**City Council**

Monday, April 6, 2020
Regular Meeting
6:00 PM

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Applicants and/or appellants may have up to ten minutes at the outset of the public discussion to make their remarks and up to three minutes for concluding remarks after other members of the public have spoken.

Call to Order

Special Action Item 6:00-7:00 PM

1. Update and Discussion of the COVID-19 Health Emergency and the City's Response

Agenda Changes, Additions and Deletions

Oral Communications 7:00-7:15 PM
Members of the public may speak to any item NOT on the agenda. Council reserves the right to limit the duration of Oral Communications period to 30 minutes.

1 MATERIALS RELATED TO AN ITEM ON THIS AGENDA SUBMITTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL AFTER DISTRIBUTION OF THE AGENDA PACKET ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT PALO ALTO CITY HALL, 250 HAMILTON AVE. DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS.
Minutes Approval 7:15-7:20 PM

2. Approval of Action Minutes for the March 16, 2020 Palo Alto Public Improvement Corporation Meeting and the March 16 and March 23, 2020 Council Meetings

Consent Calendar 7:20-7:25 PM

Items will be voted on in one motion unless removed from the calendar by three Council Members.

3. Adoption of a Resolution for Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act, for Fiscal Year 2021, Providing the Project List for Capital Improvement Program Project PE-86070, Street Maintenance Projects

4. SECOND READING: Adoption of two Ordinances Amending Various Sections of Chapter 2.08 (Officers and Departments), Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures); Chapter 10.50 (Residential Preferential Parking Districts), Chapter 10.51 (Crescent Park no Overnight Parking Program); and Title 18 (Zoning) to Reflect Updates to the Organization of Some City Departments and Duties; Clean up the City’s Purchasing Procedures; add a new Exemption From Competitive Solicitation for Some Types of Personnel-related Services Contracts; and Update Enforcement and Hearing Procedures in the Zoning Code (FIRST READING: March 16, 2020 PASSED: 7-0)

City Manager Comments 7:25-7:35 PM

Action Items

5. SECOND READING: Adoption of an Ordinance Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on Residential Tenant Evictions Resulting From the COVID-19 Emergency (FIRST READING: MARCH 23, 2020, PASSED 7-0); and Discussion and Direction on Extending the Evictions Moratorium to Businesses, Nonprofit Organizations, and Other Commercial Tenants

Council Member Questions, Comments and Announcements
Members of the public may not speak to the item(s)

Adjournment

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Proclamation Declaring the Month of April to be Earthquake Preparedness Month

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April 6, 2020
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This staff report provides an update on the City’s response to the COVID-19 health emergency.

The City has taken actions on multiple fronts to respond to this health emergency, and continues to work at supporting the following measures:

- Adopted a Proclamation of Local Emergency and activated the City’s Emergency Operations Center.
- Temporarily closed all nonessential facilities and services and deployed the majority of city employees to work remotely from home, in conformance with shelter-in-place orders.
- Established a Community Support Call Center to connect our community with information.
- Regular updates to the community through frequent social media posts, daily online reports and a webpage dedicated to COVID-19 information and frequently asked questions, supplemented with blogs and press releases for breaking news.
- Adopted a temporary moratorium on residential tenant evictions.
- Organized Community Benefit Organizations and convene regular meetings to identify gaps in essential human services and provide a forum for partnership and support.
- Constantly monitor federal and state developments and convene regular meetings with the County, neighboring jurisdictions, Stanford, the Palo Alto Unified School District, and the Palo Alto/Stanford Citizen Corps Council and other community and business stakeholders to best coordinate and integrate government and community resources and response efforts.

This report is intended as a foundation for City Council discussion, and does not recommend any specific action at this time.
BACKGROUND
On March 12, 2020 the City Manager, acting as the Director of Emergency Services, issued a Proclamation of Local Emergency regarding the presence and community spread of novel coronavirus, or COVID-19, in Santa Clara County and our region. The Proclamation allows the City to exercise extraordinary police powers, should these be needed; provides immunity for emergency actions; authorizes issuance of certain necessary orders and regulations; activates pre-established emergency processes; and is a prerequisite for requesting state or federal assistance related to the emergency, should such assistance become available. On Sunday, March 15, 2020, the City Manager activated the Emergency Operations Center and since that time, the City is managing the EOC virtually through a cross-functional multi-department team.

On March 16, 2020, the City Council ratified the Proclamation of Local Emergency. In the weeks since COVID-19 was detected and found to be transmitting via community spread, City staff have taken several actions to promote community safety and address existing and potential impacts on City operations and services.

To limit the potential spread of respiratory viruses and safeguard those at highest risk of catching COVID-19, the City of Palo Alto announced a series of actions to keep the community safe during this time of heightened public health risk. In response to the Santa Clara County Public Health Department Shelter in Place Order that went into effect on March 16 and the updated Shelter in Place Order issued March 31, the City has transitioned a majority of its workforce to remote (telework) status, while maintaining essential services such as fire, police, utilities including water, electric, gas and waste water services. The City has also cancelled events or converted them to virtual gatherings to slow the spread of COVID-19 in the community.

In addition, the City is encouraging all community members to keep our community safe by preventing the spread of respiratory viruses including COVID-19 by staying home if sick, using hygiene best practices including washing your hands, calling your health practitioner before going to the hospital if you have COVID-19 symptoms, and maintaining other healthy lifestyle approaches. Help our most vulnerable community members stay safe during this public health emergency by demonstrating that hygiene is important for everyone. The City is continuing its work to provide essential services through thoughtful planning for several impact scenarios. In addition, the City implemented several operational changes in response to the COVID-19 public health risk, including supplying protective gear for field staff, expanding 911 dispatcher protocols to support Police, Fire, emergency medical first responders, and Utilities staff, and providing more hand sanitizer stations and enhanced cleaning in public facilities. The City is evaluating modifications to service delivery and other efforts to maintain City staffing levels.

The City continues to track and monitor the public health situation in our community, including participating in the Santa Clara County briefings as well as monitoring advisories issued by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The City’s Office of Emergency Services
(OES) has also been in contact with Stanford Health Care and other hospitals and clinics to coordinate on preparation and contingency planning.

On March 23, 2020, City Council asked staff to look at how the City can stimulate/support businesses in Palo Alto. City staff have integrated this direction into the work of nearly every department.

Also, on March 23, 2020, the City Council approved an urgency ordinance that adopted a residential tenant eviction moratorium. That same week, Santa Clara County and the State of California adopted similar moratoriums to ban residential tenant evictions. The County’s ordinance also barred eviction of commercial tenants who qualify as small businesses under the thresholds set by the federal Small Business Administration. On April 6, the City Council will consider changes to the City’s residential eviction moratorium to align with the County’s residential moratorium and will give further direction on commercial evictions.

DISCUSSION
The following sections provide a summary of recent efforts underway or accomplished as we manage this public health emergency including enhancements to the City’s business support program and economic and financial impacts associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Activation of the City’s Emergency Operations Center
The City Manager activated the City’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to maintain and manage the City’s COVID-19 public safety response and emergency management effort. This includes an incident command approach to the current emergency. We recognize this will be a longer-term situation before us and the EOC provides a critical function to ensure operations, management, logistics, financial, and communication’s functions are aligned and working together strategically as this fast-paced emergency continues.

The City has also activated its Citizen Corps Council, a group dedicated to connecting in response to our emergency to share information, problem solve, and partner as a cohesive team. The Citizen Corps Council is made up of leaders from across sectors including City leadership, Palo Alto Medical Foundation, Stanford University, Stanford University Public Safety and Stanford Health, Palo Alto Chamber, Palo Alto School District, Emergency Services Volunteer lead and neighborhood leaders. This group is convened by the Mayor and meets twice a week to discuss various issues including hospital needs.

New Shelter in Place Restrictions That Relate to City Functions
On March 31, health officers in seven Bay Area jurisdictions, including Santa Clara County, extended the shelter in place order to May 3 in order to preserve critical hospital capacity across the region. This Order went into effect on Tuesday, March 31, at 11:59 p.m. The County is urging communities to shelter at home to save lives. While the prior order has been effective in reducing the rate of transmission of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), it is not enough.
There has been a significant increase in the number of positive cases, hospitalizations, and deaths from COVID-19, which is beginning to strain healthcare resources. Read the County’s full statement here.

The March 31 order clarifies what are essential business and activities and includes several new directives:

- Further limiting activities at parks and other outdoor activities to improve social distancing, including limiting parking and other efforts as the City has already done
- Closing playgrounds and shared facilities for recreational facilities and closing dog parks
- Requiring essential businesses to prepare, post, and implement a Social Distancing Protocol
- Limiting the number of people allowed in a store at one time and providing guidance on how to control shopping lines, and requiring stores to provide hand sanitizer
- Prohibiting almost all construction activities
- Eliminating the exemption for businesses that sell products that allow people to work from home
- Allowing delivery of goods but not services to residences and businesses.

Private Construction Restrictions Now in Effect
All construction is suspended at this time, unless the project meets specific elements set forth in the County of Santa Clara Public Health Department Order, such as supporting health care operations in response to COVID-19, housing projects that include at least 10% deed-restricted affordable housing units, and other facilities that the City Council has declared essential. See link below for more details. The City has informed all developers with active projects in Palo Alto of these new construction restrictions. At present, there are four qualifying projects on El Camino Real and Page Mill Road that meet the County’s exemptions and are allowed to continue construction work. Contractors are allowed to perform minimal work necessary to shut down projects in a safe and secure manner.

City Infrastructure Projects Winding Down
Under the new Order, City infrastructure projects are considered essential only if they relate specifically to safety or to health care as it related to supporting the COVID-19 emergency. The majority of the City’s active infrastructure projects are not considered essential at this time. As a result, discussions are underway with contractors of several City projects to suspend work and do so in a matter that is safe. Securing the construction sites in a safe manner could take several days. Projects in this category include the Animal Shelter Medical Suite Remodel, Cal Ave Parking Garage, and Utilities water main and sanitary sewer main replacement projects on Fulton Street and Ruthelma Avenue. Other projects where work had already been suspended with the prior County Order issued on March 16 includes Citywide sidewalk projects, the Charleston Arastradero Corridor Traffic Calming Project Phase 1 and Phase 2, and the JMZ project.
For other restrictions on construction as a result of the new County of Santa Clara Public Health Department Order to Shelter in Place, go here.

Compliance with the Health Order is mandatory. All residents and workers are urged to understand and comply with the Order. If that does not occur, the Order states that local police have authority and responsibility to take appropriate enforcement action.

**Modifications in Staffing and Services**

Police, Fire, Utilities and other essential and emergency services are maintained and continue through this emergency period. Essential services and work functions associated with this work continue; however much of the City’s workforce is working remotely.

The list below is a summary of modifications to City services and staffing to support the City’s public safety response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- The Police Department has reassigned parking enforcement community service officers temporarily to high-visibility patrol efforts around town. Enforcement of timed parking restrictions has been temporarily suspended as a result, but they will still take enforcement action for any parking concerns that present an immediate hazard. In addition, enforcement of the Residential Permit Parking program is temporarily suspended.

- City librarians and Community Services staff are staffing the City’s Customer Support Call Center.

- All five Palo Alto library branches are closed; however, staff is working to develop virtual events and programming as an alternative to support the community during this time. Information and account services are available via email and phone from 10-6 p.m. every day.

- The Development Center is closed for in-person appointments, but staff is available by phone. Online pre-application submittals are now available.

- The Art Center, recreation facilities such as the Mitchell Park Community Center and Teen Center, Lucie Stern Community Center, the Junior Museum and Zoo, the Children’s Theatre and Rinconada Pool are closed. City-related events and programs at Cubberley Community Center are suspended. Pickleball courts and tennis courts are closed. Open Space Preserves bathrooms and water fountains are closed. Open Space Preserves parking closures at Baylands, Arastradero, and Foothills Park are in effect to support the community's health and safety. Rangers and volunteers are working to manage crowds and parking challenges associated with keeping these facilities open during this time.

- Community Services staff are developing virtual programming as an alternative during this time of sheltering in place.

- Changes to Utilities operations and customer services includes suspending meter reads that are accessible only through the backyards of resident customers, and in facilities requiring security access. These meter reads will be estimated for billing purposes. Utility Development Services Center and Utilities Engineering customer service is available online or by phone.
• Public Works staff are in discussion with contractors to suspend work associated with the City’s infrastructure projects, except essential projects at the Regional Water Quality Control Plant and electrical substation work.
• Animal control will continue response with appropriate universal precautions to stray dogs, sick or injured animals, dead animals, animals in distress. Animal control officers will initiate phone screening for flu-like symptoms prior to contacting the public, when possible. Dangerous animal hearings are being handled by phone.

Communications Efforts Underway
The leading agency focused on public health and responding to the COVID-19 outbreak is the County of Santa Clara Public Health Department. Santa Clara County Public Health Department Orders seek to slow the community spread of COVID-19 and include specific restrictions as a result of their Shelter in Place Order for employers and the public to keep our community’s safe. Both Santa Clara County and San Mateo County are using 211 as a "call center" for persons with questions about COVID-19. Community members can also text "coronavirus" to 211211 for information and updates. There is also a public information phone number to gain updates by calling (408) 885-3980. The City also launched a Customer Support Call Center to connect the community with information at (650) 272-3181.

Communications efforts in response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency started on February 26 when a dedicated webpage www.cityofpaloalto.org/Coronavirus was established. Since then, the Emergency Operations Center has been activated and the Public Information Officer EOC Section team was expanded to include a cross-functional multi-department team. Staff quickly expanded the City’s coronavirus public outreach by building out webpages, pushing more information through social media, frequently updating blog posts and Frequently Asked Questions and aligning with the Call Center script, and delivering a daily report digital newsletter. Printed materials and signage to support closures and other safety messages citywide were also developed. Printed materials are also being provided to our community members through the activation of the City’s Emergency Service Volunteers (ESVs). The following summary is intended to give a high-level overview of how citywide digital communications is performing. In addition, outreach continues through more traditional communications approaches such as mailers and Utility bill inserts, door-to-door, radio and newspaper advertising, and flyers.

Website
Website traffic is focused on the dedicated Coronavirus webpage and sub-pages between February 26 and April 1, 2020. Total pageviews over this period was 119,312. March 20, 2020 received 6,718 pageviews – the most in a single day. Governor Gavin Newsom announced a statewide order to shelter in place on this day, four days after Santa Clara County issued its order to shelter in place.
**Digital Community**

Our digital community is very active and connected. Social media priorities include using Nextdoor, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn. The City also hosts a blog and seeks to share City updates and local perspectives. The statistics below provide a snapshot of social media and blog reach over the last month.

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**Palo Alto Connect Blog**
The City’s blog at medium.com/PaloAltoConnect has seen 8,974 views in the past 30 days. “Staying Connected Through Information” (COVID-19 FAQs) post is the most viewed post with 3,700 views.

**E-Mail/Digital Newsletter**
Our digital newsletter has 61,571 subscribers. The average open rate is 43.5% compared to the government industry average of 29%. “Be Well” and “Family Resources” links are consistently the most clicked links showing that readers like receiving online resources to help as the community shelters in place.

*when compared to previous period.

**Ways to stay connected**
The community can sign up for the Coronavirus Daily Reports by going here: [www.cityofpaloalto.org/newslettersignup](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/newslettersignup).

The City’s dedicated webpage about Coronavirus and our public safety response can be found here: [www.cityofpaloalto.org/coronavirus](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/coronavirus).
Preliminary Financial Impacts
As has been previously discussed, COVID-19 is first and foremost a critical global health crisis. Governments and industry are responding in order to limit the spread, contain the virus, and safeguard as many lives as possible. However, the financial implications of this current public health emergency are significant, both in the impact on revenues through varied lines of business and in the cost of responding to the crisis. The regional, national, and global impacts of this pandemic have resulted in significant impacts on economies through social distancing and shelter-in-place orders that curtail activities and significantly restrict travel and movement of people. Here in Palo Alto, we have seen retail stores and many hotels and restaurants close their doors completely. We have also seen our daytime population drop as workers and visitors shelter-in-place, telework, and limit their movements to slow the spread of the virus. The impacts have been stark and immediate.

To address the evolving situation, staff is bifurcating the discussion of the financial implications into 1) those specifically expected during the emergency response (for now focusing on FY 2020 estimated impacts) and 2) the return or recovery period that will require a re-imagining of “normal” and the shared sacrifice we will all need to make moving forward as the Palo Alto Community (for now focusing on FY 2021 and beyond).

Fiscal Year 2020 Estimated Fiscal Impacts
Staff has worked to provide an educated estimate on the financial impacts on Fiscal Year 2020, most specifically economically sensitive tax revenue loss and program revenue loss due to this emergency. Fiscal Year 2020 is estimated to see a $15 million to $20 million loss in the General Fund when considering a limited emergency period that concludes by the end of FY2020. This loss includes over $15 million in lower taxes and over $8 million in lower program revenues such as permits and recreation and arts classes that have been cancelled. These revenue losses are partially offset by some expected expense savings due to strategies that have been implemented including an immediate hiring freeze and expected curbing of contractual expenses to only essential services.

Due to the immediate shift in social constraints, staff expects immediate and severe impacts to transient occupancy taxes, sales tax, documentary transfer tax, and revenue from licenses, permits, and charges for services. Although anecdotal, staff expects hotel occupancy levels to be below 10% and restaurants and retail establishments to remain primarily closed while the current social distancing practices are in effect. As part of the closure of non-essential services, the City continues to pay employees either emergency pay or repurposing and redeploying employees to the COVID-19 emergency response, thereby incurring costs while foregoing revenue generating services.

Most recently, as part of the FY2020 Mid-Year Budget Report, staff reported that the General Fund Budget Stabilization Reserve was expected to be at $44.5 million, or 19.3 percent of the FY 2020 Adopted Budget for General Fund expenses, above the City Council’s target level of 18.5 percent. To assist in ensuring that the Budget Stabilization Reserve is not exhausted, staff
will review and recommend budget adjustments for City Council consideration to rebalance the FY 2020 budget. Looking forward, staff will recommend to Council necessary budget adjustments to address next fiscal year’s expected budget shortfall.

It is important to note that these estimates do not factor in costs associated with the City’s COVID-19 emergency response. These costs are likely to be significant and include staff costs, temporary lodging for those exposed to the virus, acquisition of needed supplies including personal protective equipment (PPE), and other services such as deferral of payments. Staff is monitoring and working on estimates of these costs which are directly related to the progression of the emergency in order to apply for and receive federal emergency relief funding.

**Fiscal Year 2021 Estimated Fiscal Impacts**

The duration and depth of the downturn, both unknown at this time, will correlate with both the measure to constrain the spread of the virus and the economic dislocation that occurs during this period of shelter in place. There are multiple models and varying analyses in the economic community, from the current precipitous drop recovering by the end of the 2020 calendar year to a multi-year scenario where a more muted recovery is seen taking until 2023 to recover. McKinsey and Company predicts that the implications on the US economy could exceed anything since the end of World War II. As such, little data is available to model the specific impacts on the City of Palo Alto and General Fund tax revenues and the lasting implications of this emergency. However, it is expected that no matter the eventual impacts, the return or recovery period will require a re-imagining of “normal” and shared sacrifices everyone will need to make moving forward together as the Palo Alto community.

The FY 2021 forecast projected a surplus of $1.1 million that was not sustained throughout the forecast. The Forecast expected gaps ranging from $2.4 million to $1.1 million in the middle of the forecast with surpluses beginning in FY 2026 at $2.3 million and increasing through the final years of the forecast. Staff expects that the precipitous drop in revenues seen today will take time to recapture as consumer confidence slowly rebuilds.

In the absence of data specific to an event such as this, below is a model of the City’s major tax revenue sensitivity which is provided annually based on past performance during recessionary times. Below is that scenario for FY 2021 which was most recently presented as part of the FY 2021-2030 Long Range Financial Forecast. This economic contraction is displayed as occurring in January 2021, midway through FY 2021 (6 months).

Tax revenue accounts for approximately 60 percent of the General Fund’s total revenues. This scenario assumes that average tax receipts contract by 1.7 percent, from $140.3 million at FY 2020 Adopted to $137.9 million in FY 2021. The scenario models a further decline in FY 2022 to $131.3 million in tax revenues in FY 2022, a 6.4 percent decline and stays consistent in FY 2023. If all other assumptions in the base case remain constant and a major recession were to occur of a magnitude similar to the dot-com bust or the Great Recession, the loss in revenue would
be approximately $12.6 million for a 6 month timeframe, $24.6 million for a 12 month timeframe.

For additional context below is a table outlining specific tax revenue implications of the Dot.Com Recession, impacts of September 11th, and the Great Recession:

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These initial financial projections do not include costs associated with the City’s COVID emergency response, any Federal or State emergency relief, expected significant increases in retirement contributions, or expense controls and actions related to the worsening budget outlook. In addition, the City has a number of other economically sensitive funds. This analysis
does not contemplate the impacts on those. Examples include the Refuse Fund, various utility funds, the development center and its full costs recovery operations.

**Workforce Update**

Under the Shelter in Place health order through April 7, approximately 600 City employees have continued to perform their duties by reporting to the worksite. These employees include emergency responders in Police and Fire, and employees in Public Works, Utilities, Planning and Community Services. When it became clear that the order required employers to minimize the number of employees at the worksite, the City assigned approximately 300 employees to telework. Telework employees are performing critical or ongoing work such as supporting police and fire operations, information technology, paying bills, payroll, and engineering projects. Many employees are not performing their normal work but have been assigned to necessary work during this emergency, including staffing the community call center, transitioning City meetings and documents to electronic format, and coordinating the cancellation of City events.

To minimize impacts to employees and their families during the initial shelter in place order, paid administrative leave is being provided for employees who are unable to work due to worksite closures, lack of childcare due to school closures or quarantine. This paid administrative leave ends on April 10, which is the close of the current pay period. In the first week of the Shelter in Place order, approximately 200 employees were unable to work their full schedule, of which 70 are full-time and the balance are part-time. The average usage of paid leave was 18 hours for full-time and 11 hours for part-time employees in one week. Since the start of the order, some crews have been assigned to work on a rotational basis, such as one week on and one week off. It is anticipated that unworked hours will increase in the new pay period, as additional work stoppages have gone into effect.

Absent alternative direction from Council, beginning April 11 the paid administrative leave will discontinue. Employees who are unable to work will be required to exhaust their leave banks and employees without leave will be unpaid. Once an employee loses pay, the employee is eligible to apply for unemployment. Those without paid time will trigger a loss of city-paid health coverage and the employee is responsible to pay the full monthly premiums. Employees who are unable to pay their monthly premiums will lose medical, dental and life insurance.

In order to minimize the number of employees moving to unpaid status, redeployment opportunities as disaster service workers have been established and will continue to be developed throughout the ongoing state of emergency.

Effective April 1, new Federal legislation, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) was enacted with the following stated goal ...

“... to provide employees with paid leave, either for the employee’s own health needs or to care for family members. The legislation will ensure that workers are
The Families First Act provides 2 weeks of Sick Leave and 10 weeks of extended Family Medical Leave for employees who are unable to work as a result of COVID-19. FMLA is only available for those unable to work because a child’s school or childcare is closed. The Families First Act requires caps employee pay at 2/3 regular rate with caps on the dollar amount per day. For an employee who uses 12 weeks of Family Leave, the leave is capped at $12,000, or the equivalent of $25/hour ($1,000 per week) for the 12-week period. Employees may, however, supplement this pay with their accrued leave balances, if available, to 100% of pay.

To minimize impacts to staffing, emergency workers are exempted from the new leaves. As such, Police, Fire and dispatch workers will not receive additional leave for Sick or childcare that the general workforce are eligible to receive under the Families First Act. It should be noted that employees who become ill from a workplace exposure may apply for workers’ compensation. Exposure-only cases are not covered by workers’ compensation, however it a resulting illness from a workplace exposure.

Under the terms of the new order through May 3, certain City services currently being provided will be stopped, leaving additional employees without work. Employees who meet the conditions of the Families First Act will be provided paid leave as required under the law. Once all leaves are exhausted, employees may remain on unpaid leave until returned to work or laid off for lack of work in accordance with City merit rules and applicable MOA’s.

Any additional benefit to be provided to emergency workers or the general workforce in response to this public health emergency will require Council action.

**Coordination of Nonprofit Partners and Services to Residents**
Community Services Department staff reached out to Palo Alto’s community benefit organizations and has convened twice weekly remote meetings with the nonprofit essential needs providers since March 16th. This has allowed the City to receive up-to-date information on their current services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and learn about their challenges and needs. These calls have also initiated cross cooperation and assistance between the participating agencies. The City has created a special page on the City’s website to list the services provided and donation/financial needs of the agencies. [https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/services/public_safety/plans_and_information/coronavirus/support_services.asp](https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/services/public_safety/plans_and_information/coronavirus/support_services.asp)

The services being provided for homeless and low-income residents by Palo Alto nonprofit organizations include:

- The Opportunity Services Center continues to operate Monday through Friday with continued access to case management, laundry, showers, breakfast and lunch, and emergency financial assistance.
• LifeMoves Opportunity Services Center operates as part of a County collaborative called the Emergency Assistance Network (EAN) Agency and distributes emergency funding for assistance with rent and utility bills. The current funding will be depleted by April 3, 2020. See below for further discussion on rental assistance needs.

• Peninsula HealthCare Connections, the clinic at the Opportunity Services Center is still operational. Patients are asked to call first to be triaged over the phone and will be directed to a telemedicine doctor or to come to the clinic, if feasible.

• The Downtown Food Closet continues to be open six days a week and provides bags of food for low income and homeless individuals.

• Hotel de Zink, a year-round rotating shelter at local churches is still operational with increased hours. Additional funding is needed to be open 7 days per week and 24 hours per day.

