City Council Study Session Richmond, CA,
September 26, 2023

PROJECT PURPOSE

Review of existing parks in Richmond to identify **upgrades to courts and fields** and locations for **soccer fields** for recreation, practice and competition







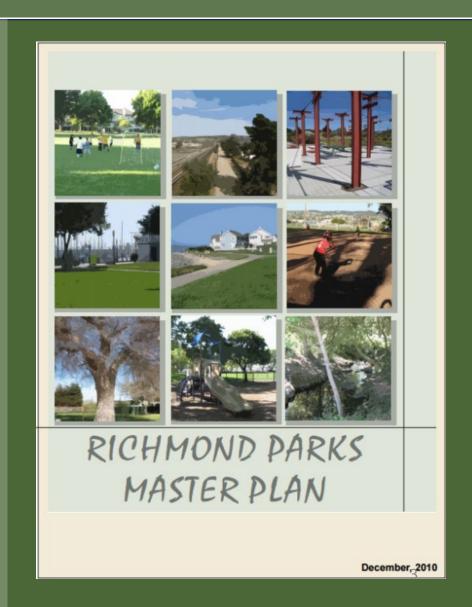
BACKGROUND

In December 2010, the

Richmond Parks Master Plan was adopted

The Richmond Parks Master Plan is a **strategic document** that provides long-term vision for the City's parks, trails and open space.

The plan sets the **level of service standards** for park acreage, service areas and active sport and recreation facilities per capita.



BACKGROUND

RICHMOND PARKS:

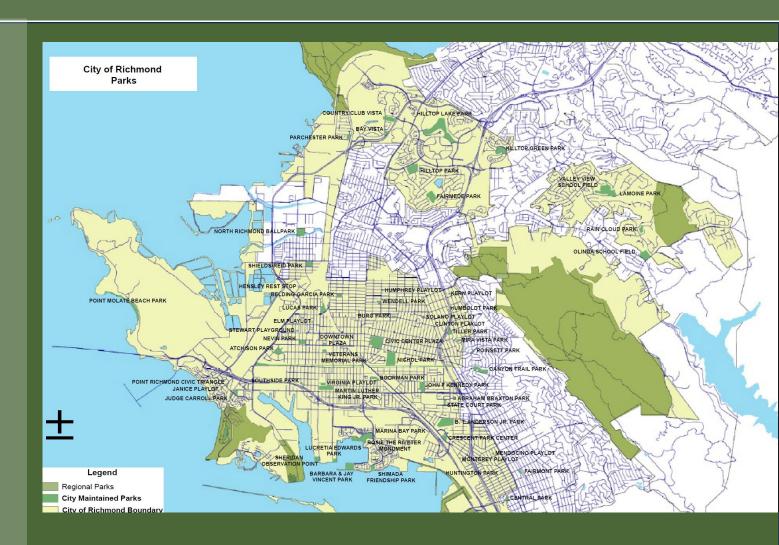
Richmond has

50 City Parks - 247.6 acres

7 Joint Use Sites - 30.7 acres

278.3 acres of park land including joint use sites

7 Regional Parks – 5,225 acres 1 National Historical Park



BACKGROUND

POPULATION:

2010 Population Estimate was 105,630 residents, and in 2020, **116,448**

- **26**% of the population is under the age of 18 years, and
- **14**% of the population is 65 years of age or older.

Children, youth and seniors constitute significant segments of Richmond's population.

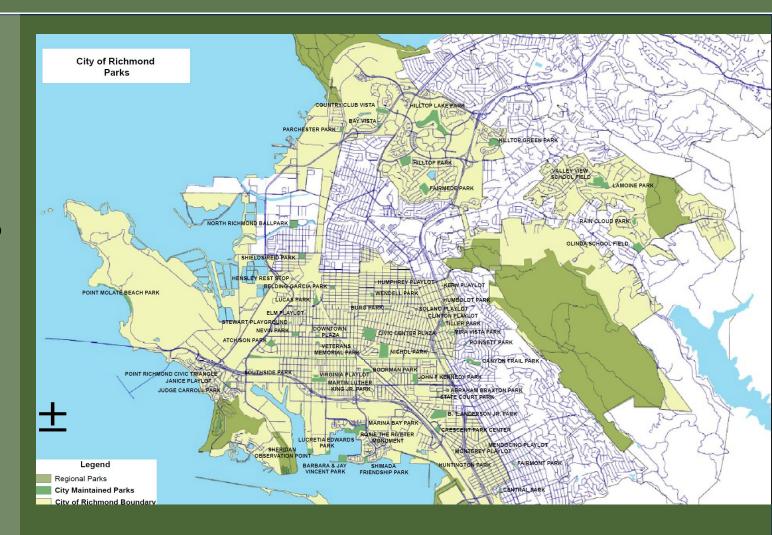


BACKGROUND

SOCCER LEVEL OF SERVICE:

According to the City of Richmond 2010 Parks Master Plan, there is to be **1 soccer field per 3,000** residents.

Thus, the City should have **23 fields** based upon the City's current population.



