

To EDC Board of Supervisors

I'm relatively new here compared to some of you, I've only lived here 31 years. I would like to share with you one of my personal observations and opinion's. When I moved here in 1977 I was 17 years old, at that time we {young people } had the bowling ally, skate rink, drive in theatre and our local H.S El Dorado held summer dances for our youth. In fact it was at one of these dances I met my lovely wife and just celebrated our 28 th wedding anniversary. I understand that most of these were private enterprise and that if profitable maybe we would still have some of those things.

Since 1977 we have grown considerably City and County, and other than us just replacing the city pool which is a wonderful facility, we have done very little for our youth in creating new opportunity. Myself and family have been in business in this city these past 31 years and been active volunteers supporting this community, everything from putting out house fires to helping replace outdated playground equipment with the Placerville Rotary club and city park & rec. this is something I am quite proud of, Placerville Rotary realized that once kids grow a little older the slide and swings just are not quite the same fun they once were and would like to move on to other things. We also realized that not all atheletes play baseball, basketball,soccer and football. The idea for the skatepark was born.

This was not accepted with 100% enthusiasium from not only the county and city but from some of our members. It was different, we instantly thought of this skate group and park as being trouble, outcasts. We proceeded on, there was a huge positive response from the community and with the constant fundraising efforts spearheaded by MR.JOE STANCIL and the many other volunteers, including the city and county it has become a reality. Sure we expected troubles, as we would with any other youth facilities. I really do not believe we would shut down the city pool if some tragedy or act took place like what happened at our skatepark. My Point Is This, the park is popular, when we finished it, it became another member of our Wonderful Parks Family in this county, and I think it is well past time we stop treating it like an outcast or the Proverbial Stepchild and the city and county welcome this new park with open arms to there family, and at the same time Us , We citizens stop treating the users of the park as outcasts and proverbial stepchildren and welcome them with open arms. Sure there will be bad apples, there always has been, there always will be, We have some wonderful youth in this town and they are OUR FUTURE.

So lets figure this thing out, and open this park They Deserve It.

Sincerely, Glenn Webb

P.S after many years of team sports, I too was a skater and surfer in my youth and greatly enjoyed the individual gratification and exercise it provided.

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