• Heart & Home Collaborative is a seasonal rotating shelter for women at local churches. The shelter is still operational with increased hours. Additional funding is needed to continue operating in April, one month longer than their original schedule, to allow their participants to shelter in place.

• Hotel vouchers are being allocated by the Office of Supportive Housing via a referral from Valley Medical Center related facilities, including Gardener Health Center and the Valley Homeless Health Care Program (VHHP). The program is only for very medically vulnerable individuals who meet strict criteria as set by the CDC. Homeless service providers in Palo Alto have been given details about how to have a client considered for a hotel voucher.

City services that support:

• All park restrooms remain open from dawn to dusk with twice daily cleaning.

• All parking garage bathrooms are open 24 hours per day and 7 days per week with twice daily cleaning.

• Staff is looking for availability of portable hand washing stations to place at several locations.

• The Human Services Emerging Needs fund has been opened to applicants for COVID-19 related needs. The deadline for applications is April 3, 2020.

Rental Assistance:
LifeMoves Opportunity Services Center is part of Santa Clara County’s emergency assistance program for Palo Alto residents. Funding has primarily come from United Way Bay Area, the County and Destination Home. The average request for rental assistance is $2,000 per household. The number of requests for rental assistance has increased from a few per month to up to 50 per day since the Shelter in Place Order began. There is currently $20,000 remaining in the fund, which will likely be depleted by April 3, 2020.

To qualify for funding, applicants must:

1. Live in a Palo Alto zip code
2. Show proof of residency with utility bill and or lease agreement
3. Show proof that this is a onetime emergency and must provide sustainability of their income
4. Provide evidence that lost income is a result of the COVID-19 pandemic
5. Show proof of emergency (e.g., medical, no paid time off, loss of job)
6. Demonstrate that their landlord will accept a third-party check

On April 1, 2020 the Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded over $10.5 million in grant funding to cities and counties in California’s 18th Congressional District in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The grant funding was authorized under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Palo Alto will receive $294,909 of this grant funding. The details of what this funding can go toward are not yet known.

The City’s moratorium on renter evictions provides for a 120-day grace period until a renter must re-pay rent owed during the Shelter in Place Order. Assuming that the Order is lifted on May 4, 2020, renters are protected from eviction until October 2020 at which time they would need to reconcile unpaid rent. It is likely that many renters would not be in a position financially to pay their landlord the full amount of past due rent by October 2020.

Considering the recent announcement that Palo Alto will receive funding from the CARES Act for homelessness and housing security programs and in consideration of the City’s moratorium on evictions, staff will develop a funding proposal for rental assistance by October 2020, if it is needed. An example scenario for additional funding is a matching grant program that would leverage corporate and community funding for rental assistance. In this scenario, a third party would campaign for funding and the City would match the funding up to a certain amount not yet determined. Securing these funds later if needed would ensure that tenants who are facing eviction are able to pay their past due rent and does not require the City to expend funds now when its own financial status is still unknown.

**Business Support and Assistance**
The following provides a summary of efforts underway to support local businesses and connect them with local, state and federal resources during this challenging time:

- Established an online business assistance center with information on federal and state legislation, loans, protections and requirements potentially affecting the Palo Alto business community.
- Suspended enforcement of time-limited parking in RPP districts.
- Established an advertising campaign through our local newspapers to encourage the community to shop and eat local. An online webpage is also set up at [www.cityofpaloalto.org/supportlocal](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/supportlocal) providing details about local grocery store hours and links to a regularly updated restaurant listing of what’s available for takeout and delivery.
• Supplemented police patrol staffing levels to provide ongoing and regular high-visibility patrols to both open and closed businesses and activated the public safety substation at the Stanford Shopping Center with daily support.
• Implemented a temporary ban on utility shut-offs for non-payment and lengthening repayment plans. Utility staff is also investigating whether adjusted billing rates for Refuse, Wastewater, and/or Stormwater utilities should be proposed, and researching the feasibility of additional support for small/medium businesses to cover utility costs.
• Zero Waste staff provided best practices guidance for social distancing and an offer of help with signs and such for grocery stores and the farmers market. They are also investigating how to provide modest financial relief for businesses that request refuse service changes during this period.
• Postponed collection of business registry and downtown business district fees for 90 days and staff is researching the feasibility of temporarily waiving fees altogether.
• Developing an ordinance to automatically extend previously approved planning entitlements, building permits and applications for six months.
• On April 6, seeking Council direction on whether a City ordinance to protect small businesses from closure or eviction for failure to pay rent due to COVID-19 is needed, in light of the County’s adoption of an ordinance providing these protections.
• Created an online pre-application portal to enable commercial developers and residential homebuilders to file building permit applications prior to the 2020 Reach Code deadline on April 1, 2020. This action respects the months of work that go into making construction-ready drawings and enabled those who intended to submit before the deadline to do so despite the temporary closure of the city’s development center.
• A more comprehensive online application portal to allow all Planning and Development Services applications to be filed online and enable electronic document review is currently under rapid development by City staff. Estimated time of completion is late April.
• Environmental Services staff is using enforcement discretion in response to business requests for reduced environmental monitoring when changes in business activity have made pollutant releases of significance extremely unlikely.
• Providing rent deferral for Cubberley long term lease tenants for the months of April May, and June 2020 to those tenants in good standing and who are unable to pay by the due date. The deferred rent can be paid back in 12 equal monthly installments with no interest starting on January 1, 2021.
• Recreation coordinators are working with contract instructors of special interest classes to maintain those offerings through virtual classes.
• While other transit providers are reducing service, Palo Alto has continued operation of the city’s free shuttles to provide essential shopping and medical trips.

Virtual City Meetings in April
City staff from several departments are supporting a select group of Boards and Commission meetings in April. All will be virtual and based on the new platform that the City Council will pilot on Monday, April 6.

Other meetings planned for the month of April, include:

- April 9- Historic Resources Board at 8:30 a.m.
- April 13- Council Meeting
- April 15- Utilities Advisory Commission at 9:00 a.m.
- April 15- Planning and Transportation Commission at 5:00 p.m.
- April 16- City/School Meeting, Time TBD
- April 20- Council Meeting
- April 21- Finance Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH
The City has set up a dedicated webpage and other communications efforts, including placing posters at high use public facilities and other printed materials distributed to libraries and community centers and other means, sending email communications and digital updates, sharing details via social media including Nextdoor, and other approaches to help inform and provide tools to help keep our community safe.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
This action is exempt from environmental review by statute. See CEQA Guidelines Section 15269, Emergency Projects Undertaken for Specific Actions Necessary to Prevent or Mitigate an Emergency.
The Honorable City Council  
Attention: Finance Committee  
Palo Alto, California

Approval of Action Minutes for the March 16, 2020 Palo Alto Public Improvement Corporation Meeting and the March 16 and March 23, 2020 Council Meetings

Staff is requesting Council review and approve the attached Action Minutes.

ATTACHMENTS:
- Attachment2.a: Attachment A: 03-16-20 PIC DRAFT Action Minutes (PDF)
- Attachment2.b: Attachment B: 03-16-20 DRAFT Action Minutes (PDF)
- Attachment2.c: Attachment C: 03-23-20 DRAFT Action Minutes (PDF)

Department Head: Beth Minor, City Clerk
The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers at 6:02 P.M.

Present: Cormack, DuBois, Filseth, Fine, Kniss, Kou; Tanaka participating remotely

Absent:

Oral Communications

Action Items


MOTION: Chair Fine moved, seconded by Board Member Cormack to approve the Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Financial Report for the Palo Alto Public Improvement Corporation.

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 P.M.
The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers at 6:02 P.M.

Present: Cormack, DuBois, Filseth, Fine, Kniss, Kou; Tanaka participating remotely

Absent:

Closed Session

1. CONFERENCE WITH CITY ATTORNEY-EXISTING LITIGATION
Santa Clara County Superior Court, Case No. 16CV300760
(One Case, as Defendant) –Miriam Green v. City of Palo Alto
Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

2. THIS ITEM HAS BEEN MOVED TO THE END OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Filseth moved, seconded by Vice Mayor DuBois to go into Closed Session.

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

Council went into Closed Session at 6:03 P.M.

Council returned from Closed Session at 6:55 P.M.

Mayor Fine announced no reportable action.

Rail Communications Update


NO DISCUSSION THIS EVENING-INFORMATION REPORT ONLY

Agenda Changes, Additions and Deletions

Agenda Item Number 2 has been moved to the end of the agenda.

Agenda Item Number 8 has been continued to the March 23, 2020 Council Meeting.
Oral Communications

NONE.

Minutes Approval


MOTION: Council Member Cormack moved, seconded by Council Member Kniss to approve the Action Minutes for the February 24 and March 2, 2020 Council Meetings.

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

Consent Calendar

MOTION: Council Member Cormack moved, seconded by Council Member Kniss to approve Agenda Item Numbers 5-6.


MOTION PASSED: 7-0

Action Items

6A. Update Regarding City Responses to COVID-19, Including Community Education and City Service Changes; Ratification of Proclamation of Local Emergency.

MOTION: Mayor Fine moved, seconded by Council Member Kniss to ratify the Proclamation issued by the Director of Emergency Services’ (City Manager) of Local Emergency on March 12, 2020 due to the presence and community spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Santa Clara County.

MOTION PASSED: 7-0
7. Adoption of two Ordinances Amending Various Sections of Chapter 2.08 (Officers and Departments), Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures); Chapter 10.50 (Residential Preferential Parking Districts), Chapter 10.51 (Crescent Park No Overnight Parking Program); and Title 18 (Zoning) to Reflect Updates to the Organization of Some City Departments and Duties; Clean Up the City’s Purchasing Procedures; add a New Exemption From Competitive Solicitation for Some Types of Personnel-related Services Contracts; and Update Enforcement and Hearing Procedures in the Zoning Code.

**MOTION:** Mayor Fine moved, seconded by Vice Mayor DuBois to:

A. Adopt the proposed ordinance to update various sections of Chapter 2.08 (Officers and Departments), Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures), Chapter 10.50 (Residential Preferential Parking Districts), and Chapter 10.51 (Crescent Park No Overnight Parking Program) to reflect updates to the organization of some City departments and duties, clean up the City’s purchasing procedures, and add a new exemption from competitive solicitation for some types of personnel-related professional services contracts; and

B. Adopt the proposed ordinance to update five sections of Title 18 (Zoning) related to enforcement, hearing procedures, and to reflect the new name of the Planning and Development Services Department. The Planning and Transportation Commission recommends that the City Council adopt this ordinance.

**MOTION PASSED: 7-0**

8. Acceptance of the GreenWaste of Palo Alto Environmental Report; Authorization to Negotiate and Execute an Amendment to GreenWaste Contract Number C09124501 to Increase Compensation by up to $950,000 to Process Mixed Paper Within the United States; and Approval of a Budget Amendment in the Refuse Fund (ITEM CONTINUED TO MARCH 23, 2020).

Closed Session

2. **CONFERENCE WITH CITY ATTORNEY-POTENTIAL LITIGATION**
Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)
One Potential Case, as Defendant.
**MOTION:** Council Member Cormack moved, seconded by Mayor Fine to go into Closed Session.

**MOTION PASSED:** 7-0

Council went into Closed Session at 8:30 P.M.

Council returned from Closed Session at 9:08 P.M.

Mayor Fine announced no reportable action.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 P.M.
The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers at 5:06 P.M.

Present: DuBois, Fine

Participating Remotely: Cormack, Filseth, Kniss, Kou, Tanaka

Absent:

Action Item

A. Update and Discussion of the COVID-19 Health Emergency and the City's Response – Verbal Report, No Written Staff Report.


MOTION: Council Member Tanaka moved, seconded by Council Member Kniss to:

A. In response to the current public health emergency, discontinue work on the development of a local business tax measure for the November 2020 election;

B. Focus Staff work over the coming year on revisions to the city’s existing business registry certificate program with the specific goals of:

   i. Streamlining the process to register;

   ii. Ensuring all businesses are registered, improving the completeness of the registry and reliability of the data; and

C. Direct Staff to return with a Railroad Grade Separation workplan that extends the target date for selection of preferred alternatives.

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add to the Motion, “Consider waiving the business registration fee”. (New Part B. iii)
DRAFT ACTION MINUTES

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add to the Motion, “Direct Staff to look at how we can stimulate/support the businesses in Palo Alto”. (New Part D)

MOTION AS AMENDED RESTATED: Council Member Tanaka moved, seconded by Council Member Kniss to:

A. In response to the current public health emergency, discontinue work on the development of a local business tax measure for the November 2020 election;

B. Focus Staff work over the coming year on revisions to the city’s existing business registry certificate program with the specific goals of:
   i. Streamlining the process to register;
   ii. Ensuring all businesses are registered, improving the completeness of the registry and reliability of the data;
   iii. Consider waiving the business registration fee;

C. Direct Staff to return with a Railroad Grade Separation workplan that extends the target date for selection of preferred alternatives; and

D. Direct Staff to look at how we can stimulate/support the businesses in Palo Alto.

MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED: 7-0

Consent Calendar

Council Member Tanaka registered a no vote on Agenda Item Numbers 2, 5, and 5A.

MOTION: Vice Mayor DuBois moved, seconded by Mayor Fine to approve Agenda Item Numbers 2-5A.


3. Approval of Contract Number C20178071 With Oracle America, Inc. for Two-year Term for Software Program Technical Support Services in the Amount of $262,986; and Authorize the City Manager to Authorize and Execute a Contract Amendment for up to a 10 Percent Contingency or in an Amount Not-to-Exceed $26,298 in the Event
DRAFT ACTION MINUTES

Additional Services are Required, for a Total Not-to-Exceed Amount of $289,284.

4. Adoption of a Record of Land Use Action Approving a Change to the Local Historic Resources Inventory Classification for 526 Waverley Street From a Category 3 (Contributing Building) to a Category 2 (Major Building) Historic Resource. The Historic Resources Board Recommends Adoption of the Record of Land Use Action; Approval of This Historic Designation is Exempt From the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in Accordance With Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines.

5. Approval of a $360,000 Net Zero Budget Amendment in the General Fund for the Planning & Development Services Department’s Cost Recovery Program for Private Development Studies.

5A. Direction to Staff on Preparation of the Fiscal Year 2021 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets.

MOTION PASSED FOR AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS 2, 5, 5A: 6-1 Tanaka no

MOTION PASSED FOR AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS 3, 4: 7-0

Action Items


7. Acceptance of the GreenWaste of Palo Alto Environmental Report; Authorization to Negotiate and Execute an Amendment to GreenWaste Contract Number C09124501 to Increase Compensation by up to $950,000 to Process Mixed Paper Within the United States; and Approval of a Budget Amendment in the Refuse Fund (STAFF REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO AN UNKNOWN DATE).

Council Member Kniss announced she will not be participating in this Agenda Item due to owning rental property.

**MOTION:** Council Member Cormack moved, seconded by Vice Mayor DuBois to:

A. Adopt the Urgency Ordinance of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Relating to a Temporary Moratorium on Residential Evictions for Nonpayment of Rent During the COVID-19 State of Emergency and Declaring the Ordinance to be an Emergency Measure to Take Effect Immediately Upon Adoption.

B. Adopt the Ordinance Relating to a Temporary Moratorium on Residential Evictions for Nonpayment of Rent During the COVID-19 State of Emergency.

C. Direct Staff to bring forward a similar moratorium to protect small businesses and nonprofit organizations.

**MOTION PASSED:** 6-0 Kniss recused

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 P.M.
Summary Title: SB1 FY2021 Project List Resolution

Title: Adoption of a Resolution for Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act, for Fiscal Year 2021, Providing the Project List for Capital Improvement Program Project PE-86070, Street Maintenance Projects

From: City Manager

Lead Department: Public Works

Recommendation
Staff recommends that Council adopt the attached resolution for the Fiscal Year 2021, providing a project list funded by Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act (Attachment A).

Background/Discussion
Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) established the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) in 2017 to address deferred maintenance on the state highway and local streets and roads systems, with funding to be approved annually. Palo Alto's RMRA funding estimate for FY 2021 is $1,310,690. SB 1 funding requires that Council approve a resolution (Attachment A) providing a project list that includes four components:

- Project description;
- The locations of each proposed project;
- Schedule for completion; and
- Estimated useful life of improvement.

The adopted resolution must be sent to the California Transportation Commission by May 1, 2020. Staff recommends the RMRA funding for FY 2021 be recognized in the Gas Tax Fund and transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund to be added to the Street Maintenance Project, PE-86070. This funding recommendation will be included in the FY 2021 Proposed Capital Budget. The SB 1 funding will support the City's goal of achieving an average citywide Pavement Condition Index (PCI) of 85 by 2019 with no street having a PCI less than 60. Although the City reached the 85 PCI goal in December 2018, additional funding is needed to address streets that still have PCI scores less than 60. The funding will be used on the FY 2021 Asphalt Paving Project for the streets shown in Attachment B. Work on this project is anticipated to be completed by December 2021. An award of construction contract will be brought to Council for approval in
spring 2021. The estimated useful life of a street overlay is 30 years.

**Resource Impact**
Monthly appropriations from the State Controller's Office will begin in July 2020 for Palo Alto's FY 2021 RMRA funding. Ongoing funding is estimated to be $1.2 Million annually. Funding from RMRA in future fiscal years will be recognized and appropriated as part of the annual CIP budget process.

**Stakeholder Engagement**
Stakeholder engagement is not applicable to this resolution.

**Attachments:**
- Attachment A: SB1 FY2021 Resolution
- Attachment B: Project Street List and Map

**Attachments:**
- Attachment3.a: A - SB1 FY2021 Resolution
- Attachment3.b: B - Project Street List and Map
Resolution No. ________
Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto to Adopt a List of Projects For Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Funded by SB 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017

RECITALS

A. Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017) was passed by the Legislature and Signed into law by the Governor in April 2017 in order to address the significant multi-modal transportation funding shortfalls statewide; and

B. SB 1 includes accountability and transparency provisions that will ensure the residents of the City of Palo Alto (City) are aware of the projects proposed for funding in our community and which projects have been completed each fiscal year; and

C. The City must adopt a list of all projects proposed to receive funding from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA), created by SB 1 by resolution, which must include a description and the location of each proposed project, a proposed schedule for the project’s completion, and the estimated useful life of the improvement; and

D. The City, will receive an estimated $1,310,690 in RMRA funding in Fiscal Year 2020-2021 from SB 1; and

E. This is the fourth year in which the City is receiving SB 1 funding which enables the City to continue essential road maintenance and rehabilitation projects, safety improvements, repairing and replacing aging bridges, and increasing access and mobility options for the traveling public that would not have otherwise been possible without SB 1; and

F. The City used a Pavement Management System to develop the SB 1 project list to ensure revenues are being used on the most high-priority and cost-effective projects that also meet the community’s priorities for transportation investment; and

G. The funding from SB 1 will help the City maintain and rehabilitate various streets throughout the City this year and many similar projects into the future; and

H. The 2018 California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment found that the City’s streets and roads are in “excellent” condition and this revenue will help us maintain the overall quality of our road system and implement complete streets projects over the next decade; and

I. The SB 1 project list and overall investment in our local streets and roads infrastructure with a focus on basic maintenance and safety, investing in complete streets infrastructure, and using cutting-edge technology, materials and practices, will have significant positive co-benefits statewide.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Palo Alto RESOLVES as follows:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
SECTION 2. The City of Palo Alto hereby adopts the following list of projects planned to be funded in-part or solely with fiscal year 2020-2021 with Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account revenues:

FY 2021 Asphalt Paving Project includes pavement repair, sidewalk, curb and gutter replacement, upgraded curb ramps and street paving. The following streets are included in the FY 2021 Asphalt Paving Project: Acacia Avenue (El Camino Real to Angle), Bryant Street (Hamilton Avenue to Forest Avenue), Cedar Street (Parkinson Avenue to Harker Avenue), Chaucer Street (Palo Alto Avenue to City Limit), Chestnut Avenue (Ash Street to Birch Street), El Centro Street (La Jennifer Way to La Para Avenue), Emerson Street (Tennyson Avenue to N. California Avenue), Emerson Street (East Meadow Drive to End), Lane 5 East (High Street to Hamilton Avenue), Lane 6 East (High Street to Emerson Street), Lane 15 East (Hawthorne Avenue to Everett Avenue), Lane 30 (Waverley Street to Kipling Street), Los Trancos Road (City Limit to City Limit), McKellar Lane (Arastradero Road to Kelly Way), Oregon Avenue (Greer Road to End), Oregon Avenue (Louis Road to Ross Road), Oregon Avenue (Bryant Street to South Court), Orinda Avenue (Fernando Avenue to Margarita Avenue), Tennyson Avenue (Middlefield Road to Fulton Street) Waverley Street (Churchill Avenue to Lowell Avenue) and Waverley Street (Tennyson Avenue to Seale Avenue).

The estimated useful life is 30 years and construction will start in 2021.
SECTION 3. The Council finds that the adoption of this resolution does not meet the definition of a project under Public Resources Code Section 21065, thus no environmental assessment under the California Environmental Quality Act is required.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

ATTEST:

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City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Assistant City Attorney

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City Manager

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Director of Public Works

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Director of Administrative Services
### FY 2021 Overlay (July 2020 - June 2021)

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April 6, 2020

The Honorable City Council
Palo Alto, California

SECOND READING: Adoption of two Ordinances Amending Various Sections of Chapter 2.08 (Officers and Departments), Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures); Chapter 10.50 (Residential Preferential Parking Districts), Chapter 10.51 (Crescent Park no Overnight Parking Program); and Title 18 (Zoning) to Reflect Updates to the Organization of Some City Departments and Duties; Clean up the City’s Purchasing Procedures; add a new Exemption From Competitive Solicitation for Some Types of Personnel-related Services Contracts; and Update Enforcement and Hearing Procedures in the Zoning Code (FIRST READING: March 16, 2020 PASSED: 7-0)

This was first heard by the City Council on March 16, 2020, where it passed 7-0 with no changes. It is now before you for the second reading.

ATTACHMENTS:

• Attachment4.a: Attachment A - Ordinances Amending Five Sections of Title 18 (Zoning) of the Palo Alto Munic (PDF)

Department Head: Beth Minor, City Clerk
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Ordinance No. ______

Ordinance of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Amending Various Sections of:
Chapter 2.08 (Officers and Departments);
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of the Palo Alto Municipal Code to Reflect Updates to the Organization of Some City Departments and Duties, Clean Up the City’s Purchasing Procedures, Add a New Exemption From Competitive Solicitation for Some Types of Personnel-Related Services Contracts, and Update Enforcement and Hearing Procedures In the Zoning Code.

The Council of the City of Palo Alto does ORDAIN as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2.08.020 (Approval of city manager's appointments) of Chapter 2.08 (Officers and Departments) of Title 2 (Administrative Code) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows (strike-through text is deleted, underlined text is added):

2.08.020 Approval of City Manager's appointments.

Appointments to the following positions shall be made by the city manager with the approval of the council:
(a) Assistant city manager;
(b) Director of administrative services;
(c) Chief of police;
(d) Fire chief;
(e) Director of human resources;
(f) Director of planning and community environment development services;
(g) Director of utilities;
(h) Director of public works - city engineer;
(i) Director of community services; and
(j) Director of libraries;
(k) Director of information technology; and
(l) Director of the office of emergency services.

SECTION 2. Sections 2.08.110 to 2.08.260 of Chapter 2.08 (Officers and Departments) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code are hereby amended and restated as follows (amended and restated text is underlined):

2.08.110 Office and duties of the City Clerk.

(a) The office of the city clerk shall be under the direction of a city clerk who shall be accountable to the city council. The duties of the city clerk shall be as follows:
   (1) To keep a record of the proceedings of the council and of such other bodies as the council may require;
(2) To keep all ordinances, resolutions, contracts, and agreements of the city and authenticate such records as may be necessary;
(3) To publish ordinances and other legal notices as required;
(4) To keep and maintain a record of all elections of the city and to be responsible for the conduct of elections;
(5) To keep informed on all matters pending before the council and before other bodies as the council may require;
(6) To have power to administer oaths or affirmations in connection with all matters relating to the municipality;
(7) To have authority to appoint deputies and assistants in accordance with control procedures established for that purpose and administered by the department of human resources;
(8) To provide public information regarding city council activities;
(9) To be responsible for management of the city's records and information management program;
(10) To perform such other duties as may be required by the Charter or as the council may require.

2.08.120 Office and duties of the City Attorney.
(a) The office of the city attorney shall be under the direction of a city attorney who shall be accountable to the city council. The duties of the city attorney shall be as follows:
(1) To advise the council, the city manager, boards, commissions and all officers and departments of the city on all matters of law;
(2) To draft, or assist in the drafting of, all ordinances, resolutions, agreements, and contracts to be made or entered into by the city, and approve the form of such instruments;
(3) To prosecute all violators of city ordinances and to represent the city in all actions at law;
(4) To have authority to appoint deputies and assistants in accordance with control procedures for that purpose and administered by the department of human resources; provided, that the appointment of the chief assistant city attorney shall be approved by at least a majority of the council;
(5) To defend any officer or employee of the city in any action arising out of the performance of the official duties of such officer or employee;
(6) To perform such other duties as may be required by the Charter or as the council may require.

2.08.130 Office and duties of the City Auditor.
(a) The office of the city auditor shall be under the direction of a city auditor who shall be accountable to the city council. The duties of the city auditor shall be as follows:
(1) Be knowledgeable in conducting performance audits under Government Auditing Standards, as established by the Comptroller General of the United States; public administration; public policy; and public financial and fiscal practices;
(2) Be a licensed certified public accountant (CPA) or certified internal auditor (CIA);
(3) Establish an organizational structure appropriate to carrying out the responsibilities and functions of this section; and
(4) Set and maintain a tone for ethical behavior, establish a positive ethical environment for the office of the city auditor, and conduct audit work in accordance with the principles of integrity, objectivity, confidentiality, and competency.