BACKGROUND

Richmond has a robust group of soccer clubs with **38-40 teams**

- Richmond SOL
- Richmond Rayados
- Richmond United Soccer Club

The soccer community **plays**year-round with a short break of
2-3 weeks in December

Additional clubs include Albany Berkeley Soccer Club, West Contra Costa Youth Soccer League, Eastshore Alliance







BACKGROUND

The soccer clubs currently practice and play at:

- Tom Bates Regional Sports Complex
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Park
- Booker T. Anderson Park
- Country Club Vista Park
- Shields-Reid Park
- Nichol Park
- Wendell Park

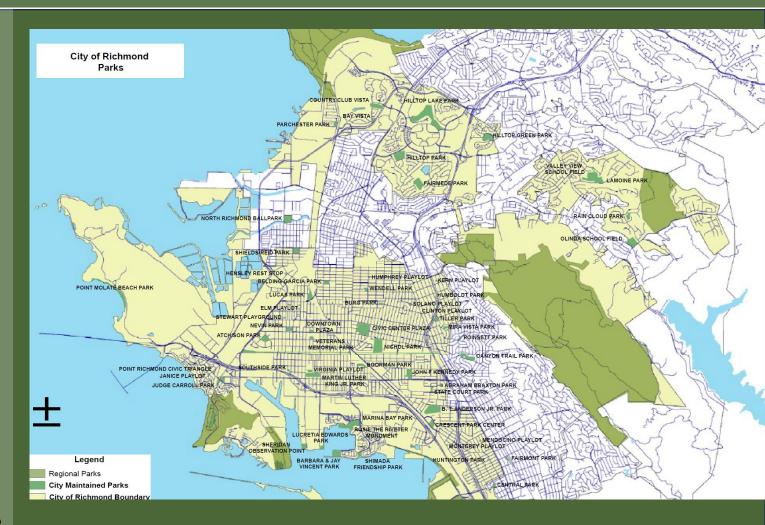


BACKGROUND

BASEBALL, SOFTBALL AND FOOTBALL LEVEL OF SERVICE:

According to the City of Richmond 2010 Parks Master Plan, there is to be 1 field per 4,400 residents for softball and baseball and 1 to 26,000 for football.

- Baseball –13 baseball fields existing
- Softball have 11 fields existing, need two more fields
- Football 4 fields, need one more field



BACKGROUND

Richmond has a multiple baseball, softball and football teams

- Richmond Little League 12 teams
- City and Richmond Police
 Athletic League Flag Football –
 12 teams
- Junior Giants Baseball and Softball – 22 teams
- Richmond Steelers 6-7 teams
- East Bay Cyclones 16 teams









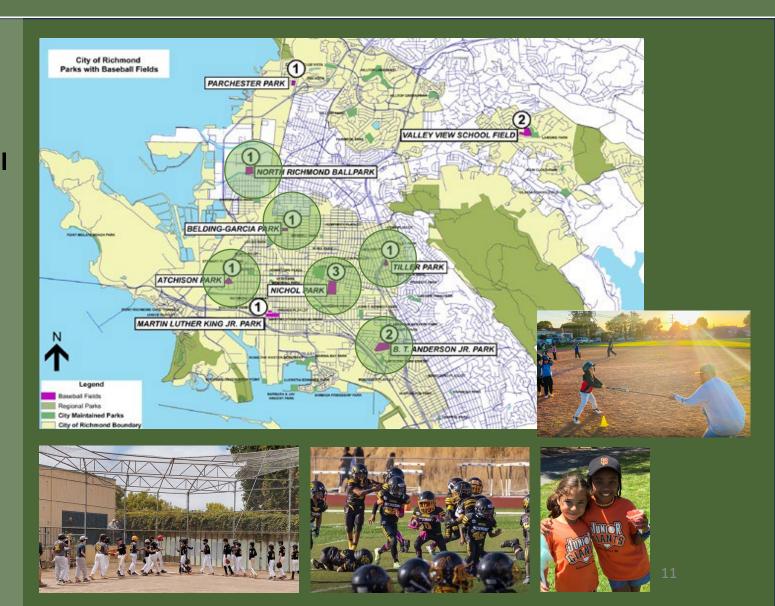




BACKGROUND

The baseball, softball and football clubs currently practice and play year-round with the exception of later November to early January at:

- Booker T. Anderson Park
- Nichol Park
- Richard Boyd Park
- Belding-Garcia Park
- North Richmond Ball Fields
- Tiller Park



FINDINGS

To support the club and league play we need fields with:

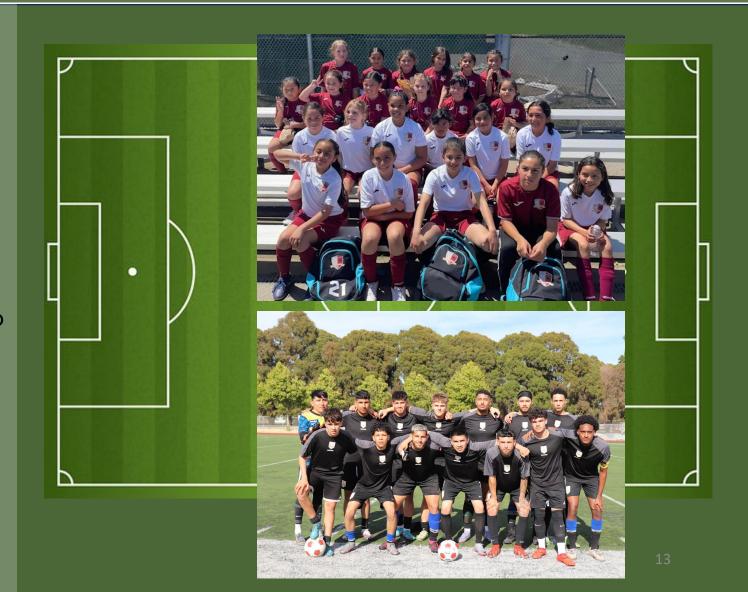
- Parking with accessible path of travel
- Restrooms, concessions and drinking fountains
- Spectator area and seating
- Fencing
- Play area for non-participating siblings
- Storage for goals and equipment
- Lighting for evening play



