkway stadium.

Jean Held
jeanmheld143@gmail.com
775-790-5326

From: [Kim Lundeen](#)
To: jolander@washoecounty.gov; [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Oppose selling public land for private profit
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 6:49:30 AM

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Hi Julee,

I am writing you in opposition of this FOR profit development. We are barely going to handle the traffic from the new Costco coming in. Now this? Expand and bring that pool in that was promised years ago and help our community rather than for profit that that same community will have to suffer through. We need resources that help us thrive as a local area of the county like open space, parks and pools NOT more for profit and costly businesses. With the addition of Costco AND Downtown Damonte hitting us at the same time our area will become a traffic nightmare let alone needing to drive anywhere to enjoy where we live. Bring on the corridors that allow us to live in this area without having to drive everywhere. Trails, parks and pools.

Sincerely,
Kim Lundeen
15300 N Timberline Dr

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kristine Richter](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: OPPOSED to Stadium on Wedge Pkwy.
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 9:37:59 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to let you know of my opposition to building a stadium on Wedge Parkway. We live 1/4 of a mile from the proposed location and do NOT want this in our neighborhood. We need more parks, preferably something amazing like the Golden Eagle Sports Complex in Sparks. We need baseball, softball, lacrosse and soccer fields for our youth. We need tennis and pickleball courts. We don't need or want a soccer stadium in our neighborhood, especially since one is already being proposed off Parr Blvd.

Sincerely,
Kristine Richter
Cell: 775-233-2736

From: [Cindy Edwards](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Opposition to Proposed Soccer Stadium in South Valley Regional Park
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 10:54:49 PM

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Dear Sir:

I wish to voice my vehement opposition to this ridiculous proposal for a private entity to literally steal 18 acres of South Valleys Regional Park. A park that is supported by taxpayers and that has been set aside for all people to enjoy. As a 39 year resident of one of the many neighborhoods in the South Valleys area that will be impacted by the proposed "Soccer Stadium", I implore you not to be led astray by the principals of the unsolicited Soccer Stadium and give away 18 acres of the park to them for a for profit venture. The land the park sits on was donated to the County and the County as the stewards of the park must look to the best interest and wishes of the people. Should this unsolicited project be approved, it will be done on the backs of the South Valley residents. It is an ill-placed project in the middle of a residential area. This proposed stadium will not be in any way a benefit to the homeowners and apartment dwellers. Our children and grandchildren will lose soccer fields that are currently teeming with youth soccer participants during the Spring. How will they benefit? In fact, I recently read that a study cited Reno as having a deficit of available outdoor soccer fields according to the national average of areas with a similar population. Sure the developers say they will make the stadium available to the Youth So Leagues, but will they once the approval is given. The growth in this area has already affected our traffic adversely. The thought of thousands of more cars being turned out onto Wedge Parkway is frightening.

Please honor the intent of those kind individuals and families that donated the land for the park and the South Valley residents by not granting approval to the proposed Soccer Stadium in the South Valleys Regional Park.

Sincerely,

Cynthia J. Edwards
13180 Thomas Creek Rd.
Reno 89511

From: [David Bradfield](#)
To: Commissioners@washoecounty.gov
Cc: [Roman, Brandon](#); Ecrump@ashoecounty.gov; [Hill, Alexis](#); [Clara Andriola](#); [Herman, Jeanne](#); [Clark, Michael](#); [Garcia, Mariluz C.](#)
Subject: Opposition to South Reno Stadium
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Good afternoon folks,

My letter is in opposition to the proposed South Reno Soccer Stadium. This issue is about the location and how its plans detrimentally impact softball for youth girls in South Reno.

I am on the Washoe Little League board and played an active role in the board starting a softball league in South Reno for hundreds of girls. We have a dire need for softball fields. Washoe County does not have a single softball field in South Reno suitable for youth softball, let alone a community league. Our league is already busting at the seams trying to fit baseball onto the existing fields. There is already space and a master plan established to meet this need.

This proposed stadium location will crush the dreams of our league and hundreds of girls to expand the baseball complex - on land allocated for such an expansion - and build additional fields to support our growing, and exceptionally successful program.

Yes, a stadium will bring in money. And if that is what matters most to the County, I get it. However, what matters to me is a livable community that has opportunities for our children. How much new development has been built in the last decade and how much County investment in our youth has there been?

Community leagues such as ours are already struggling to compete with private club teams, it is tougher yet when we are struggling to obtain the support from our community leaders.

And for the record, the soccer lobbyist did not tell the truth when she said Washoe Little League supports the stadium. She also did not tell the truth when she said alcohol is sold at the park. I'm imagine there are plenty of other times she misspoke in her presentation.

Thank you,

David Bradfield

From: [Stephanie Crowne](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#); info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: Parks not parking lots
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 9:35:03 PM

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I do not want a giant stadium making a once-peaceful neighborhood into a little slice of LA. Nor do I appreciate Washoe County pandering to wealthy developers with public assets being given away for nothing. I love the open spaces that are being gobbled up in every corner of town but I never thought our small, existing parks were at risk of mismanagement and backroom deals. Just quietly handing out millions to developers while destroying the character of the neighborhood? That ridiculous ice rink is another blight. If you're going to destroy the natural scenery for something, it should have been a pool which could benefit all age groups. But now that the ugly rink is there, someone thought, why not destroy the rest of it and create huge traffic jams while we're at it? This is outrageous. There are plenty of ugly lots to convert in town. Leave our neighborhood alone.

Sent from my iPhone

From: naylorhome@charter.net
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Please deny proposed soccer stadium...
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Please deny the soccer stadium in South Reno. The proposed stadium is adjacent to thousands of single family, apartment, and mobile homes. Traffic, light & noise pollution, compromise residential neighborhoods and depress home values.

Thank you,

Marilyn Naylor
South Valleys Homeowner

From: [Kimberly Brandt](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: info@sportlogic.com
Subject: Proposed Soccer Stadium in South Reno
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 6:32:48 AM

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My name is Kim Brandt and I live in the Callahan Ranch area. While I am for a professional sports team in the Reno area, I am opposed to the location of this soccer stadium in South Reno in the South Valley Park area.

