



Proposed Pickleball Courts at El Cerrito Park

(Councilmember Richins Request)

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Today's Ask

That City Council provide direction on the construction of new outdoor pickleball courts at El Cerrito Park.



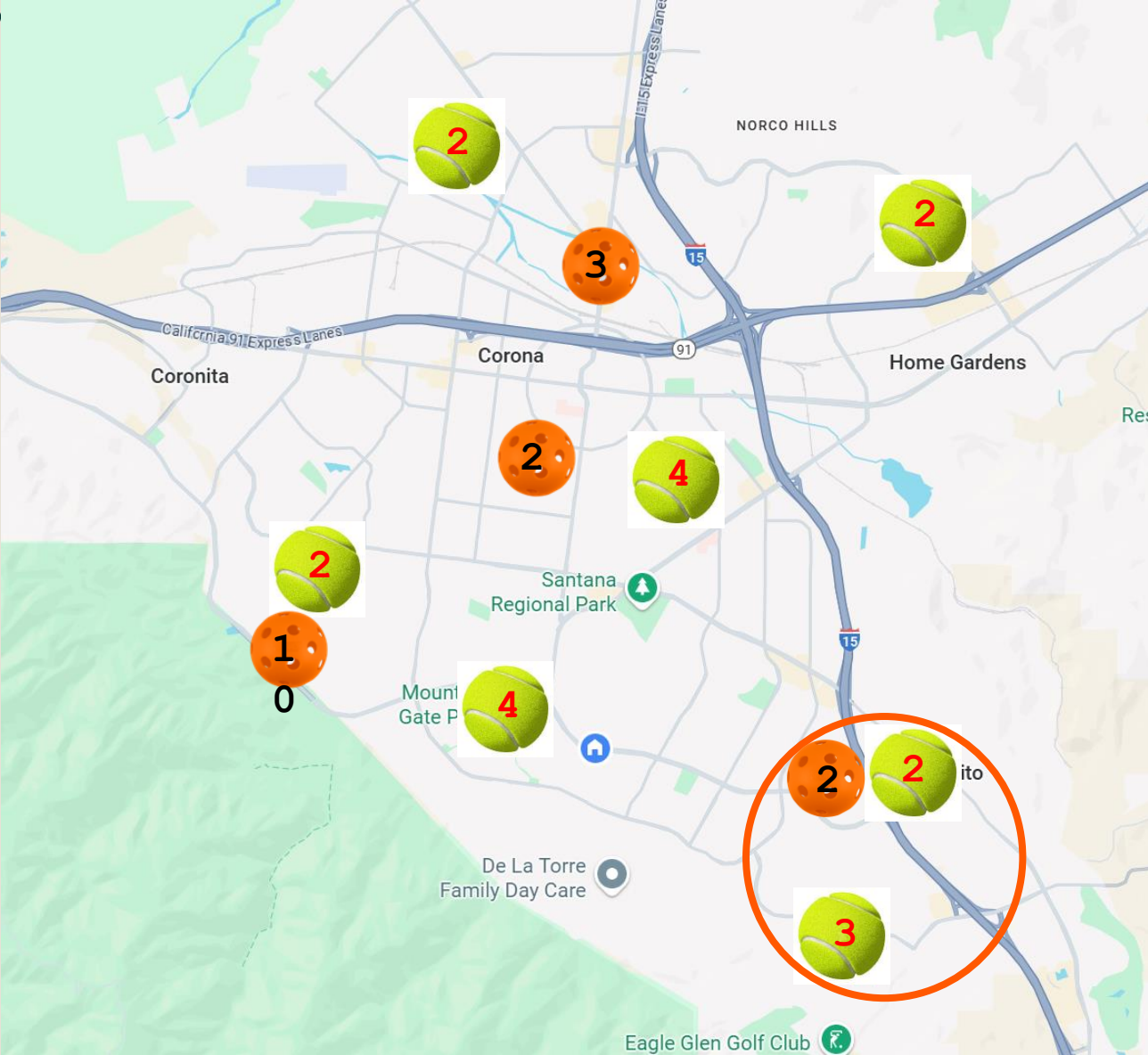


Background

- Demand growing for pickleball – ranked fastest growing sport in U.S. (46% 2023-2024, SFIA) ↑
- Pickleball courts identified as one of the top four outdoor features by residents in the Parks & Recreation Master Plan (PRMP)
- PRMP calls for 23 pickleball courts to meet level of service guidelines (1/7,300 residents)
 - Currently 17 total pickleball courts - 12 dedicated and 5 multi-use
 - Pickleball only: Border Park (10) and Husted Park (2)
 - Multi-use w/pickleball: Circle City Center (3) and El Cerrito Park (2)
 - Leaves 6 more needed to reach 23