FINDINGS

Richmond Soccer groups need two field sizes

- U10 / 7v7 for practice and matches for 10-years old and under
- U13 / 11v11 for players 13- to 18-years old and above
- Recommend Number of Fields
 - **6-10 U13 / 11v11** Fields
 - **13-17 U10 / 7v7** Fields



FINDINGS

U10 / 7 v 7 – for practice and matches for 10 years old and under

Length (touchline) 55-65 yards

Width (goal line) 35-45 yards

Center Circle Diameter 16 yards

Goal Area Dimensions 4 x 8 yards

Goal Size 18 feet wide x 6 ft.

high



FINDINGS

U13 / 11 v 11 – for players 13 to 18 years old and above

Length (touchline) 100-120 yards

Width (goal line) 50-80 yards

Center Circle Diameter 20 yards

Goal Area Dimensions 6 x 20 yards

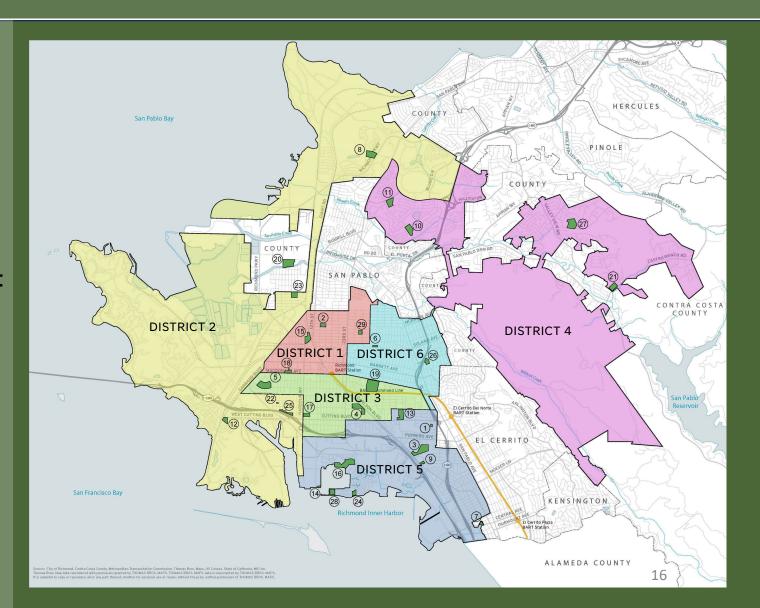
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RICHMOND PARKS

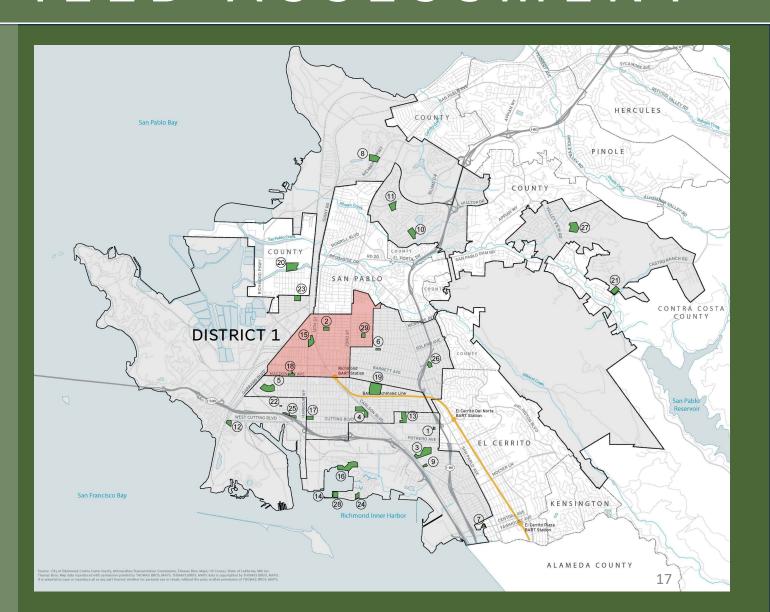
There are **18-20 Richmond parks**that may accommodate U10/7v7
and U13/11v11 soccer fields of
varying size within the six City
Council Districts **plus WCCUSD joint use sites**

- 17 Neighborhood Parks
- 3 Community Parks
- 4-6 WCCUSD Joint Use Site



RICHMOND PARKS

- Belding Garcia Park (1) U10
- Lucas Park (1) U13,
 (1) recreational field
- Nevin Park (1) U10 or smaller U8 field
- **Wendell Park** (1) U13



RICHMOND PARKS

- Belding Garcia Park (1) U10
- **Lucas Park** (1) U10, (1)U13
- Nevin Park (1) U10
- Wendell Park (1) U13