(b) The mission of the office of the city auditor is to promote honest, efficient, effective, economical, and fully accountable and transparent city government. To fulfill this mission, the office of the city auditor shall conduct performance audits and perform nonaudit services of any city department, program, service, or activity as approved by the city council. The purpose of these audits is to provide the city council, city management, the residents of Palo Alto, and other stakeholders with independent and objective analysis as to whether management is using its financial, physical, and informational resources effectively, efficiently, economically, ethically, and equitably, and in compliance with laws, regulations, contract and grant requirements, and city policies and procedures. Audits shall be conducted and nonaudit services provided in accordance with Government Auditing Standards, as established by the Comptroller General of the United States, Governmental Accountability Office.

(c) In addition to the aforementioned responsibilities, the office of the city auditor shall:

(1) Select and recommend to the city council for approval an independent certified public accounting firm to conduct the city’s annual external financial audit and coordinate the annual external financial audit with the approved firm.

(2) Perform other functions consistent with the provisions of this section.

(d) At the beginning of each fiscal year, the city auditor shall prepare an annual audit plan for city council approval. The plan will be issued on the office of the city auditor website, with written notification to the city council, and be placed on the appropriate committee agenda. The plan shall identify the preliminary objectives of each audit to be performed, reflecting the purpose of the engagement and a preliminary description of the areas that may be addressed. The city auditor will review the plan and consult with the city manager prior to submitting it to the appropriate committee of the city council for approval. The city manager may identify areas where the city will benefit from performance audits or a nonaudit service. The city auditor may review the plan with and seek the advice of the city attorney prior to submitting it to the appropriate committee of the city council for approval. The annual audit plan may be amended during the fiscal year with approval of the city council.

(e) The office of the city auditor shall prepare quarterly reports describing the status and progress towards completing the audits. The reports will be issued on the office of the city auditor website, with written notification to the city council, and be placed on the appropriate committee agenda.

(f) The city auditor shall prepare a written report of the results of each audit conducted and will be responsible for retaining a copy as a permanent record. The reports shall meet the reporting requirements specified in the Government Auditing Standards and the views of the city manager.

(1) Within two weeks after receiving the final draft report, the city manager, or his or her designee, will prepare an official written response to the findings and recommendations contained within the report and provide the response to the office of the city auditor. The city auditor and city manager may agree to an extension of the two-week time frame if requested by the city manager. If a response is not received within the established time frame, the office of the city auditor will issue the audit report without management’s response.
The office of the city auditor shall also provide a copy of the draft report to the city attorney for review and comment, including legal advice relating to disclosure of information contained in the report; and to other appropriate officials as determined by the city auditor.

Audit reports and other work products of the office of the city auditor will be placed on the agenda of the city council or appropriate city council committee consistent with the following general guidelines:

1. Information items and items that will be discussed in a study session will be placed on the council agenda.

2. Audit reports and other audit work products will be placed on the finance committee agenda when the subject matter focuses primarily on enterprise fund departments, functions, or activities, or is concerned primarily with financial matters.

3. All other audit reports and audit work products will be placed on the policy and services committee agenda.

(h) The city auditor will prepare and issue an annual report on the status of recommendations made in completed audits. The report will reflect the status as reported by the city manager or his or her designee. The report will be issued on the office of the city auditor website, with written notification to the city council, in the first quarter of the fiscal year and be placed on the appropriate committee agenda. Further follow-up audits will be conducted as determined and recommended by the city auditor and approved by the city council.

(i) Unless prohibited by law, the office of the city auditor will have unrestricted access to all sources of information, property, and personnel relevant to 1) the performance of a council-approved audit or 2) the identification of potential risks when developing the annual audit plan. Department management and staff will not intentionally withhold, hide, or destroy any information or property that may be potential evidence in a planned or ongoing audit. Nothing in this section shall authorize the office of the city auditor to have access to documents, records, and information related to the office of any elected official.

(j) To the extent possible, the office of the city auditor will accommodate an area’s daily operations in scheduling and conducting audits.

2.08.140 Office and duties of the City Manager.

(a) The office of the city manager shall be under the direction of a city manager who shall be accountable to the city council. The duties of the city manager shall be as follows:

1. To have the duties as set forth in the Charter;

2. To approve expenditures, policies, and procedures for the departments coming under control of the city manager;

3. To sign for the city-approved contracts, agreement, and leases which do not require the signature of the mayor;

4. To recommend the sale or lease of material, equipment, property, and real estate of the city to the council;
(5) To negotiate contracts and leases as authorized by the council;
(6) To establish a schedule of fees and rates for all types of services performed by departments under his or her control, except for those which the city council authorizes;
(7) To recommend changes to the basic organization plan of departments under the control of the city manager, and to enforce changes approved by the council;
(8) To have the authority to appoint deputies and assistants in accordance with control procedures established for that purpose and administered by the department of human resources; provided, that the appointment of the assistant city manager shall be approved by the council in accordance with the City Charter;
(9) Notwithstanding Section 2.08.040, to have the authority to delegate to the assistant city manager the direct reporting responsibility over any department head under the control of the city manager;
(10) To provide economic resources planning services for the city, as needed; and
(11) To perform such duties as may be required by the Charter or as the council may require.

2.08.145 Reserved.

2.08.150 Department of Administrative Services.
(a) The department of administrative services shall be under the control of a director of administrative services who shall be accountable to the city manager to carry out the duties of this department. The duties of the department of administrative services shall be as follows:
(1) Provide administrative support for the finance committee of the city council;
(2) Management and preparation of the city’s budget reports in coordination with the City Manager and in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Municipal Code and City Charter, includes analysis and review of citywide revenue and expenses and departmental budget requests;
(3) Provide analytical resources for studies on organization, staffing utilization, management and procedures for the city, in order to provide cost-effective municipal services;
(4) To participate in intermediate and long-range financial planning strategies and to develop and recommend methods for financing city programs and projects;
(5) Manage production of the City’s annual financial reports, general-purpose financial statements, and comprehensive annual financial report in accordance with city ordinances, legal requirements and generally accepted accounting principles;
(A) generate appropriate financial reports as required by county, state and federal agencies;
(B) coordinate financial audit activities with appropriate parties (internal and external)
(6) Administer the procurement of supplies, materials and equipment and contracts for general services for the City. Control emergency purchasing in accordance with approved procedures when centralized procurement is impracticable;
(7) Manage and complete the accounts payable and payroll processes;
(8) Operate and maintain the warehouse and storage facilities of the city;
(9) Administer the City’s responsibilities regarding surplus property;
(10) Provide centralized mail and messenger services and printing and other duplicating services for all city departments;
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(11) Administer the investment of city funds and banking agreements in accordance with city policy and state law;
(12) Administer and manage the issuance of debt by the City or financing authority entities as may be formed by the city from time to time;
(13) Administer and enforce all ordinances and regulations of the city relating to the imposition and collection of city taxes and other miscellaneous accounts receivables, to provide revenue collections services and to collect delinquent receivables;
(14) Administer and supervise real property such as secure easement titles and leases, negotiate for the purchase or disposition of real property on behalf of the city, and manage all property owned by the city and leased to other persons or agencies;
(15) Perform or cause to be performed all duties required by this code or other law of the director of finance, tax administrator, manager of purchasing, supervisor of revenue collections, chief financial officer, city treasurer and city controller;
(16) To perform such other duties as may be required.

2.08.160 Department of Human Resources.
   (a) The department of human resources shall be under the supervision of a director of human resources who shall be accountable to the city manager. The duties of the office of human resources shall be as follows:
      (1) To be responsible for the management and administration of the personnel program in accordance with rules and regulations established in the merit system;
      (2) To administer control procedures for the recruitment, employment and promotion of personnel of the city;
      (3) To follow such personnel procedures and practices as may be approved by the city manager;
      (4) To advise and assist the city manager in the preparation of wage scales for recommendation to the council;
      (5) To prepare and maintain such job and position classifications and specifications as may be required;
      (6) To keep and maintain complete personnel records;
      (7) To coordinate such employee safety programs as may be directed by the city manager;
      (8) To coordinate and administer the worker's compensation program;
      (9) To coordinate and administer such employee-in-service training programs as may be directed by the city manager;
      (10) To perform all duties defined in the merit system and such other duties as may be required;
      (11) To establish procedures for the operation of the city's insurance program and to keep the city manager advised as to the status of the program;
      (12) As directed by the city manager, to represent the city in meet-and-confcer negotiations with recognized employee groups and administer resulting agreements;
      (13) To perform or cause to be performed all duties required by this code or other law of the loss control officer and risk manager;
      (14) To perform such other duties as may be required.
2.08.170 Police Department.
   (a) The police department shall be under the direction of a chief of police who shall be accountable to the city manager. The duties of the police department shall be as follows:
      (1) To be responsible for the preservation of the public peace and order, the prevention and detection of crime, the apprehension of criminal suspects, the protection of persons and property, and the enforcement of law;
      (2) To enforce all traffic regulations, and to consult as necessary with the Transportation Department on matters concerning traffic engineering;
      (3) To coordinate the use of the regional Silicon Valley Regional Communications System by all City departments, to maintain back-up radio capabilities, and to provide radio dispatching service for all City departments requiring such service;
      (4) To ensure that unclaimed property received by the Police Department is sold at a public auction pursuant to the provisions of this code;
      (5) To administer the Police Department’s parking enforcement program;
      (6) To enforce all City ordinances and state laws relating to the care, control, impounding and rescue of all animals; and to perform or cause to be performed all duties required by this code of animal control officers; and
      (7) To perform such other duties as may be required.
   (b) For organizational purposes, the Police Department shall consist of the following divisions: Administration, Field Services, Investigative Services, and Technical Services.

2.08.180 Fire Department.
   (a) The fire department shall be under the control of a fire chief who shall be accountable to the city manager to carry out the duties of this department. The duties of the fire department shall be as follows:
      (1) To be responsible for the prevention of fires, the protection of life and property against fires, and the removal of fire hazards and preparation of emergency plans;
      (2) To be responsible for the rendering of emergency medical services for which the department is equipped, including emergency medical transportation services;
      (3) To inspect business and other premises for fire hazards, and to enforce the fire prevention code and to conduct educational fire prevention and risk reduction programs;
      (4) To protect the environment from the adverse effects of hazardous materials and to coordinate and administer programs to minimize problems associated with the use and disposal of hazardous materials;
      (5) To serve as an information resource for the public, other city departments, industry and the media concerning the areas described in this section;
      (6) To perform or cause to be performed all duties required by this code or other law of the fire marshal;
      (7) To perform such other duties as may be required.

2.08.185 Office of Emergency Services.
   (a) The office of emergency services shall be under the direction of the director of the office of emergency services, who shall be accountable to the city manager. The duties of the office of emergency services shall be as defined in Section 2.12.050.
2.08.190 Department of Public Works.

(a) The department of public works shall be under the direction of the director of public works-city engineer, who shall be accountable to the city manager. The duties of the department of public works shall be as follows:

(1) To be responsible for the planning, design, construction, maintenance, repair and improvement of all city facilities and property owned or operated by the city, including the approval of plans and designs for such improvements within the meaning of California Government Code section 830.6, except as otherwise provided in this code;

(2) To assist with the preparation of the capital improvement program and assist the city manager, as directed, in reviewing capital project budget requests;

(3) To provide engineering services as required including development and implementation of capital improvement program projects;

(4) To provide permitting and inspection services relating to private construction of public facilities and private construction affecting city property;

(5) To schedule repairs and preventative maintenance to ensure that the streets and sidewalks are maintained in a safe, and structurally sound, and sanitary manner, and to maintain all markings for traffic control painted or placed upon the streets or curbs;

(6) To maintain trees, parking lots, paved bicycle paths, and underpasses in a safe and aesthetic manner; and to maintain trees adjacent to electric power lines in order to minimize electrical outages caused by tree limbs;

(7) To coordinate the needs of the city departments in their requirements for motorized equipment, to operate the city garage, actively supervise a preventative maintenance program, keep the operating records of all motorized equipment used or operated by the city, monitor the use of pool cars, and maintain fuel sites at city facilities;

(8) To be responsible for the management, regulation, operation, system rehabilitation, and capital improvements of the storm water management enterprise, and to coordinate related activities with interested municipalities or special districts;

(9) To be responsible for refuse collection, source reduction, recycling, street sweeping, and long-term resource recovery and disposal activities of the refuse enterprise;

(10) To be responsible for the operation and capital improvements of the regional water quality control plant, on behalf of the city and its partner agencies within the regional service area; the permitting and enforcement of regulations with respect to industrial discharges into the sewer system; and the development of programs and treatment methods to ensure the maximum feasible compliance with regulations protecting the San Francisco Bay and environment;

(11) To be responsible for the general aviation operation and management of the Palo Alto municipal airport, the adoption and enforcement of general aviation rules and regulations applicable to parties doing general aviation-related business at the airport, and the management and control of all general aviation and non-general aviation-related leases, licenses, permits, easements and other contracts and authorizations issued to or in connection with parties doing business at the airport.

(12) To perform such other duties as may be required.
2.08.200 Department of Utilities.

(a) The department of utilities shall be organized and administered under the direction of a director of utilities who shall be accountable to the city manager. The duties of the department of utilities shall be as follows:

(1) To plan, direct and coordinate the operations of the city's utilities department;
(2) To coordinate the forecasting of the city's long-range utility needs and develop financial plans to ensure that the city's utilities rate, reserve and revenue levels will be able to meet customer service, operating and financial requirements;
(3) To provide administrative support to the utilities advisory commission on matters relating to the department;
(4) To generate appropriate reports as may be required by county, state and federal agencies or by law;
(5) To operate a responsive customer service center, to manage customer service utilities billing, inquiries and complaints and to provide a fast and courteous response to each customer's request for utility service;
(6) To establish rates to offset operating costs of all city utility operations designated as utilities enterprise funds and to provide a fair and reasonable rate of return on the city's capital improvement investment in those utilities designated as utilities enterprise funds;
(7) To provide technical or other efficiency services to enable residential, commercial and industrial utilities customers to reduce their operating costs, improve the quality of the environment and maintain a high level of customer satisfaction;
(8) To forecast and plan the acquisition and disposition of sufficient least-cost resource supplies to meet existing and future supply requirements in an environmentally acceptable manner;
(9) To negotiate for the purchase and sale of water, gas and electricity and contract with water, gas and electric power producers, suppliers and marketers for resource supply at the best available price or cost;
(10) To recommend capital construction and improvements of all utility systems, and to administer such programs when approved;
(11) To inspect all construction work done by or for the utilities and require compliance with all contracts made in connection therewith;
(12) To prepare or cause to be prepared all utility maps of the utilities, and to keep and to maintain such records as are necessary for the fulfillment of this function;
(13) To provide operations, maintenance, and construction necessary to ensure the safe, efficient and reliable delivery of electric, water, gas and wastewater collection services to all customers;
(14) To provide operations, maintenance, and construction necessary to ensure the proper operation of the city's traffic signal, street lighting and communication systems;
(15) To perform or cause to be performed all duties required by this code or other law of the director of utilities and the department of utilities; and
(16) To perform such other duties as may be required.

(b) For organizational purposes, the department of utilities shall consist of the following divisions: administration; customer support services; resource management; engineering; and operations.
2.08.210 Department of Community Services.

(a) The department of community services shall be under the control of a director of community services who shall be accountable to the city manager to carry out the duties of this department. The duties of the department of community services shall be as follows:

(1) To develop and provide programs for increased knowledge, artistic expression, physical activity, social service assistance, youth and teen leadership, and enjoyment of the outdoors, either directly or in cooperation with the resources of the community;

(2) To manage the use, scheduling, and operation of municipal parks; playgrounds; open space preserves; swimming pools; community centers; camps; athletic centers, courts and fields; golf course; theaters; cultural centers; museums; interpretative centers; and activities connected therewith in a safe manner;

(3) To maintain landscaped areas, including district and neighborhood parks, mini-parks, athletic fields, and other city facilities in a safe and aesthetic manner; and to maintain open space preserves in a manner that is safe and protective of the natural environment;

(4) To plan, monitor, and commission public art associated with Municipal and Private Development projects;

(5) To prepare and recommend annual operating and capital improvement budgets; monitor expenditures and revenues; review and exercise final approval authority over all department expenditures; and review and analyze fee structure and fee collection;

(6) To provide staff advisory and technical assistance to the human relations commission, the public art commission, the parks and recreation commission and such similar groups that may be created or established;

(7) To perform or cause to be performed all duties required by this code or other law of the community services department; and

(8) To perform such other duties as may be required.

2.08.220 Department of Planning and Development Services.

(a) The department of planning and development services shall be under the control of a director of planning and development services who shall be accountable to the city manager to carry out the duties of this department. The duties of the department of planning and development services shall be as follows:

(1) Maintain, update and oversee implementation of the City’s Comprehensive Plan;

(2) Prepare land use studies and analysis supporting policy recommendations to the City Council;

(3) Review and process development applications in accordance with applicable local, state and federal regulations or rulings, including all functions designated by law to the building official;

(4) Provide technical assistance and support to the Planning and Transportation Commission, Architectural Review Board and Historic Resources Board;

(5) Prepare and submit annual reports related to land use planning and the building industry as required by Council direction, local ordinance, state and federal laws;

(6) Identify staff to serve as and to implement the responsibilities of the ADA Coordinator as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act;
(7) Enforce the provisions of the municipal code related to land use planning and zoning, building regulations and other provisions as directed by the City Manager;

(8) Maintain records related land use planning and development, demographic and census information; support administrative functions; prepare balanced budgets; and foster an environment that promotes staff growth and professional development to advance department responsibilities and program objectives.

(9) Perform or cause to be performed all duties required by this code or other law of the building official, chief building official, building inspector, zoning administrator, director of planning, and director of planning and community environment; and,

(10) To perform other such duties as may be required.

2.08.230 Department of Libraries.

(a) The department of libraries shall be organized and administered under the control of a director of libraries who shall be accountable to the city manager to carry out the duties of the department. The duties of the department of libraries shall be as follows:

(1) To manage, operate, direct, and control a continuing municipal library system providing access to informational services for the residents of Palo Alto;

(2) To provide administrative support for the library advisory commission on matters relating to the department;

(3) To generate appropriate reports as may be required by county, state, and federal agencies or by law;

(4) To review and approve adult, teen, and children's service programs and activities;

(5) To review and approve technical services activities specified in Library Collection Development Policy;

(6) To recommend and monitor annual operating and capital improvement budgets, reviewing and exercising final approval authority over all library expenditures; establish and monitor inventory control systems for all library furnishings and material; and review and analyze fee structure and fee collection;

(7) To perform or cause to be performed all duties required by this code or other law of the director of libraries and the department of libraries; and

(8) To perform such other duties as may be required.

2.08.240 Department of Information Technology.

(a) The department of information technology shall be organized and administered under the direction of a director of information technology who shall be accountable to the city manager to carry out the duties of this department. The duties of the department of information technology shall be as follows:

(1) To provide leadership to the city council, city manager and directors on alignment of technology with city initiatives, policy and strategic objectives;

(2) To direct and manage interdepartmental technology governance, planning and coordination activities to accomplish specific city-wide objectives;

(3) To make presentations and prepare reports and plans;

(4) To coordinate with the city manager, directors and business managers to address problems and capitalize upon opportunities as they arise;
(5) To develop and implement organizational policies and procedures regarding appropriate usage of technology within the organization;
(6) To initiate and develop internal and external partnerships to leverage city technology investments;
(7) To develop and present funding strategies to support technology investments;
(8) To provide direct oversight and direction on mission critical city-wide technology;
(9) To negotiate and review complex proposals and contracts for purchase of information technology (IT) products and services, and to develop partnership agreements;
(10) To establish and maintain a working environment conducive to positive morale, individual style, quality, creativity, and teamwork;
(11) To serve as a member of leadership team, and addresses city-wide policy, management and strategic issues, including information security and other cyber risks;
(12) To formulate, recommend and administer policies and procedures governing the operation of the information technology (IT) department. Establish long-range goals and implementation plans for services provided by the IT department;
(13) To plan, develop and direct a comprehensive long-term strategic plan for automated systems needs for the City of Palo Alto, including centralized computer applications, personal computers, and telecommunications functions;
(14) To oversee automated systems within the city, including prioritizing requests for applications development or enhancement, hardware and software standards, equipment acquisition and replacement;
(15) To coordinate technical staff placed within individual city departments;
(16) To position the city to effectively respond to the rapidly changing technological environment;
(17) To be responsible for planning, preparing and administering the information technology department budget, including operating and capital budgets;
(18) To be responsible for the future direction of the information technology department, ensuring the coordination of the department’s effort with the needs of the organization;
(19) To manage projects to include oversight of funding allocations, oversight and coordination of resources;
(20) To perform such other duties as may be required.

2.08.250 Reserved.

2.08.260 Office of Transportation.
(a) The office of transportation shall be under the direction of the chief transportation official who shall be accountable to the city manager. The duties of the office of transportation shall be as follows:
   (1) To be responsible for the functions of transportation planning, traffic engineering, parking management, and transit planning for the city;
   (2) To perform other such duties as may be required.
SECTION 3. All references in the Palo Alto Municipal Code that refer to the Department of Planning and Community Environment shall mean the Department of Planning and Development Services. All references to the Director of Planning and Community Environment shall mean the Director of Planning and Development Services.

SECTION 4. Section 2.30.010 (Purposes) of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows (strike-through text is deleted, underlined text is added):

2.30.010 Purposes.
This chapter defines the contract procurement policies, procedures and requirements for public works construction, general services, professional services, wholesale utility commodities and services, and contracts, the performance for which the city receives substantial value. This chapter establishes the contracting authority of the City Manager, the Chief Procurement Officer ("Procurement Officer"), designated employees, City Manager, City Attorney, and City Council ("Council"). The purpose of this chapter is: to foster and encourage the use of best management practices in contracting and purchasing; to ensure quality and efficiency in the procurement of goods, services, equipment, materials and supplies at the lowest cost commensurate with the quality needed; to provide for a fair and equitable procurement process utilizing standardized solicitation procedures; and to maintain honesty and integrity in the procurement process.

SECTION 5. Section 2.30.020 (Scope) of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2.30.020 Scope.
(a) Contracts for public works construction, general services and professional services, information technology services, wholesale utility commodities and services and other energy related contracts, and contracts, price quotations or purchase orders for goods, materials, equipment and supplies shall be solicited and awarded pursuant to the procedures contained in this chapter.
(b) Neither The solicitation nor and award policies, procedures and requirements contained in this chapter shall not apply to the following:
   (1) Subdivision agreements, improvement agreements, deferred parking agreements, development agreements and other land use contracts entered into between the city and property owners or developers pursuant to other parts of this municipal code;
   (2) Franchises and franchise agreements;
   (3) Contracts between the city and other public entities and public utilities for the city’s provision of services to the other entities and utilities;
   (4) Transactions involving the acquisition, assignment and disposal of interests in real property; and
   (5) Agreements to provide funds pursuant to the human services resource allocation process or community development block grant program.
SECTION 6. Section 2.30.040 (Centralized purchasing) of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2.30.040 Centralized purchasing.
All acquisitions and purchases shall be made by and through the Procurement Officer, except:
(a) Purchases of goods and services made from petty cash funds made in conformance with this chapter and pursuant to control procedures approved by the City Manager and contained in the administrative policies and procedures manual maintained by the City Manager;
(b) Emergency purchases made in conformance with this chapter and Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") Public Assistance Program’s procurement orders, or other similar rules, regulations, guidelines and control procedures for cost reimbursement purposes approved by the City Manager and contained in the purchasing manual;
(c) Contracts for legal services;
(d) Purchases of goods and services, and in payment of public works services, by city procurement card ("P-card") or other credit card, made in conformance with this chapter and pursuant to control procedures approved by the City Manager and contained in the purchasing manual;
(e) Purchases, where the total expenditure by the city does not exceed $10,000.00, made in conformance with this chapter and pursuant to control procedures approved by the City Manager and contained in the purchasing manual;
(f) Transactions negotiated under master contracts for wholesale utility commodities and services, as described in Section 2.30.140 made in conformance with Section 2.30.340;
(g) Mutual aid agreements; and
(h) Delegations made according to Section 2.30.230.

SECTION 7. Section 2.30.120 (General services contract) of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2.30.120 General services contract.
A general services contract includes a contract providing for work, labor or services not requiring specialized experience, knowledge or training with or without the furnishing of goods, materials, supplies or equipment, including, without limitation:
(a) Maintenance of public buildings, streets, parks and playgrounds and other public improvements;
(b) Repair, modification and maintenance of equipment or other goods;
(c) Licensing, installation and maintenance of or relating to information technology property, goods and services, including, without limitation, computer hardware and software, and including the provision of data storage services, unless the information technology services that would require specialized certification, knowledge, expertise, knowledge, or training are needed and provided;;
(d) Janitorial services, uniform cleaning, tree trimming, street sweeping, power washing and landscape maintenance;
(e) Leasing or licensing of goods and other personal property for use by the city; and
(f) General class instruction, including, without limitation, recreation class instruction services.

SECTION 8. Section 2.30.150 (Contracts for dark fiber optics licensing services) of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2.30.150 Contracts for dark fiber optics licensing services.
A contract for dark fiber optics licensing services includes a contract with any person, including, without limitation, a telecommunications or non-telecommunications carrier, an internet services provider, a distributed antenna system services provider, or a small cell technology services provider for the licensing of city-owned, installed and maintained dark fiber optics and related facilities, if any, located in the public rights-of-way and public utility easements. A telecommunications carrier includes any person subject to the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as amended, or other federal law now or hereinafter in effect.

