



**City of Costa Mesa**  
**Administrative Services Department**  
**Recreation Division**

*"We create community through people, parks and programs"*

August 12, 2005

John Feeney  
1154 Dorset Lane  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Dear Mr. Feeney:

Your complaint regarding trespassing at Paularino School fields has been forwarded to me for response. In your statement, you mentioned that fields are being trespassed upon and activities are being conducted on the fields after the agreed upon hours of operation. You requested information as to who the responsible party would be to address this illegal use of fields.

In my investigation of your complaint I have found the following:

- 1) Paularino School fields have been closed due to Measure A construction since June 27 and no permits have been issued for use since that date through August 12, 2005. Construction was scheduled to be completed by August 1, but the District has not indicated that the field is available for use at this time, nor provided the City with a date for when permitting can be resumed.
- 2) The only permits issued for use of the field prior to June 27 were given to Costa Mesa American Little League. They were permitted to use the fields Monday through Friday from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. They also were permitted for a couple of Sunday uses.
- 3) 3) The Field Ambassadors encountered the following during their regularly scheduled rounds:
  - a. 6/28 – removed 4 boys playing soccer at school, fields closed due to Measure A construction
  - b. 6/29 – removed a group of 8 playing soccer at school, fields closed due to Measure A construction
  - c. 7/11 – removed 3 adults who were walking and 6 youth playing soccer at school, fields closed due to Measure A construction
  - d. 7/17 – removed group of 8 playing soccer at school, fields closed due to Measure A construction
  - e. 7/30 – removed a group of 10 playing football at school, fields closed due to Measure A construction\*

\*Only this activity would have prompted intervention on the part of the Field Ambassador's part had the fields **not** been closed for Measure A construction.

If at any time you believe unpermitted use of the **Paularino School** athletic fields is occurring, you are encouraged to call the City's Field Ambassadors at (714) 925-7241. You can also call the City Dispatch at (714) 754-5252 if, for some reason, you are unable to get through to the Field Ambassadors (ie, Field Ambassadors are handling another call or are off duty).

The Field Ambassadors are responsible for monitoring the use of all the City's athletic fields, as well as those school athletic fields the City permits under our Joint Use Agreement with the Newport Mesa Unified School District. The Field Ambassadors have no enforcement power, so, if their intervention does not result in a satisfactory resolution, the Field Ambassador will request aid from the Police Department. It should be noted that **Paularino Park** does not have an athletic field, so the Field Ambassadors are not responsible for monitoring activity at the park – that is the responsibility of the Police Department. In the event that you wish to report inappropriate use of the park, please call City Dispatch at (714) 754-5252.

Please let me know if you have further questions or concerns. Below, I have provided some names and the direct phone line numbers of my staff who may be able to provide you with more immediate assistance in the event that you are unable to reach me.

Sincerely,

Jana Ransom  
Recreation Manager  
(714) 754-5654

Field Ambassadors and Field Permitting: Jeff Ruth, (714) 754-5302  
Recreation Supervisor (including Fields): Ruth Raheb, (714) 754-5653

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