Nevin Park

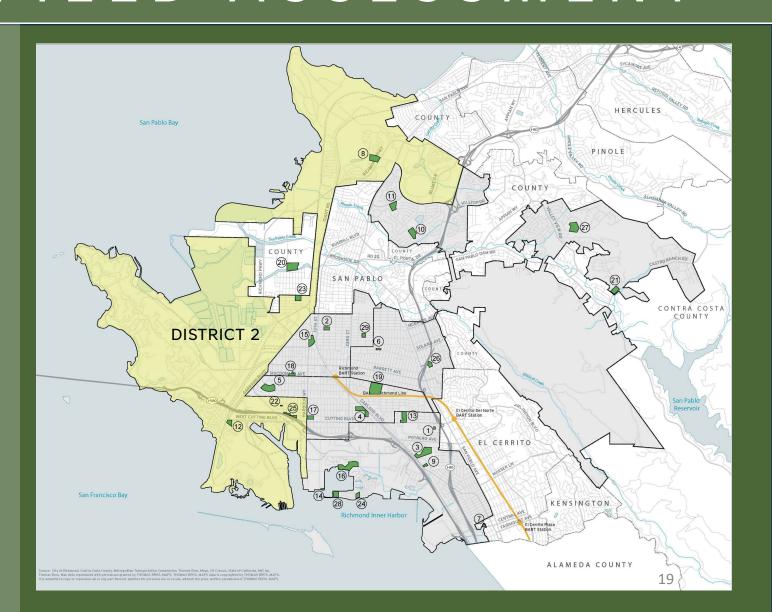




Wendell Park

RICHMOND PARKS

- Country Club Vista Park (1) U13 and (1) U10
- Judge Carroll Park (1) U10
 conflict with informal dog park use
- North Richmond Ball Field (1) U13
- Shields-Reid Park (1) U13 plan exists to upgrade the field



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Country Club Vista Park



North Richmond Ball Field

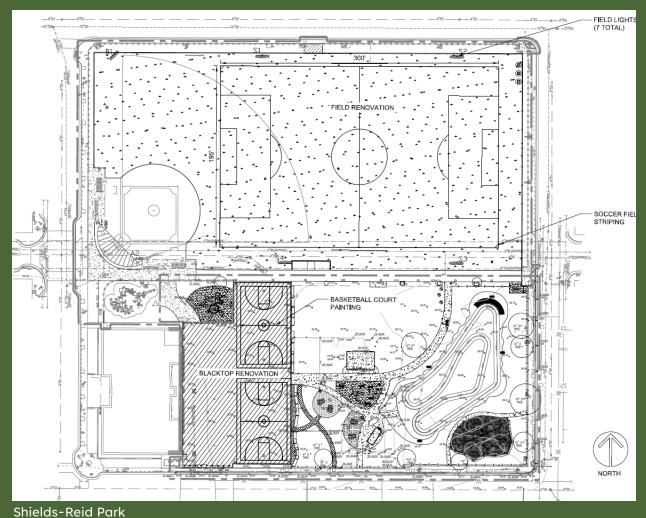


Shields-Reid Park

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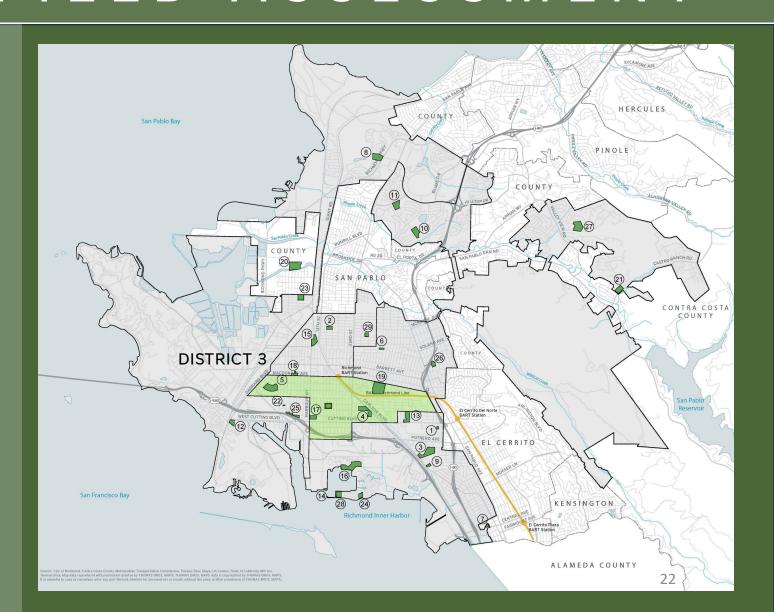
DISTRICT 2

• Shields-Reid Park – (1) U13 plan exists to upgrade the field



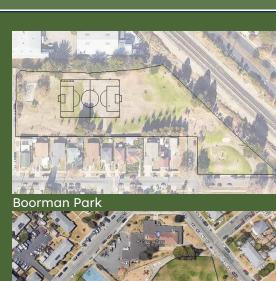
RICHMOND PARKS

- Boorman Park (1) U10 Currently funded by Prop 84 Grant
- Boyd Park (1) U10, Applied for grant 2023
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Park (2)
 U13, including existing artificial turf fields
- Nichol Park (2) U13, (2)U10
- Unity Park Phase II (1) U10,
 Applied for grant 2023



RICHMOND PARKS

- Boorman Park (1) U10, Currently funded by Prop 84 Grant
- Boyd Park (1) U13, Applied for Clean California Grant 2023
- Lavonya DeJean Middle School (1) U13, Joint Use Site
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Unity Park – Phase II