Background – Tennis Courts

- Demand for tennis also growing (8% 2023-2024, USPTA)
- Corona has 19 tennis courts located at 7 parks (1/8,207 residents)
 - El Cerrito (2), Eagle Glen (3), Mountain Gate (4), Kellogg (4), Mangalar (2), Promenade (2), Auburndale (2)
 - 3 courts at Eagle Glen Park located 1.8 miles from proposed project site (El Cerrito Park)
- 19 existing tennis courts
 - meets PRMP level of service guidelines



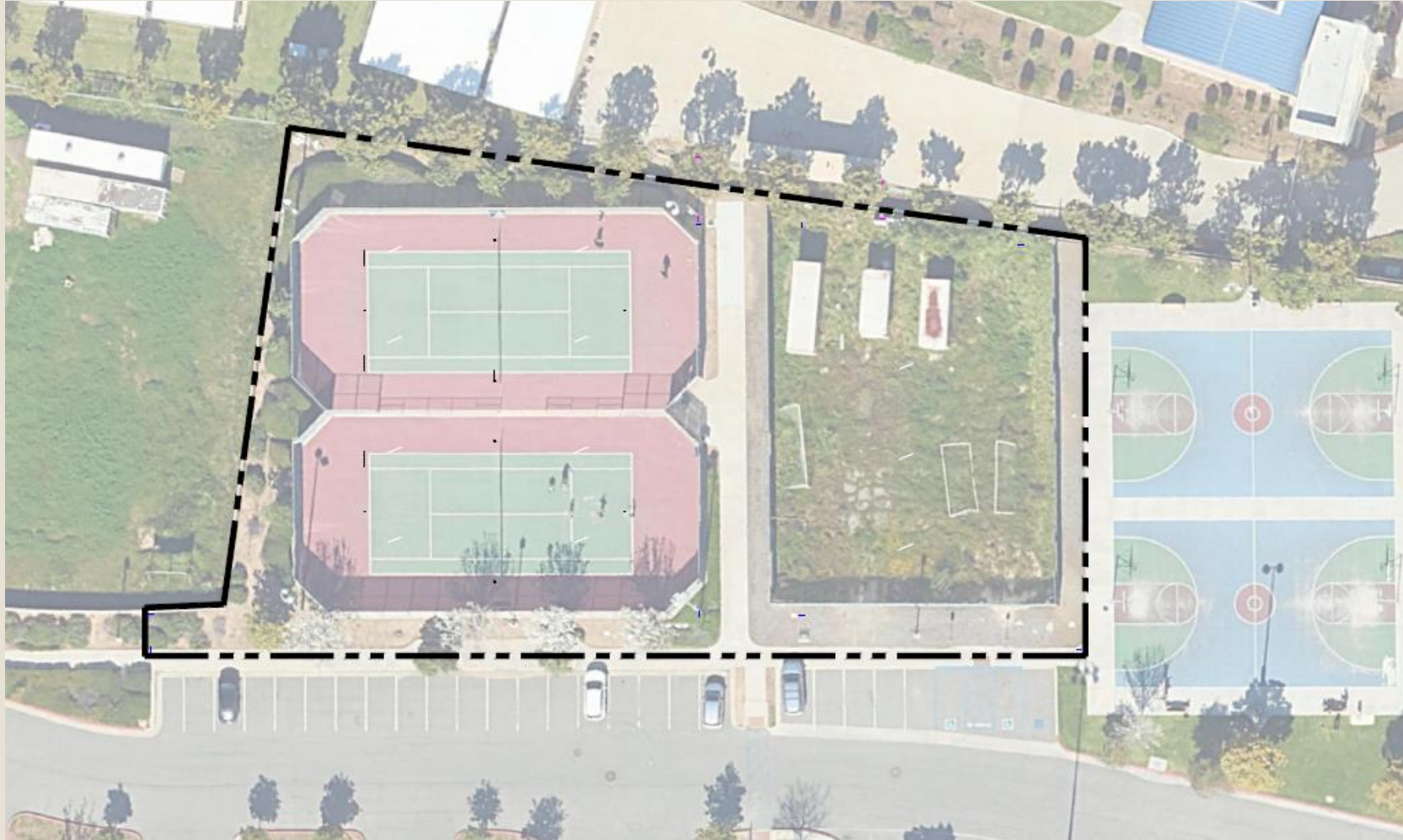
Background – Proposed Pickleball Courts

- New pickleball courts proposed in FY26 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) at El Cerrito Park
 - City Council voted to pause project during budget adoption
 - Councilmember Richins subsequently asked for a reconsideration
- Identified as the preferred location for pickleball courts based on cost and distance from homes
- Project proposes converting 2 tennis courts into 8 pickleball courts and constructing 4 new courts on vacant parcel – 12 courts total
- **Total estimated project cost = \$1,097,802**



