

April 28, 2023

Representative Kevin Mannix  
Oregon House of Representatives  
House District 21  
900 Court Street, Office 384  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Representative Mannix,

As a Keizer resident, as well as the former board president for Keizer Soccer Club and a former board member on the City of Keizer Parks Advisory Board, I would like to express my support for state funding of the Keizer Rapids Park Artificial Turf Sport Fields project, granted the management structure for field access is established in an equitable way across all stakeholder groups, regardless of physical proximity to the fields (due to funding being primarily at the federal/state and county levels) or personal relationships of any stakeholders to those involved in the decision to make this project a reality.

These fields will provide all weather playing surfaces for many sports, and give youth and adults in the Salem-Keizer area more year-round recreational activity access that do not currently exist. Additionally, this project supports the mission of providing recreational opportunities to children and adults of all ages within the community, which will only enhance social opportunities and strengthen mental/emotional health.

It has been an inclusive and thoughtful process thus far, and will hopefully remain so through the remainder of the planning process and on into implementation and usage. I believe that, when completed, this will be a regional destination park providing social and economic benefits to the community. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dustin Karstetter  
Keizer Resident (and Sport Enthusiast)

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