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To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Proposal to eliminate Polley Field
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Dear Sebastopol City Council,

My name is Jean Paul (JP) Merlaud. I am a local business owner and, also the current West County High School freshman baseball manager. I have coached baseball in this beloved town for over 20 years and have mentored hundreds of young productive citizens along the way. It was brought to my attention a proposal by the City of Sebastopol to rip out Polley Little League field in favor of a dog park.

We should all recognize and cherish that Polley Field is a landmark and true gem of our beloved City. The field was constructed in 1957 and has been a fundamental setting of Sebastopol ever since. Polley field delivers the ambiance of a major league baseball diamond. Probably the greatest attribute of Polley Field is it offers children the opportunity to participate in night baseball games under lights, just like a Big Leaguer. Not too many towns in this county can make that claim.

I urge our esteemed City Council members reconsider the social impact this would cause for hundreds of households throughout West County with children who participate in youth sports.

Warmest regards.

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