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Thank you for supporting this idea.

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I wanted to share my gratitude for your allowance of the two temporary volleyball courts, and enthusiasm for a more permanent long-term solution.

As background, I have lived in HMB for a decade. I played varsity volleyball at University of Notre Dame. I have two daughters, both of whom play club volleyball at a national level.

Just this past Saturday, we rode our bikes to join seven other locals for 'challenge' format play at the two temporary courts. My youngest daughter, then played in an indoor club tournament on Sunday. She was vibrant with her excitement over applying outdoor skills to indoor play; great cross training!

I strongly support having two fixed regulation sand courts in our own 'backyard.' It is clean fun, low impact, easy to access, and helps put to more productive use than the previous state of neglectful purgatory.

I am traveling for business and will be unable to make the meeting this week.

However, many thanks for your consideration.

David Westendorf  
2855 Naples Ave  
Half Moon Bay, CA  
408-806-6855

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**From:** "Alger, Maureen" <[malger@cooley.com](mailto:malger@cooley.com)>  
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**Date:** May 4, 2016 at 12:13:14 PM PDT  
**To:** "[tmattusch@smharbor.com](mailto:tmattusch@smharbor.com)" <[tmattusch@smharbor.com](mailto:tmattusch@smharbor.com)>, "[vchang-kiraly@smharbor.com](mailto:vchang-kiraly@smharbor.com)" <[vchang-kiraly@smharbor.com](mailto:vchang-kiraly@smharbor.com)>, "[rbernardo@smharbor.com](mailto:rbernardo@smharbor.com)" <[rbernardo@smharbor.com](mailto:rbernardo@smharbor.com)>, "[pparravano@smharbor.com](mailto:pparravano@smharbor.com)" <[pparravano@smharbor.com](mailto:pparravano@smharbor.com)>, "[sbrennan@smharbor.com](mailto:sbrennan@smharbor.com)" <[sbrennan@smharbor.com](mailto:sbrennan@smharbor.com)>  
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**Resent-From:** <[sbrennan@smharbor.com](mailto:sbrennan@smharbor.com)>

Dear Commissioners:

I am unable to attend the meeting tonight but still wanted to voice strong support for the installation of volleyball courts at the harbor.

As El Granada residents, my husband and I welcome this additional recreational opportunity for our children and family. There are not many other recreational facilities available in the immediate area, or even on the coast in general, that are suitable for older children, teens and families. Volleyball is a sport that all ages can play, and we can even engage in the activity with our children and their friends.

The impact on the harbor and surrounding area will be limited. There is plenty of parking etc, any additional traffic or congestion will be minimal given the nature of the facility and the existing coastal trail access, and the courts are in an accessible, open and safe area.

We are also very strong supporters of girls' sports on the coast. Sports are shown to help girls be more successful on many fronts. With volleyball in particular, though, access to facilities is key, and that is an issue here on the coast. Currently our volleyball players have to compete with other sports teams for limited gymnasium time. Outside sand volleyball courts would mean that our local volleyball players will have much more opportunity to practice, formally and informally, and thus their ability to compete and the other indirect positive impacts of participating will expand. I hope you will show your support for our daughter and other local youth athletes by supporting these courts.

**Maureen P. Alger**

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Hello Ms. Brennan,

I just wanted to send a much belated THANK YOU for your support last month for our request for the volleyball courts at Perched Beach. You were relentless in your efforts and your arguments to the board were valid and MUCH appreciated.

I am sending out a letter to you and all the representatives for tomorrow evening's meeting because I can not attend. I only hope you can convince the others again that this is a smart and necessary proposal for our community and believe that the courts would bring new sources of revenue for the harbor along with increased land value for the area.

Thank you again.

Julie Mell  
Montara Resident

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**From:** Kristene Canadas <[rnpebbles@hotmail.com](mailto:rnpebbles@hotmail.com)>  
**Subject: Re: Permit for Brach Volleyball**  
**Date:** April 6, 2016 at 8:55:51 PM PDT  
**To:** Sabrina Brennan <[SBrennan@smharbor.com](mailto:SBrennan@smharbor.com)>  
**Resent-From:** <[SBrennan@smharbor.com](mailto:SBrennan@smharbor.com)>

Thank you so much for your support tonight ! You now have 3 girls that idolize you . The couldn't quit talking about how much you Rock !!

Kristene

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 5, 2016, at 10:33 PM, Sabrina Brennan <[sabrina@dfm.com](mailto:sabrina@dfm.com)> wrote:

Hello Kristene,

Thank you for your email regarding volleyball courts at Pillar Point Harbor.

Sabrina Brennan  
cell 415-816-6111

On Apr 5, 2016, at 9:07 PM, Kristene Canadas <[rnpebbles@hotmail.com](mailto:rnpebbles@hotmail.com)> wrote:

As you are aware there is a request for a beach volleyball permit at perched beach in Pillar Point Harbor on tomorrow nights agenda. I was appalled to see that the request had already been denied by the Harbor Commission elected staff without getting community input. There have been two sets of beach volleyball poles at Montara beach for quite some time with no issues. Unfortunately the recent storms and the nature of Montara Beach have washed that section of the beach away. There have been no instances of any ill sorts and it actually benefited La Costanara restaurant with business from locals playing beach volleyball. The local community and high school sand volleyball players have utmost respect for the beaches here always leaving no trace behind from themselves and that left behind by tourists. Each time we have gone down to play

we bring out garbage left by others not from the area and not respecting our coastside. It does no damage/harm to have a couple temporary set poles in the sand. It benefits our coastside , our community and the kids that grow up here. My daughter has traveled playing in Sand tournaments and I can assure that these beaches where she plays are the most pristine there are. Everything that is brought on agenda to this community that can possibly do no harm but in fact do great good for the kids of this community is denied for no clear reasons. Sand volleyball is a growing and Olympic sport now recognized and funded by many colleges large Ivy universities. Half Moon Bay high schools club team is trying to incorporate this sport for the benefit of many top athletes in the community. We are willing to do our part whether it be commitment of time or financially but are being disregarded as are the kids in this community by taking this request as nuisance to not even be heard. This proposal could in fact help the businesses and the beaches in Pillar Point Harbor if all facts are taking in to consideration. I am sincerely requesting that you hear the communities and children's pleas to have non permanent poles be able to be set and perched beach so that student athletes and community can prosper by living in this beach town that we so love.

Respectfully,

Kristene Canadas

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Dear Sirs and Madame of the Harbor District,  
I cannot attend the meeting tomorrow evening but I am in support of the courts. Please accept my letter of support in my absence.

Thank you,  
Julie Mell

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