This park is a community park and should be open and free to all community residents. If additional sporting activities are to be developed in the current park they should include basketball courts, tennis courts, pickleball courts, playgrounds, and picnic areas for residents.

The placement of a stadium in this area would preclude the development of the aforementioned areas/courts, would increase the traffic, light and sound noise in this area. There are much more suitable locations for a professional sports stadium in Reno - open areas that are in more commercial and could support the ancillary development (restaurants, theaters, etc) that would improve the economy of Reno, and the experience for the sport attendee.

Don't ramrod a square peg into a round whole for a sweetheart deal to a private developer.

You work for the people of Reno! Make your decisions accordingly!!

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Kim Brandt
925/922-7239

From: [Andrew Schadeegg](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#); info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: Proposed Soccer Stadium near Southern Valley Sports Complex
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 4:14:54 PM

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Andrew Schadeegg, I am a resident of Galena and former Board Member at Washoe Little League. It has come to my attention that Wendy Damonte recently lied by claiming that local leagues that use the South Valleys Sport Complex support the proposed soccer stadium on the property behind Washoe Little League's current baseball fields. They do not.

I want to state, as a resident that will be affected by this proposal, my unequivocal opposition to this stadium being built. Those fields were donated by the Dorosktar family for the express purpose of having parks and a sports complex that can be used by all residents, not a for-profit stadium. That space should be turned into a softball complex that is sorely needed, as well as additional flat fields for lacrosse, soccer, etc...

Be advised, that the anger regarding Damonte's lies and the effects of this proposal are far reaching. Please do not allow this to proceed.

Regards,
Andrew

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Miriella Melara](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Proposed soccer stadium on Wedge Parkway
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 8:59:47 PM

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Mr. Broman,

South Valleys is a beautiful park in a RESIDENTIAL AREA accessible by a two-lane road (Wedge Parkway). it is much used by children (play structure), dog owners, walkers and runners, community baseball and soccer games, and just those who want to enjoy a green area for picnics and gatherings. Building a commercial soccer stadium in this particular area is ludicrous. A huge area of the park would disappear not only with the stadium but with the enormous parking lot that would be needed. Wedge Parkway would be a disaster in terms of traffic. A residential area is not the place for this. The proposed area off of Parr Blvd. makes a lot more sense in terms of traffic flow, access and excessive noise. There is a high school and an elementary school just down the street from the park. On days where there are events and/or football games at the schools AND an event at the proposed stadium, traffic would be chaotic. South Valleys Park needs to continue to be developed AS A PARK for the good of the growing population of south Reno. In the high desert where we live, parks and green belts are to be cherished and maintained.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Miriella Melara

From: [Mark Undercoffer](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Proposed Soccer Stadium on Wedge Pkwy.
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 5:51:21 PM

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I live near the proposed stadium and am adamantly opposed to anything that will bring the amount of traffic, noise and lights to our neighborhoods. It is already way over crowded with the many new apartments being built and with the massive ones that have been built on this end of town so far. Please find a location in a less populated area of Reno.

From: [Michael Fritz](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Proposed South Valley Park - OPPOSITION!
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 8:45:47 AM

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Dear Brandon,

As a resident of Washoe County, residing near the proposed South Valley Park, I am opposed to the development and construction of a (soccer) stadium at this location. This area is not conducive to increased traffic and noise, and would result in unnecessary and unwanted congestion. I can only imagine the nightmare of not only increased traffic, but parking issues that would consume current businesses and neighborhoods. We moved to this area many years ago to experience the openness of rural life and get away from the congestion of "city" life. Unfortunately, poor planning and stupid decisions have changed the landscape of this once beautiful area and turned it into being just like the rest of Reno blight, totally ignoring the feelings of its residents. Look what we have now, hundreds of apartments adjacent to this project and more coming, small business strip mall, ice rink, library, ball parks and soccer fields and park/play area, in addition to single family residences.

In my opinion, there are a number of alternatives to this plan like utilizing the university, high schools, or developing in areas such as the north valleys where there is open space. Additionally, based on the blight of downtown Reno, there should be plenty of empty and decaying buildings that could be razed and utilized for this stadium. Maybe this would aid in the re-development of the city?

Bottom line.....we are opposed to this project! Please go somewhere else and leave our already congested area alone!!!

Respectfully,

Mike and Julie Fritz
2180 Stowe Drive
Reno, NV 89511

From: [Kris A Wells](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Cc: info@sportlogicglobal.com; commissionsupport@washoecounty.gov
Subject: Public Comment - Washoe County Open Space Meeting 7-24 Agenda Item 11
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 9:37:18 AM

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Hello,

My name is Kris Wells and I live at 605 Sugar Tree Court off Wedge Parkway. While I believe that a professional soccer stadium could be positive for Reno and Northern Nevada, I do not feel that the proposed location is the best option.

I utilize the park every day - I walk my dog at South Valleys every morning and go to the library several times a week.

Wedge Parkway is a two-lane street and is already heavily used on an average day and especially so when there is a soccer or baseball tournament at the park. It is a major school bus route and traffic on Wedge Parkway has increased dramatically over the past 10 years with the building of new communities, apartments, retail centers and the Reno Ice Arena.

South Valleys Regional Park serves baseball families, soccer families, Disc Golf players, dog walkers and all of the public. It is a beautiful park and positively impacts the community.

I urge the Reno Planning Commission to deny this request.

Thank you,
Kris Wells

From: [Ronald Penrose](#)
To: info@sportlogicglobal.com; [Roman, Brandon](#); commisionsupport@washoecounty.gov; [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Subject: Re: Proposed South Meadows (Wedge Parkway) Soccer Stadium
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 8:46:00 AM

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On Wed, Jul 24, 2024 at 8:33 AM Ronald Penrose <penroserj@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello. My name is Ron Penrose. My wife Doreen and I have lived in the South Reno/Galena area for the past 34 years. We have raised two children who have benefitted from the ball fields that were constructed after the original land donation. We hope that our grandchildren and their children can enjoy the facilities in the future.

As a board member of Washoe Little League in the 1990's, I testified in front of the Parks Commission as they were debating proper use of bond money for park development. This was a genuine public process and ultimately resulted in the fine youth/family facilities we see today.