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Boorman Park

Richard J. Boyd Park

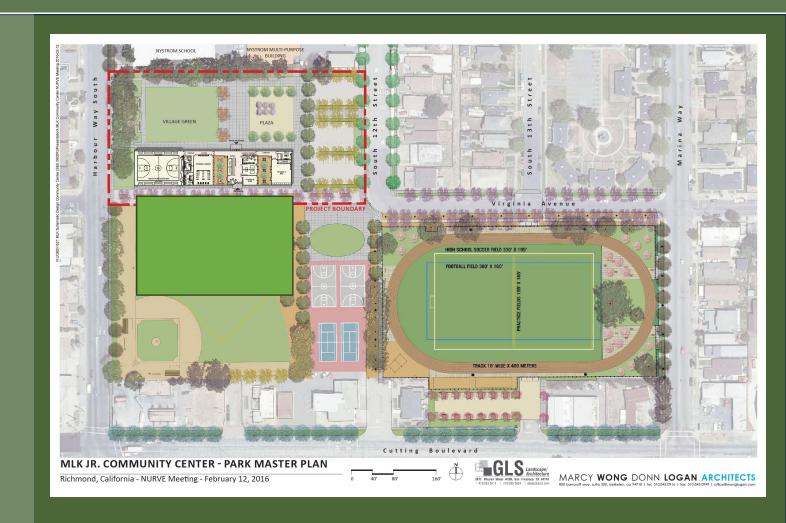


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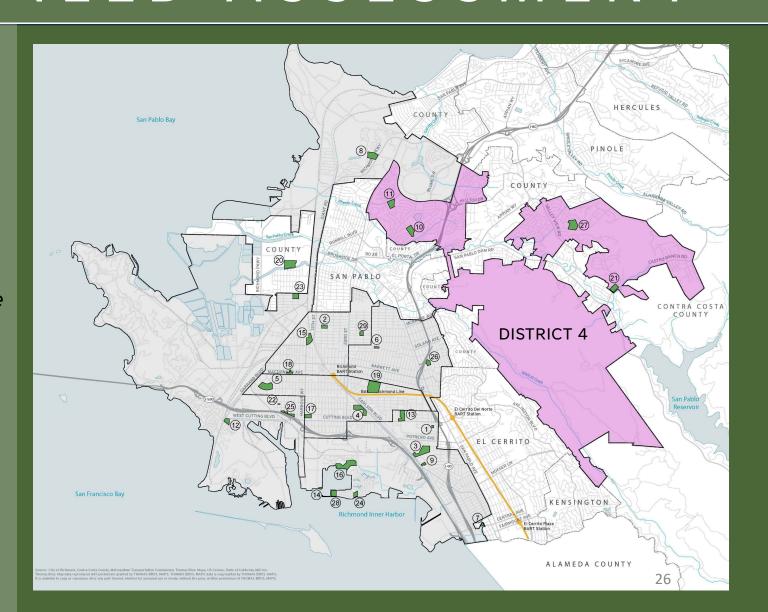
DISTRICT 3

 Martin Luther King, Jr. Park –
 Potential for combination artificial turf baseball/soccer field



RICHMOND PARKS

- Fairmede Park at Highland
 Elementary School (1) U13, Joint
 Use Site
- Hilltop Park (1)U10 Joint Use Site
- Olinda School Field (1)U13, Joint Use Site
- LaMoine Park at Valley View School Field – (1)U13, (1)U10, Joint Use



Olinda School Field

RICHMOND PARKS

DISTRICT 4

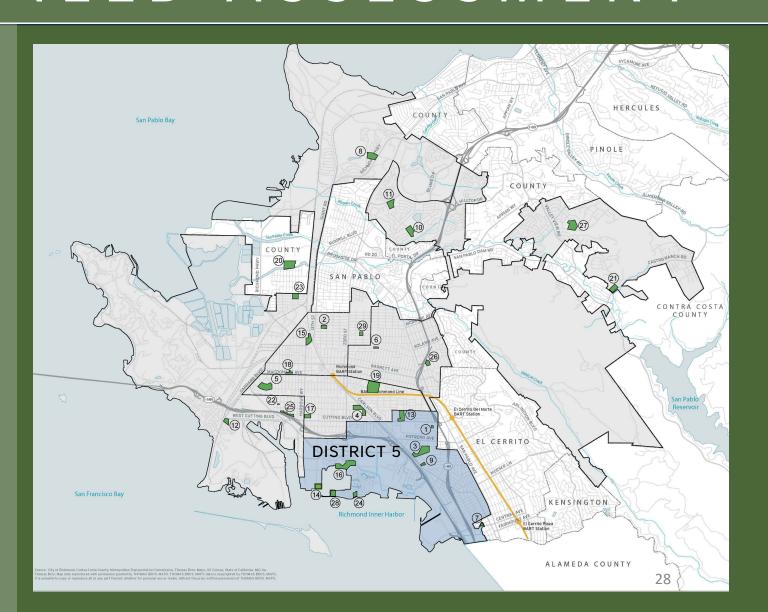
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LaMoine Park at Valley View School

RICHMOND PARKS

- Booker T. Anderson Park (3-4)U13
- John F. Kennedy Park (1) U13, (1)U10
- Lucretia Edwards Park (1)
 Recreational
- **Marina Park** (1) U13
- Shimada Park (1) Recreational,
- Vincent Park (1) Recreational
- State Court Park at Kennedy High School – (1)U13, Need Joint Use Agreement



RICHMOND PARKS

- Booker T. Anderson Park (2) U13
- Lucretia Edwards Park (1) Recreational, non-league/club play
- John F. Kennedy Park (1) U13, (1)U10
- State Court Park at Kennedy High School - (2)U13, Need Joint Use Agreement
- Vincent Park (1) Recreational, nonleague/club play