SECTION 9. Section 2.30.200 (Procurement officer contract award authority) of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2.30.200 Procurement officer contract award authority.
The Procurement Officer may award and sign the following contracts:
(a) Public Works Contracts. Public works contracts, where the term does not exceed three years, and the contract price and any price contingency established for change orders, but excluding sales tax or use tax, do not exceed $85,000.00 in the first contract year, and do not exceed the sum of $85,000.00 and any unexpended monies carried forward from a prior contract year, in any subsequent contract year.
(b) Contracts for Goods. Contracts to purchase goods, where the term does not exceed three years, and the contract price and any price contingency established for change orders, but excluding sales tax or use tax, do not exceed $85,000.00 in the first year, and do not exceed the sum of $85,000.00 and any unexpended monies carried forward from a prior contract year, in any subsequent contract year.
(c) General Services Contracts. General services contracts, where the term does not exceed three years, and the contract price and any price contingency established for change orders or additional services, but excluding sales tax or use tax, do not exceed $85,000.00 in the first contract year, and do not exceed $85,000.00 and any unexpended monies carried forward from a prior contract year, in any subsequent contract year.
(d) Professional Services Contracts. Professional services contracts, where the term does not exceed three years, and the contract price, and any price contingency established for additional services, but excluding sales tax or use tax, do not exceed the sum of $85,000.00 in the first contract year, and do not exceed the sum of $85,000.00 and any unexpended monies carried forward from a prior contract year, in any subsequent contract year.
(e) Software and Hardware Purchase, Licensing, and Maintenance and Support Contracts. Notwithstanding Subsection 2.30.200(c), the Procurement Officer may award and sign contracts other than general services agreements, including, without limitation, vendor-based standard form hardware and software purchase and licensing contracts, for the purchase of hardware and software, the licensing of software, and the maintenance and support of hardware and software, where the term of licensing or maintenance and support services does not exceed five years and the contract price, excluding sales tax or use tax, does not exceed $85,000.00 per year in the first contract year and does not exceed the sum of $85,000.00 and any unexpended monies carried forward from a prior contract year, in any subsequent contract year. The contracts referred to herein may include contracts for data storage services, which shall be subject to the city’s information security policies, terms, conditions and other requirements established by the chief information officer with the concurrence and approval of the City Attorney.

SECTION 10. Section 2.30.210 (City Manager contract award authority) of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2.30.210 City Manager contract award authority.

The City Manager may award and sign the following contracts:

(a) Public Works Contracts. Public works contracts, where the term does not exceed three years, and the contract price and any price contingency established for change orders, but excluding sales tax or use tax, do not exceed $250,000.00 in the first contract year, and do not exceed the sum of $250,000.00 and any unexpended monies carried forward from a prior contract year, in any subsequent contract year.

(b) Contracts for Goods. Contracts to purchase goods, where the term does not exceed three years and the contract price and any contingency established for change orders, but excluding sales tax or use tax, do not exceed $250,000.00 in the first contract year, and do not exceed the sum of $250,000.00 and any unexpended monies carried forward from a prior contract year, in any subsequent contract year.

(c) General Services Contracts. Contracts for services associated with the leasing or licensing of personal property other than hardware or software, where the term does not exceed seven years, and the contract price and any price contingency established for change orders, but excluding sales tax or use tax, do not exceed $85,000.00 in the first contract year, and do not exceed the sum of $85,000.00 plus any unexpended monies carried forward from a prior contract year, in any subsequent contract year.

(d) Contracts for Studies and Services Related to Private Development. Professional services contracts for: (1) the preparation of environmental assessments or other studies deemed necessary by the director of planning and community environment for the processing of applications for private development projects, or (2) inspection and plan review services deemed necessary by the director of planning and community environment to evaluate conformity of private development projects with applicable building codes, regardless of the cost or term thereof, provided the applicant for the private development project agrees, in
writing, to bear responsibility for the entire contract cost, and the contract does not require the expenditure of city funds in any amount.

(e) Rewards. The City Manager may offer and pay rewards where the amount of the reward does not exceed $25,000.00, in accordance with the procedures of Section 2.30.800.

(f) Emergency Contracts. The City Manager is authorized to expend city funds for emergency contracts, as defined in Section 2.30.160, without limitation on the contract cost or amount and without following the contract solicitation and award procedures otherwise required by this chapter, provided that any procurement of goods and services obtained during an emergency declared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall comply with applicable FEMA Public Assistance Program's procurement orders, rules, regulations, guidelines and control procedures for cost reimbursement purposes. Expenditures made during an emergency must be reported to the Council at the next regular meeting if approval for such expenditures would otherwise have been made by the Council. The City Manager may issue a verbal report to the Council before a written report is delivered.

(g) Contracts to Rent, Lease, License, Acquire, Transfer or Purchase Interests in Real Property from Other Parties. Contracts for the rental, leasing, licensing, or purchase by installment interests in real property from other parties for a term of seven years or less, where the contract price does not exceed $85,000.00 per year, or to encumber or transfer any interest in real property from other parties for any term of years. The City Manager may enter into and sign a contract to acquire or purchase an interest in real property, where the contract price does not exceed $85,000.00.

(h) Contracts to Rent, Lease, or License City Real Property to Other Parties. The authority granted under this Section is distinct from the authority of the director of community services to grant individuals and groups permits for the exclusive temporary use of buildings and facilities located in, and the areas of, city parks and open spaces, as described in Chapter 22.04 of this municipal code or in the park and open space regulations. The City Manager may award and sign contracts to rent, lease or license city real property to other parties regardless of the price for a term not exceeding three years. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the City Manager may enter into and sign contracts for the rental, lease or licensing of real property at the Cubberley Community Center for terms of up to five years.

(i) Contracts to Provide Municipal Services to other Public Entities or Utilities. A contract to provide municipal services and functions to any other public agency, public utility or other public entity in any amount for a term not exceeding three years, provided the contract is in compliance with all Council-adopted policies covering such contracts. The authority granted herein does not include the authority of the City Manager to add permanent employee positions.

(j) Contracts Providing for Indemnity or Risk of Loss. The City Manager, with the concurrence and approval of the City Attorney and the insurance risk manager, may enter into and sign contracts, otherwise within the limits of his or her authority under Section 2.08.140 of this municipal code, that provide for the city or its officers or employees to defend, indemnify, or assume the risk of damage, loss, or liability for, or subrogate to any other contracting party respecting claims, demands, actions, losses or liabilities arising from the city's performance or non-performance under the contract.
(k) Wholesale Utility Commodities and Services Contracts. Wholesale utility commodities and services contracts, where the term does not exceed five years and the contract price does not exceed $250,000.00 in any contract year.

(l) Software and Hardware Purchase, Licensing and Maintenance and Support Contracts. Notwithstanding Subsection 2.30.210(c), the City Manager may award and sign contracts other than general services agreements, including, without limitation, vendor-based standard form hardware and software purchase and licensing contracts, for the purchase of hardware and software, the licensing of software, and the maintenance and support of hardware and software, where the term of licensing or maintenance and support services does not exceed seven years and the contract price, excluding sales tax or use tax, does not exceed $85,000.00 per year in the first contract or fiscal year and does not exceed the sum of $85,000.00 and any unexpended monies carried forward from a prior fiscal year, in any subsequent contract or fiscal year. The contracts referred to herein may include contracts for data storage services, which shall be subject to the city's information security policies, terms, conditions and other requirements established by the chief information officer with the concurrence and approval of the City Attorney.

(m) Other Contracts. All other types of contracts for which the contract term does not exceed three years and the total expenditure by the city does not exceed $85,000.00 in the first contract or fiscal year, and does not exceed the sum of $85,000.00 and any unexpended monies carried forward from a prior fiscal year, in any subsequent contract or fiscal year.

SECTION 11. Section 2.30.220 (City Attorney contract award authority) of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2.30.220 City Attorney contract award authority.

The City Attorney may award and sign contracts for legal services, including, without limitation, services provided by outside counsel, investigators, consultants and other experts needed for litigation or other administrative and legal proceedings, to be provided to the city for any time period, where the contract price and any contingency established for additional services, but excluding sales tax or use tax, do not exceed the sum of $85,000.00 in the first contract or fiscal year, and do not exceed the sum of $85,000.00 and any unexpended monies carried forward from a prior fiscal year, in any subsequent contract or fiscal year. In addition to the authority described herein, the City Attorney may sign contracts, where the contract price exceeds the amounts set forth above, provided the Council has first approved the use of such services.

SECTION 12. Section 2.30.225 (Wholesale utility commodity transactions) of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2.30.225 Wholesale utility commodity transactions.

The City Manager, the director of utilities and their designated employees may enter into and execute transactions for wholesale utilities commodities and services in accordance with the
authority, limits and procedures set forth in the Energy Risk Management Policies Guidelines and Procedures Manual, as amended from time to time. Employees authorized under this Section shall be authorized in writing and the written authorizations shall be kept on file by the Procurement Officer.

SECTION 13. Section 2.30.230 (Designated employee purchases of $10,000.00 or less) of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2.30.230 Designated employee purchases of $10,000.00 or less.
Employees authorized; in writing; by their department heads may award and sign contracts for the purchase of goods and the procurement of general services, where the contract price does not exceed $10,000.00 and the contract term does not exceed one year. All purchases and procurements shall be made in accordance with the contracting procedures and requirements contained in this chapter and in the purchasing manual. The written authorizations of department heads shall be kept on file by the Procurement Officer.

SECTION 14. Section 2.30.240 (Designated employees’ use of petty cash, and city credit card) of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2.30.240 Designated employees’ use of petty cash, P-card or other and city credit card.
Employees authorized designated in writing by their department heads, including by completed P-card authorization request form, may make purchases by using petty cash or make payments by using a city P-card or other credit card. All purchases shall be made in accordance with the contracting procedures and requirements contained in this chapter and in the purchasing manual. The written authorizations of department heads shall be kept on file by the Procurement Officer or other designated employee.

SECTION 15. Section 2.30.280 (Authority to modify and terminate contracts not approved or awarded by the Council) of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2.30.280 Authority to modify and terminate contracts not approved or awarded by the Council.
(a) Each employee with contracting authority conferred by this chapter may authorize and sign amendments or change orders to contracts he or she awarded under the authority granted in this chapter subject to the following:
(1) All modifications to contracts, including, without limitation, changes to the scope of work, quantity of goods, price or term shall be made in writing and accomplished in accordance with the terms of the original contract;
(2) The amendment or change order to a contract shall not cause the contract, as modified, to exceed the monetary or term limits of that city employee's contracting authority, as described in this chapter, except that the city employee may extend the term of a contract,
with no increase in the compensation payable, for a period not to exceed six consecutive months beyond the term limits of his or her contracting authority; and

(3) For contracts awarded under an exemption from competitive solicitation pursuant to Section 2.30.360 or by Council action, the amendment or change order to a contract shall not cause the contract, as modified, to exceed the scope of the exemption from competitive solicitation.

(b) Each city employee with contacting authority conferred by this chapter shall have the authority to terminate the contract in accordance with the contract’s terms and conditions.

SECTION 16. Section 2.30.300 (Public works contracts) of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2.30.300 Public works contracts.

Public works contracts that are not exempt from the competitive solicitation requirements under Section 2.30.360 or by Council action shall be solicited, as follows:

(a) Public works contracts, providing for an estimated expenditure of $85,000.00 or less, and not otherwise required to be formally bid by the Charter, shall be solicited by informal invitation for bids in accordance with Section 2.30.400.

(b) Public works contracts, providing for an estimated expenditure exceeding $85,000.00, shall be solicited by formal invitation for bids in accordance with Section 2.30.420.

(c) Article VII, Section 6 of the City Charter requires formal bidding for public works contracts funded by bonded indebtedness of the city or by assessment against particular property in Palo Alto. Section 2.30.300 requires the formal bidding of all public works contracts exceeding $85,000.00, unless an exemption is provided by Section 2.30.360 or is otherwise authorized by Council under Section 2.30.300(d).

(d) Design-build contracts, to the extent debt financing limitations do not apply, that provide for an expenditure of more than $85,000.00 shall be solicited by requests for proposals in accordance with Section 2.30.490. Despite any law to the contrary, the design-build method of delivery may be used for any public works contract, including, without limitation, any design-build-operate contracts, where the City Manager determines, in writing, the delivery method will best fulfill the requirements of the public works project.

(e) The Council may determine that a particular public works project may be solicited and contracted for by using alternate project delivery methods, including, without limitation, construction manager at-risk or competitive negotiation. Any Council action authorizing an alternate project delivery method shall set forth the reasons and factual basis supporting the use of the alternate project delivery method for the project and describe the solicitation method to be used and the criteria for determining the successful bidder, to whom the public works contract should be awarded.

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SECTION 17. Section 2.30.310 (Contracts for goods) of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2.30.310 Contracts for goods.

Contracts for goods, not exempt from the competitive solicitation requirements under Section 2.30.360 or by Council action, shall be solicited, as follows:

(a) Contracts for goods, providing for an estimated expenditure by the city of $50,000.00 or less, shall be solicited by informal invitation for bids in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.30.400; and

(b) Contracts for goods, providing for an estimated expenditure by the city exceeding $50,000.00, shall be solicited by formal invitation for bids in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.30.420.

SECTION 18. Section 2.30.320 (General services contracts) of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2.30.320 General services contracts.

General services contracts, not exempt from the competitive solicitation requirements under Section 2.30.360 or by Council action, shall be solicited, as follows:

(a) General services contracts, providing for an estimated expenditure by the city not exceeding $50,000.00, shall be solicited by informal invitation for bids or informal request for proposals in accordance with Section 2.30.400.

(b) General services contracts, providing for an estimated expenditure by the city exceeding $50,000.00 shall be solicited by formal invitation for bids in accordance with Section 2.30.420 or by formal request for proposals in accordance with Section 2.30.410.

(c) The Procurement Officer shall determine, after consideration of whether the needs of the city or the circumstances require that a contract should be awarded based on significant factors in addition to price, whether the services subject to a general services contract shall be solicited by bid or request for proposals.

SECTION 19. Section 2.30.330 (Professional services contracts) of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2.30.330 Professional services contracts.

Professional services contracts, not exempt from the competitive solicitation requirements under Section 2.30.360 or by Council action, shall be solicited, as follows:

(a) Professional services contracts, providing for an estimated expenditure by the city not exceeding $85,000.00, shall be solicited by informal request for proposals in accordance with Section 2.30.400.

(b) Professional services contracts, providing for an estimated expenditure by the city exceeding $85,000.00, shall be solicited by formal request for proposals in accordance with Section 2.30.410.
(c) In lieu of the solicitation requirements set forth in Subsections (a) and (b), professional services contracts in any amount may be awarded from a list of qualified professionals to be created and maintained by the Procurement Officer, so long as the list is created and the award of contract to an entity on the list is in compliance with procedures contained in this chapter and in the purchasing manual.

SECTION 20. Section 2.30.340 (Contracts for wholesale utility commodities and services) of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2.30.340 Contracts for wholesale utility commodities and services.

(a) Solicitation of Contracts.

(1) Contracts for the purchase or sale-incidental-to-purchase of wholesale utility commodities and services, providing for an estimated expenditure not exceeding $85,000.00, shall be solicited by informal invitation for bids or informal request for proposals in accordance with Section 2.30.400. Contracts for the purchase or sale-incidental-to-purchase of wholesale utility commodities and services, providing for an estimated expenditure exceeding $85,000.00, shall be solicited by formal invitation for bids, formal request for proposals, or combination thereof, in accordance with Section 2.30.410, 2.30.420 or 2.30.430 or through solicitation of counterparties enabled to transact under a Council-approved master agreement in accordance with Section 2.30.340(a)(3).

(2) Council shall pre-approve standard form master agreement templates for wholesale utility commodities and services and such agreement shall be made publicly available.

(3) Whenever the city desires to award a contract under a Council-approved master agreement for wholesale utility commodities and services, any counterparty which has executed a Council-approved master agreement with the city, and is otherwise eligible to bid for or propose in regard to the particular transaction in accordance with the Energy Risk Management Policy, Guidelines, and Procedures Manual, may be solicited in writing. The counterparty offering the price and other required product and performance terms and conditions for wholesale utility commodities and services deemed to be the most advantageous to the city shall be eligible for an award of contract respecting the transaction.

(b) Delegation of Master Agreement Terms and Conditions. For master agreements and other contracts for wholesale utility commodities and services not otherwise within the City Manager's authority to award, the Council may authorize the City Manager to award and sign contracts with qualified, eligible counterparties. The Council authorization shall specify the limits of the authority delegated, including the maximum expenditure limit of the authority and the terms of the contracts and/or transactions that may be executed under the delegation of authority.

(1) Electricity master agreements. Any Council action delegating authority to the City Manager to contract for electricity commodities and services shall specify generally at least the following terms and conditions: quantity and the description of energy and energy services to be procured, including, without limitation: on-peak and off-peak energy and ancillary services; term, specifying a not-to-exceed period of time; period of delivery denoted in years or months or years and months; and point of delivery.
(2) Gas master agreements. Any Council action delegating the authority to contract for gas commodities and services shall specify generally at least the following terms and conditions: quantity and the description of gas services to be procured, including, without limitation: scheduled gas and gas transportation services; term, specifying a not-to-exceed period of time; period of delivery denoted in years or months or years and months; and point of delivery of the locus on the interstate transmission system at which transfer of title is made.

(c) Required Contract Terms for Wholesale Utilities Commodities and Services Contracts. The city shall use standard form contracts, as practicable, including, without limitation, form contracts copyrighted by the Edison Electric Institute, the Western States Power Pool Inc., Inc., the North American Energy Standards Board, Inc, and contracts used by the city's "feed-in tariff" energy program. Unless waived by Council action, a contract for gas or electricity wholesale utility commodities and services, and any amendment to that contract, shall not be awarded by the city and executed by the duly authorized representatives of the city, unless the following terms and conditions are required: (1) governing law shall be the laws of the State of California; (2) choice of venue shall be the county of Santa Clara; and (3) a counterparty shall obtain and maintain during the term of the contract the minimum credit rating established as of the date of award of contract of not less than a BBB- credit rating established by Standard & Poor’s and a Baa3 credit rating established by Moody's Investors Services.

(d) Public Agency Contracts. The city may procure and make sales- incidental-to-purchase of wholesale utility commodities and services from energy counterparties through public agencies, including, without limitation, the Northern California Power Agency and the federal Western Area Power Administration.

(1) The city may engage the public agency to act as the agent of the city to procure wholesale utility commodities and services, provided that the public agency conducts a competitive selection process and awards one or more contracts in substantial compliance with the contract procurement procedures and requirements of this chapter, unless such substantial compliance is waived by the Council action accompanied by findings in support of the waiver.

(2) The City Attorney shall determine whether the contract procurement process of the public agency substantially complies with the provisions of this chapter. For the purposes of this Section 2.30.340, the public agency's competitive selection process, if any, shall be deemed to substantially comply if the public agency:
   a. conducts a formal or an informal invitation for bids or request for proposals process to solicit bids or proposals for the provision of wholesale utility commodities and services;
   b. executes a standard form contract, including, without limitation, a form contract copyrighted by the Edison Electric Institute, the Western States Power Pool, Inc. Inc., or the North American Energy Standards Board, Inc.; and
   c. unless waived by the Council, the standard form contract requires or specifies:
      1. the governing law shall be the law of the State of California;
      2. the choice of venue shall be identified according to either the county in which such public agency does business, or the preference for federal or state court jurisdiction over the public agency, the energy counterparty, and the contract; and
      3. the energy counterparty shall obtain and maintain during the term of the contract the minimum credit rating established as of the date of award of contract of not less than a BBB-
credit rating established by Standard & Poor’s and a Baa3 credit rating established by Moody’s Investors Services.


SECTION 21. Section 2.30.360 (Exclusions from competitive solicitation requirements) of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2.30.360 Exclusions from competitive solicitation requirements.

The following are exclusions from the informal and formal competitive solicitation requirements of this chapter, except as otherwise provided. These exclusions will be narrowly interpreted and applied. The department requesting an exemption shall provide all relevant information supporting the application of the exemption to the Procurement Officer. Based upon this information, the Procurement Officer shall make a recommendation to the City Manager and the City Manager shall determine whether an exemption from the competitive solicitation requirements applies. Nothing herein is intended to preclude the use of competitive solicitations, as practicable.

(a) Emergency Contracts, provided that any procurement of goods and services obtained during an emergency declared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall comply with applicable FEMA Public Assistance Program's orders, rules, regulations, guidelines and control procedures for cost reimbursement purposes.

(b) Whenever solicitations of bids or proposals would for any reason be impracticable, unavailing or impossible, provided that in the case of a public works project, the project is not otherwise required by the charter to be formally bid. These situations are those where solicitations of bids or proposals would not be useful or produce any operational or financial advantage for the city. Situations where solicitations of bids or proposals would be impracticable, unavailing or impossible, include, without limitation, the following:

(1) Contract specifications cannot be drawn in a way that would enable more than one vendor, consultant or contractor to meet them;

(2) Due to circumstances beyond the control of the city, the time necessary to use the competitive solicitation process, procedures and requirements would result in a substantial economic loss to the city or the substantial interference with a required city operation;

(3) Special conditions attached to a grant, donation or gift requires the use of particular goods and/or services.

All requests for exemptions under this subsection shall be supported by written documentation (facsimile or electronic mail may be used), approved by the department head and the Procurement Officer.

(c) Where competitive bids or requests for proposals have been solicited and no bid or proposal has been received, or where no bid or proposal meeting the requirements of the invitation to bid or request for proposals has been received, provided that, in the case of a public works project, the project is not otherwise required by the charter to be formally bid.
(d) Contracts for goods, wholesale commodities and services, general services or professional services available from only one source, where the Procurement Officer has determined, in writing, there is no adequate substitute or equivalent provider. Examples of acceptable sole source acquisitions or purchases may include, without limitation: equipment or services for equipment, for which there is no comparable competitive product or service except that provided by the equipment manufacturer, distributor or dealer; proprietary products sold directly by the manufacturer; a component or replacement part, for which there is no commercially available substitute and which can be obtained only from the manufacturer; goods where there is only one authorized distributor in the area; and goods where compatibility with goods in use by the city is an overriding consideration. All requests for sole source acquisitions or purchases shall be supported by written documentation (facsimile or electronic mail may be used), approved by the office or department head, and forwarded to the Procurement Officer.

(e) Contracts for goods where, pursuant to Section 2.30.900, the City Manager has determined that standardization of the supplies, materials or equipment is permissible.

(f) Placement of insurance coverage and surety bonds.

(g) Legal services contracts, including, without limitation, the services of outside counsel, consultants and other experts needed for litigation, administrative or other legal proceedings.

(h) Professional services contracts for private development related studies and services whenever the services are funded wholly by private developers.

(i) Professional services contracts, where the estimated total expenditure by the city, regardless of term, does not exceed $50,000.00.

(j) Cooperative purchases, with one or more other public agencies or through a cooperative purchasing agency, provided: (i) the services are solicited using methods substantially similar to those required by this chapter, as determined by the Procurement Officer; and (ii) the contract is consistent with the requirements specified in this municipal code.

(k) The use of another governmental or public agency's contract or substantially the same contract terms provided: (i) the agency uses a solicitation method substantially similar to the method required by this chapter; (ii) the contract is consistent with the requirements specified in this municipal code; and (iii) the Procurement Officer determines that the city will realize overall value to utilizing the other agency's contract or contract terms compared to the city performing its own solicitation.

(l) Contracts with, or solicited on the city's behalf by, Northern California Power Agency, Transmission Agency of Northern California, and Western Area Power Administration to procure wholesale utility commodities and services that meet the requirements of Section 2.30.340(d) or 2.30.3460(k).

(m) Contracts with Pacific Gas and Electric Company and the California Independent System Operator Corporation for energy transmission services to the extent necessary and expedient to provide for the general health, safety and welfare of the city's utility customers.

(n) Contracts with any public agency or governmental body to construct a public work, where the Procurement Officer determines the public agency or governmental body has used methods similar to those required by this chapter to contract for the public work.

(o) Contracts with any public utility holding a certificate of public convenience and necessity or any entity holding a cable service or video service franchise pursuant to chapter 2.10 of this
municipal code to construct a public works, where such works involves property of such public utility or cable service or video service franchisee and is otherwise of direct concern to both the city and such public utility or cable service or video service franchisee, provided that the project is not otherwise required by the charter to be formally bid.

(p) Contracts with private developers to construct public improvements in connection with their development projects, even if the city contributes funds to the improvement project, provided that the projects are not otherwise required by the charter to be formally bid.

(q) Projects, where the public work is performed by the city with its own employees.

(r) Contracts, where the estimated total expenditure by the city does not exceed $10,000.00.

(s) Contracts with entities to procure at wholesale prices utility commodities and services under a city "feed-in tariff" energy program that meets the requirements of Section 2.30.340(c).

(t) Professional services contracts in relation to personnel matters for: recruitment consultants, workplace investigations, threat assessments, conflict intervention, and industrial safety.

SECTION 22. Section 2.30.400 (Informal bids or proposals) of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2.30.400 Informal invitation for bids or request for proposals.

(a) An informal invitation for bids or request for proposals may be solicited by any reasonable means, including, without limitation, mail, telephone, facsimile transmission, e-mail or posting to the city’s web site. Quotations shall be solicited from a minimum of three bidders or proposers; if quotations from three bidders or proposers cannot be obtained by the exercise of due diligence, quotations shall be solicited from less than three bidders or proposers, as practicable. The Procurement Officer shall maintain a record of all informal invitations for bids and informal requests for proposals received by the city for a period of time in compliance with California law and the city’s records retention schedule.

(b) An informal invitation for bids shall be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidders, as described in Section 2.30.440.

(c) An informal request for proposals shall be awarded on the basis of the proposal deemed most advantageous to the city based on the factors set forth in Section 2.30.410(e).

(d) If a contract, price quotation, or purchase order is made or awarded to other than the consultant or contractor submitting the lowest price in its quotation, bid or proposal, the Procurement Officer shall prepare the record of the transaction, in writing, containing the reasons or grounds for the decision to award the contract.

