

Council members:

My name is KN Chan. I am here to introduce the city's community badminton program, which celebrated its 1-year anniversary 2-weeks ago. I hope that each of you has read the program review letter I wrote to our city manager.

This program was initiated by our City Manager as an interim solution until the city is able to build a gym and give badminton a permanent home.

Still at its infancy stage, we had about 80 play sessions and had over 3900 registrations. This is a 98 percent participation rate!

If the city can maintain the new "3-night-a-week" play schedule through 2024, we will likely surpass 7500 registrations in year 2 of this program.

Even with these types of numbers, unfortunately, badminton is still not getting the recognition it deserves from some city staff. We hope this kind attitude will change very soon.

Regardless, we want to thank our city manager, Oliver Chi, and his team for this program. We hope his team will continue to improve their service level and expand the city's badminton program further.

Some residents think it is a good idea to make a short video for the city council. Thank you, Jesse Wang, for spearheading this project. We hope you will enjoy this short clip and get a feel of the positive effects it has on the community.

We hope badminton can become an integral part of Irvine's sports scene. We are Irvine and we play badminton.

Thank you.

KN Chan