We request that you carefully evaluate this stadium proposal. We are not "Not in my Backyard" people but request that you make your decision in the best interests of the local community and original intent.

The current proposal smells of a backroom deal being pushed through without adequate debate and public process. The stadium should not be approved at this location.

Respectfully,

Ron and Doreen Penrose

From: [Meaghan Maillet](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Reject Proposed Soccer Stadium
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I'm writing to register my public comment in opposition to the proposed soccer stadium on Wedge Parkway.

Respectfully,
Meaghan Maillet
89511

From: [Susie Englesby](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Reno Soccer Stadium Proposal
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 8:47:19 AM

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Thank you for this opportunity to voice my concerns about the Reno soccer stadium being placed in South Valleys park.

I am **opposed** to the proposal. Many of my concerns are the taxes I would be responsible for, the decrease in my home value, the impact of traffic, lights, noise and crime and my quality of life.

The land has been dedicated to a public use and outdoor open-space recreation and I would like to see that move forward instead.

Susan Englesby
16045 Pine Valley Dr
Reno, NV 89511
530-448-1487

From: [Katherine Malzahn-Bass](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: info@sportslogicglobal.com; ["Katherine Malzahn-Bass"](#); ["Derwin Bass"](#)
Subject: Residents' Objection: 18 Acre Proposed Stadium in South Reno
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 10:56:35 PM

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Dear Washoe County Government Officials,

My husband and I live at 1280 Wisteria Drive in Reno 89511. Our home is located just off Wedge Parkway near the South Valleys Regional Park.

We are writing to strongly object to the proposed diversion of land donated and reserved for public use, outdoor recreation, and county park to a private use professional soccer stadium seating 6,500 to 10,000 people. Such a facility adjacent to thousands of homes will compromise residential neighborhoods with light and noise pollution, increased heat generated by hard surface development, and increased traffic.

Because the region's sports fields are overused by 160%, Senator Jackie Rosen helped the South Valley Regional Park obtain a \$2 million federal grant to expand the park for its intended use, following the 2015 Master Plan developed by Wood Rodgers. So doing will enhance this beautiful, multi-use peaceful park.

Although Wendy Damonte is quoted in the RJG that there is no other property available for a professional soccer stadium in all of Washoe County, Reno and Reno Planning Commission have approved such a stadium near Highway 395 off Parr Blvd and it is in the permitting process. This stadium consumes no public park land, is on private property, and does not infringe on any neighbors nor their homes' values.

Why isn't Washoe County partnering with Reno and its Planning Department on this project that is already underway?

Contrary to misinformation touted by advocates of a stadium in the South Valleys Regional Park, we and our nearby neighbors do not wish to live near such a facility, we are, indeed, worried about the noise, and we do not wish to be "part of it". These are lovely, older, well-established neighborhoods with long-time residents who chose to live here for the quiet, peaceful, almost rural nature of our communities.

Thank you for seriously considering maintaining the peace in our beautiful neighborhood.

Derwin Bass and Kathie Malzahn-Bass
1280 Wisteria Drive
Reno, NV 89511
(775) 376-8636

From: [Carole Billau](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Soccer Field
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How can Washoe County take prime land give it for \$1 to company for 20 years - when it should be developed land to benefit youth???

If money is to be spent then do it for youth projects! Youth fields are difficult to find for many sports now. (Pop Warner, washoe Little League, Sierra LaCrosse, and soccer!). We need to keep youth involved in sports to have healthy, active and responsible youth.

Non-profit organization who gets land and tax breaks but can benefit from renting out to concerts??

DO NOT give away prime land with no future prime property given to youth sports!

This should be left for additional parking and youth sports fields. Don't ruin a good area that you GIVEAWAY prime land for youth activities.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jennifer Benoit](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Cc: commissionersupport@washoecounty.gov; info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: Soccer Stadium Comments
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 7:50:03 PM

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Hi There. My name is Jennifer Benoit and I am privileged to have been born and raised here in Washoe County. It has grown tremendously before my eyes. I am lucky and thankful to still live here and grateful to have bought a home off of Wedge Parkway a handful of years ago. I love this area and this community and I have concerns about the proposed soccer stadium off of Wedge Parkway.

Since we bought our home I've seen the area around us continue to be developed with new homes, new apartments, an ice rink, and a strip mall. With all those developments have come noticeable changes already. A huge soccer stadium to house a (semi) professional team and up to ten thousand visitors regularly will change our community tremendously.

My first concern is **traffic**. On my way home from work (between 4:30-6 PM) I often need to sit through two cycles of the left turn light to turn left from Arrowcreek Pkwy onto Wedge Parkway. Then, I need to stop and wait for people to turn left into the ice rink parking lot. This didn't happen when we bought our home down here, just seven years ago. How are *ten thousand* people going to get in and out of this proposed stadium?? There isn't even enough space in the area to build a large enough parking lot for that! I do not want to have to widen/change Wedge Parkway since so many pedestrians, cyclists, dogs, and kids use it. If this stadium is approved that there better be major plans plans on how to deal with the traffic this stadium will create. Find a way for the cars to exit to Virginia Street instead of through our neighborhoods.

Another concern is **cost**. I feel confident that when Dr. Dorostkar *donated* this land to Washoe County, he intended for it to be used by the PUBLIC. There are so many people in our community who benefit from this land already – from kids and parents to teens and athletes, dogs, and nearby wildlife. It is a sin to *give this land away to a private entity for essentially no cost to them*. The cost of giving this land away is unbelievable, and the

County should not even be considering this as an option.

Additionally, there is already a soccer stadium in the works for Reno. We couldn't make the Reno 1868 last without a stadium. Now we will have one. We **do not** need two soccer stadiums! We do not need to give our precious public land away for something that is already happening!

Here are some ideas of how we can use this PUBLIC land as a community. As a place everyone can access and use when they want. (I know there is a cost to these ideas, but I am confident that with time and appropriate networking in the community, we can make them happen.)

How about we use this land to build a **splash park** for our kids? (Teens and adults enjoy those too!) We all see how hot it gets in the summer. Here is another way to get strangers together to interact and build a *community*.

