

California Ninja Academy, LLC., dba Ninja Republic

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Application to the City of San Mateo For a Special Use Permit and Parking Variance to Operate a Commercial Recreation business at 1701 Leslie Street

# Why a Ninja Warrior Gym?



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A family vacation planted the seed for a business idea and a career change

# **Popularity of Ninja Warriors**



- American Ninja Warrior has continued to grow in popularity since its debut in 2009 with a grand prize of \$1M; season 14 is now airing
- Ninja warrior gyms have opened across the US, Canada, Europe & Australia
- Ninja warrior competitions are gender neutral. Women compete directly against men; girls against boys

#### No other ninja gyms on the peninsula?

Warehouse real estate on the peninsula:

- Limited inventory zoned for 'Commercial Recreation' use
- Ownership bias against recreational tenants



Traverse Fit – East Bay



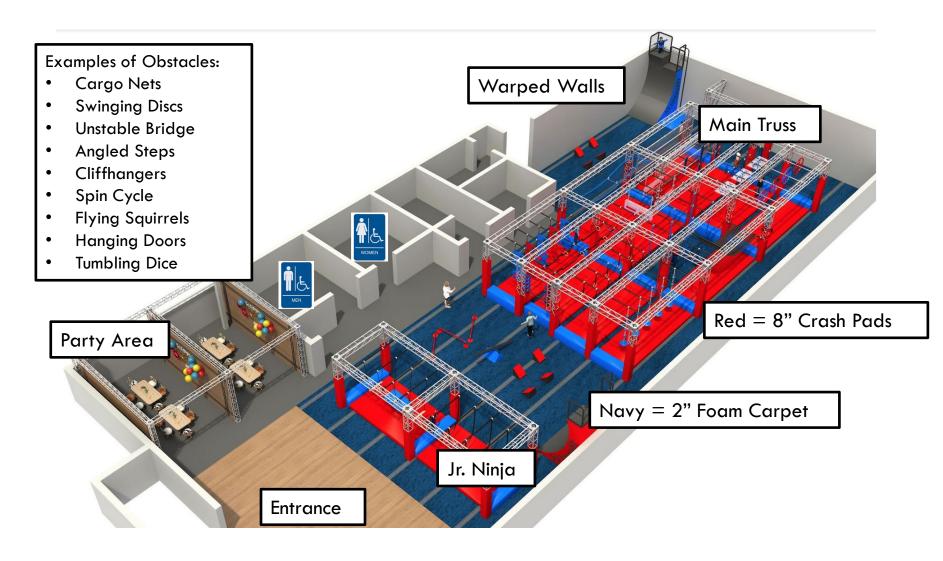
King's Camp & Fitness – San Carlos

### 1701 Leslie is a Perfect Fit



- Square footage, clear height and quality of the building make it ideal for recreational use
- Prior use as a dance studio implied owner was open to Commercial Recreation tenants (accurate assumption) and that zoning aligned (inaccurate assumption)
- Central San Mateo location and proximity to Hayward Park Station
- Landlord (IBEW Local 617) was supportive from day one and saw the business as an ideal tenant

# What to Expect?



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**<u>Open Gym</u>** – Come in for unstructured play

<u>Classes</u> – Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced based on age and ability; led by ninja instructors

<u>Jr. Ninja</u> – Unstructured play on the Jr. Truss for kids aged 3-6; nobody older than 6 allowed on Jr. Truss during Jr. Ninja hours

<u>Birthday Parties</u> – Ninja instruction on the Beginner level obstacles, competition for the party attendees followed by pizza & cake in Party Area

Local Hour – Open Gym and Classes available to Hayward Park residents at discounted rates

