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Dear Mayor and Councillors;

It is with great enthusiasm that I write to you in support of converting Court #1 to 4 purpose built pickleball courts, creating what will be a wonderful addition to our community.

As you are well aware, pickleball continues to grow and is now being taught as part of school curriculums. School district 61 has invited Victoria Regional Pickleball Association (VRPA) to teach Grade 4&5 students next year. Last year, VRPA taught pickleball to over 1800 children in SD63. With more people learning, the need for courts has never been higher.

There are also many more tennis players who are playing both sports or have switched to pickleball as their primary sport. It has always baffled me as to why the tennis lobby has had such a say over the past 10 years as to how the courts are used/administered. Why have the pickleball voices been ignored? It's time that there was some equity between the two sports.

Thank you for tabling a motion to have Court #1 converted. I look forward to the creation of a pickleball hub in Central Saanich.

KInd Regards,
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