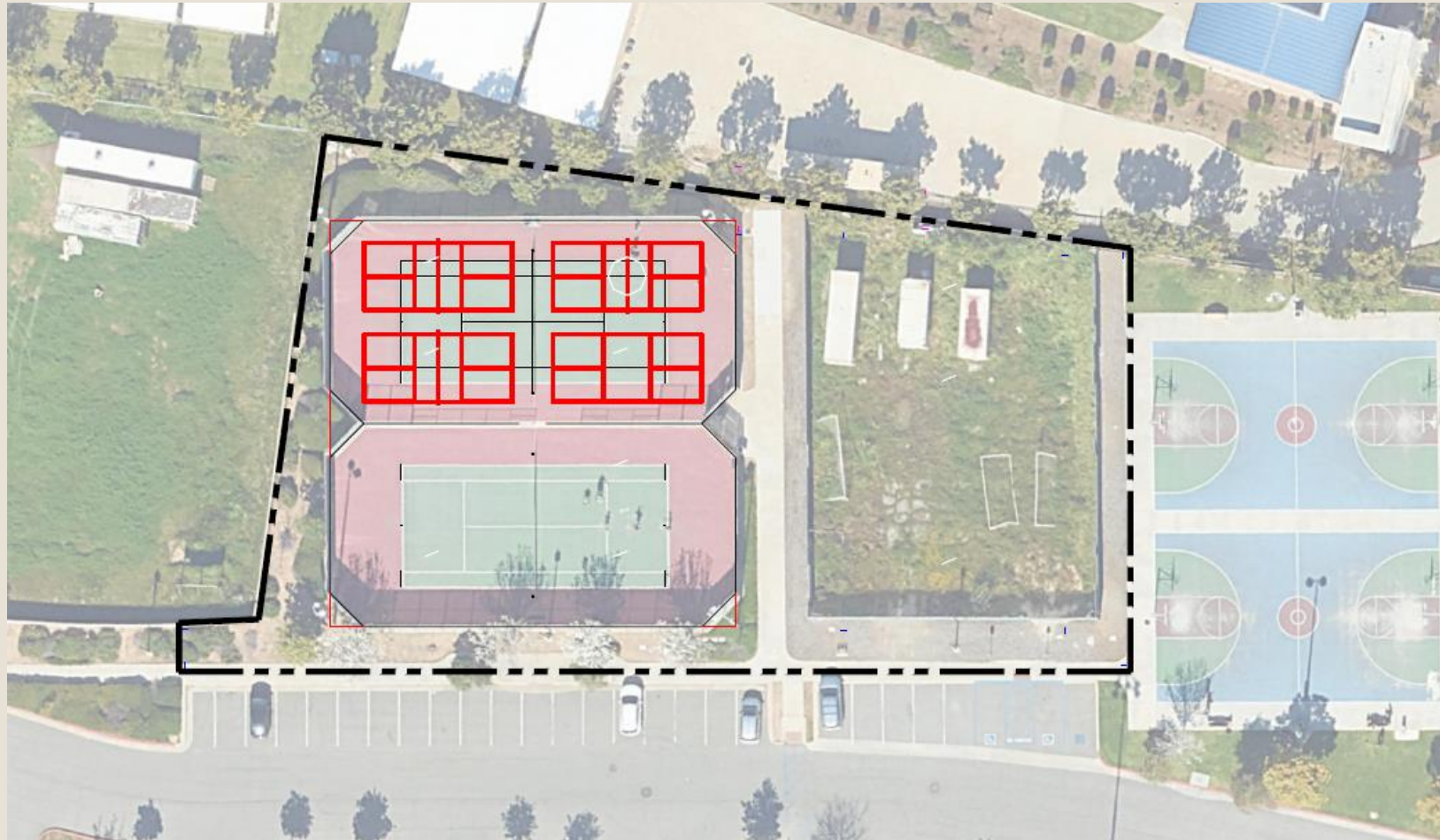
Option 1

No Change to El Cerrito Park



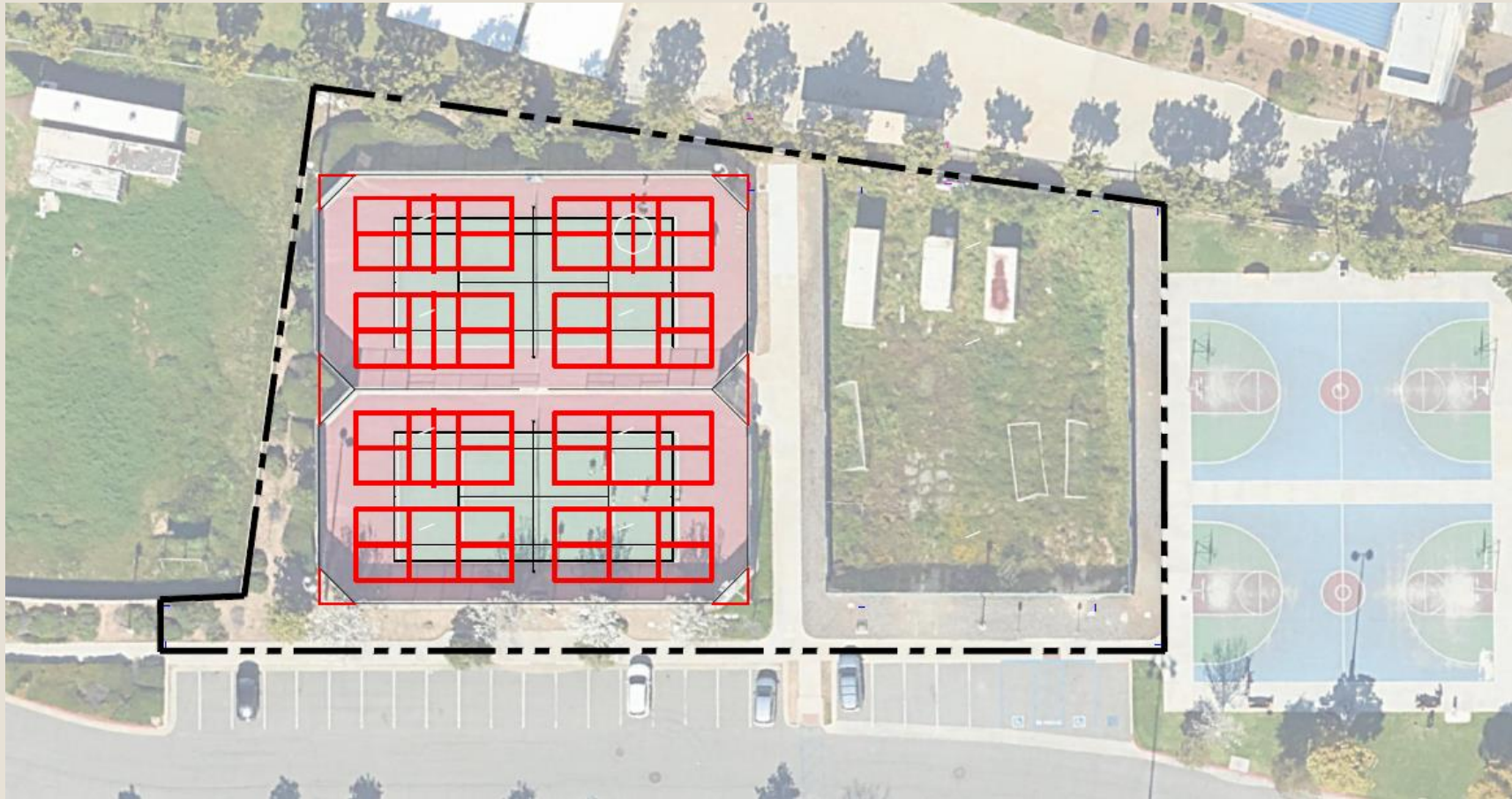
Option 2a

Convert only 1 tennis court at El Cerrito