

## Call to Action

Hi all,

Many of you have no doubt read or heard about the latest action by the GVR Board to purchase property with plans to build additional pickleball courts. The local newspaper has published articles and opinions that are not always accurate and public discussion also contains substantial fact and fiction. GVR and the GVR Board and its committees have dedicated significant effort spanning the last several years to define a plan to address the severe overcrowding of pickleball courts in Green Valley. Here are our primary talking points regarding the plans and design for new courts:

1. The focus has always been the design and construction of a pickleball center **containing between 16 and 24 courts**, with adjoining structures to provide shade and gathering areas to support the players.
2. The target property on Esperanza Boulevard is primarily zoned CB-1, which allows a wide variety of retail, commercial, industrial, and recreational uses. GVR has **no legal obligation to obtain permission or consensus** within the community to develop this land as proposed.
3. There are **no viable alternative sites** within Green Valley meeting the budgetary, zoning, and footprint requirements for additional courts.
4. The possible designs provide setbacks from existing residences of an **estimated distance of three times the existing configuration at East Center** - where no noise-related complaints have been received by GVR.
5. Opposition to any reasonable design and construction of additional courts has immediately materialized with the announcement that GVR is pursuing the purchase and use of this site. **Without a significant push by each of us to educate and inform our friends, neighbors, and acquaintances, there is a strong possibility that GVR would abandon this initiative or scale it down to the point that our overcrowded conditions will remain.** And, adding a few more courts now as a compromise would push any significant improvement of playing conditions years into the future.

**If you have any interest in pickleball or the adaptation of GVR to embrace the changing face of active adult recreation, now is the time to act.**

The GVR Pickleball Club leadership is holding a special club meeting on **Tuesday, February 13 at 5 pm at the Desert Hills Auditorium**. We will provide a more detailed explanation of this project, next steps in the process, and give answers to your questions to the best of our ability. Note that **this is not a public meeting and is restricted to GVRPC members only**.

Thank you,

Jeff