Booker T. Anderson Park



Marina Park



Vincent Park



John F. Kennedy Park



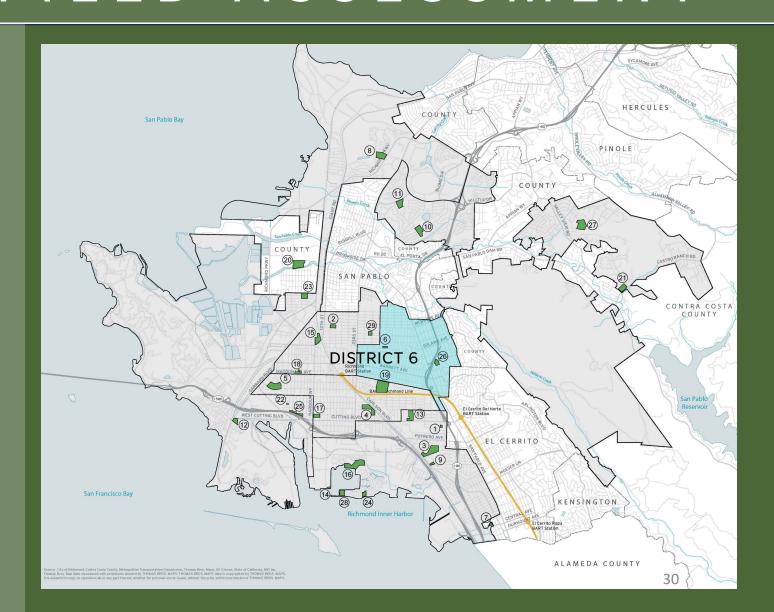
Lucretia Edwards Park



State Court Park at Kennedy High School

RICHMOND PARKS

- **Burg Park** (1)U10
- Tiller Park (1) Recreational, nonleague/club play



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- Burg Park (1) Recreational
- Tiller Park (1) Recreational

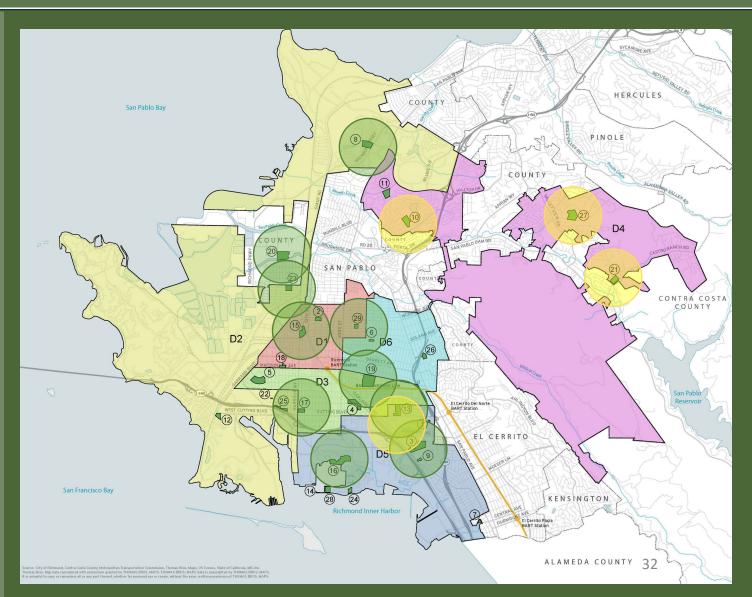




FIELD LOCATIONS

U13 / 11v11 - 11 plus 5 joint use

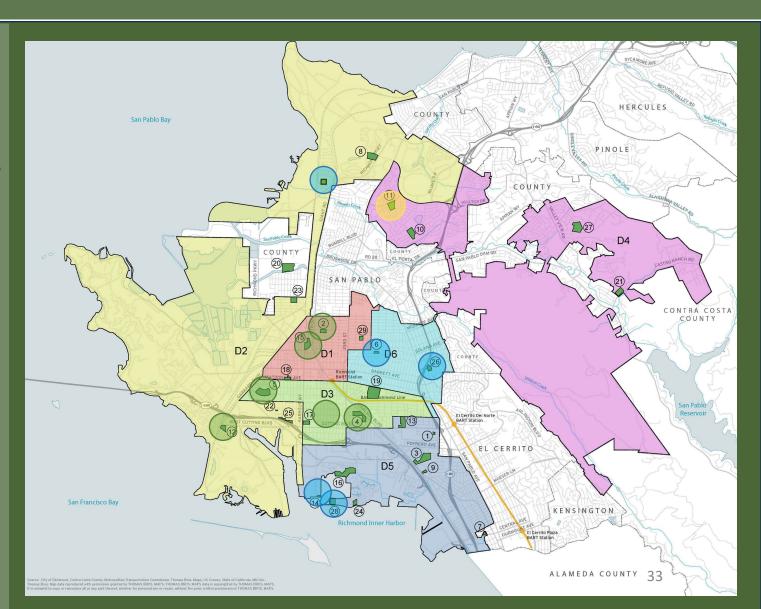
- MLK 1 turf, 1 grass
- Booker T. Anderson 2 grass
- Wendell 1 grass
- Country Club Vista 1 grass
- North Richmond Fields 1 grass
- Shields-Reid 1 grass or turf
- Kennedy 1 grass
- Marina Park 1 grass
- Nichol 1 grass
- Fairmede 1 grass
- Valley View 1 grass
- Olinda 1 grass
- State Court 2 grass



FIELD LOCATIONS

U10 / 7v7 – 7 plus 1 joint use and 4 recreational

- Belding-Garcia 1 grass
- Lucas Park 1 grass
- Nevin 1 grass
- Judge Carrol 1 grass
- Boorman 1 grass (turf)
- Boyd 1 grass
- Unity 1 turf (future)
- Hilltop 1 grass
- Vincent recreational
- Edwards recreational
- Tiller recreational
- Parchester recreational



RECOMMENDATIONS

Expand useability of existing fields

- **Upgrade field areas** grass, drainage, grades and irrigation
- Upgrade amenities restrooms, play areas, parking, path of travel, fencing, tennis, basketball and pickle ball courts
- Change configuration and modify softball/baseball infields and fencing for multiuse
- Obtain joint use agreements with WCCUSD to expand field offerings in District 4



RECOMMENDATIONS

Create new competition fields

- Reconfigure large parks to accommodate more fields
- Install artificial turf to expand usage during rainy season
- Install or upgrade lighting to extend hours of use
- Create new community sports facilities