Park to pickleball courts



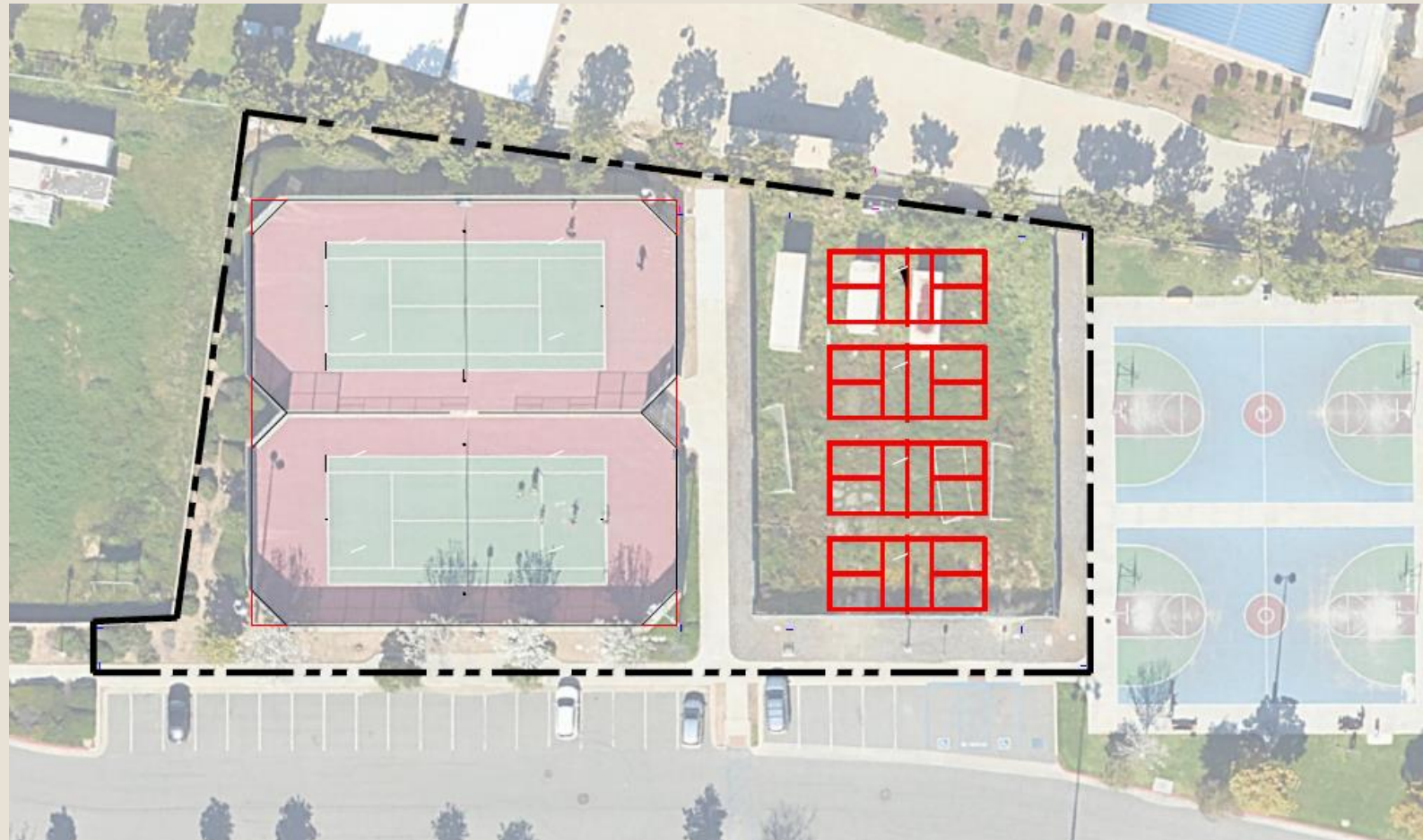
Option 2b

Convert both tennis courts at El Cerrito Park to pickleball courts



Option 3

Convert vacant parcel only at El Cerrito Park to pickleball courts



Option 4

(PROPOSED CIP PROJECT)

Convert both vacant parcel AND tennis courts at El Cerrito Park to pickleball courts

