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Good Afternoon,

My name is Sarah Verity and I am writing on behalf of AbilityPath, a 104-year-old San Mateo County nonprofit that provides a lifespan of services to 1,000 individuals with disabilities in San Mateo County each week.

I would like to thank the Committee for making progress on updating the playground and for hosting the May 29 Community Open House.

**AbilityPath's strong preference and recommendation is to have Magical Bridge Foundation design a FULLY accessible and ALL inclusive playground.**

Inclusion is not a choice, it's a human right.

A true inclusive design requires knowledge about layout, colors, considerations of all physical and cognitive variations while still delighting those without disabilities.

Magical Bridge is recognized as the leading expert in creating these kind of community spaces and families in Atherton deserve a playground that benefits from their expertise.

At AbilityPath our vision is a world where people of all abilities are fully accepted, respected, and included, and we hope the Town of Atherton will join us in achieving this vision by selecting Magical Bridge Foundation to design an accessible and all-inclusive playground.

Thank you,  
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