Why don't we use more of this land to build a **designated dog park**? The South Reno Dog Park is loved, used, and cared for by SO many different people and dogs in this community. People and dogs who don't know each other are interacting and building relationships because this *public* park was designed with *community* in mind. A community that takes pride in their public space by cleaning it up and watching after it. If we designate a specific dog park, the dogs and their owners can have a wonderful space day in and day out, year-round, instead of needing to leave the fields when soccer activities happen.

Speaking of that, don't we think the soccer players, families, and all community members who use the soccer fields, deserve to run, play, picnic, and interact on the grass without needing to watch for a doggie doo that an owner might have unintentionally missed? Without needing to wonder if the wet spot under them is from this morning's sprinkler usage or from a dog peeing? We could build even more soccer and baseball fields since the need is so great!

There are many more ways to utilize this land so that everyone in the community can access it. Please do not give this land away for something private that the public needs to pay to access. For something that will disrupt the traffic flow in all of South Reno. For something that will disrupt the active community that regularly uses the soccer fields, playground, dog park, batting cages and baseball fields for something that a select few people will benefit from.

I **urge** you to **do some research** about what the citizens of Washoe County really want done with this land. I implore you to reach out to the community around the Wedge Parkway/Arrowcreek (and greater South Reno) area and hear their thoughts about this before you make a decision that will impact us all. Please, please, PLEASE do not approve this stadium without more public knowledge of what the impact will be on all of us in the community.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Benoit

From: [Brandon Henning](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Soccer Stadium South Valleys Regional Park
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Good Morning. My name is Brandon Henning and I have lived in South Reno for the majority of my life. I was part of the first group of kids to play baseball at the South Valley Fields. My parents help lay sod on the baseball fields. Since 2017 I have lived off Wedge Parkway and we use the South Valley Fields weekly. I love this area and this community and I have concerns about the proposed soccer stadium off of Wedge Parkway.

Since we bought our home I've seen the area around us continue to be developed with new homes, new apartments, an ice rink, and a strip mall. With all those developments have come noticeable changes already. A huge soccer stadium to house a professional team and ten thousand visitors regularly will change our community tremendously.

My first concern is **traffic**. Since we moved into our house in 2017, the area has seen new apartments, condos, houses, ice skating rink and strip mall. It was normal to have to wait on wedge parkway during weekend soccer games and baseball games when we move in. Since the installation of the new businesses and homes, we have additional wait times at multiple locations now. These additional traffic conflicts have increased the chances of vehicle crashes and potential vehicle vs pedestrian crashes. Wedge Parkway hasn't changed from when it was originally installed. The roadway needs to be widened with center turn lanes and acceleration/deceleration lanes for all the access roads to Wedge Parkway. I believe the County missed an opportunity to address these traffic conflicts when they approved the development of the business and new homes. Now we have group wanting to add a stadium that could house 10,000 people at a time. The proposal presented doesn't address any of my concerns about traffic and the potential for crashes. If this stadium proposal is approved, the County must ensure that the traffic safety is addressed on Wedge Parkway. The County needs to force the group to widen the roadway with center turn lanes and acceleration/deceleration lanes. The group should also develop a new access road to Virginia St.

Another concern is **cost**. I feel confident that when Dr. Dorostkar *donated* this land to Washoe County, he intended for it to be used by the PUBLIC. There are SO many people in our community who benefit from this land already – from kids and parents to teens and athletes, and dogs, squirrels, marmots and other nearby wildlife. It is a sin to *give this land away to a*

private entity for essentially no cost to them. At the very least, they should have to pay for the land with the money they will bring in from the stadium! I know this won't cost the county "anything", but the land is more precious than money.

Additionally, there is already a soccer stadium in the works for Reno. We also have a proposal to develop youth soccer fields at the old Rosewood Lake Golf Course. I do not think we need two soccer stadiums! We do not need to give our precious public land away for something that is already happening!

I recommend the County to not support this unsolicited proposal. I recommend the County move forward with South Valleys Regional Park Master Plan 2015. I think the plan's proposal to install Baseball/Softball fields, indoor pool, splash pad, dog park and multipurpose flat fields would be a better use of this land. These installations would help the growing area to interact and build a community.

I can think of more PUBLIC uses of this land that EVERYONE can access. Please do not give this land away for something private that the public needs to pay to access. For something that will disrupt the traffic flow in all of South Reno. For something that will disrupt the active community that regularly uses the soccer fields, playground, dog park, batting cages and baseball fields for something that a select few people will benefit from.

I **urge** you to **delay this decision** and **do some research** about what the citizens of Washoe County really want done with this land. I **implore** you to **reach out to the community** around the Wedge Parkway/Arrowcreek (and greater South Reno) area and hear their thoughts about this before you make a decision that will impact us all. Please, please, PLEASE do not approve this stadium without more public knowledge of what the impact will be on all of us in the community.

Thank you,
Brandon Henning

From: [Joan Dickinson](#)
To: [Rose, Laura](#); [CSD Info](#); [Roman, Brandon](#); [Emerson, Kathy](#); [Roebuck, Jennifer E.](#)
Subject: soccer stadium
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Dear Commissioners,

Regarding the proposed Soccer Stadium adjacent to the Pioneer Hills Mobile Home park, I object to this proposal because, Virginia Street, Mt. Rose Highway, Arrowcreek Parkway and Wedge Parkway are already over crowded with traffic. They are unable to accommodate an added 5000 to 10000 cars. This would be a traffic and environmental nightmare. Also the noise levels and lighting would be detrimental to our neighborhood. This is a quiet and peaceful Senior neighborhood and I would like to keep it like that.

Sincerely,

Joan Dickinson
213 Daggett Drive

From: squidneynv@aol.com
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); megarcia@washoecounty.gov
Subject: SoccerStadium SW Reno
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Please vote to DECLINE Wendy Damonte's proposed South Valleys Park Stadium.
Keep our open space open.

We need the Regional Park for the youth of our community for their soccer and baseball not another commercial venue. PLEASE PLEASE vote NO.

