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Title of Request:

Purchase and Installation of Security Fencing

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Location of Request:

Middle soccer field

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Description of Request: When making your request, please be as specific as possible and include information such as make, model, manufacturer, color, quantity, etc.

1. Purpose of Request

This proposal requests funding for the purchase and installation of security fencing around Cuyamaca College's middle grass field, one of the three athletic fields on campus and the exclusive practice field for the men's and women's soccer teams.

The lack of perimeter fencing has resulted in ongoing problems that directly impact the safety, cleanliness, and usability of the field. Installing appropriate fencing will protect a valuable college asset, improve student-athlete safety and performance, and restore the field to its intended purpose.

2. Current Issues Resulting from the Lack of Security Fencing

2.1 Unauthorized Community Access

The field is open and easily accessible to the general public at all hours. This has led to:

- Recreational use unrelated to the college,
- Loitering and non-college gatherings,
- Repeated nighttime and weekend access by individuals with no business on campus, and
- Activities that create safety and liability risks for the institution.

The absence of fencing removes the college's ability to control access, enforce hours of use, or maintain field standards.

2.2 Unauthorized Motor Vehicle Entry and Damage

Without a physical barrier, cars, motorcycles, and electric motorbikes have driven onto the field surface. This causes:

- Ruts and divots in the turf,
- Soil compaction and uneven playing surfaces,
- Damage that increases maintenance costs and reduces field safety,
- Increased risk of injury to student-athletes.

Repairing turf damage is expensive, time-consuming, and often requires field closure—further disrupting athletic schedules.

2.3 Animal Waste and Unsanitary Conditions

The most frequent and problematic issue is the prevalence of animal droppings, particularly from dog owners who use the field as an off-leash walking area. Consequences include:

- Soccer teams losing valuable practice time clearing feces from the field at the start of nearly every session,
- Health hazards associated with fecal matter (bacteria, parasites, contamination risks),
- Unsanitary and unprofessional conditions for collegiate athletes,
- Increased custodial or grounds crew intervention during practice weeks.

These conditions undermine the college's role in providing a safe and healthy environment for its students.

2.4 Overuse and Surface Degradation

Unauthorized usage significantly exceeds recommended use for natural turf fields. As a result:

- The middle field experiences overuse beyond maintenance capacity,
- Grass recovery time is insufficient,
- Turf quality deteriorates prematurely, requiring more frequent reseeding, irrigation, or renovation,
- The field is regularly below playable standard for collegiate team practices.

Without controlled access, the college cannot properly regulate usage patterns or preserve the field's lifespan.

3. Impact on Athletics and Institutional Operations

3.1 Negative Impact on Soccer Program Training

The men's and women's soccer teams depend on consistent, reliable field conditions to execute daily practice plans. Current problems cause:

- Daily delays due to cleanup, reducing effective training time,
- Changes to training plans when unsafe or damaged areas appear,
- Increased risk of slips, trips, and injury due to contaminated or uneven surfaces,
- Lower quality preparation compared with other conference programs.

These impacts also influence team performance, recruitment efforts, and overall student-athlete experience.

3.2 Asset Protection and Fiscal Responsibility

The middle field represents a significant financial investment in turf, irrigation, maintenance equipment, and labor. Without fencing, this asset is chronically degraded by non-authorized users, increasing:

- Grounds-keeping costs,
- Frequency of field repairs,
- Long-term renovation or replacement expenses.

Installing fencing is a proactive measure that protects campus resources and reduces operational costs.

3.3 Campus Safety and Liability

Unrestricted access to the field introduces unnecessary liability for the college, including:

- Injuries to unauthorized users,
- Vehicle-related incidents,
- Animal-related accidents or sanitation concerns,
- Difficulty enforcing campus safety protocols.

Physical barriers greatly improve campus security and defensibility.

4. Proposed Solution: Installation of Security Fencing

4.1 Recommended Features

- 6–8 ft. perimeter fencing around the entire middle field
- Lockable gates for controlled athletic and maintenance access
- Option for windscreens or privacy mesh (improves practice quality and reduces distractions)
- Signs indicating authorized use, hours, and college policy

4.2 Benefits

- Prevents unauthorized pedestrian and motor vehicle access
- Eliminates animal waste contamination
- Reduces turf damage and improves field longevity
- Ensures consistent, safe, sanitary practice conditions for student-athletes
- Lowers long-term maintenance and repair costs
- Supports athletics compliance, safety standards, and equitable student-athlete facilities
- Strengthens campus security and controlled-access standards

5. Cost Consideration

While exact costs require vendor quotes, fencing for an athletic field of this size typically ranges depending on material, height, and gate configuration.

The total project cost would include:

- Fencing materials
- Gate systems
- Labor and installation
- Optional windscreens
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The college can pursue three vendor quotes and potentially coordinate installation with Facilities to minimize labor expenses.

6. Conclusion and Request

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Installing security fencing is a necessary and overdue investment to:

- Protect a valuable college asset,
- Support student-athlete health and success,
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I respectfully request that Cuyamaca College approve funding for the immediate purchase and installation of security fencing around the middle grass field.

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Estimated Cost:

Cost and vendor TBD. Prior Director of Facilities separated from college prior to providing vendor information and quote for linear footage, installation, extras, etc.

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Please attach quote, if available

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Q8

Respondent skipped this question

Total Cost of Ownership:check all that apply

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Please explain your plan to maintain this request:

Unable to provide. This would be a capital expenditure. There would not be a operational cost. However, there would be a maintenance cost for repairs, paint, damage.

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Justification of Request:Please select the applicable criteria below and provide the details how the criteria relate to your request.

Support College Mission/Strategic Plan,

Health/Safety/Security Issues,

Growth of department/work area,

Demonstrate need for continuous quality improvement of department/work area

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Provided details::

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