SECTION 23. Section 2.30.410 (Formal request for proposals) of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2.30.410 Formal request for proposals.

(a) Advertising. Contracts that must be solicited by formal request for proposals shall be solicited by notice requesting proposals by advertising the notices requesting proposals on the City’s website for no fewer than five days prior to the date set for the submission of proposals. As practicable, proposals shall be solicited from a minimum of three proposers.
(b) Proposal submittal. The request for proposals shall specify the date, time and place for submitting proposals and describe the scope and time frame for the delivery of the proposed solution requested, the information to be submitted by the proposer, and the criteria for evaluating the proposal.

(c) Proposal opening. Proposals received after the specified date and time shall not be accepted and shall be returned unopened unless opening is necessary for identification purposes.

(d) Award. The contract shall be awarded on the basis of the proposal deemed most advantageous to the city.

(e) The following factors shall be considered in determining the proposal deemed most advantageous to the city:

(1) Quality of the proposal;
(2) Quality, performance and effectiveness of the solution, goods and/or services to be provided by the consultant or the contractor;
(3) Consultant or contractor’s experience, including the experience of staff to be assigned to the project, with engagements of similar scope and complexity;
(4) Cost to the city;
(5) Consultant or contractor’s financial condition and stability;
(6) Consultant or contractor’s ability to perform the contract within the time specified;
(7) Consultant or contractor’s prior record of performance with the city or other local, county or state agency, if applicable;
(8) Consultant or contractor’s ability to provide in the future any maintenance, repairs, parts and/or services, if applicable;
(9) Consultant or contractor’s compliance with applicable laws, regulations, policies (including city Council-policies), guidelines and orders governing prior or existing contracts performed by the consultant or contractor; and
(10) Any other factor or factors the city deems relevant as specified in the request for proposals.

SECTION 24. Section 2.30.420 (Formal bids – Notice, submittal, opening) of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

**2.30.420 Formal invitation for bids – Notice, submittal, opening.**

(a) Advertising. Contracts that must be solicited by formal invitation for bids shall be solicited by notices inviting bids by advertising the notices inviting bids on the City's website for no fewer than five days prior to the date set for receiving bids. As practicable, bids shall be solicited from a minimum of three bidders.

(b) Notice. The notices inviting bids shall generally describe the goods and/or services to be purchased or acquired or the public works to be constructed, identify the place where the bid proposal form, specifications and other contract documents may be obtained, and specify the date, time and place when and where bids will be opened.

(c) Bid Submittal. All bids shall be sealed. All bids shall be submitted at the place, and at or before the date and time, specified in the notice inviting bids. Bids received after the specified
date and time shall not be accepted and shall be returned to the bidder unopened unless the
opening is necessary for identification purposes.

(d) Bid Opening. Bids timely received shall be opened in public, at the date, time and place
specified in the notice inviting bids, and the aggregate bid of each bidder shall be announced.

SECTION 25. Section 2.30.430 of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of
the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2.30.430 Combined request for proposals and invitation for bids.
(a) Nothing in Part 5 of this chapter shall prohibit the city from conducting a competitive
solicitation process which combines the elements of the request for proposals and invitation for
bids processes in a single process in order to award a contract for wholesale utility commodities
and services or design-build contracts.

SECTION 26. Section 2.30.440 (Determination of lowest responsive/responsible bidder)
of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is
hereby amended as follows:

2.30.440 Determination of lowest responsive/responsible bidder.
The awarding authority shall award contracts required to be formally bid to the lowest
responsive and responsible bidder. As used in this chapter “awarding authority” means the city
officer or employee with the authority to award and sign the particular contract, as provided in
part three of this chapter, or the Council.

(a) Low Bid. The low bid shall be the bid offering the lowest total cost to the city.
(1) The determination of lowest total cost shall be made after applying relevant policies
adopted by resolution of the Council that may provide for a price preference.
(2) Where ‘add alternate’ or ‘deduct alternate’ items are included in the specifications, the
determination of lowest total cost shall be made in accordance with the procedure for
considering the ‘add alternate’ and ‘deduct alternate’ items as set forth in the bid
specifications.
(3) The determination of lowest total cost may include the effect of factors such as trade
discounts, delivery costs and life cycle costs, when these are included in the specifications.

(b) Responsive Bidder. A responsive bidder is a bidder determined by the awarding authority
to have submitted a bid that conforms in all material respects to the requirements of the bid
documents.

(c) Responsible Bidder. A responsible bidder is a bidder determined by the awarding
authority:
(1) To have demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, and to have the quality, fitness;
have the ability, capacity, experience, and skill to satisfactorily perform the work, or provide the
goods and/or services called for in accordance with the invitation for bids specifications;
(2) To have the ability to perform the contract within the time specified;
(3) To have the equipment, facilities and resources of such capacity and location to enable
the bidder to perform the contract;
(4) To have the ability to provide, as required, future maintenance, repair, parts and service for the use of goods purchased;
(5) To have a record of satisfactory or better performance under prior contracts with the city or others; and
(6) To have complied with applicable laws, regulations, policies (including city Council policies), guidelines and orders governing prior or existing contracts performed by the bidder.

SECTION 27. Section 2.30.485 (Delegation of awarding authority determinations) is hereby added to Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code to read as follows:

2.30.485 Delegation of awarding authority determinations.
The awarding authority may delegate to the Procurement Officer the implementation of a determination by the awarding authority under Sections 2.30.440; 2.30.450; 2.30.470(b); and 2.30.480 of this chapter. Where the awarding authority is Council, Council hereby delegates to the Procurement Officer the implementation of determinations by Council as the awarding authority under Sections 2.30.440; 2.30.450; 2.30.470(b); and 2.30.480 of this chapter.

SECTION 28. Section 2.30.490 (Design-build contract procurement procedures) of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2.30.490 Design-build contract procurement procedures.
This Section establishes the exclusive procedures for the award of wholly or partially city-funded design-build contracts, to the extent debt financing limitations do not apply, and supersedes in their entirety all statutory provisions pertaining to local agency design-build construction, as set forth in chapter 4 of part 3 of division 2 of the California Public Contract Code, Section 22160 et seq., as amended from time to time.
(a) Bridging documents shall be prepared by a qualified, licensed design professional, identifying the scope and estimated price or costs of the public works project and including additional requirements or information necessary to adequately describe the city's needs for the project. These may include, without limitation, the size, type, and desired design character of the project, the performance specifications covering the quality of supplies, materials, equipment, and workmanship, or preliminary plans or building layout plans. The design professional, which prepares the bridging documents, may not subsequently submit or participate in the proposal submitted for an award of design-build contract, or have any financial interest in any design-build entity or team which submits a design-build contract construction proposal or which provides the design-build services.
(b) A formal request for proposals may be posted and advertised in manner provided for in Section 2.30.410(a), or by targeted distribution to three or more design-build entities or teams which the Procurement Officer determines possesses demonstrated skills, experience, and financial qualifications to provide the required design-build services.
(c) A formal request for proposals shall comply with the requirements of Section 2.30.410(a) and shall include: the bridging documents prepared according to
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Section 2.30.490(a); a request for qualifications; and the design-build contract documents approved by the City Attorney as required by this chapter.

(d) Design-build entities and teams may be required to pre-qualify in order to be eligible to submit a proposal for the design-build project by responding to the request for qualifications in advance of the date set for the submission of proposals. The Procurement Officer may determine and will provide notice that the statement of qualifications may be submitted concurrently with the proposals.

(e) The design-build contract may be awarded to the responsive, responsible design-build entity or team on the basis of either the lowest lump-sum price or the 'best value' provided, as defined in the formal request for proposals. A design-build contract that is awarded on the 'best value' basis will be evaluated based solely on the selection criteria and procedures set forth in the formal request for proposals.

(f) The design-build contract shall require the design-build entity or team and its subcontractors of every tier to comply with the requirements of Section 22164(c) of the California Public Contract Code, as amended.

SECTION 29. Section 2.30.500 (Bid security, bonds and insurance) of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2.30.500  Bid security, bonds and insurance.

(a) When Required. The Procurement Officer is authorized to require bid security and surety bonds, including payment and performance bonds, as well as specific types and amounts of insurance coverage in connection with contracts for public works, goods, general services, professional services, and wholesale utility commodities and services to the extent required by California or federal law, or this chapter, or upon a determination that it is in the best interest of the city to do so by the City Manager or, if the City Manager does not make a determination, by the Procurement Officer in consultation with the City Attorney.

(b) Bid Security. Bid security shall be submitted with the bid and shall be in the form of a certified check, cashier’s check or surety bond. Any surety bond shall be issued by an admitted surety authorized to conduct business in the State of California and shall be in a form acceptable to the City Attorney and as specified in the solicitation for bids document. If a bidder fails to submit the required bid security with the bid, the bid shall be deemed nonresponsive. After bids are opened, bid security shall be irrevocable for the period specified in the invitation for bids. If the successful bidder fails to execute the contract within the time specified, the total amount of the bid security shall be forfeited to the city. The bid security of an unsuccessful bidder shall be returned to the bidder by no later than sixty days from the date of contract award. Bids for public works projects costing in excess of $85,000.00 shall require the submission of bid security in an amount equal to at least ten percent of the bid. On public works projects costing $85,000.00 or less, and all other procurements of goods and services without regard to price, the Procurement Officer is authorized to determine whether any bid security in any amount shall be required on a project-by-project basis.

(c) Surety bonds. Payment and performance security shall be required of contractors and take the form of surety bonds acceptable to the City Attorney and issued by an admitted surety
authorized to conduct business in the State of California. Invitations for bids Contracts for public works projects costing in excess of $25,000.00 shall require the submission of payment bond and performance bond, each in an amount equal to one hundred percent of the contract price at the time the contract is executed. Where the contract is with a governmental agency or a public utility the requirement for performance and payment security may be waived, in writing, by the Procurement Officer if the contracting governmental agency or public utility agrees, in writing, that to the extent all work is not to be done by its own employees, it will require any and all contractors it awards contracts for the performance of any of the work to provide, before commencement of the work, the payment bond and performance bond, on terms and conditions it establishes, which is satisfactory to the Procurement Officer and complying with the provisions of applicable California law. Payment bond and performance bond for public works projects shall be extended in the full amount of the contract for a one-year warranty period beyond the date of acceptance of the public works project by the city. On public work projects costing $25,000.00 or less, and on all acquisitions of goods and services without regard to price, the Procurement Officer is authorized to determine whether any payment and performance security in any amount shall be required on a case-by-case basis.

(d) Form of Bonds. The only bonds acceptable to the city shall be those executed on forms approved by the City Attorney and as specified in the invitation for bids or request for proposals.

(e) Insurance. The insurance risk manager acting on behalf of the City Manager by the authority conferred by Section 2.28.170 of this municipal code shall determine the insurance requirements to be imposed upon any third party doing business with the city pursuant to this chapter. The successful bidder or proposer shall submit certificates of insurance and endorsement forms, as applicable, as evidence that it has obtained and will maintain the types and amounts of insurance coverages required by the bid or proposal solicitation documents. Such evidence shall be submitted to the Procurement Officer promptly upon request and shall be issued by an admitted insurer authorized to conduct business in the State of California and is acceptable to the city. The insurance risk manager may waive the insurance requirement where the contract is an intergovernmental agency contract or a city-public utility contract, and the governmental, public or quasi-public agency or the public utility, to whom the contract is awarded, agrees, in writing, that it will obtain and maintain and provide evidence of the required insurance coverage before the commencement of work, naming the city, its officials, officers, employees and agents as additional insureds to such policy.

SECTION 30. Section 2.30.610 (Preparation of bid or proposal documents) of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2.30.610 Preparation of bid or proposal documents.
In accordance with State conflict of interest law, a contractor or consultant that prepares, advises or assists in the preparation of plans and/or specifications that will be included as part of an invitation for bids or request for proposals shall be ineligible: (i) to submit a bid or proposal under that invitation for bids or request for proposals; (ii) to be a subcontractor or sub-consultant under a bid or proposal under that invitation for bids or request for proposals;
and (iii) to be a subcontractor or sub-consultant under (or have any interest in) a contract arising from that invitation for bids or request for proposals. This ineligibility shall not apply where a single entity acts as both the designer and builder of the same project pursuant to a design-build procurement contract or other alternative procurement method-based contract as may be permitted by law. Nothing in this Section is intended to differ from State conflict of interest law, as may be amended from time to time, and in the event of a conflict between this Section and State conflict of interest law, State conflict of interest law shall control.

A person, entity or team, with whom the city has a contract to prepare, advise or assist in the preparation of plans and/or specifications that will be included as part of the contract terms and conditions in bid or proposal documents, shall be ineligible to submit a bid or proposal for that contract or be a named consultant or contractor or sub-consultant or sub-contractor in that bid or proposal, if the contract with the city was in effect for a period of one year prior to, or is or will be in effect at the time of, the contract that is the subject of the bid or proposal. This ineligibility shall not preclude the award of a contract, calling for the design and construction of a public works project, to the consultant or the contractor pursuant to a design-build contract or other alternative procurement method-based contract.

**SECTION 31.** Section 2.30.630 (Council approval required for contracts, agreements, grant applications and donations involving surveillance technology) of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

**2.30.630 Council approval required for contracts, agreements, grant applications and donations involving surveillance technology.**

The Council shall approve each of the following:
(a) Applications for grants, acceptance of state or federal funds, or acceptance of in-kind or other donations of surveillance technology;
(b) Notwithstanding any delegation of authority to award contracts in this chapter, contracts of any type and any amount that include acquisition of new surveillance technology;
(c) Use of Council-approved surveillance technology for a purpose, in a manner, or in a location outside the scope of prior Council approval; or
(d) Agreements with a non-city entity to acquire, share, or otherwise use surveillance technology or the information it provides.

**SECTION 32.** Section 2.30.640 (Council approval of surveillance use policy) of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

**2.30.640 Council approval of surveillance use policy.**

The Council shall approve a surveillance use policy addressing each activity that it approves that is listed in Section 2.30.630. If no current surveillance use policy covers an approved activity, the Council shall adopt a new policy or amend an existing policy to address the new activity.
SECTION 33. Section 2.30.650 (Information required) of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2.30.650 Information required.

Unless it is not reasonably possible or feasible to do so, before the Council approves a new activity listed in Section 2.30.630, the city should make available to the public a surveillance evaluation and a proposed surveillance use policy for the proposed activity.

SECTION 34. Section 2.30.660 (Determination by council that benefits outweigh costs and concerns) of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2.30.660 Determination by Council that benefits outweigh costs and concerns.

Before approving any new activity listed in Section 2.30.630, the Council shall assess whether the benefits of the surveillance technology outweigh its costs. The Council should consider all relevant factors, including financial and operational impacts, enhancements to services and programs, and impacts on privacy, civil liberties, and civil rights.

SECTION 35. Section 2.30.670 (Oversight following council approval) of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2.30.670 Oversight following Council approval.

Beginning after the close of fiscal year 2019 and annually thereafter, the city shall produce and make available to the public an annual surveillance report. The annual surveillance report should be noticed as an informational report to the Council. The Council may calendar the annual surveillance report or any specific technology included in the report for further discussion or action, and may direct that (a) use of the surveillance technology be modified or ended; (b) the surveillance use policy be modified; or (c) other steps be taken to address Council and community concerns.

SECTION 36. Section 2.30.680 (Definitions) of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2.30.680 Definitions.

The following definitions apply to this section:

(a) "Annual surveillance report" means a written report, submitted after the close of the fiscal year and that includes the following information with respect to the prior fiscal year:

(1) A description of how each Council-approved surveillance technology was used, including whether it captured images, sound, or information regarding members of the public who are not suspected of engaging in unlawful conduct;

(2) Whether and how often data acquired through the use of the surveillance technology was shared with outside entities, the name of any recipient entity, the types of data disclosed, and the reason for the disclosure;
(3) A summary of any community complaints or concerns about the surveillance technology;
(4) Non-privileged and non-confidential information regarding the results of any internal audits, information about violations of the surveillance use policy, and any actions taken in response;
(5) Whether the surveillance technology has been effective at achieving its identified purpose;
(6) The number and nature of Public Records Act requests relating to the surveillance technology;
(7) Annual costs for the surveillance technology and for compliance with this surveillance and privacy protection ordinance, including personnel and other ongoing costs, and sources of funding; and
(8) Other relevant information as determined by the City Manager.

The annual surveillance report will not include information that may compromise the integrity or limit the effectiveness of a law enforcement investigation.

(b) "Surveillance evaluation" means written information, including as part of a staff report, including:

(1) A description of the surveillance technology, including how it works and what information it captures;
(2) Information on the proposed purpose, use and benefits of the surveillance technology;
(3) The location or locations where the surveillance technology may be used;
(4) Existing federal, state and local laws and regulations applicable to the surveillance technology and the information it captures; the potential impacts on civil liberties and privacy; and proposals to mitigate and manage any impacts;
(5) The costs for the surveillance technology, including acquisition, maintenance, personnel and other costs, and current or potential sources of funding.
(c) "Surveillance technology" means any device or system primarily designed and actually used or intended to be used to collect and retain audio, electronic, visual, location, or similar information constituting personally identifiable information associated with any specific individual or group of specific individuals, for the purpose of tracking, monitoring or analysis associated with that individual or group of individuals. Examples of surveillance technology include drones with cameras or monitoring capabilities, automated license plate readers, closed-circuit cameras/televisions, cell-site simulators, biometrics-identification technology and facial-recognition technology. For the purposes of this chapter, "surveillance technology" does not include:

(1) Any technology that collects information exclusively on or regarding city employees or contractors;
(2) Standard word-processing software; publicly available databases; and standard message tools and equipment, such as voicemail, email, and text message tools;
(3) Information security tools such as web filtering, virus detection software;
(4) Audio and visual recording equipment used exclusively at open and public events, or with the consent of members of the public;
(5) Medical devices and equipment used to diagnose, treat, or prevent disease or injury.
(d) "Surveillance use policy" means a stand-alone policy or a section in a comprehensive policy that is approved by Council and contains:
(1) The intended purpose of the surveillance technology.
(2) Uses that are authorized, any conditions on uses, and uses that are prohibited.
(3) The information that can be collected by the surveillance technology.
(4) The safeguards that protect information from unauthorized access, including, but not limited to, encryption, access- control, and access oversight mechanisms.
(5) The time period for which information collected by the surveillance technology will be routinely retained; the process by which the information is regularly deleted after that period lapses; and conditions and procedures for retaining information beyond that period.
(6) If and how non-city entities can access or use the information, including conditions and rationales for sharing information, and any obligations imposed on the recipient of the information.
(7) A description of compliance procedures, including functions and roles of city officials, internal recordkeeping, measures to monitor for errors or misuse, and corrective procedures that may apply.

SECTION 37. Section 2.30.700 (Records, public inspection) of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2.30.700 Records, public inspection.
(a) Records Maintenance. The Procurement Officer shall maintain written records for each contract, price quotation, purchase order, document or other agreement awarded or entered into by the city, which shall include, at a minimum: the request from the department; the bid or proposal documents received for the contract, if any; all bids or proposals received; the basis on which the contract award was made; and a copy of any and all contracts awarded. The Procurement Officer shall maintain and retain written records of any determination to cancel solicitation documents and of an awarding authority’s decision to reject bids or proposals. Such records shall be retained for a period of time in compliance with California law and the city’s records retention schedule, and the records shall be made available for public inspection during normal city business hours. The foregoing provisions shall not apply to records of wholesale utility commodities and services transactions retained under master agreements referred to in Section 2.30.140, which shall be maintained by the department of utilities.
(b) Public Inspection. Bids shall be available for public inspection following the date and time set for receipt of bids. Proposals shall be available for public inspection following the public announcement of the selection of a proposer for award of contract. Proposals shall be available for public inspection consistent with State public records law, as may be amended from time to time. This Section shall not be construed to require the disclosure of records that are otherwise exempt from inspection and copying by law.

SECTION 38. Section 2.30.710 (City manager reports) of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2.30.710 City Manager reports.
(a) City Manager shall make a biannual report to the Council of all contracts for professional services or general services awarded by the City Manager, the Procurement Officer or other
designated employees, the costs of which exceed $25,000.00, and of all contracts awarded by the City Manager for public works and goods, the costs of which exceed $85,000.00.

(b) The City Manager shall prepare and deliver an annual report to the Council of all leases, licenses and rentals of city real property with third parties, approved by the City Manager.

SECTION 39. Section 2.30.800 (Rewards relating to arrest and conviction) of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2.30.800 Rewards relating to arrest and conviction.

The authority to offer and pay a reward leading to the arrest and conviction of a criminal is reasonably contemplated by this chapter to the extent an expenditure of city funds in return for valuable information can be considered payment for the rendering of services to the city, as contemplated by Section 2.30.010.

(a) The City Manager is authorized to offer and pay a reward of up to $25,000.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons whose willful conduct causes unlawful injury or death to another person, or whose willful misconduct results in unlawful damage or destruction of personal property of the city or another person. The City Manager shall cause the reward offer to be publicized and reported to the City Council.

(b) A reward shall not be paid unless the information is received by the Palo Alto Police Department within ninety days of publication of the reward offer.

(c) Conviction of the person or persons found responsible for the crime shall be required for payment of a reward unless the City Manager makes a written finding that the conviction, determination of guilt, or finding of responsibility was impossible due to the death of the criminal.

(d) Reward claims shall be made, in writing, and the claimant shall provide his or her name, address and telephone number. Unless disclosure is authorized by the claimant, this information shall be deemed confidential and protected from public disclosure to the maximum extent permitted by California law.

(e) Each reward offer shall be made, in writing, and shall be valid only if approved in advance as to form and in compliance with this Section by the City Attorney.

SECTION 40. Section 2.30.900 (Standardization) of Chapter 2.30 (Contracts and Purchasing Procedures) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2.30.900 Standardization.

Where the City Manager has determined that it is required by the health, safety or welfare of the people or employees of the city, or that significant costs savings have been demonstrated, the standardization of supplies, materials or equipment, including, without limitation, information technology property, for purchase or to be used in a public works project is permitted and the supplies, materials or equipment specifications may specify a single brand or trade name. The City Manager or the Procurement Officer may consider the following factors in determining to standardize on a single brand or trade name:

(a) Repair and maintenance costs would be minimized;
(b) User personnel training would be facilitated thereby;
(c) Supplies or spare parts would be minimized;
(d) Modifications to existing equipment would not be necessary;
(e) Training of repair and maintenance personnel would be minimized; and
(f) Matching existing supplies, materials or equipment is required for proper operation of a
function or program.

**SECTION 41.** Subsection (a) of Section 10.50.020 (Definitions) of Chapter 10.50
(Residential Preferential Parking) of Title 10 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the Palo Alto Municipal
Code is hereby amended as follows:

(a) "Director" shall mean the director of planning and community environment chief
transportation official.

**SECTION 42.** Subsection (b) of Section 10.50.050 (Initiation by neighborhood petition)
of Chapter 10.50 (Residential Preferential Parking) of Title 10 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the Palo
Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

(b) Timing and Review of Applications. Each calendar year, the director of planning and
community environment shall review all applications received prior to March 31st of that year
to determine whether the RPP District criteria established in this Chapter are met.

**SECTION 43.** Subsection (b) of Section 10.50.090 (Modification or termination of
districts) of Chapter 10.50 (Residential Preferential Parking) of Title 10 (Vehicles and Traffic) of
the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

(b) Timing and Review of Opt Out Applications. Each calendar year, the director of planning
and community environment shall review all opt out applications received prior to March 31st
of the year to determine whether the opt out criteria established in the administrative
guidelines are met.

**SECTION 44.** Section 10.51.020 (Definitions) of Chapter 10.51 (Crescent Park No
Overnight Parking Program) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

10.51.020 Definitions.
The following words and phrases as used in this chapter shall have the following meanings.
(a) "Crescent Park" means the area bound by Edgewood Drive on the northeast, Channing
Avenue on the south, Lincoln Avenue on the west, University Avenue on the northwest and
including the entirety of Crescent Drive.
(b) "Director" shall mean the chief transportation official.
(bc) " Dwelling unit" shall mean any self-contained house, apartment, stock cooperative, or
condominium occupied solely for residential purposes.
(ed) "Restricted parking area" shall mean a residential area upon which the council imposes
overnight parking limitations pursuant to the authority granted by this chapter.
(de) "Resident" shall mean any person who lives in a dwelling unit located in a residential restricted parking area.

(ef) "Overnight residential parking permit" shall mean a permit issued under this chapter which, when displayed upon a motor vehicle, as described herein, shall exempt said motor vehicle from parking time restrictions established pursuant to this chapter.

(fg) "Guest" shall mean a person visiting residents living in a residential preferential parking zone.

(gh) "Guest parking permit" shall mean a parking permit issued pursuant to this chapter or an ordinance or resolution enacted pursuant to authority granted herein, which when displayed upon a motor vehicle, as described herein, shall exempt the motor vehicle from parking time restrictions established pursuant to this chapter.

SECTION 45. Section 10.51.065 (Modification or termination of restricted parking areas) of Chapter 10.51 (Crescent Park No Overnight Parking Program) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

10.51.065 Modification or termination of restricted parking areas.

(a) Opting out. After final adoption of a designated restricted parking area, an application to opt out may be filed with the director of planning and community environment, subject to the following:

1. The minimum number of blocks and percentage of dwelling units supporting the opt-out shall be specified by the director in the administrative guidelines.

2. Each legal dwelling unit, as defined in Section 18.04.030(b)(46) of this code, shall be entitled to one vote towards the determination of support.

3. Applications for opting out shall be made in the form and manner prescribed by the director and shall be acted upon by the director.

(b) Dissolution. The city council, following a noticed public hearing, may adopt a resolution dissolving a designated restricted parking area:

1. Upon receipt and verification of a signed petition representing fifty percent or more of the affected dwelling units within a designated restricted parking area; or

2. Upon findings by the city council that the criteria for designating the restricted parking area are no longer satisfied.