Thank you,

Sydney Winkel

13425 Stoneland Court

Reno, Nevada

From: [Carolyn Dolan \(VitaKinetics\)](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Crump, Eric S](#); [Garcia, Mariluz C.](#); [Clark, Michael](#); [Herman, Jeanne](#); [Clara Andriola](#); [Hill, Alexis](#); [Commisioners@washoecounty.gov](#)
Cc: [Chris Dolan](#)
Subject: South Reno Soccer Stadium
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To Whom It May Concern,

As a South Reno resident, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed soccer stadium at South Valley Park. My family, along with thousands of others, chose this area for its quiet residential neighborhoods, close-knit community, convenient access to shopping, and recreation.

Over the past several years, we have happily watched our community grow as like-minded families move to the area. But when each family made those decisions, at no time was a professional soccer stadium a consideration, much less that one could be forced upon the community, placed in a location ill-equipped to support it, and that will blatantly usurp the intended purpose for the land upon which it will be placed.

Reno should have a professional soccer stadium and the alternate site off Parr Blvd is a fantastic option. Wedge Pkwy, a quiet two-lane residential road near countless homes, is not. S. Virginia is already congested, before surrounding land is fully developed. A stadium would be disastrous in the proposed location.

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Moreover, before Ms. Damonte continues to represent that she is working in this community's best interest, we call on her, and the County Commision, to publicly disclose any financial relationship that she or her family has with the developers, investors, and the non-profit in question, along with any potential future financial benefit she or her family may enjoy if this project comes to fruition.

Please cease this ill-conceived project and defer to the alternate site.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Dolan

From: [Zac Haffner](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Subject: South Reno Soccer Stadium
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 10:05:26 PM

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Hi -

I will start by saying I'm not fully apprised of the issue on the South Reno Soccer Stadium item. With that being said, if the decision is to take land that would or was supposed to make more flat fields that our community so desperately needs to make a soccer stadium and parking lot, I'd request that you consider flat fields instead. If this land proposed for the stadium was not meant for flat fields then I say that I'm excited for a soccer stadium to come to Reno, just not at the expense of flat fields.

Thanks for your consideration,
Zac

From: [Sarah Sommers](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: South Reno Soccer Stadium
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 8:55:42 PM

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Dear Mr. Roman,

Please accept this email in opposition of the South Reno Soccer Stadium. As a resident of Washoe County, living in Mountain Gate, at 615 Meadow Rock Lane, while this project might be appealing, it is not within the intentions of the initial use of the land for public use. The added traffic from the apartment, new businesses and ice rink are already a challenge...adding another large for profit project like this would create too many challenges for an already congested area.

I'm hopeful that the County will hear and understand, and oppose the project.

Regards,

Sarah Ohmann Sommers
775-720-7673

From: [Amy Tomlinson](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: South Reno Sports Stadium
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 7:41:52 AM

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To Whom It May Concern,

As a South Reno resident, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed soccer stadium at South Valley Park. My family, along with thousands of others, chose this area for its quiet residential neighborhoods, close-knit community, convenient access to shopping, and recreation.

Over the past several years, we have happily watched our community grow as like-minded families move to the area. But when each family made those decisions, at no time was a professional soccer stadium a consideration, much less that one could be forced upon the community, placed in a location ill-equipped to support it, and that will blatantly usurp the intended purpose for the land upon which it will be placed.

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Thank you,
Amy Tomlinson

From: [Mitchell Chubb](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#); info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: South Valley Park Proposal
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 8:23:02 AM

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Mitch Chubb and I strongly object to the construction of the soccer stadium at the South Valley Park. I have lived in the Rolling Hills area near this proposed development for 20 plus years. Building a soccer stadium would add to the increasing traffic congestion, light pollution, and noise in this once peaceful community. I moved here long ago to enjoy this tranquil area while still being close to all of what the city of Reno has to offer. It makes no sense to me to build the sports complex when it was proposed for other reasons: such as a picnic area, kids play area, dog park, and trails among other things. In addition, why even consider this when there is a viable proposal to build this soccer stadium in a non-residential area already. Please consider the quality of life for members of this community and oppose the development of a soccer stadium in the South Valley Park.

Thank you.

Mitchell Chubb

775-200-8197

From: [Robert Sawyer](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: South Valley Park Soccer Stadium
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We object to the soccer stadium proposal.
Our biggest concerns are the traffic and noise created by a large event stadium.
We live along Wedge Parkway and the traffic has grown exponentially since we moved here in 1996
and we were not anticipating a big noise event medium.

From: [JON CADY](#)
To: commissionerssupport@washoecounty.gov; [Roman, Brandon](#)
Cc: info@SportLogicGlobal.com
Subject: South Valley Soccer stadium
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 4:15:34 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

I am a long time south Reno resident and oppose such a large stadium on public park land. If it is a private stadium, what happens to the existing park? A smaller one in a different area - perhaps by the warehouses would not impact the environment, traffic and resources. Please do due diligence and consider the effects and alternatives.

Thank you,

~Lisa Cady~

From: [Mark Levin](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: South Valley Soccer Stadium
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 8:35:12 PM

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Sincerely,

Mark Levin

From: [Brandon Etchemendy](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: South Valleys Park and Proposed Private Soccer Stadium
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 4:24:35 PM
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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing you today to oppose the privatization of currently undeveloped public lands at the south valley's sports complex for the development of a soccer stadium. That land was donated to the county for the purpose of building public parks. The donation of 23 of the acres, being discussed to be privatized for personal gain, was donated for parks by Dr. Massoud Dorostkar. Dr Dorostkar is quoted as saying "There aren't enough parks no matter what area you live in." South Reno is one of the fastest growing areas in Washoe County and suffers from a sever lack of field space for parks and dedicated youth activities. This can be viewed in the constant struggle for permit availability and parking currently at the South Valleys Sports complex which provides fields for baseball and soccer. Developing a private sprots complex, while taking open space from the growing community it was intended to support, will only further exacerbate the problem.