IN THE WORKS

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Boorman Park

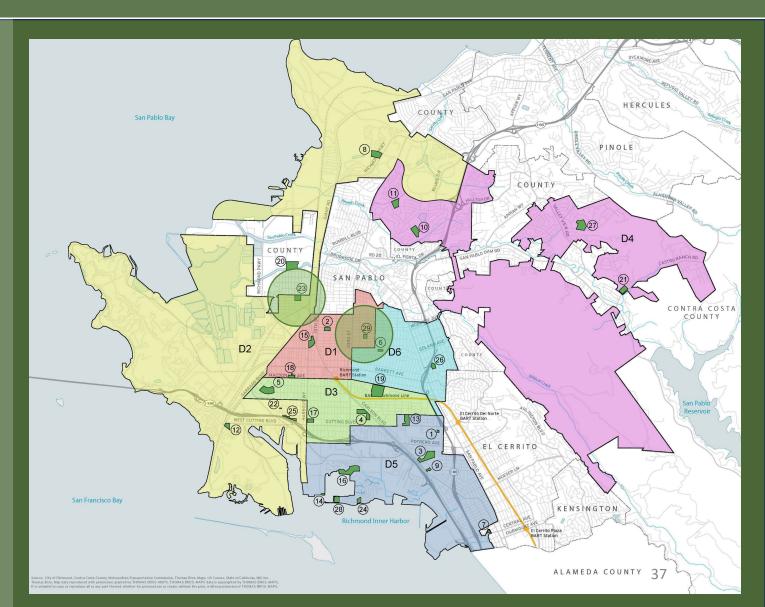
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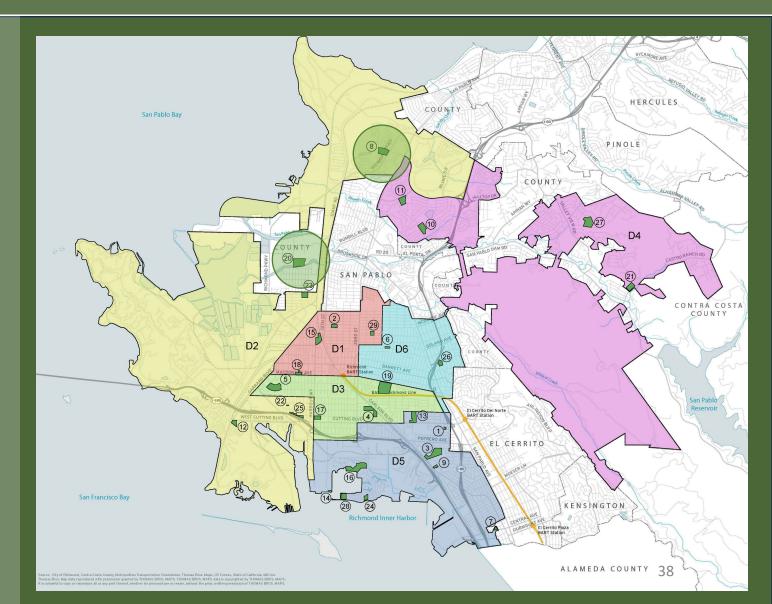
SHORT TERM PLAY

- Wendell Park upgrade irrigation, refurbish turf, replace fencing and backstop, fence futsal court, renovate play area
- Shields-Reid Park fund artificial turf field
- Maintenance Increase
 maintenance budget to renovate
 and maintain existing turf areas
- Adopt-A-Spot maintenance assistance by leagues and clubs to help maintain fields during seasonal play



MID TERM PLAY

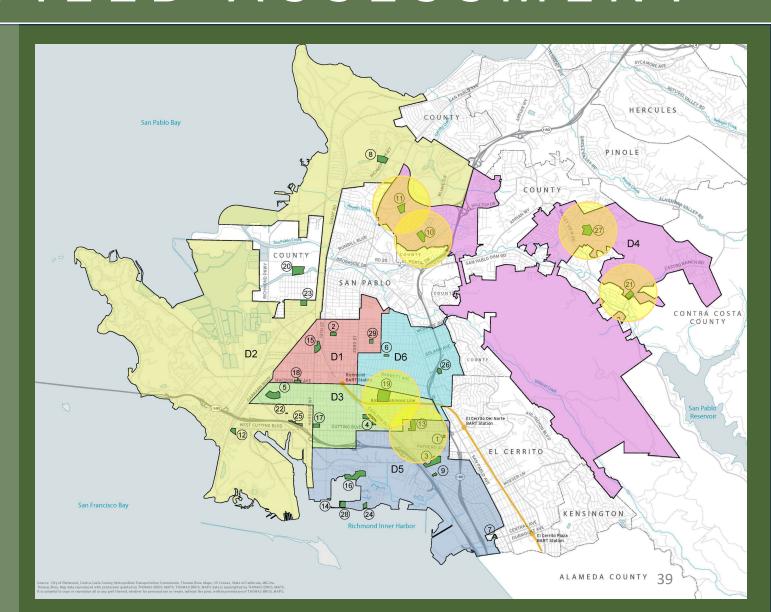
- Country Club Vista install artificial turf within soccer area, install new restroom building, and field lighting
- North Richmond Fields –
 reconfigure and install artificial
 turf, restrooms, play area,
 fencing modifications,
 reconfigure parking and add
 field lighting. Possible joint use
 agreement with WCCUSD at
 Verde School for basketball
 courts on hard court area