SECTION 46. Severability. If any provision, clause, sentence or paragraph of this ordinance, or the application to any person or circumstances, shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION 47. CEQA. The City Council finds and determines that this Ordinance is not a "project" within the meaning of section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines because it has no potential for resulting in physical change in the environment, either directly or ultimately.
SECTION 48. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective on the thirty-first date after the date of its adoption.

INTRODUCED:

PASSED:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

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City Clerk  

APPROVED:  

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Mayor  

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  

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City Attorney or Designee  

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City Manager  

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Director of Administrative Services  

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Chief Transportation Official  

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Director of Planning and Development Services
*NOT YET APPROVED*

Ordinance No. ______
Ordinance of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Amending Five Sections of Title 18 (Zoning) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code.

The Council of the City of Palo Alto does ORDAIN as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 18.01.080 of Chapter 18.01 (Adoption, Purposes, and Enforcement) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows (strikethrough text is deleted, underlined text is added):

18.01.080 Violations - Penalties
Any person, firm, or corporation violating any provision of this title is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punishable as provided in Section 1.08.010 of this code. Such person, firm, or corporation is guilty of a separate offense for each and every day during any portion of which such violation of this title is committed, continued, or permitted by such person, firm, or corporation and shall be punishable as provided in this section.

It is unlawful for any person to violate any provision or to fail to comply with any of the requirements of this Chapter or any permits, conditions, or variances granted under this Chapter, and shall be subject to any penalty or penalties authorized by law, including but not limited to: administrative enforcement pursuant to Chapters 1.12 and 1.16 of this code; and criminal enforcement pursuant to Chapter 1.08 of this code. Each separate day or any portion thereof during which any violation of this chapter occurs or continues shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense.

When the code enforcement officer determines that a violation of this Chapter has occurred, he/she may record a notice of pendency of code violation with the Office of the County Recorder stating the address and owner of the property involved. When the violation has been corrected, the code enforcement officer shall issue and record a release of the notice of pendency of code violation.

SECTION 2. Section 18.01.085 of Chapter 18.01 (Adoption, Purposes, and Enforcement) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

18.01.085 Enforcement - Criminal Enforcement Citation Authority
The following designated employee positions may enforce the provisions of this chapter by the issuance of citations. Persons employed in such positions are authorized to exercise the authority provided in Penal Code Section 836.5 and are authorized to issue citations for violations of this chapter. The designated employee positions are: chief building official, plan check engineer; ordinance compliance inspector. The employee positions designated in this section are authorized to exercise the authority provided in California Penal Code section 836.5 for violations of this Chapter. The designated employee positions are: (1) chief building official; and (2) code enforcement officer.
SECTION 3. Subsection (a)(44.8) of section 18.04.030 (Definitions), of Chapter 18.04 (Definitions) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

(a)(44.8) “Director” means the director of planning and development services community environment, unless indicated otherwise.

SECTION 4. Section 18.40.170 of Chapter 18.40 (General Standards and Exceptions) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

18.40.170 Deferral of Director's Action
The director shall have the authority to forward projects to City Council for final action in the circumstances listed below. No action decision by the Director shall be required, and the appeal process and or request for hearing process shall not apply to such referred actions, provided, however, that the Director may seek a recommendation from the Architectural Review Board or Planning and Transportation Commission prior to action by the City Council.

(a) In the case of projects having multiple entitlements, where one requires City Council approval, all entitlements may be referred to City Council for final action;
(b) Projects involving leases or agreements for the use of City-owned property;
(c) Projects requiring a statement of overriding considerations, pursuant to Section 18.31.010; and
(d) Projects, as deemed appropriate by the director.

SECTION 5. Subsection (c)(4) of section 18.77.060 (Standard Staff Review Process), of Chapter 18.77 (Processing of Permits and Approvals) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

(4) Any party, including the applicant, may request a hearing of the planning and transportation commission on the proposed director’s decision by filing a written request with the planning division. There shall be no fee required for requesting such a hearing.

SECTION 6. Severability. If any provision, clause, sentence or paragraph of this ordinance, or the application to any person or circumstances, shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION 7. CEQA. The City Council finds and determines that this Ordinance is not a “project” within the meaning of section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines because it has no potential for resulting in physical change in the environment, either directly or ultimately.

*/NOT YET APPROVED*
SECTION 8. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective on the thirty-first date after the date of its adoption.

INTRODUCED:

PASSED:

AYES:

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ABSENT:

ATTEST: APPROVED:

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City Clerk  Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney or Designee  City Manager

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Director of Planning and Development Services
April 6, 2020

The Honorable City Council
Palo Alto, California

SECOND READING: Adoption of an Ordinance Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on Residential Tenant Evictions Resulting From the COVID-19 Emergency (FIRST READING: MARCH 23, 2020, PASSED 7-0); and Discussion and Direction on Extending the Evictions Moratorium to Businesses, Nonprofit Organizations, and Other Commercial Tenants

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Council:

A. Find the proposed Ordinance exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines, and adopt the Ordinance (Attachment A) Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on Residential Evictions for Tenants with Substantial Income Loss Due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency.

B. Discuss and provide direction to staff on whether to extend the temporary moratorium to protect commercial tenants from eviction due to the COVID-19 state of emergency.

Background

On March 23, 2020, the Council adopted an urgency ordinance and approved the ordinance now presented for a second reading, establishing a temporary moratorium on residential tenant evictions for nonpayment of rent due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and state of emergency. The following day, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors adopted a countywide evictions moratorium applicable to residential and certain small commercial tenants. The County’s ordinance stated that it does not supersede cities’ ordinances to the extent a city ordinance provides greater tenant protections, but otherwise the County’s ordinance applies to cities and towns in the County, in addition to the unincorporated areas. Accordingly, in Palo Alto both the City ordinance and the County ordinance apply. Staff has made proposed changes to the Palo Alto ordinance to better align with the County ordinance to reduce confusion and to address a potential gap in protections for tenants who have not yet resided in their residential units for 12 months. The changes made to the ordinance approved on first reading are shown in underline and strikethrough.
At the March 23rd Council meeting, the Council also gave direction to staff to prepare an ordinance providing similar protections to small businesses and nonprofit organizations. However, given the County’s subsequent adoption of a moratorium on commercial evictions and potential action by the State Legislature, staff seeks further input from Council on whether to proceed with the City’s own commercial evictions moratorium ordinance or to instead rely on the County ordinance and devote staff resources to consider other actions to assist the business and nonprofit community in Palo Alto.

Discussion

Soon after Palo Alto adopted its urgency ordinance, Santa Clara County enacted a moratorium on residential and certain commercial tenant evictions that it stated applies throughout the county, including in cities and towns within the county. Because the County made a late decision to expand its ordinance beyond the unincorporated areas, a number of other jurisdictions in the county (including the cities of Santa Clara, Gilroy and Cupertino, and the town of Los Gatos) had their own ordinances on their council agendas on the same day the county board of supervisors approved the county ordinance. The County’s ordinance is substantively similar to Palo Alto’s and other previously adopted ordinances like San Jose and San Francisco’s ordinances, prohibiting residential tenant evictions for rent nonpayment due to substantial income loss related to COVID-19, but not affecting the tenant’s continuing obligation to pay rent, and providing a safe harbor of 120 days after the end of the state of emergency to pay the back rent without risk of eviction for nonpayment.

Proposed modifications to align with the County ordinance with respect to residential tenant evictions

The County’s ordinance is broader than Palo Alto’s in two respects. First, on residential evictions, it prohibits “no-fault” evictions (as defined in AB 1492, the state’s recently enacted “just cause” eviction law, which became effective January 1, 2020) if the tenant has experienced substantial income loss or incurred substantial medical costs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Because the state’s just cause eviction law only applies to tenants who have resided in their units for at least 12 months, tenants who don’t yet qualify for the state protections could be evicted without a stated reason, even if the underlying reason may be failure to pay full rent. Under the County ordinance, landlords could not evict tenants for nonpayment of rent (ordinarily a “for-cause” reason) or for a no-fault reason if the tenant has had substantial financial impact due to COVID-19 related income loss or medical costs; tenants could still be evicted for a for-cause reason (i.e., breach of other lease provisions) except for nonpayment of rent related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The proposed changes to the City’s ordinance would align with the county ordinance as described, including requiring landlords to provide the reason for termination of tenancy while the ordinance is in effect. However, the City’s

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1 “No-fault” reasons include if the landlord wants to move in to the unit or move in a close family member, if the landlord plans to take the unit off the rental market, or if the landlord intends to demolish or substantially remodel the unit such that it is uninhabitable for at least 30 days.
ordinance would apply only to tenants who have incurred substantial job-related income loss, as addressed in the Governor’s Executive Order, not tenants who have only sustained medical costs without related income loss. Those tenants who have sustained COVID-19 related medical costs would be protected under the County ordinance.

The City’s ordinance would remain in effect through the local emergency proclaimed by the City, as extended by the Council with findings of continuing necessity every 60 days. The County ordinance expires concurrently with the Governor’s March 16th Executive Order which currently is in effect through May 31. Although it is likely that both the Executive Order and the County ordinance will be extended, if the County ordinance terminates earlier than the City’s ordinance, the protections of the City’s ordinance would still apply to Palo Alto tenants and landlords.

Commercial tenant evictions

The County ordinance is also broader than Palo Alto’s ordinance in its applicability to commercial tenant evictions for small businesses, specifically evictions from “any real property used for business, income-producing purposes, or any purpose other than for residential use, however organized, that meets the standard for a small business in the industry in which that entity operates as defined in the U.S. Small Business Administration’s table of size standards by industry” (13 CFR sec. 121.201). The Small Business Administration (SBA) uses annual receipts or number of employees to establish thresholds for businesses that vary by sector or sub-sector. The table below illustrates the thresholds identified by the SBA; businesses which fall below the employee or annual receipts thresholds are considered small and would be protected from COVID-19 related evictions under the County ordinance. The SBA calculates annual receipts as “the ‘total income’ (or ‘gross income’) plus the ‘cost of goods sold.’”

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At the City Council meeting on March 23, 2020, Council discussed the scope of a potential local commercial eviction moratorium. This included a discussion of the size of businesses that would be eligible for protection, with 20 employees or 50 employees suggested as potential thresholds. Since the County ordinance utilizes the SBA definition of a small business, the ordinance applies to some industries based on employee size and others based on annual receipts.

Based on the high employee and annual receipts thresholds provided by the SBA, it appears the proposed County ordinance would apply to many Palo Alto businesses and non-profit organizations. In contrast, limiting the ordinance’s reach to 20 or 50 employees may inadvertently leave out businesses hit hardest by the Shelter in Place Orders. For example, based on 2019 Business Registry data, the average Palo Alto restaurant has 30 primary employees. Yet some restaurants have 60, 70, or as many as 85 primary employees. More information about annual receipts of Palo Alto businesses by industry would be needed to assess businesses that fall inside and outside the bounds of the County ordinance. For example, any full-service restaurant with annual receipts over $8 million would not be eligible under the County ordinance.

In addition to the County measure, State Senator Scott Weiner has introduced an amended senate bill SB 939 to prohibit eviction of tenants of commercial real property, including businesses and non-profit organizations, throughout the state during the pendency of the state of emergency declared by the Governor on March 4 related to COVID-19. The State Legislature does not return in session until April 13, and it is anticipated the bill will be further amended when the Legislature reconvenes prior to votes on the bill.

Given the likelihood of further state action in the coming weeks, staff believes it would be prudent to operate under the County ordinance for now and wait until state mandates are better defined before determining whether additional local action is warranted.

Governor’s Executive Order of March 27, 2020
Governor Newsom’s Executive Order signed on March 16, 2020 allowed local jurisdictions to regulate residential and commercial evictions to protect tenants from eviction for nonpayment of rent if they are unable to pay as a result of substantial income loss related to COVID-19. On March 27, the Governor issued another Executive Order extending the time for residential tenants served with an unlawful detainer action under Code of Civil Procedure Section 1167 to respond to the summons and complaint (from 5 days as ordinarily applies to 60 days), and prohibiting the enforcement of an eviction order, if the tenant is unable to pay the full rent due to reasons related to COVID-19 and meets other conditions. The Executive Order did not modify the authorization to local jurisdictions to enact their own protections in the prior Executive Order; both orders remain in effect through May 31.

The State actions taken to date on tenant evictions are no more protective than the County and City ordinances, and do not conflict with the local actions. The most protective provisions among the State, County and City’s enactments will apply. The City proposes to include minor amendments to its ordinance to better align with the county so as to reduce potential confusion among affected tenants and landlords.

**Stakeholder Engagement**

The staff report was posted to the City’s website on April 2, 2020. Additional support for residents and businesses experiencing financial stress related to the COVID-19 pandemic is updated daily on the City’s website as well as through social media, blogs and e-newsletters to the community.

**Environmental Review**

The proposed ordinances are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15601 of the CEQA Guidelines because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the ordinances will have a significant effect on the environment.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- **Attachment5.a:** Ordinance Prohibiting Residential Evictions Related to Coronavirus -- 2nd reading (PDF)

Department Head: Molly Stump, City Attorney
Ordinance No. _____

Ordinance of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Relating to a Temporary Moratorium on Residential Evictions for Nonpayment of Rent Related During to the COVID-19 State of Emergency

The Council of the City of Palo Alto ORDAINS as follows:

SECTION 1. Findings and Declarations. The City Council finds and declares as follows:


B. On March 9, 2020, Santa Clara County reported there were 43 cases of persons testing positive for COVID-19, an increase of 23 confirmed cases in 5 days. The County also experienced its first death due to the virus. Due to the increased threat and evidence of community transmission of the virus, the County Public Health Officer issued an order prohibiting mass gatherings attended by 1,000 persons until March 31, 2020.

C. On March 12, 2020, due to the escalating increase in cases and community spread of COVID-19 in Santa Clara County, City Manager Ed Shikada, acting as the Director of Emergency Services, issued a Proclamation of Local Emergency. The City Council ratified the issuance of the proclamation on March 16, 2020.

D. On March 13, 2020, the County Public Health Officer issued a new order mandating a countywide moratorium on gatherings of more than 100 persons and a conditional countywide moratorium on gatherings between 35-100 persons. Most school districts throughout the San Francisco Bay Area also announced closures for three weeks commencing the following week on March 16, 2020.

E. On March 15, 2020, Governor Newsom directed the closing of all bars, nightclubs, brewpubs, and wineries in the state, and called for residents age 65 and older to self-isolate, to increase social distancing and protect persons most vulnerable to COVID-19. At the same time, he emphasized the plight of the thousands of unsheltered persons in the state as a top public health concern.

F. On March 16, 2020, the public health officers for the six Bay Area counties, including Santa Clara County, took the unprecedented and dramatic step of issuing “shelter-in-place” orders directing county residents to shelter at home for three weeks beginning March 17 (the “Shelter-in-Place Order” or “Order”). The Order limits activity, travel, and business functions to only the most essential needs. The Order requires all businesses other than “essential businesses”, as defined, to cease activities at facilities located in the county. Three days later, on March 20, the Governor issued a shelter-in-place order for the entire state.

G. Following prior guidance and recommendations of public health officials and experts over the past month, Californians in particularly impacted areas like Santa Clara County
had already begun observing enhanced social distancing practices, including increased telework on a voluntary basis. Under the more recent county health orders that became effective on March 176, 2020, and were updated on March 31, the vast majority of city residents and workers are not able to report to work and many businesses have closed. As a result, restaurant, retail, tourism, and hospitality business has significantly declined and will continue to decline with mandatory closures now in effect for many businesses and most workers required to work remotely at home if they are able to work at all. Workers have been impacted by lost wages and layoffs. Parents have had to miss work to care for home-bound school-age children.

H. Many tenants have experienced sudden income loss, and further, more severe income impacts are anticipated. The loss of wages caused by the effects of COVID-19 may impact tenants’ ability to pay rent when due, leaving tenants vulnerable to eviction.

I. Providing tenants with short-term protection from eviction due to the inability to pay rent will help avoid increasing the homeless population and stabilize the rental housing market by reducing displacement. This need is even more acute while in the middle of a growing pandemic with in-home sheltering mandated to reduce the community spread of COVID-19, the threat of overburdening of the health care system and resulting fatalities.

J. During this state of emergency, and in the interests of protecting the public health and preventing the transmission of the coronavirus, it is essential to avoid unnecessary displacement of tenants. Prohibiting evictions on a temporary basis is needed until the spread of the virus can be minimized and the emergency restrictions lifted.

K. On March 24, 2020, the day after the Council first considered and approved this Ordinance, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors adopted an urgency ordinance prohibiting tenant evictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic that it applied as an emergency action throughout the county, including in cities such as Palo Alto. The county’s ordinance provides substantially similar protections as this Ordinance. The county’s ordinance did not foreclose cities from adopting their own ordinance, nor supersede already adopted ones, but instead stated that the most protective provisions would apply. The county’s ordinance is in effect through May 31, 2020, as may be extended.

SECTION 2. Title

This Ordinance shall be known as the “COVID-19 Eviction Moratorium Ordinance”.

SECTION 3. Definitions

A. “Affected Tenant” shall mean a Tenant who has, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, or declaration of the County Public Health Officer, or other local, State or Federal Authority, suffered a substantial loss in income through their employment as a result of any of the following: (1) job loss; (2) a reduction of compensated hours of work; (3) employer’s business closure; (4) missing work due to a minor child’s school closure; or (5) other similarly-caused reason resulting in a loss of income due to COVID-19.
B. “Covered Reason for Delayed Payment” includes, but is not limited to, any of the following: (1) Tenant lost household income as a result of being sick with Coronavirus, or caring for a household or family member who is sick with Coronavirus; (2) Tenant lost household income as a result of a lay-off, loss of hours, or other income reduction resulting from Coronavirus or the state of emergency; (3) Tenant lost household income due to compliance with a recommendation from a government agency to stay home, self-quarantine, or avoid congregating with others during the state of emergency.

D. “Landlord” means an owner, lessor, or sublessor who receives or is entitled to receive rent for the use and occupancy of any Rental Unit, and the agent, representative, or successor of any of the foregoing.

F. “Rental Unit” means a structure or the part of a structure that is used as a home, residence, or sleeping place by one person who maintains a household or by two or more persons who maintain a common household, and which household pays rent for the use and occupancy for periods in excess of seven days whether or not the residential use is a conforming use permitted under the Palo Alto Municipal Code.

G. “Tenant” means a residential tenant, subtenant, lessee, sublessee, or any other person entitled by written or oral rental agreement, or by sufferance, to use or occupancy of a Rental Unit.

SECTION 4. Applicability

This Ordinance applies to Affected Tenants in any Rental Unit and Landlords of Affected Tenants. This Ordinance applies to nonpayment and certain no-fault eviction notices and unlawful detainer actions based on such notices, served or filed on or after the date of introduction of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. Prohibited Conduct

A. During the term of this Ordinance, no Landlord shall take actions to evict a Tenant for nonpayment of rent or for a no-fault cause for eviction, as those causes are defined in Civil Code Section 1946.2(b)(2)(A)-(B) and (D), if the Tenant demonstrates that as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, or declaration of the County Public Health Officer, or other local, State or Federal Authority, including government-recommended precautions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Tenant has suffered a substantial loss in income through their employment as a result of any of the following: (1) job loss; (2) a reduction of compensated hours of work; (3) employer’s business closure; (4) missing work due to a minor child’s school closure; or (5) other similarly-caused reason resulting in a loss of income due to COVID-19 (collectively referred to as “Covered Reasons for Delayed Payment”).

B. A Landlord who knows that a Tenant cannot pay some or all of the rent temporarily for the reasons set forth above, shall not serve a notice pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 1161(2), file or prosecute an unlawful detainer action based on a 3-day pay or
quit notice, or otherwise seek to evict for nonpayment of rent.

C. A Landlord knows of the Tenant’s inability to pay rent within the meaning of this Ordinance if the Tenant notifies the Landlord in writing of lost income and inability to pay full rent, and provides documentation to support the claim. For purposes of this section, “in writing” includes email or text communications to a Landlord or the Landlord’s representative with whom the Tenant has previously corresponded by email or text. Any medical or financial information provided to the Landlord shall be held in confidence, and only used for evaluating the Tenant’s claim or enforcing this provision.

D. A Landlord’s failure to comply with this Ordinance shall render any notice of termination of tenancy, where termination would be in violation of this Section, void. Any notice of termination of tenancy served on a Tenant while this Ordinance is in effect must contain the reason for termination of tenancy. Any notice of termination served on a Tenant must also include a copy of this Ordinance as well as notice of Tenant’s rights under County Ordinance No. NS-9.287 on a form approved by the County Office of Supportive Housing if the County Ordinance is in effect at the time.

SECTION 6. Continuing Obligation to Pay Rent; 120-Day Payback Period

A. Nothing in this Ordinance shall relieve the Tenant of liability for the unpaid rent, which the Landlord may seek after expiration of the Proclamation of Local Emergency ratified and declared by the City Council on March 23, 2020 (the “state of emergency”). A Landlord may not charge or collect interest, a late fee, or penalty for rent that is delayed for the reasons stated in this Ordinance.

B. Tenants who were afforded eviction protection under this Ordinance shall have up to 120 days after the City of Palo Alto proclaims the termination of the state of emergency, to pay their Landlord all unpaid rent. During that 120-day period, the protections against eviction in this Ordinance apply for such Tenants.

SECTION 7. Affirmative Defense to Eviction; Penalties and Remedies

A. **Affirmative Defense.** Each Landlord that seeks to terminate a tenancy of an Affected Tenant must comply with this Ordinance. Non-compliance with any applicable provision of this Ordinance shall constitute an affirmative defense for an Affected Tenant against any unlawful detainer action under California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1161, as amended.

To assert this affirmative defense, an Affected Tenant shall have notified their Landlord prior to the notice of termination of tenancy, notifying the Landlord that they are an Affected Tenant and establish that, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic or declaration of County Public Health Officer, or other State or Federal Authority, suffered substantial loss of income caused by any of the following: (1) job loss; (2) a reduction of compensated hours of work; (3) work closure; (4) missing work due to a minor child’s school closure; or (5) other similarly-caused reason resulting in a loss of income due to COVID-19, and has provided written documentation or other objectively verifiable proof
of the same. The following documents shall create a rebuttable presumption that the
Affected Tenant has met the documentation requirement set forth above, however,
they are not the exclusive form of documentation demonstrating impacts to income due
to COVID-19:

1. Letter from employer citing COVID-19 as a reason for reduced work hours
   or termination;
2. Employer paycheck stubs;
3. Bank statements.

B. Civil Remedies.

1. Any Landlord that fail(s) to comply with this Ordinance may be subject to civil
   proceedings for displacement of Affected Tenant(s) initiated by the City or the
   Affected Tenant Household for actual and exemplary damages.

2. Whoever is found to have violated this Ordinance shall be subject to appropriate
   injunctive relief and shall be liable for damages, costs and reasonable attorneys'
   fees.

3. Treble damages shall be awarded for a Landlord's willful failure to comply with
   the obligations established under this Ordinance.

4. Nothing herein shall be deemed to interfere with the right of a Landlord to file
   an action against a Tenant or non-Tenant third party for the damage done to said
   Landlord's property. Nothing herein is intended to limit the damages recoverable
   by any party through a private action.

SECTION 8. Severability

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held
to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such
decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City
Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each and every section,
subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase not declared invalid or unconstitutional without regard
to whether any portion of the Ordinance would be subsequently declared invalid or
unconstitutional.

SECTION 9. Environmental Review

The Council finds that the Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act
(CEQA) pursuant to Section 15601 of the CEQA Guidelines because it can be seen with certainty
that there is no possibility that the Ordinance will have a significant effect on the environment.

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SECTION 10. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall be effective on the thirty-first day after the date of its adoption and shall remain in effect until the 121st day after the City Council proclaims the termination of the state of local emergency ratified and declared by the Council on March 23, 2020, as extended.

SECTION 11. Avoidance of Inconsistencies

To avoid inconsistencies, the City Manager may suspend any part of this Ordinance in the event that the President of the United States, United States Congress, Governor of the State of California, or California State Legislature adopts any order or legislation that is inconsistent with the actions directed in the Ordinance.