The county developed an updated conceptual master plan for the area in question in 2015 including three youth soccer fields; three baseball/softball fields, including one full size; an Olympic-sized pool; a large splash pad; batting cages; a skate park; an indoor recreation/community facility; five tennis/pickleball courts; an amphitheater; a nine-hole disc golf course; two basketball courts; a volleyball court; horseshoe and bocce ball courts; a 1.4-acre dog park; a picnic area; and a library expansion. The public that could make use of the current proposed mater plan greatly outweighs that which would benefit from a private soccer facility, not to mention the park would provide access to free activities to our community in lieu of at cost, for profit, activities.

I would argue the following statement is largely false:

"Assuming that Washoe County provides the land with a \$1 a year lease agreement, the county would not have to pay to build that soccer stadium," the proposal reads. "In fact, this proposal saves the county money and helps it finish its master plan that's been on hold for many years. The vast majority of additional funding for this project will be provided by public-grant opportunities, private functions, corporations and

individuals. The stadium will be a \$35 million asset the county didn't have to pay for. The stadium will be self-sustained with income from concerts, the soccer teams, concessions, parking, tournaments and special events."

- *"Assuming that Washoe County provides the land with a \$1 a year lease agreement, the county would not have to pay to build that soccer stadium,"* – Regardless of the cost that Washoe County were to provide the land at, they would be under no obligation to build a stadium for a private, special interest, for profit, group.
- *"In fact, this proposal saves the county money and helps it finish its master plan that's been on hold for many years"* – The proposal only saves the county first cost money of development. All income from usage and permitting would be lost. And it does nothing to "help finish its master plan that has been on hold for many years," it throws the master plan, and public parks and open space, out the window.
- *"It helps it finish its master plan that's been on hold for many years."* - Washoe Little League, DOWL Engineers, Washoe County and many others have spent the last two years working to get the master plan moving forward, and as of this year has several million dollars, and a majority of the design package provided via donation, have been gathered to begin construction on phased of the current master plan.
- *"The vast majority of additional funding for this project will be provided by public-grant opportunities, private functions, corporations and individuals. The stadium will be a \$35 million asset the county didn't have to pay for."* - Significant efforts are underway to provide the same for the current master plan. Non-profits, private organizations and individuals have committed funds towards the current master plan. Additionally, the current proposed plan for the space would be a much more flexible asset for the county than a single purpose events center.
- *"The stadium will be self-sustained with income from concerts, the soccer teams, concessions, parking, tournaments and special events."* – The same was said for the Aces ballpark which has required additional subsidies to remain operational and has hosted very limited events outside of baseball.

Another sales pitch for the stadium was:

"Reno lacks a concert venue that seats 10,000 people," the proposal reads. "Our approximately 6,5000-seat stadium will easily convert to a 10,000-seat concert venue attracting top-name performers to Reno. In the entertainment industry, a 10,000-seat venue is the sweet spot for performers. Having well-known entertainers of all types performing locally makes Reno an attractive place for tourists, new residents, new businesses and helps us earn media coverage that showcases Reno as a thriving community."

Lawlor Events Center seats 12,000 and has been used as concert venue for decades. The Grand Sierra has presented a new venue of this size. There are also several other smaller concert venues in the area. It is not common you hear of these locations being sold out and

the interest for additional tickets remaining high. The area does not need another large concert venue that could likely go unused. The proposed venue is also in the middle of a predominantly residential area that would not benefit from large, loud, nighttime events nor the increased traffic associated with these events.

I apologize for the long-winded message, but I feel it important to provide a spirited summary of my opposition. I am not in opposition of private sports facilities nor multi-use events venues. I am opposition of the repurposing of public open space, donated with the sole intention of it being park space, to private, for profit anything; especially at the screaming deal of \$1 per year to the county. There are plenty of private lands that could be used for this purpose.

Thank you for your time.

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reno, nv 89521
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From: [Chrysta](#)
To: [Managers - Commissioner Support](#); [Roman, Brandon](#); [Hill, Alexis](#); [Herman, Jeanne](#); [Clark, Michael](#); [Garcia, Mariluz C.](#); [Johnston, Sally](#)
Subject: South Valleys Park
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 7:36:05 PM

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As a resident of South Reno, who was born and raised in the area, I have a strong opposition to the new soccer stadium proposal. My husband and I chose to stay on the south side of town for what it offers our children. I grew up playing baseball for Washoe Little League and my father donated more volunteer hours that I can remember to help build/expand Washoe Little League fields. My children play soccer at this park as well. I truly believe there is a strong need for more use of this land for youth sports. This area is not equipped for a large private soccer stadium, and would be a devastating loss to our local neighborhoods. Regardless of Wendy Damonte's recent comments to the commission stating that the community "wants to be a part of this." I strongly disagree. This is just not the appropriate location for such a development. The approved location near 395/Parr for the Battleborn FC soccer stadium would more than satisfy the need for such a facility, so there is no logical function of another soccer stadium, specifically in the South Valleys park.

I believe others in the community have voiced concern with this being a way to line pockets rather than a decision based around what is best for Reno residents. This decision regarding the proposal needs to be made from a place of integrity and respect for the Reno community. I believe you have received an overwhelming response that this is not what we want!

Our community wants adequate parks and open spaces for our children and future generations. In South Reno, we have already compromised much of our open spaces for commercial development, apartments, and warehouses. Such rapid growth has impacted traffic as our current infrastructure cannot accommodate it, and a stadium in this area would only multiply these issues. I also have concerns surrounding noise and light pollution as this proposed stadium would quite literally be in my backyard.

I sincerely urge you to consider the best interest of your local residents and say NO to a stadium at/near South Valleys Park!"

Thank you,

Chrysta Rathburn

From: [Danielle Cady](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#); info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: South Valleys Stadium - Opposition
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 10:37:34 PM

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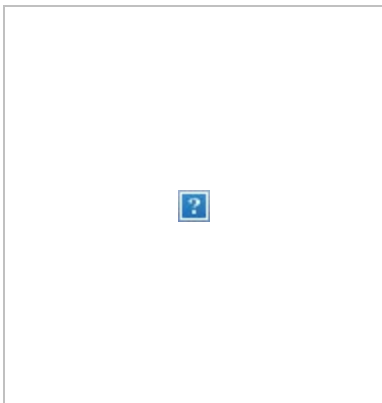
I am writing to you in opposition of the proposed stadium at the South Valleys Park in South Reno. I was born and raised in South Reno and have seen the massive development and growth over the past 30 years. I am urging you to please consider the impact of the soccer/special events stadium at this location. This stadium would remove open, outdoor, accessible space used and enjoyed by community members all over Reno. Traffic and congestion would be a nightmare, not only for the residents on Wedge and neighboring areas, but for all of South Reno which is already congested. This stadium, especially at this location, does not make sense. Please consider the stadium in a different location or not at all!

