



RALLY FOR THE REC

A COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN

Local Solutions, Local Funding, Local Governance

March 19, 2025

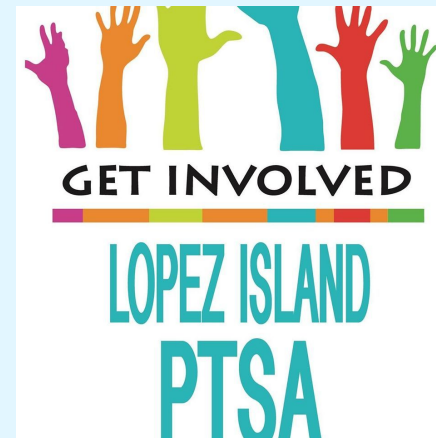
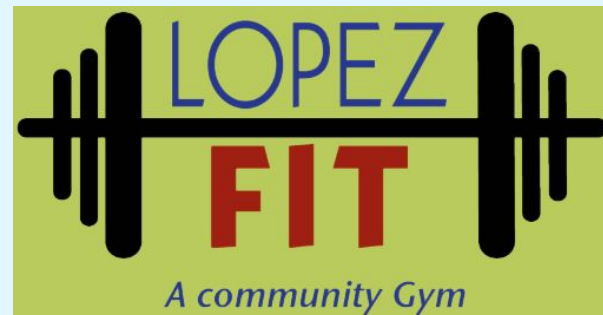
Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Meeting Objectives
- *Rally for the Rec* Informational Presentation
- Timeline Update: April is now November
- Break-out Group Discussions
- Share Group Feedback
- Next Steps and Petition Signing



Introductions

- *Rally for the Rec Committee Members*
- Lopez Rec Key Supporters and Stakeholders



Meeting Objectives

- *Lopez Rec Overview*
- *Rally for the Rec Campaign Updates*
- **Gather Community Feedback**



What is a Park & Recreation District?

- A junior taxing district established by the will of the voters
- Governed by 5 elected commissioners
- Funded through a property tax levy
- Supports quality of life through access to recreational opportunities
- Reflects the interests of its community

Why Does Lopez Need a Park & Rec District?

- **Local Solutions, Local Funding, Local Governance**
- **Save School Sports**
- **Preserve After-School and Summer Programming**
- **Expand Recreation for Adults and Seniors**

Current Challenges Facing our Lopez School

- The Lopez School under-funded by state over \$4M over the last five years
- The state levy lid reduces local funding
- State funding for schools does not provide for athletics
- Districts in our region cut transportation budgets so fewer home games
- Recruiting and retaining Lopez coaches
- Student-athlete demand for sports is high

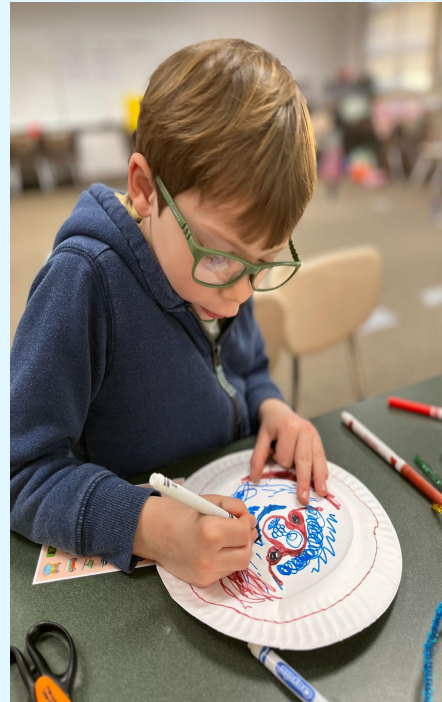
Lopez Rec: The Future of School Sports



Lopez Rec Will Sustain LIFRC Youth Programs

- Most youth programs rely on grant funding
- A federal 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant funds the K-8th grade After-School Program and Summer Camps
- Grant brings \$333,000/yr but expires mid-2027
- Parks and Rec: A path towards sustaining these programs written into the original 21st Century grant proposal
- Working families rely on youth programs
- **Local Solutions, Local Funding, Local Governance**

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Expanding Recreational Opportunities

- New recreation offerings for adults and seniors
- Interest-based programming
- Expanded outdoor & open water activities
- Intergenerational connection opportunities
- Adult enrichment classes

Learn, Connect and Explore



Senior Mobility & Flexibility with Mandy

►► 55+



Pickleball 101

►► Ages 16+



Birdwatching

►► 16+



Island Hop and Hike

►► Ages 15+



First Aid & CPR

►► 15+



50 Mile Virtual Challenge

►► All Ages



Adult Paint Nights

►► Ages 15+



Riders of the Nite

►► All Ages

Efforts and Learning to Date

- Initial meeting of the *Rally for the Rec* volunteers - November 2023
- Research into PRDs in SJC (San Juan / Orcas) and WA State
- Establish *Rally for the Rec* committee, create website, informational materials
- Early outreach to Lopez organizations to form partnerships
- Engagement with community members - listening and learning
- Establish preliminary budget and gather feedback on proposed levy rate
- Research into legal formation of the district - engagement with the County
- Transition from April special election ballot measure to November 2025

How Can Lopez Rec Benefit Existing Organizations?

- Sustainability
- Responsive to Community
- Clerical, Legal and Insurance
- Outreach and Registration Hub



Preliminary Budget

Program	Budgeted Expenditure	Levy Rate	Tax Assessed to Property Valued at \$750k
LISD Athletics	\$180,000	0.08	\$60.05
Recreational Programming: Afterschool, Summer Workshops, Seniors, Teens, Arts, Sailing, Kayaking, Pickleball, Etc.	\$250,000	0.11	\$83.40
Capital Investment	\$75,000	0.03	\$25.02
Staffing: Director & Part-time Assistant (Includes benefits)	\$170,000	0.08	\$56.71
Operations: Insurance, Accounting, Legal, Software, Transportation; Professional Development, Etc.	\$167,000	0.07	\$55.71
	Subtotal		
	\$842,000	0.37	\$280.88

What's On the November Ballot?

Vote on **THREE** ballot measures to:

- Create the Lopez Rec district
- Elect 5 governing board members
- Approve the funding levy of 37 cents



Break-out Group Session

A Lopez Rec Reflection

- What are you excited about?
- What do you want to know more about?
- Choose a group presenter to share your top 5 takeaways or questions during the share out session.

Next Steps

Go to RallyfortheRec.org for updates and questions

Follow RallyfortheRec on social media  

- Sign Petition to place Lopez Rec on the November ballot
- Join us at upcoming community meetings
- Vote in November



Rally for the Rec Contact Information

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