JOINT USE PLAY

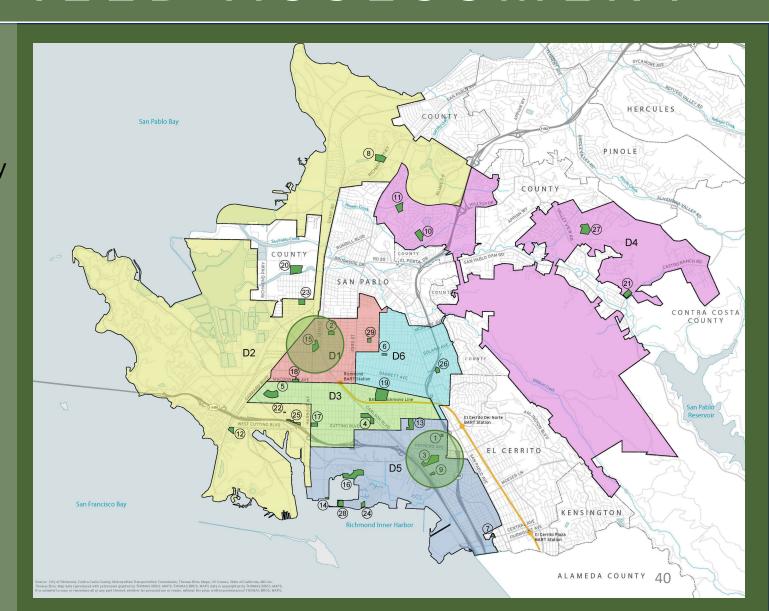
Establish Joint Use Agreements

- Hilltop Park, surplus lands
- Fairmede Park, Highland Elementary School
- LaMoine Park, Valley View Elementary School
- Olinda Elementary School
- State Court Park, Kennedy High School
- Nichol Park, Lovonya De Jean Middle School



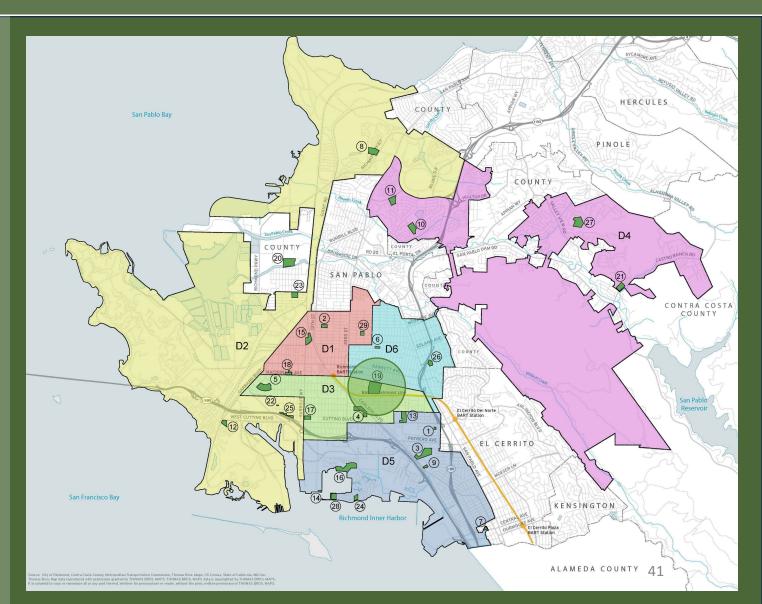
APPLY FOR GRANTS

- Booker T. Anderson Park apply for a grant to install artificial turf for multisport fields, renovate play area, install new restroom/concession building, install new basketball, tennis and pickle ball courts, lighting upgrades
- Lucas Park apply for a grant to reconfigure the fields for multiuse, expand courts, modify play area, parking and restroom



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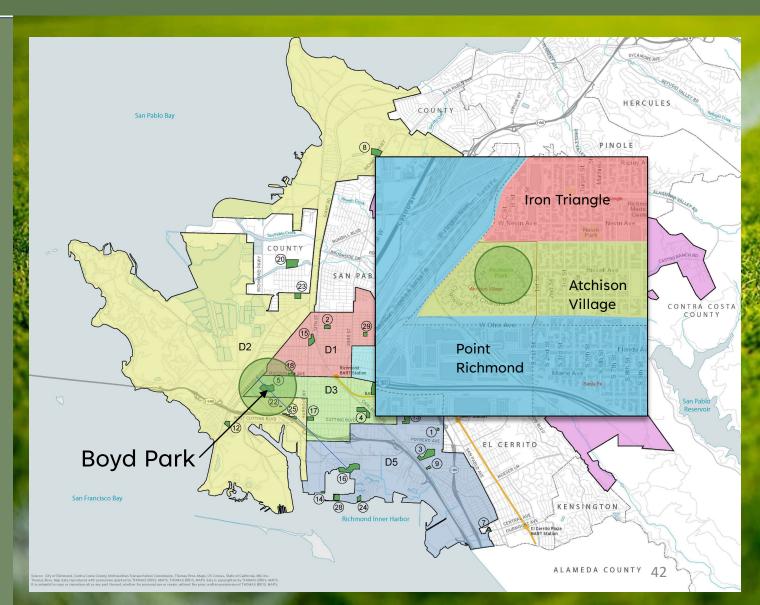
 Nichol Park – apply for a grant to renovate the park to install artificial turf multisport fields, new fencing, new restroom/concession building, new basketball, tennis and pickle ball courts, new play area, new sand volleyball courts, new bocce and lawn bowling area, renovated skate park, increased parking and lighting



OUTREACH

Work with the City Council, the community, neighborhood councils, sports leagues, and commissions to determine scope and priority of park improvements

- City Council direction on priority
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