



**EL DORADO COUNTY
YOUTH COMMISSION**
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Saving Joe's Skate Park ~ A Community Collaborative

Mission: *To foster multi-generational stewards who will create and maintain a healthy and positive atmosphere for all users of Joe's Skate Park in the Fairgrounds Recreation Area.*

Vision: *To build a community of educated, engaged, powerful people who will collectively find solutions for the problems facing Joe's Skate Park and our community's youth.*

In response to the closure of Joe's Skate Park in Placerville, a group of committed and concerned citizens of all ages have come together in a unique and innovative way. Representing the El Dorado County Youth Commission, the local skate population, BMX riders, county departments, private citizens, churches, Boys & Girls Club, parents of skaters and more, this group is working together to propose that Joe's Skate Park be reopened under a multi-level plan of action that will include user education, community involvement, and monthly review. This system of accountability will be ongoing and will ensure that any potential problems are addressed in an aggressive, timely and appropriate manner. The ultimate goal is to provide a safe, thriving skate park for the entire community to enjoy for years to come.

What We Know:

- Currently, there is no safe and/or designated place to skateboard in the Placerville area.
- Placerville and its surrounding communities are home to hundreds, if not thousands, of skaters and potential park users (e.g. BMX riders, inline skaters, and scooter users).
- It is especially alarming that obesity and other health-related issues are reaching epidemic levels among youth populations. Skateboarding certainly constitutes physical activity that promotes fitness and balance.
- Despite only operating one day a week, Joe's Skate Park has registered almost 700 users from within our county and its surrounding areas.
- Joe's Skate Park can potentially suffer from overuse as all users are compelled to be there on the same day. This creates a serious safety issue which will only escalate as summer approaches.
- Joe's Skate Park is an underused jewel in this community, nestled in the middle of an already thriving recreational area. Many families have children that skate, and the park has the potential to be yet another reason to visit our beautiful county.
- Joe's Skate Park was well-built and is one of the nicest skate parks in Northern California.
- Joe's Skate Park brings economic opportunity to El Dorado County.
- Skate parks located in South Lake Tahoe, Cameron Park and throughout California are currently succeeding in a safe and positive way under self supervision. Joe's Skate Park will equally thrive as a self-supervised park through a genuine collaborative effort of community partners, local law enforcement and park users.

The YC believes change is imminent. We believe that through the strength of youth and adults partnering together, with youth as the core change agents, and with the full support of the El Dorado County Youth Commission, Joe's Skate Park can be reopened permanently under an agreement of trust and personal accountability.