INTRODUCED:

PASSED:

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NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTION:

NOT PARTICIPATING:

ATTEST:

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City Clerk                                                                    Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:                                                        APPROVED:

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Assistant City Attorney                                           City Manager

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Director of Planning & Development Services
SCHEDULE of MEETINGS

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MONDAY, APRIL 6
City Council Meeting, Virtual, 6:00 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 9
Historic Resources Board Meeting, Virtual, 8:30 AM

MONDAY, APRIL 13
City Council Meeting, Virtual, 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15
Sp. Utilities Advisory Commission Meeting Virtual, 9:00 AM
Sp. Planning & Transportation Commission Meeting, Virtual, 5:00 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 16
Sp. City School Liaison Committee Meeting, Virtual, 8:30 AM
Architectural Review Board Meeting, Virtual, 8:30 AM

MONDAY, APRIL 20
City Council Meeting, Virtual, 6:00 PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 21
Finance Committee Meeting, Virtual, 7:00 PM

MONDAY, MAY 4
City Council Meeting, Virtual, 6:00 PM

TUESDAY, MAY 5
Finance Committee Meeting, Virtual, 7:00 PM
ALL MEETING WILL BE VIRTUAL THROUGH MAY 4, 2020 USING ZOOM

POTENTIAL APRIL MEETINGS
April 7-Finance Cancelled
April 9- HRB @ 8:30 AM
April 13- Council
April 14- P&S Cancelled
April 15- UAC 9:00 AM
April 15- PTC 5:00 PM
April 16- City/School
April 20- Council
April 21-Finance

MONDAY APRIL 20, 2020 SP. CITY COUNCIL MEETING @ 6:00 PM

ACTION
Update and Discussion of the COVID-19 Health Emergency and the City’s Response

STUDY SESSION
Presentation of the City Manager’s Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Budget

ACTION
Fee Waiver
Pension Funding

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020 FINANCE COMM. MEETING

Proposed Fiscal Year 2020-21 Community Development Block Grant Funding Allocation

Staff and the Utilities Advisory Commission Recommend the City Council Adopt 1) a Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year 2021 Water Utility Financial Plan for No Water Rate Increase and Proposed Transfers
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Tentative Agendas for

Wastewater Collection Utility Financial Projections for FY 2021

Second Quarter FY 2020 Financial Report

**MONDAY MAY 4, 2020  CITY COUNCIL MEETING @ 6:00 PM**

**ACTION**
Update and Discussion of the COVID-19 Health Emergency and the City's Response

**STUDY SESSION**
Update to the City's Transportation Analysis Methodology for the Purpose of Complying With California Senate Bill 743

**ACTION**
Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing Staff to Submit a CalOES/FEMA COVID-19 Financial Assistance Application

Adoption of Amendments to the Palo Alto Municipal Code Chapters 18.52 and 18.54 to Allow a Reduction in the Number in Parking Spaces for Existing Buildings/Uses to Meet State-Mandated Parking Requirements Related to the Americans with Disability Act, Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, and Local Standards for Parking Lot Re-Striping. Environmental Assessment: This Project is Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in Accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, 15302, 15303, and 15061(b)(3)

**TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2019  FINANCE COMM. MEETING**
Summary Title: PAFD Semi-Annual Performance Report FY20

Title: Palo Alto Fire Department Semi-Annual Performance Report for the First Half of Fiscal Year 2020

From: City Manager

Lead Department: Fire

Recommendation
Staff recommends the City Council review the First Palo Alto Fire Department Semi-Annual Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2020.

Background and Discussion
In Fiscal Year 2015 the Palo Alto Fire Department (PAFD) identified performance reporting as a key initiative, and began reporting on key performance measures quarterly. In Fiscal Year 2018 the Department began submitting reports twice each year.

The report provides overall calls for service information, as well as more detailed information on the key service areas, including Emergency Medical Services, Fire Suppression, Rescue and Hazardous Materials Response, and Fire Prevention. The report also provides information on mutual and automatic aid with our regional public safety partners and internal workforce planning efforts.

Performance measures include the following:

- Calls for Service: This data provides information on the final outcome of all emergency response calls. The data is tracked in the Fire Department’s Record Management System, and uses standardized call type codes, which are defined by the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS). The report includes overall call volume by primary category, and a detailed listing of call type in the service type sections.

- Response Times: The time that an alert is received from the emergency dispatchers to the arrival of the fire resources at the scene of the emergency.
This information is tracked in the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System, and the performance goals, or service levels, are set by Council in accordance with county and national standards.

- Ambulance Transports: The report provides the number of ambulatory transports to hospitals or other medical care facilities, and the proportion of Emergency Medical Calls that included transports. This information is tracked in the Fire Department’s Emergency Medical Record Management System.

- Fire Containment: This measures the proportion of building and structure fires that are contained to the area or room of origin within Palo Alto and Stanford Campus.

- Mutual and Automatic Aid: This includes the number and proportion of all incidents that the PAFD provided aid to neighboring communities, as well as the aid received from neighboring Fire Departments. This information is tracked in the CAD System.

- Permits: This provides the total count of facility, electric vehicle, and solar permits issued by the Fire Prevention Bureau. This information is currently tracked in the Development Center’s Records Management System.

- Inspections: A count of the total number of Hazardous Materials and State Mandated inspections is provided. In addition, an estimated number of inspections to be completed for the year is also provided to assess overall workload performance to date.

- Fire and Life Safety Plans Reviewed: This provides a total count of all plans reviewed, as well as the proportion of plans that were reviewed within the time guidelines.

- Vacancies and Off-Line Employees: This section provides the total number of budgeted full-time equivalent shift personnel, current vacancies, and employees that are off-line due to workers compensation or light duty. This information is obtained from the Fire Department’s Staffing and Scheduling System (TeleStaff), as well as the City’s Personnel Management System.

- Succession Planning Metrics: This provides the number and proportion of shift personnel that are eligible to retire, or will be eligible within the next five years. This information is tracked in the City’s Personnel Management System. This report also provides the total number of hours that shift personnel spent in an acting capacity. Personnel serving in an acting capacity are a key component of the Department’s overall succession planning efforts. Acting capacity allows junior officers to learn the responsibilities of higher ranks with guidance from
senior officers. This information is tracked in TeleStaff.

- Training hours: The total number of training hours completed by all shift personnel is provided, as well as the average number of hours per each shift personnel on staff. This information is tracked in the Fire Department’s Record Management System. Local, State and Federal mandates require fire personnel to train a minimum of 20 hours per month.

Attachments:
- **Attachmenta:** ATTACHMENT A_Coverletter FINAL
- **Attachmentb:** ATTACHMENT B_Semi Annual Performance Report FY20.1 FINAL
- **Attachmentc:** ATTACHMENT C_EMS Customer Report
- **Attachmentd:** ATTACHMENT D_Letters of Appreciation
Honorable Councilmembers,

I am pleased to provide the enclosed performance report for the first half of Fiscal Year 2020. This period saw a five percent (5%) increase in overall call volume. This is primarily from an increase in our Emergency Medical Services calls.

In 2018, the Department conducted a predictive analysis with subject matter expert consultants, Actionable Insights, that showed an expected increase to EMS call volume of 25-34% by 2030. This increase may be the beginning of this predicted growth. To strategically prepare for this expected surge in demand, the Department is convening a stakeholder group to work on a business plan for alternative service delivery models.

This February we graduated six new Palo Alto Firefighters from the Joint Fire Academy, and I am proud to welcome them to the Department. I have been impressed with their performance and appreciate the dedication of the Training Division with adequately preparing them. Although we over hired to reduce vacancies, we had a few retirements, and we are currently fully staffed for the first time.

Although we are fully staffed, we expect this to be temporary as forty-three percent (43%) of our line staff are eligible to retire in the next five years. To prepare for additional retirements, our Support Services division is working to conduct an entry-level hiring to establish a hiring list.

Sincerely,

Geo Blackshire
Fire Chief
Calls for Service

The Palo Alto Fire Department (PAFD) responded to a total of 4,499 calls for service in the first six-month period of Fiscal Year 2020. This includes responses within Palo Alto, Stanford, and neighboring cities to provide Auto and Mutual Aid. Approximately eighty-three percent (83%) of calls are generated from Palo Alto, sixteen percent (16%) from Stanford, and the remainder from neighboring cities or requests for regional fire deployment.

The majority of calls were for Rescue and Emergency Medical Services, making up sixty two percent (62%) of the responses. Table 1 below shows the main categories of the calls to which PAFD responded. Calls are classified based on the actual event occurred, rather than the initial call request.

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<td>False Alarm and False Call</td>
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<td>Service Call</td>
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<td>Fire</td>
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<td>Hazardous Condition, No Fire</td>
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<td>71</td>
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<td><strong>Grand Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>4,264</strong></td>
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Good Intent and False Alarm calls make up the second largest types of responses. Most calls for service that may be a true threat of fire, gas or other emergency hazard are actually found to be something else after Firefighters investigate the situation. These calls are coded as Good Intent calls. As well, many fire alarm activations are from causes other than fire or emergency hazard. These situations are categorized as False Alarm calls.
Emergency Medical Services and Rescue

Emergency Medical Service (EMS) is the primary service that the Palo Alto Fire Department provides to Palo Alto and Stanford. While this shift toward EMS is being seen across the region, the Palo Alto Fire Department is the only Fire Department in the County that provides ambulance and transport services.

Of the 2,792 Emergency Medical Service calls the PAFD responded to in the first period of Fiscal Year 2020, the overwhelming majority were for medical, trauma and cardiac calls that did not involve a vehicle accident.

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<td>Emergency Medical Service Incident</td>
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<td>2,729</td>
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<td>Extrication, Rescue</td>
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<td>54</td>
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<td>Lock-In</td>
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<td>Rescue or EMS Standby</td>
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<td>Water and Ice-Related Rescue</td>
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<td>Search for Lost Person</td>
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<td>Number of Transports</td>
<td>1,774</td>
<td>1,958</td>
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<td>Percent of EMS Calls resulting in transport</td>
<td>67%</td>
<td>70%</td>
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Response Times

| Percent of first responder arriving on scene to EMS calls within 8 minutes | 93%          | 91%         |
| Percent of paramedic responder arriving on scene to EMS calls within 12 minutes | 99%          | 99%         |
| Average response time for first responder arriving on scene to EMS calls | 5:06         | 5:14        |

This period reflects a slight increase to the number of Rescue and EMS Incident calls. The number of EMS calls that resulted in an ambulance transport to a local hospital or care facility, accounted for seventy percent (70%) of all EMS calls. This is the primary source of revenue generated from emergency medical services, and the Department has seen a small increase to revenue from the surge of EMS calls over the last period.

- **Response Time Goal Met**: At least 90% of first responder arriving on scene to EMS calls within eight minutes.

This period the PAFD first responder arrived on scene to EMS calls within eight minutes ninety-one percent (91%) of the time.

- **Response Time Goal Met**: At least 99% of paramedic responder arriving on scene to EMS calls within 12 minutes.

This period the PAFD paramedic responder arrived on scene to EMS calls within 12 minutes ninety-nine percent (99%) of the time.
Fire Suppression

Very few of the potential fire calls coming into dispatch turn out to be a real fire once PAFD investigates the scene and cause of the concerning elements. This period PAFD responded to fifty-seven (57) calls where fire was present, with forty-three in Palo Alto and thirteen occurring in Stanford. There were seven (7) building fires that the Department responded to where five of which were contained to the area of origin.

Here are the descriptions of the significant fires for this period:

7/5/19
Units responded to find light brown smoke showing from Charlie side of portable classroom structure at rear of Cubberly complex. A 10 foot by 20 foot enclosed wood shed with smoke pushing out door seam and roof lines. Units made entry to the shed and found heavy brown smoke. The fire was extinguished. Overhaul was performed while attempting to maintain evidence for fire investigation.

8/26/19
On arrival smoke was showing from a downstairs apartment unit at the rear of the complex. Personnel entered and extinguished the fire. The main fire damage was in a closet immediately to the left of the front door, the hallway, and some damage in the kitchen.

12/5/19
PAFD crews responded to a structure fire. Crews arrived on scene to a working fire in the center occupancy of a multi-unit structure. The fire was confined to the living room of the unit of origin. Units on scene got a quick knock down, completed a primary search, checked for fire extension and performed salvage and overhaul. Red cross was also dispatched for the displaced residents.

12/25/19
PD responded to a Christmas tree on fire in a home. At that time the smoke seemed to be dissipating, which was due to the sprinklers being activated and putting out the fire. The fire had been found to be contained to the tree, which we removed from the residence. There was significant water damage and crews performed salvage and overhaul before turning over the scene to the building owners.
### Fire Suppression Measures

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<td>Special outside fire</td>
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<td>Outside rubbish fire</td>
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<td>Mobile property (vehicle) fire</td>
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<td>Natural vegetation on fire</td>
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<td>Fire, Other</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td>Fire in mobile property used as a fixed structure</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>85</strong></td>
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#### Response Times

- **Percent of first responder arriving on scene to Fire calls within 8 minutes**: 88% (FY19) vs 86% (FY20)
- **Average response time for first responder arriving on scene to Fire calls**: 5:43 (FY19) vs 5:48 (FY20)

#### Fire Containment

- **Percent of building and structure fires contained to the room or area of origin**: 71% (FY19) vs 71% (FY20)

⚠️ **Response Time Not Goal Met**: At least 90% of first responder arriving on scene to Fire calls within eight minutes.

This period the PAFD first responder arrived on scene to Fire calls within eight minutes eighty six percent (86%) of the time.

⚠️ **Fire Containment Goal Not Met**: At least 90% of building and structure fires contained to the room or area of origin.

This period there were seven building or structure fires within Palo Alto or Stanford, of which seventy one percent (71%) was contained to the room or area of origin.
Hazardous Materials

The Fire Department responded to a total of 71 calls related to hazardous material incidents. The most common Hazardous Material call is spills and leaks of either natural or liquid petroleum gas (LPG) which totaled 44. This number accounted for sixty-two (62%) percent of all Hazardous Material calls.

The second highest Hazardous Material calls were related to electrical wiring or equipment problems. fifteen (15) of these calls account for twenty (20%) percent of all Hazardous Material calls.

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<td>Combustible/Flammable spills and leaks</td>
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<td>Electrical wiring/Equipment problem</td>
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<td>Biological hazard</td>
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<td>Chemical release, reaction, or toxic condition</td>
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<td>Accident, potential accident</td>
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<td>Attempted burning, illegal action</td>
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Response Times

Average response time for first responder arriving on scene to Rescue & Hazardous Materials calls

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**Mutual and Automatic Aid**

The Fire Department previously held automatic aid agreements with five regional Fire Departments, including Mountain View, Menlo Park, and Santa Clara County Fire. At the request of the City of Mountain View, the automatic aid agreement was modified at the beginning of January 2018 resulting in a significant decrease in the number of calls compared to the prior fiscal year. The Palo Alto Fire Department continues to advocate for the closest unit response and collects objective data to support improved services to all of our communities under the previous automatic aid agreement.

Santa Clara County received the highest amount of aid from the department this period accounting for fifty-eight (58%) of all mutual and auto aid provided. The Department received the most aid from Mountain View with a total of 36 incidents.

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<td><strong>All Mutual and Auto Aid Provided</strong></td>
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| **Mutual and Auto Aid Received** |              |              |
| Agency                          |              |              |
| Mountain View Fire              | 28           | 36           |
| Menlo Park Fire                 | 16           | 16           |
| Woodside Fire                   | -            | 10           |
| Santa Clara County Fire         | 4            | 1            |
| **All Mutual and Auto Aid Received** | 48           | 63           |
Fire Prevention

The Fire Prevention Bureau ensures compliance with the Fire Code for the safety of occupants and protection of property. Fire Inspectors perform fire sprinkler and fire alarm plan checks, permitting, and field inspections with the goal of ensuring all construction complies with local and national codes.

This period saw a significant increase in the number of plans reviewed compared to the same period in the prior year. The reduction in the number of plans completed on-time is directly attributed to the increase in workload for the Bureau staff.

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<td><strong>Fire and Life Safety Plan Review</strong></td>
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<td>Plans Reviewed</td>
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<td>Percent of Reviews Completed On-Time</td>
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**Workforce Planning**

The Department operates daily emergency response operations with a total of 86.00 FTE line personnel. This includes three battalions of crews that staff six stations in the City and Stanford 24 hours each day.

Over the last period, the department was fully staffed for the first time in over a decade. Six new firefighters were hired to complete a Joint Fire Academy and will graduate in February.

The Department continues to face massive turnover in the future with forty-three percent (43%) of all shift staff eligible to retire. To prepare for this, the Department is working on completing an entry-level hiring process to create a new list to hire from as more staff retire over the next two years.

The training division supported the Joint Fire Academy, conducting training and testing for Acting Captains, completed an Apparatus Operator handbook and hosted trainings on night drills and urban search and rescue this period.

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<th>Classification</th>
<th>Budgeted FTE</th>
<th>Vacancies</th>
<th>Off-Line Employees (Workers Comp/Light Duty)</th>
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<td>22</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fire Apparatus Operator &amp; Fire Fighters</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>86</strong></td>
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<td>Percent of all Shift Staff Eligible to Retire within Five Years</td>
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<td>Number of Acting Battalion Chief Hours</td>
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<td>Number of Acting Captain Hours</td>
<td>1,681</td>
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<td>Number of Acting Apparatus Operator Hours</td>
<td>8,107</td>
<td>8,162</td>
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<td><strong>Training</strong></td>
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<td>Hours of Training Completed</td>
<td>17,464</td>
<td>23,917</td>
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<td>Average Hours Per Line Personnel</td>
<td>253</td>
<td>310</td>
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PAFD
VITAL SIGNS REPORT

SURVEYS RECEIVED 7-1-2019 THROUGH 12-31-2019
FILTERS: SURVEY: 1
1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PAFD received a total of 228 responses for this period. The highest rated section was *Communication*, with a total score of 96.05. The lowest rated section was *Billing*, with a total score of 88.73.

- The Communication section had a 1.2% increase in *Ambulance staff’s concern for your privacy*. La preocupación del personal del ambulancia en cuanto a su privacidad.
- The Billing section had a 1.8% increase in *Ability of billing personnel to meet your needs*. Capacidad del personal de facturación para satisfacer sus necesidades. This may be a focus for further improvement.
- Percentile ranking this period is lower 31.91%.

**Cumulative Score: **94.12

The benchmark is the mean average of all responses for all services in the Feedback Innovations database.
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<td>Ability of person on phone to meet your needs</td>
<td>96.0%</td>
<td>96.38%</td>
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<td>96.55%</td>
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<td>95.2%</td>
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<td>94.8%</td>
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<td>Degree to which the ambulance staff worked together to care for you.</td>
<td>96.6%</td>
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<td>96.6%</td>
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<td>How well your pain was controlled?</td>
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<td>94.0%</td>
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<td>Helpfulness of billing personnel</td>
<td>88.6%</td>
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<td>Overall rating of experience</td>
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## 2.0 IMPROVEMENT PRIORITY RANKING

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<td>Cleanliness of ambulance&lt;br&gt;Limpieza de la ambulancia</td>
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<td>Comfort of ambulance ride&lt;br&gt;Confort durante el viaje en ambulancia</td>
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*The Improvement Priority Ranking uses a combination of score and correlation to overall satisfaction to determine the most important areas for improvement. The closer to 1 the more important it is to your patients that this aspect of your service be improved upon.*
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3.0 DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Respondents (223 Total)

- Male: 36.8%
- Female: 63.2%

Respondents (223 Total) by Age Range

- Unknown
- Male
- Female

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4.0 SECTIONS

4.1 Dispatch

Percentile ranking this period is lower 29.79%.

The Dispatch section showed a 0.75% increase overall from Previous Period to Current Period, with a total score of 95.85. Drilling down by question for the Dispatch section:

- There was a 0.6% increase for *Professionalism of person on the phone* (Profesionalidad de la persona al teléfono), with a score of 95.6.
- There was a 0.8% increase for *Ability of person on phone to meet your needs* (Capacidad de la persona al teléfono para satisfacer sus necesidades), with a score of 96.0.
- There was a 0.6% increase for *Speed in which person on the phone dispatched help* (Velocidad en que la persona al teléfono envió la ayuda), with a score of 96.6.
- There was a 1.0% increase for *Information given prior to ambulance arrival* (Información ofrecida antes de la llegada de la ambulancia), with a score of 95.2.

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4.2 Communication

Percentile ranking this period is lower 32.98%.

The Communication section showed a 0.9% increase overall from Previous Period to Current Period, with a total score of 96.05. Drilling down by question for the Communication section:

- There was a 1.2% increase for Ambulance staff’s concern for your privacy La preocupación del personal del ambulancia en cuanto a su privacidad, with a score of 95.6.
- There was a 1.0% increase for Degree ambulance staff took your condition seriously Grado en que el personal del ambulancia se tomó en serio su condición, with a score of 97.0.
- There was a 0.4% increase for Ambulance staff’s efforts to inform you about treatment Los esfuerzos del personal del ambulancia para informarle sobre el procedimiento, with a score of 94.8.
- There was a 1.0% increase for Degree to which the ambulance staff worked together to care for you Grado en que el personal del ambulancia trabajó en equipo para cuidar de usted, with a score of 96.8.

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4.3 Medical Care

Percentile ranking this period is lower 38.3%.

The Medical Care section showed a 0.4% increase overall from Previous Period to Current Period, with a total score of 94.8. Drilling down by question for the Medical Care section:

- There was a 0.4% increase for Your confidence in skill of ambulance staff Su confianza en la experiencia del personal del ambulancia, with a score of 96.6.
- There was a 0.6% increase for Ambulance staff cared for you as a person Cuidados recibidos por personal del ambulancia, with a score of 96.6.
- There was a 1.8% increase for How well your pain was controlled ¿En qué grado se ha controlado su dolor?, with a score of 93.2.
- There was a 0.4% decrease for Your comfort when moved by ambulance staff Su comodidad cuando fue trasladado por el personal del ambulancia, with a score of 94.6.
- There was a 0.4% decrease for Comfort of ambulance ride Confort durante el viaje en ambulancia, with a score of 93.0.

### RESULTS FOR QUESTIONS IN THE MEDICAL CARE SECTION

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4.4 Billing

Percentile ranking this period is lower 10.64%.

The Billing section showed a 2.73% increase overall from Previous Period to Current Period, with a total score of **88.73**. Drilling down by question for the Billing section:

- There was a 2.6% increase for *Helpfulness of billing personnel* *Amabilidad del personal de facturación*, with a score of 88.6.
- There was a 1.8% increase for *Ability of billing personnel to meet your needs* *Capacidad del personal de facturación para satisfacer sus necesidades*, with a score of 88.2.
- There was a 3.8% increase for *Responsiveness of billing personnel to billing issues* *Capacidad de respuesta a los problemas de facturación*, with a score of 89.4.

![RESULTS FOR QUESTIONS IN THE BILLING SECTION](image)

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4.5 Service Quality

Percentile ranking this period is lower 25.53%.

The Service Quality section showed a 0.85% increase overall from Previous Period to Current Period, with a total score of **93.7**. Drilling down by question for the Service Quality section:

- There was a 1.2% increase for *Cleanliness of ambulance Limpieza de la ambulancia*, with a score of 96.6.
- There was a 1.0% increase for *Wait time to get an ambulance Tiempo de espera para conseguir una ambulancia*, with a score of 96.0.
- There was a 1.0% increase for *Degree to which service was worth the fees Grado en que el servicio es digno de los honorarios*, with a score of 88.8.
- There was a 0.2% increase for *Likelihood of recommending ambulance service Probabilidad de recomendar el servicio*, with a score of 93.4.

![Results for questions in the Service Quality section](image)

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4.6 Overall

Percentile ranking this period is lower 31.91%.

The Overall section showed a 1.2% increase overall from Previous Period to Current Period, with a total score of **95.6**. Drilling down by question for the Overall section:

- There was a 1.2% increase for *Overall rating of experience* *Valoración general de la experiencia*, with a score of 95.6.
Dear Fire Chief Blackshire,

Recently one of your staff, Brent White, came to our campus to do our annual fire/life safety inspection. From the very beginning of meeting Brent White, his professionalism and knowledge was very evident. He was clear in his communicating what we needed to provide and helped us through the very lengthy inspection of over 850,000 square feet of space. Continually, through the process we were amazed at his knowledge and insight to buildings fire systems and life safety. His expertise and guidance helped us through a very thorough inspection. When we had questions, Brent responded quickly and concisely with remedies and ideas on how to go about solutions.

In all my years, working in facilities management and working for the City of Palo Alto, I have not come across someone so absolutely professional and adept at his work. This example of competency is truly a breath of fresh air. Please place our recommendation and commendation for a job well done in Brent’s personnel file. We expect to see Brent in the coming years here at campus and look forward to working with him.

If you have any questions, please feel to contact us at any time.

Kind regards,

Mark Meyers, FMP
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FCC Radio: KJ6YFZ
Good Afternoon Fire Chief Blackshire -

On behalf of the San Jose Fire Department, I’d like to express my appreciation for the exemplary work performed by Palo Alto Firefighters Scott Woodfin and Tom Hamilton.

My office recently investigated a mobile home fire and it was determined that two juveniles were responsible for this fire. I reached out Scott Woodfin for assistance, knowing that he is our local expert on juvenile firesetter matters. Without hesitation, Scott scheduled a Youth Firesetter Intervention Program that catered to the specific needs of these two young boys.

I had an opportunity to speak with the parents of these two boys and they were both impressed by and thankful for the education and care that Scott and Tom provided to their children. I know that the training provided by your personnel will have a positive impact on these two boys.

Please pass along my congratulations and thanks for a job well done, to Scott Woodfin and Tom Hamilton.

Respectfully yours,

Christopher L. Murphy
Captain/Supervisor
San Jose Fire Department
Arson Unit
Summary Title: Proclamation-Earthquake Preparedness Month

Title: Proclamation Declaring the Month of April to be Earthquake Preparedness Month

From: City Manager

Lead Department: Office of Emergency Services

See attached proclamation.

Attachments:
• Attachment: Attachment A: April 2020 Earthquake Preparedness Month
EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the State of California has proclaimed April to be Earthquake Preparedness Month; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palo Alto recognizes the importance of preparing for earthquakes and the possible consequences of a major seismic event; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palo Alto has developed an Emergency Services Volunteer (ESV) program that is comprised of Amateur Radio (ham) operators, Block Preparedness Coordinators (which includes Neighborhood Watch), and other specialties such as our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT); and

WHEREAS, earthquakes can overwhelm the City and other government agencies, thus each individual, business, and other organization must bear responsibility by taking steps for preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery; and

WHEREAS, the City's Office of Emergency Services has helpful information posted on www.cityofpaloalto.org/preparedness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Adrian Fine, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto on behalf of the entire City Council do hereby declare the month of April to be Earthquake Preparedness Month in the City of Palo Alto. I call upon all citizens and entities of the Palo Alto Community to join together to improve our resilience before the next Big One.

Presented: April 6, 2020

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Adrian Fine
Mayor
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Prepared for: 04/06/2020


Set 1

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Hello,

I live at Redacted and the train runs practically in my back yard. I am disappointed that the completely underground option was eliminated for the Charleston/Meadow train crossings.