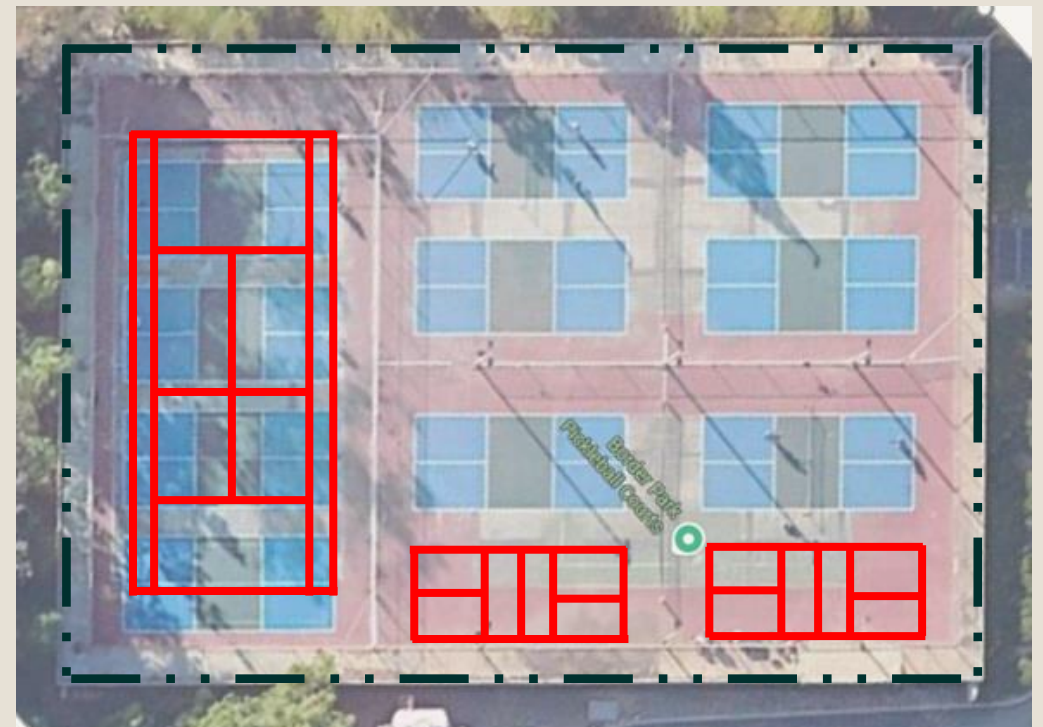


Option 5

Compromise - Add 8 Pickleball Courts to El Cerrito, but retain 1 tennis court *and* bring 1 tennis court back to Border Park



El Cerrito Park



Border Park

Options Summary

**Staff
Recommendation**

	Option 1	Option 2a	Option 2b	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
	No Change	Convert 1 tennis court at El Cerrito Park to pickleball courts	Convert both tennis courts at El Cerrito to pickleball courts	Convert vacant parcel only at El Cerrito to pickleball courts	Current CIP Project Convert both tennis courts <i>AND</i> vacant parcel at El Cerrito to pickleball courts	Add 8 pickleball Courts, retain 1 tennis court at El Cerrito Park <i>and</i> bring 1 tennis court back to Border Park
Pros	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No cost Preserves 2 tennis courts at El Cerrito Allows time to evaluate impact of new private pay pickleball courts at Eagle Glen Golf Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal cost to convert tennis court than build new pickleball courts Retains 1 tennis court at El Cerrito Preferred location by pickleball community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal cost to convert tennis courts than build new courts Preferred location by pickleball community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retains both tennis courts at El Cerrito Preferred location for pickleball community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meets PRMP LOS for pickleball Preferred location by pickleball community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retains 1 tennis court at El Cerrito Brings tennis back to Border Park No net loss of tennis courts Reduces pickleball noise at Border Park Net gain of 6 pickleball courts in the City Achieves PRMP LOS for Pickleball and Tennis
Cons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not meet PRMP LOS for Pickleball 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes 1 tennis court at El Cerrito Only provides 4 new pickleball courts (vs. 12) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes tennis courts at El Cerrito 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only provides 4 new pickleball courts (vs. 12) Higher Cost 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes tennis courts at El Cerrito Highest cost Parking impacts No time to evaluate impact of new private pay pickleball courts at Eagle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes 1 tennis court at El Cerrito Costs approx. \$100k more than original CIP project

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Questions



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