Hello, Sierra, this is Elizabeth Starr.

Uh, I have something else to transcribe for the meeting. I did speak to Lindsay, um, and I understand the meeting has been put off till, um, after the 1st of the year. Um, and she did give me information that, um, we should be able to use the, um, disabled handicapped blue placards. The city has started one already, um, which is not under, um, your, um, uh, jurisdiction. But, um, I, I did want to ask you to take this down, um, for the BCDC commission meeting whenever it is in early January or whatever.

Hello, I am Elizabeth Starr. I am calling um because I am against the fees for the uh parking lot at the Berkeley Marina. Um, whatever, however you want to say it, uh, Cal, sailing parking lot or any of the parking lots under the, um, the, the, BCDC jurisdiction, and um, the reason I am calling, again, to put in my comment, is that. I feel that it will not make the marina accessible to children who love to play at Adventure Playland. And the playgrounds of the swing set, et cetera, there, there are many low-income families living in West Berkeley and Berkeley in general, and working-class families, who will not be able to take their children, and when children here, we're too poor to go. We can't afford you know $6 to go park and there really isn't any close parking

It would take, take out access. Would not give access to the children who want to play at Adventure Land, Playland or Shoreburg Park, um, when children are told, we can't afford that, we can't afford the $6 every time you want to go to park, and I did look, and there is not close enough parking for a child to walk. When a child is told that over and over, they become angry, and we do not want to produce angry teenagers who end up, um, serving jail time because they weren't allowed to play as a child. That is what happens. So, um, we want the fees to be relinquished. We think it should be free, children should be able to go play at Adventure Playland, um, and, um, Shoreburg Park. I also hope that the blue handicap blue plaque cards will be accepted for everyone. Um, who is disabled, um, to be able to, um, to part because we can't, um, it's the only wheelchair accessible bathroom and we can't afford to pay $6 every time we have to use the restroom. And I'm really concerned about children being told, "No, you're too poor to play there", or family saying, we can't afford it. Those are the kids that end up becoming, could end up becoming criminals, and I mean, we don't, we don't want that. We want kids to have freedom, fresh air, the ability to play, to use their bodies and building things so they can be better adults. It's really important. Very strongly about this. So please transcribe this under, um invoking the Americans with disabilities Act.

Elizabeth Starr
Berkeley, California
October 20, 2026

Hi Sierra, this is Elizabeth Starr in Berkeley

I believe that with the adventure playground and the, um, playground for the children at the Berkeley waterfront. There should not be a charge for parking. Because there are many low-income and working-class families, in Berkeley, who uses park, and for a child to be told, we don't have the money to go for you to go play. Um, honestly, in my opinion, and you can put this in. It means uh uh they could eventually end up becoming criminals. Um, you know, you need to nurture, uh, children and not turn them away, so there should not be a $6 charge. Especially during these times of inflation. Um, we don't there, there just isn't a lot of people don't have extra money. Money has to go for food, groceries are very inflated. And the adventure playground and regular playground are used a lot by the kids in Berkeley, and they deserve to be able to go there. It should not be that you can only go there if your family can afford it. It's classist and potentially racist.

And um, please put that in the commissioner's packet for the meeting in 2027, and please confirm. Thank you very much.

Elizabeth Starr in Berkeley
October 27, 2026