#### **Operating Hours**

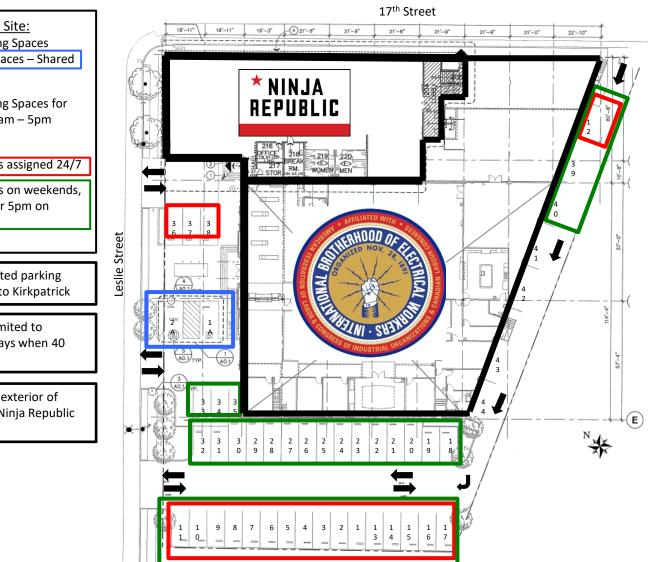
	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat				
10a	B'day Party						B'day Party	10a			
11a		Junior Gym		11a							
Noon	B'day Party						B'day Party	Noo n			
1р		Home School PE		1р							
2р	B'day Party	Hayward Park Hour	B'day Party	2р							
3р		Open Gym		Зр							
4р	Adult Open	Youth Classes	Adult Open	4р							
5р		Open Gym		5p							
6р		Adult Open	Pro Classes	Competition	Pro Classes	Adult	Competition	6p			
7р				Teams		Beginners	Teams	7р			
8p								8p			
Birthday Parties- 1:45 time slots allow one party to clear out before next party starts, minimizing trafficJunior Gym- pre-school age only; limited to 10 signup slots (+ guardians)Home School PE- PhysEd classes for home school students; limited to 10 signup slots; 50-minute classOpen Gym- gym open to anyone but limited to 10 signup slots for 3pm slot; limited to 20 for 5pm slot; 50-minute sessionsAdult Open Gym- gym open to adults only and limited to 20 signup slots; 50-minute sessionsPro Classes- instructor-based for adults who want to try ninja warrior without being overwhelmed by kids or pros; 50-minute sessionsPro Classes- no min. age but limited to athletes training at competition level; focused on racing vs. instructionNeighborhood- discounted and reserved time slots for neighborhood residents; 50-minute classesYouth Classes- instructor led classes and limited to 14 years old and under; 50-minute classes											

### **Guest Headcount**

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	
10a	20 kids + parents						20 kids + parents	10a
11a		10 kids + guardians		11a				
Noon	20 kids + parents						20 kids + parents	Noo n
1р		10 students + guardian		1p				
2р	20 kids + parents	10 locals of all ages	20 kids + parents	2р				
Зр		10 athletes		Зр				
4p	20 athletes	10 athletes	10 athletes	10 athletes	10 athletes	10 athletes	20 athletes	4p
5p		20 athletes		5p				
6р		20 athletes	20 athletes	6р				
7p								7p
8p								8p

\*Weekday sessions will end at the :50 minute mark of the hour so one class can clear out before the other begins \*\* Birthday parties will end at the :45 minute mark of the hour so one party can exit before the next one begins

# **Shared Parking**



Total Spaces on Site: 44 Regular Parking Spaces 2 ADA Parking Spaces – Shared

#### **IBEW:**

24 Regular Parking Spaces for office use; M-F 8am – 5pm

#### Ninja Republic:

20 parking spaces assigned 24/7

40 parking spaces on weekends, holidays and after 5pm on weekdays

Double the dedicated parking spaces compared to Kirkpatrick

Birthday parties limited to weekends & holidays when 40 spaces available

Posted signage on exterior of building directing Ninja Republic guests to entrance

# **Neighborhood Serving**



Ninja Republic will offer walkable recreational benefits to the immediate neighborhood, including:

- Local Hour Discounted admission to Hayward Park residents who can walk to the gym
- Local Hiring Focused recruiting in the immediate vicinity (already have an instructor who lives near Trinta and two students from Aragon)

# **Commuter Serving**

In addition to adding a recreational benefit for the immediate neighborhood, Ninja Republic will be ideally situated for Caltrain commuters as well:

- Marketing efforts will promote Ninja Republic to commuters as a place to de-stress on their way home from work
- Starting at 5pm every weekday, all sessions will be adult-exclusive or adultinclusive, making Ninja Republic an ideal stop on a commuter's ride home
- Commuting members of Ninja Republic will find a number of convenient retail services nearby that will maximize the efficiency of their stop at Hayward Park Station

