

MVRHS Track and Field Project

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Ladies and Gentlemen.

I have been following with great interest the emails and social media postings on the subject noted above. As with any new project on the Island, there are proponents and those who fight to keep progress from happening. Witness the Roundabout of a few years ago---widely opposed, but now widely accepted and applauded.

As I have read all the information provided to the MVC from the applicant, I cannot help but feel that the project has been extremely well planned and researched. It is a project which is great for the Island's students who partake in sports, as more teams will be able to participate. It is applauded by coaches. It is safe.

The annual money spent on maintaining the grass fields, which are in deplorable condition, of \$150,000 for 6 of them is a waste. How can that be justified, when synthetic turf is a better and cheaper option? Especially when the money for installation will not come from the taxpayers.

I will not be able to attend either of the hearings scheduled for January 14th and February 4th, so please log my support for the new synthetic turf---a better solution!

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