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Danielle

--

Danielle M. Cady (she/her)
Marriage and Family Therapist Intern

[Reno Counseling Collective](#)
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From: [Darlene Huff](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: South Vally Stadium Proposal
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Here we go again; "We The People" are trampled over by the rich and powerful who rule over our elected officials to create an icon to their egos. Even the thought of handing over public lands (not selling it but giving it away) designated for the pleasure of the local residents to a private developer for a stadium that is not wanted nor needed when such a stadium is already in the works, should set off alarm bells in the brain of every resident in the South Valley area. No, scratch that – every resident and tax-paying property owner in Washoe County because this impacts everyone living in the Truckee Meadows and all of Washoe County. Stop this absurdity, please!

If the Damonte's need their name splashed over more Truckee Meadows landscape then they should give away some of their own land to build a stadium, preferably in their own back yard so they can really enjoy the noise and traffic themselves.

Totally disgusted,
Darlene Huff
Washoe County Resident, Dist 2
HnHNevada42@gmail.com

From: [Cicily Smith](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Cc: [Managers - Commissioner Support](#); info@sportlogicglobal.com
Subject: Stadium on Wedge Parkway
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 5:59:15 PM
Importance: High

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Hello,

I am a concerned community member whose family enjoys the public use of the South Valleys county park. When I heard the possibility it would be diverted into private use, I was compelled to write in expressing my concern of the light and noise pollution it will generate in my residential neighborhood.

If Washoe county is to invest in pro stadiums, I urge it to do so in land further removed from residential property so that me and my family can continue to enjoy our peaceful neighborhood as we do today, and can make the choice to venture out when we want a more lively sport experience.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
Concerned Community Member

From: [djamchidbayat](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: Stadium wedge pkwy
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 10:23:34 AM

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Gentlemen

My name Djamchid Jim Bayat a resident of Mountain Gate community a few days ago it was brought to my attention that plans were being made to hand over the area off of Wedge Parkway to a private entity to build a stadium.

Mr Dorostkar whom I knew and donated this park did not intend for this to happen . We the residents chose to live in this part of town to enjoy taking a walk around the grounds . I and my neighbor's are doing not want the traffic, the noise ,the lights, so close to where we live.

To betray the trust and intention of Mr Dorostkar's in you when he donated this land to be for the people of this city and not be handed over to a private corporation.

I wish for you to reconsider your plan for this project.

Djamchid Jim Bayat

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Reed Williams](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#)
Subject: The proposed soccer stadium in the South Valley's Regional Park
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 10:24:32 PM

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Mr. Roman,

Would you please convey to the 9 commissions on the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission our objection to the proposed soccer stadium being considered in the South Valley's Regional Park. A 6,500 seat stadium (with up to 10,000 people for special events) has no place in a residential neighborhood. The area can not support this. We urge all the commissions to reject this proposal and find a suitable place where such a stadium would be better suited. Thank you.

Reed & Suzanne Williams
19645 Paddlewheel Lane
Reno, NV 89521

Sent from my iPad

From: [sharry dunn](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Clark, Michael](#); [Managers - Commissioner Support](#)
Cc: [sharry_dunn2@yahoo.com](#)
Subject: URGENT FIRMLY OPPOSED to Building a Professional Sports Stadium on Wedge Parkway
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 9:26:51 AM

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Dear Mr Brandon Roman,

I am FIRMLY OPPOSED to Building a Professional Sports Stadium on Wedge Parkway

My reasons include traffic congestion, the use of park land for the enormous parking lot that would be required, noise: thousands of neighbors would be highly burdened by traffic, and the use of publicly owned land.

In addition, Stadium traffic will add to the new housing traffic just down the road on Arrow Creek Prkway currently under construction.

I am opposed to this project and request the approval for building a private stadium be denied and not be approved so the lands can remain as open park space.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Sharon Dunn
Washoe County Resident
14840 Redmond Dr
Reno, NV 89511

From: [Amy Marincic](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Crump, Eric S](#); [Garcia, Mariluz C.](#); [Clark, Michael](#); [Herman, Jeanne](#); [Clara Andriola](#); [Hill, Alexis](#)
Subject: Vote NO on the South Reno Soccer Stadium
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I am asking you to please Vote NO on the prop South Reno Soccer Stadium! We specifically moved to the South Reno area because of the dark night skies and less traffic. This project would have a drastically negative effect on those not to mention so many other negative impacts. Please do not let this happen.
Vote NO on this proposed soccer stadium!

Amy Marincic
815-252-7624

Sent from my iPhone

From: [25stegall](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Crump, Eric S](#); [Garcia, Mariluz C.](#); [Clark, Michael](#); [Herman, Jeanne](#); [Clara Andriola](#); [Hill, Alexis](#)
Subject: Vote NO on the South Reno Soccer Stadium
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I request that you Vote NO on the South Reno Soccer Stadium. The local community does not want the added Noise and Traffic associated with a large Soccer stadium as well as the light pollution at night that will disrupt our amazing view. Kids and adults would like to have continued access to the current facilities and parking along with expanding public use fields and outdoor recreation in that space. We moved to South Reno to be out of the busy city life and enjoy quiet outings. We don't want this in our backyard.

Respectfully,
Autumn Stegall

Sent from my Galaxy

From: [Rebeca Gipson](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Crump, Eric S](#)
Cc: [Hill, Alexis](#); [Herman, Jeanne](#); [Clark, Michael](#); [Garcia, Mariluz C.](#); [Clara Andriola](#)
Subject: VOTE NO to Damonte's Unsolicited Proposal to construct Soccer Stadium at South Valleys Regional Park
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 11:10:46 PM

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Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commissioners Chair Kevin Joell, Michaelangelo Aranda, Timothy Drake, Lisa Rode (District 2); Vice Chair Nicholas-Martin Kearney, Neal Jones (District 1); Mark Neumann (District 3); Sean Hill, Miles Gurtler (District 5)

Washoe County Commissioners Chair Alexis Hill (District 1), Vice Chair Jeanne Herman (District 5), Mariluz Garcia (District 3), Clara Andriola (District 4), Michael Clark (District 2)

I am a resident of the Mountaingate community at the intersection of Wedge/Arrowcreek Pkwy, which is 0.30 miles from the proposed 6,500 seat soccer stadium and special event facility. I strongly OPPOSE the soccer stadium proposal by Wendy Damonte, and her investors at South Valleys Regional Park, on the following grounds:

- The Project under consideration is to be constructed on land currently utilized as open space, consisting of amateur soccer and baseball fields, a dog park and outdoor recreation sites adjacent to South Valleys Library. This park and open space, as well as the adjacent library are largely funded through the assessment of County taxes paid by homeowners in the South Valley Park Tax District 1C through our county tax bills. Our family moved to this area because of the wide undeveloped open space of this nearby park.
- South Valleys Park recently received a grant of \$2 million to accommodate increased public use of the park, amateur soccer and baseball fields. The park was never slated to subsequently be sold or leased to private investors for their professional sports teams or for-profit events.
- Alarminglly, the Applicants have yet to conduct any outreach to residents in our nearby communities as to the impact of such a development. Aside from social media activity and a flyer sent to residents by another soccer team owner, residents have been kept largely in the dark as to the feasibility of a large soccer facility located so close to their homes.
- Applicants have apparently not conducted nor made public, any independent third-party analyses typically performed in support of a project with such an impact on residents. These include studies addressing the seemingly huge impact of such a stadium on traffic, parking, site access, public safety, and environmental impacts.
- Applicants have yet to disclose their individual financial and development qualifications to fund and operate such a facility in an ongoing manner.
- **Lastly, how many stadiums and entertainment venues does Reno / Washoe**

County need? Reno City Planning Commission has approved Battle Born FFC to move forward with constructing a privately funded 5,000-capacity soccer stadium in north Reno with 1,000 on-site parking spaces across from Truckee Meadows Community College campus. University of Nevada, Reno has Mackay Stadium that hosts the Nevada's Wolf Pack football and women's soccer in the Mountain West Conference with 30,000 capacity. Grand Sierra resort is building a privately funded \$1 billion entertainment district includes a state-of-the-art arena with capacity that exceeds 10,000 seats and expansive parking. Reno Aces downtown ballpark and area casinos (GSR, Nugget, the Row, J Resort) have the parking and road infrastructure in place. Once South Valleys open space is paved over, we will never get it back.

Since 1970, summer temperatures in Reno, Nevada, have risen 10.9 degrees, making it the nation's fastest-warming city, according to Climate Central, a non-profit research group. Stephanie McAfee, Nevada state climatologist, says a contributing factor to the warming is urban growth, turning undeveloped land into new homes, roads, and other infrastructure. The current real existing grass soccer fields in South Valleys Park will be a lot cooler than black asphalt roadway, fake turf, and a stadium.

I moved to Reno and specifically this side of South Reno because of the dark night skies and quiet nights listening to the crickets, frogs, owls, coyotes, and other wildlife. A brightly lit stadium would cause light pollution, traffic, and noise to our peaceful area. The residential roadways of our area in South Reno are not built to support crowds of 6500-10000 people.

Please vote to decline Wendy Damonte's proposed South Valleys Park stadium. **Keep our open space open.**

Thank you.

Rebeca Gipson
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From: [Anne Polk](#)
To: [Roman, Brandon](#); [Crump, Eric S](#); [Garcia, Mariluz C.](#); [Clark, Michael](#); [Herman, Jeanne](#); [Clara Andriola](#); [Hill, Alexis](#); Commissioners@washoecounty.gov
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Hello,

I'm reaching out in opposition of the stadium proposal along Wedge Parkway. I've lived in South Reno, raising my children here, for 16 years. I have coached over 30 Great Basin soccer teams and still play at South Valleys in a senior league. I am an active part of the Reno soccer community and still think this is the wrong build in the wrong location.

South Valleys is an active part of my family. We go to the "yellow library" for events, for books and to vote. Our Vet and my physical therapist are on Wedge Parkway, along with our grocery store of choice and the best bagels in town. My kids have played at South Valleys park and walk that road often. I don't need a traffic study to tell me that there is absolutely no way that this neighborhood that we love could accommodate the traffic that a stadium would produce. The addition of the Ice rink was great, but has put this area at capacity for events and travel.

And all of that doesn't even touch on that this area was allocated for public use. I remember filling out surveys years ago (before the Ice rink) with options for fields, splash pad, dog park, frisbee golf course. Anyone with a kid in youth sports will tell that we need more fields. There are other options for a stadium in Reno, better ones. This space should be developed into what it was intended for, public use space for the community. I have yet to hear one single person in South Reno, in person or online comment that this is a good idea.

Thank you for listening to your constituents and doing the right thing. Don't let those looking to profit speak for the rest of us, vote NO on the stadium proposal.

Annie Polk

Mom to Murren, Mac and Keller-Reno kids who deserve more developed park spaces
Sent from my iPad

From: [Steve Moresi](#)
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Hello Mr. Roman and Washoe Commissioners,

I would like to express my opposition to the proposed "Damonte" soccer stadium on Wedge Parkway. It seems this is an extremely misguided location for a community feature such as this. As a resident of Galena, I suffer through the traffic generated by the growing pains that Truckee Meadows has borne in the last few years. Generally the commission's decisions have been of necessity, more apartments, houses, and retail on Wedge Pkwy. I've accepted these, though somewhat begrudgingly, as with the traffic has come benefit to the greater community.

However, this is more than the straw, it would be the ten-ton-elephant, that broke the camels back. Unless some form of alternative transportation plan, (and room for the 5k parking spaces,) come to fruition along with this stadium; I say no way! The roads here are already buckling under the loads, to think otherwise would be insanity. Please deny this stadium will vehement opposition.

Thank you,
Steven Moresi
Resident of Galena Terrace