The above-ground options will be a visual eyesore, and be very noisy to surrounding communities. The visual appearance of these will lower property values in our community. We live in a residential community; it is not the same as in San Mateo where the crossings are in a commercialized area.

I cannot attend your meeting at 4:00 today, but would like you to consider our opinion in your decision and vote to keep the trench option on.

Thanks so much,
Anupama Kumar

Sent from my iPhone
I’m writing this email just after the City announced the cancellation of the March Rail Town Hall and the Word on the Street Transportation Series meetings. To be clear, no one has any specific ideas, but it is reasonable to assume that the local, and the national situation will be worse than it is at this moment. Even within the next week or two, there may be containment and isolation measures in place that seem inconceivable today.

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Phil Burton
Echoing Phil, I agree with all the below. It would be nice to hear from CC on whether our deadlines have shifted, and then let the community know. There is enough anxiety and fear out there and I would not want to add to that with some kind of decision on rail that might be made without their opportunity for input.

As for meeting remotely, Zoom works pretty well and would recommend that. A basic paid account can take up to 100 participants, paying for webinars gets you 1000. And you can record it. You can announce it along with the URL and dial in numbers to join. I see that we are back on the schedule next week for XCAP and the week after potentially at the Palo Alto Art Center. Social distancing is nice for us on the dais in chambers or on stage in an auditorium, but doesn’t work very well for the audience who are still sitting next to each other.

Or we can just table everything until the fall? Looks like the world is slowly grinding to a halt everywhere else...

Thanks, Dave

On Wed, Mar 11, 2020 at 10:28 PM Phil Burton <philip-b@comcast.net> wrote:

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Phil Burton
Dear Palo Alto City Council and XCAP,

I live on Mariposa Ave in Southgate, with our back yard along the train tracks. I have been closely following the grade separation discussions for Churchill including attending many City Council meetings, XCAP and community meetings.

To be clear, my strong preference is to put Caltrain in a citywide tunnel. For the long-term benefit of the region, Caltrain should run much more frequently – like a metro - and we should open East-West connectivity. A tunnel would make this possible and make the noise, visual impact, and safety risk non-issues, as well as open up space on top for bicycle transit and value capture. All of the remaining grade separation options have significant limitations, the most important one being that Caltrain is going to run much more frequently in the future, making the tracks and train more active, more visible, more audible, and more ever-present in our lives than it is already.

Against I remain vigorously opposed to the viaduct which would significantly impact my family and all of the families along Mariposa and Alma from Embarcadero to Peers Park. That the City of Palo Alto would elect to put a 20 foot structure with 20 foot train on top of it, including freight trains, as close as 2‘ behind my back fence, is inconceivable. It would destroy the privacy and peace of our back yard, as well as significantly impact our property value. For others who live nearby, the viaduct would make trains visible and more audible for many blocks. The structure itself would be ugly, not in keeping with the nature of Palo Alto.

For I am open to both closure and Mike Price’s option. The undercrossing preserves east-west connectivity in the town, and hopefully would allow Southgate to remain within Walter Hayes zoning, which is a concern for our neighborhood. However, because the undercrossing involves significant concrete and infrastructure placement underground, it would complicate a future citywide tunnel. If there is ANY possibility we may move to a tunnel in the future, I would opt for closure instead. Closure would quiet Southgate and make Churchill safe for kids coming to school, both benefits that we value.

Mariposa Neighbors On 2/23 I hosted a group of 15 residents from Mariposa Ave. in Southgate to meet with Mike Price to hear details of his proposed undercrossing design. All of the attendees are anti-viaduct and the overall sentiment was that the undercrossing is much preferable to the viaduct, and represents a reasonable compromise between pro-closure and anti-closure residents. The group was mixed on preference for closure vs. undercrossing, so I have asked the attendees to write to you individually with their preferences.

Thank you,
Rachel Croft, Redacted
Baumb, Nelly

From: Chandru Venkataraman <vchandru@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 2:12 PM
To: Expanded Community Advisory Panel; Council, City; City Mgr
Subject: Regarding Churchill/Alma intersection discussion at XCAP

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Dear XCAP, City Council and Manger,

I want to express my support for the Closure + Mitigations grade separation project option at the Churchill/Alma intersection. The reasons are:

1. Cost - at an estimated cost of around $50-65M to close the Churchill intersection AND build the bike/pedestrian underpass AND building mitigations at the Embarcadero/Alma intersection. That is orders of magnitude less than any other option (Viaduct: $300-400M, Partial Underpass: Est $200-250M).

2. It helps remove the interaction of bikes and pedestrians with cars and the train at the intersection by creating a dedicated bike/ped underpass, thereby ensuring improved safety of our residents and students attending Paly and Stanford. It also removes an opening to access the tracks by pedestrians by closing off the rail completely through a barrier.

3. It helps remove traffic on Churchill to both sides of Alma, improving the integrity of our neighborhoods. Our neighbors down in Southgate who live on Churchill have gotten into accidents and cannot get out of their driveways due to traffic backups. Similarly on the other side of Alma, backups also extend beyond Emerson during peak times during the day.

4. The traffic consultants, Hexagon, have extensively researched mitigations at Embarcadero and Alma as well as Embarcadero and El Camino, and Oregon Expressway and El Camino, which show that traffic is sufficiently and effectively mitigated with some modifications to each intersection. Similarly to point 3, it also shows that traffic will be taken out of surrounding neighborhoods due to the creation of missing on and off ramps between Embarcadero and Alma.

I do not support the other options because:

Viaduct - I do not want a train in the skyline, causing visual issues and increasing the noise's ability to carry. It is also much more costly and disruptive during the construction process.

Partial Underpass - While traffic would decrease on the Old Palo Alto side, I do not see traffic decreasing on Southgate side, thereby maintaining status quo of an already undesirable situation. It is also is more expensive still by orders of magnitude, and would effectively mean closure of Alma for many years in order to construct. It would likely mean the eminent domain seizure of at least one property, of which I am against the seizure of any of my neighbors' homes.

Please take my comments into consideration when you deliberate on your recommendations. It is the closure of Churchill, with the construction of a bike/pedestrian underpass, and mitigations at Embarcadero and other strategic intersections that will right the traffic patterns of our city.

Thank you for your kind consideration,

-Chandru
Baumb, Nelly

From: Lucy Wang <lucywang6@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 3:53 PM
To: Council, City; City Mgr
Subject: My Inputs on Churchill Grade Separation
Attachments: Churchill Map.pdf

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am strongly against both a) Viaduct and b) Mike Price’s Churchill Partial Underpass Proposal.

I strongly support c) Churchill Bike/Pedestrian Only Underpass or d) Churchill Railway Trench/Tunnel, which is cheaper than South Palo Alto Railway Trench/Tunnel for the following reasons.

Thanks,
Qiang

Viaduct at Churchill is a bad option. Closing Churchill with a bike/pedestrian undercrossing is the right decision. This is true for many reasons including:

- A Churchill Ave. bike/pedestrian undercrossing is the only safe option for students
  - A bike/pedestrian undercrossing addresses the well-known safety issue for PALY students biking and walking on Churchill that has not been solved for decades
  - Building a Viaduct will make the safety issue significantly worse due to more and higher speed vehicles on Churchill
  - A bike/pedestrian undercrossing helps students bike to Greene and Walter Hays more safely and quickly

- The current Churchill Ave. vehicle crossing is blatantly not effective
  - The total length of Churchill is only 0.8 miles. Thus, it can only serve as a local street
  - Churchill Ave. mainly serves traffics to/from the small triangle area of Embarcadero Rd./Churchill Ave., Embarcadero Rd./El Camino Real, and Churchill Ave./El Camino Real. (see attached map for details)
  - Closing Churchill has virtually no impact on all the traffic flows that are not to/from the small triangle area
• **The Churchill Ave. vehicle crossing is extremely cost-ineffective**
  - It is only about 0.3 mile from the Embarcadero Rd. vehicle crossing.
  - No such dense railway crossing in entire bay area or even entire US.
  - It was for PALY students when there were very few trains decades ago.
  - It is well-known that it extremely unsafe for PALY students.

• **The Churchill Ave. bike/pedestrian undercrossing will help traffic in Embarcadero Rd.**
  - There will be significantly fewer bikers on Embarcadero Rd. to slow down the vehicles.
  - This is safer for both drivers and bikers.

• **The Viaduct is an unwanted landmark that will divide Palo Alto**
  - Aesthetically, the Viaduct in a low-rise residential area will stick out like a sore thumb.
  - No suburb wants to add this unwanted landmark, definitely not for Palo Alto.
  - The Viaduct will split Palo Alto into the east/west, creating an undesirable divide.

• **The Viaduct will make noise issue much worse, which is impossibly addressed**
  - Noise will be from 360 degrees rather than 180 degrees before.
  - Noise will propagate much far away without blocking.
  - Noise issue is impossible to be addressed particularly on and near Churchill. Sound walls will simply not work.

• **The Viaduct will introduce potential legal issues**
  - The Viaduct will uproot the lives of families who live in the area.
  - The Viaduct will hurt tens or hundreds of families due to noise, visual, sunlight, air pollution, health, financial, etc. disasters.
  - The questions remains if the City of Palo Alto/Caltrain has the right to build a 50-70 feet high structure and/or run trains at 20 feet high without the permission of the families in houses next to the structure. These are the people who will be most impacted by the introduction of a Viaduct.
  - This will likely add significant legal costs and compensations to tens or hundreds of families.
• The Viaduct may not be safe, potentially injuring our citizens
  o The trains and high rise structure may fall into backyards or
    roofs and injure or even kill our citizens, including children
    who live in the area, during earthquakes or accidents.
  o The question remains, who will be responsible for guaranteeing
    the safety of the Viaduct? Who will make up for the potential
    loss of life?

If you supported Viaduct option, please think it again.

• Would you be comfortable with adding a high rise structure
  like highway/bridge next to your own backyard?
• Would you be comfortable with having a train run next to your
  roof?
• Would you be comfortable with living in a hazard zone that
  may injure or even kill your children and family during
  earthquakes or accidents?
• Would you be comfortable with losing your home and/or
  significantly losing your home value?
• Would you feel comfortable to support the Viaduct option that
  makes the lives of your neighbors uprooted because of the
  disasters in the previous questions?

Let’s Stop the Viaduct together!

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Issues about Mike Price’s Churchill Partial Underpass Proposal

1. Much higher costs than Bike/Ped only undercrossing
   - Why don’t we have trench/tunnel for the railway on Churchill and raise Embarcadero (vs. ?)
   - Less than a half length than that of South Palo Alto
   - No or less issue on creek than South Palo Alto
   - Cost less than South Palo Alto
   - The best solution for improving traffic on Embarcadero Rd.

(I am sure that we can figure out a solution to have trench/tunnel for the railway on Churchill without taking any houses)

2. The left turn from Churchill to Alma requires a “merge” into Alma even after passing the traffic light
   - Significant traffic jam on the left turn lane on Churchill
   - Virtually NO left turn from Churchill during peak traffic hours
   - Extremely unsafe due to the merge
3. The right turn from Churchill to Alma requires a “merge” into Alma
   - Potential traffic jam on the right turn lane on Churchill
   - Unsafe due to the merge

4. One lane on Churchill east bound must branch out into the left turn lane to Alma, the right turn lane to Alma, and the right turn lane to Mariposa Ave.
   - Traffic jam on one of them will block the entire east bound traffic on Churchill
   - Unsafe due to the branch out and the big messy

5. Alma south bound traffic must go down and then up and “merge” with traffic from Churchill
   - Significant slow down Alma south bound traffic
   - Extremely unsafe due to the merge

6. Alma south bound traffic must wait for a traffic light
   - Significant slow down Alma south bound traffic

7. The left lane on Alma north bound traffic must “merge” with traffic from Churchill
   - Slow down Alma north bound traffic
   - Extremely unsafe due to the merge

8. Messy at Castilleja/tunnel entrance and Churchill intersection
   - One lane branch out 3 Lanes on Churchill east bound
   - One lane left turn into 3 Lanes from Paly to Churchill east bound
   - One lane right turn into 3 Lanes on Churchill east bound
   - Unsafe due to confusions

9. Much worse overall traffic in Palo Alto
10. Additional noise from train/cars from underground (vs. above ground only) on Churchill (This can be improved by Tunnels)

11. Ugly looking – the evil twin of Viaduct (This can be improved by Tunnels)
- Trench on Churchill (3 lanes wide)
- Walls on Churchill
- Trench On Alma (3 lanes wide)
- Walls on Alma

12. Decreasing (vs. increasing) Southgate house values (This can be improved by Tunnels)
- Significantly reduce house values on Churchill
- Dragging down house values of entire Southgate
- No impact on all the traffic flows that are not to/from the small triangle area
- Churchill railway crossing was mainly for PALY students when there were very few trains decades ago
- Churchill railway crossing is extremely UNSAFE for PALY students, which must be addressed
Hello,
I am resending this message I sent to xcap on March 8. Apparently my email was not received?

Phyllis

Begin forwarded message:

From: Phyllis Kayten <pokayten@yahoo.com>
Date: March 8, 2020 at 1:40:06 PM PDT
To: xcap@cityofpaloalto.org
Subject: Churchill Avenue intersection

On 2/23 a group of about 15 residents from Mariposa Ave. in Southgate met with Michael Price to hear details of his proposed Churchill undercrossing option. Our group is extremely concerned and we remain absolutely against the viaduct, which would put a gigantic structure on our back fences, or visible from our front doors (in the case of those on the other side of the street). After hearing details of the undercrossing design, most of the attendees, including myself, think the partial undercrossing is a reasonable option, vastly preferable to the viaduct.

My main question is that it can’t have been analyzed by structural engineers to consider the space needs for tunneling (and water pumping). Is it realistic to build? The underpass at Alma and Oregon Expressway is much wider than what’s planned for Churchill and I am not sure the space needed for the lanes that go underground exists. There can’t just be a wall with no space on the lane borders.

If it were possible to build I strongly prefer the under crossing solution to closing Churchill, and the viaduct, for me is not an option.

Phyllis Kayten

Redacted
Dear XCAP, City Council Members and City Manager,

After reviewing the three options for the Churchill & Grade Separation, we support the following solutions in order of preference:

Option 1: Close Churchill
Least intrusive and the most affordable solution which can be achieved on time and on budget and not require that any homes be taken by eminent domain. Time and money savings on the Churchill closing can be redirected to improving traffic at Embarcadero, Oregon/Page Mill and San Antonio.

Option 2: Churchill Partial Underpass presented by Michael Price on February 23rd.
This option separates pedestrians and bikes from cars, which would improve the safety of Churchill.

Option 3: Viaduct
We strongly opposed the Viaduct option which would be a visual blight dividing Palo Alto, impose on resident’s privacy for those living along Alma Street and pose safety risks with elevated trains directly adjacent to homes along Alma. In addition, this option is the most costly, longest construction time and likely to go over budget.

Thank you for your consideration in making Palo Alto a safer community while keeping our community whole.

Sincerely,
David & Anne Kramer
To Whom it May Concern:

As residents of Southgate, our family has been following closely and participating in discussions regarding rail grade separation at Churchill and along the peninsula. We understand that this is necessary to support increased rail traffic and from our perspective, it appears to be an infrastructure decision and investment for the next 50-100 years. We appreciate the diligent work of the city including XCAP to take on this enormous project at the city level which should realistically be coordinated along the peninsula and funded at the state level. Given this circumstance we acknowledge that a tunneling or split level approach seems unachievable, although considering the long term impact it remains disappointing that a more ambitious plan is not realistic for the corridor.

With this background, we would like to convey our preferences with respect to options currently under discussion.

1. Our first preference would be the partial underpass as proposed by Mike Price. This would appear to maintain excellent traffic flow and minimally disrupt adjacent properties. In planning for this solution which would conceivably increase traffic on Churchill, it would seem prudent evaluate the possibility of moving the roadway further away from the neighborhood and toward Paly and considering addition of a right hand turn lane from the west end of Churchill onto El Camino.

2. Our second preference would be closure.

3. We are very opposed to the option of a viaduct. As our property is on Mariposa close to Churchill, and as currently proposed the viaduct would overshadow our house which we find highly undesirable. But, from a broader perspective, elevated rail is generally not found in the middle of residential neighborhoods and would create a significant feeling of separation in the community. If we project ahead 20 or 30 years, I would anticipate that the east side of Southgate and west side of Alma which are now residential neighborhoods (an have been so since the 1920s when our house was built) would evolve to commercial use or other use more consistent with the new environment.

As an afterthought, it would seem that there is great opportunity to improve traffic flow at Embarcadero including improved access to Alma at Embarcadero and we would hope that these opportunities are also being considered.

Thanks for your time and all of the diligent work that is being applied to this issue.

Best Regards,

Chris and Becky Eversull
Redacted

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Dear City Council,

I am writing to let you know that I strongly support the Churchill Partial Underpass Option in that it separates pedestrians and bikes from cars, thereby making the Churchill much safer and enjoyable for everyone in the community.

On 2/23 a group of 15 residents from Mariposa Avenue in Southgate met with Michael Price to hear details of his proposed Churchill undercrossing option.

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There remains a contingent that still strongly supports closure, who are very concerned about making Churchill a main thoroughfare, and also are concerned with the cost and extent of construction of either the viaduct or the undercrossing.

Please let me know if you would like further commentary from our group and feel free to reach me at 917.642.7271 should you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,
JC Renners
Redacted
Palo Alto, CA 94306
Dear XCAP, city council, and city manager,

I have lived in the Southgate neighborhood for the last 19 years.

My preference for the proposed Churchill grade crossing are:

1) full underground tunnel
2) Mike Price’s hybrid option
3) permanently close Churchill

Peter
Peter Coughlan
petercoughlan@gmail.com
Was the parent of the 2 students taken from PA schools tested for the virus?

There has been no news since the students were sent home. Are they still quarantined?

Natalie Fisher
Palo Alto
To our city partners,

The Midpen Media Center would like to offer our support and services to assist in the dissemination of vital information to our communities. Especially during this time of crisis, when there is so much fear and confusing information being put out. We would like to offer our channels, government, access and YouTube as additional venues to get out your messages. If you have current video materials or Bulletin Board information we would be happy to get them running on our channels. If you have projects that may need video production support we are happy to be of assistance there as well.

Please feel free to contact me by email or phone, if you have questions or community messages and alerts that we may be able to help distribute.

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I’d love to see xcap continue their work

On Mar 12, 2020, at 19:42, Nadia Naik <nadianaik@gmail.com> wrote:

FYI the following Executive Order makes provisions for Brown Act changes during this time (see point 11)


I presume this will guide how the XCAP meeting, currently still scheduled for Wednesday, is conducted.

Nadia

On Thu, Mar 12, 2020 at 8:31 PM Liz Kniss <lizkniss@earthlink.net> wrote:

We’ve declared emergency as well, but will have CC meet on Monday nite.
The question re closing schools is still to be decided I guess.
liz

On Mar 11, 2020, at 10:36 PM, Nadia Naik <nadianaik@gmail.com> wrote:

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-------- Forwarded message --------
From: City of Menlo Park <no-reply@menlopark.org>
Date: Wed, Mar 11, 2020 at 10:30 PM
Subject: Menlo Park declares local emergency; takes action to close public facilitie
To: <nadianaik@gmail.com>
Menlo Park declares local emergency; takes action to close public facilities, programs over COVID-19

On March 10, 2020, the San Mateo County Health Officer issued an updated statement that acknowledged “evidence of widespread community transmission of COVID-19 in San Mateo County.” On March 11, City Manager Starla Jerome-Robinson, under Menlo Park Municipal Code Chapter 2.44, signed a Proclamation of Local Emergency within the city of Menlo Park to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

During its special meeting this evening, the City Council unanimously voted to ratify the proclamation of local emergency in Menlo Park, authorizing the City Manager to adopt emergency orders or regulations to ensure the health and well-being of the public and to mitigate the effects of the local emergency. The City Council further directed staff to take immediate action to temporarily close public facilities and suspend programs.

Effective immediately, city facilities will be closed to the public, with the exception of senior services and childcare centers, which will close at the end of business, Friday, March 13. This is to allow patrons, participants and parents to make alternate arrangements over the weekend.

“The health and safety of our employees, residents and businesses remains the highest priority. We encourage those who are sick or who are at higher risk for serious illness to stay at home,” said City Manager Starla Jerome-Robinson. “This proclamation provides us the flexibility to position resources and to best address this public health crisis.”

“This is a global outbreak that requires us to prepare for significant disruptions to our daily lives. We must take action now. The health and safety of the Menlo Park community is our highest priority. Our neighbors, friends and family can work together through neighborhood associations, CERT and emergency preparedness classes. When we are informed, we are stronger together and more resilient. Preparedness and prevention is our best defense,” said Mayor Cecilia Taylor.

This local emergency shall continue until it is terminated by proclamation of the City Council. Pursuant to Section 8630 of the Government Code, the City Council shall proclaim the termination of a local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant. The need for continuing this local emergency shall be reviewed within 60 days by the City Council.
For the latest updates, visit menlopark.org/coronavirus and subscribe to “Menlo Park City News” at menlopark.org/notifyme. Updates and information are also shared on the city social media accounts, including Facebook, Twitter and Nextdoor.
Vit. C IVs overcome China virus but Facebook & Google block it.
See articles below.

-------- From National Vaccine Information Center-----
**High Doses of Vitamin C Used to Prevent and Treat Coronavirus Infections in China**

Published March 10, 2020 | Holistic Health
As reported by Orthomolecular Medicine News Service on Mar. 3, 2020, the government of Shanghai in China announced that it is recommending that coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) be treated with high amounts of intravenous vitamin C, with dosage recommendations varying from 50 to 200 milligrams per kilogram of body weight to up to 200 mg per kg per day.1 2

“These dosages are approximately 4,000 to 16,000 mg for an adult, administered by IV,” said Atsuo Yanagisawa, MD, PhD, who is president of the Tokyo-based Japanese College of Intravenous Therapy in Tokyo, Japan. “This specific method of administration is important because vitamin C’s effect is at least ten times more powerful by IV than if taken orally.”1 2

The official backing for vitamin C therapy for COVID-19 by the Shanghai government follows several small independent studies and at least three clinical trials reporting successful treatment of coronavirus patients with vitamin C,1 2 3 4 5 6 7 including one at Xi’an Jiaotong University Second Hospital. According to a statement released by the hospital:

> On the afternoon of February 20, 2020, another 4 patients with severe new coronaviral pneumonia recovered from the C10 West Ward of Tongji Hospital. In the past eight patients have been discharged from hospital... [H]igh-dose vitamin C achieved good results in clinical applications. We believe that for patients with severe neonatal pneumonia and critically ill patients, vitamin C treatment should be initiated as soon as possible after admission... [E]arly application of large doses of vitamin C can have a strong antioxidant effect, reduce inflammatory responses, and improve endothelial function. . .

Numerous studies have shown that the dose of vitamin C has a lot to do with the effect of treatment. . . [H]igh-dose vitamin C can not only improve antiviral levels, but more importantly, can prevent and treat acute lung injury (ALI) and acute respiratory distress (ARDS).”1 2

The associate director for the clinical trials, Richard Cheng, MD, PhD of the United States, has been working closely with medical and governmental authorities in China to encourage Chinese hospitals to implement vitamin C therapy—through both high oral doses and by IV.1 2

Dr. Cheng said, “Vitamin C is very promising for prevention, and especially important to treat dying patients when there is no better treatment. Over 2,000 people have died of the COIV-19 outbreak and yet I have not seen or heard large dose intravenous vitamin C
being used in any of the cases. The current sole focus on vaccine and specific antiviral
drugs for epidemics is misplaced.”2

The use of vitamin C is also supported by the Shanghai Medical Association (SMA).
Based on a clinical study involving more than 300 patients, the SMA is recommending high
doses of vitamin C even for light infections of coronavirus. The SMA’s ‘Shanghai Plan’ calls
for 50 to 100 mg per kg of bodyweight per day to as much as 200 mg per kg via IV for
critically ill patients.8

“We need to broadcast a message worldwide very quickly,” urged Dr.
Cheng.  “Vitamin C (small or large dose) does no harm to people and is the one of
the few, if not the only, agent that has a chance to prevent us from getting, and can
treat, COVID-19 infection”2

References:     acute lung injury, acute respiratory distress, ALI, ARDS, Atsuo
Yanagisawa, China, coronavirus, COVID-19, Japan, Japanese College of Intravenous Therapy, Marco
Cáceres, National Vaccine Information Center, NVIC, Orthomolecular Medicine News Service, Richard
Cheng, Shanghai Medical Association, Shanghai Plan, SMA, The Vaccine Reaction, Tokyo, Tongji
Hospital, vitamin C, Xi’an Jiaotong University Second Hospita

China Treating Coronavirus COVID-19 with Intravenous Vitamin C
Report from China: Three Intravenous Vitamin C Research Studies Approved for
Treating COVID-19
By Andrew W. Saul, Global Research, March 03, 2020
Orthomolecular.org 21 February 2020
https://www.globalresearch.ca/three-intravenous-vitamin-c-research-studies-approved-
treating-covid-19/5705405?print=181

Intravenous vitamin C is already being employed in China against COVID-19
coronavirus. I am receiving regular updates because I am part of the Medical and Scientific
Advisory Board to the International Intravenous Vitamin C China Epidemic Medical
Support Team. Its director is Richard Z. Cheng, MD, PhD; associate director is Hong Zhang,
PhD.
Direct report from China
OMNS Chinese edition editor Dr. Richard Cheng is reporting from China about the first
approved study of 12,000 to 24,000 mg/day of vitamin C by IV. The doctor also specifically
calls for immediate use of vitamin C for prevention of coronavirus (COVID-19). See this.
A second clinical trial of intravenous vitamin C was announced in China on Feb. 13th. In
this second study, says Dr. Cheng,
> “They plan to give 6,000 mg/day and 12,000 mg/day per day for moderate and severe
cases. We are also communicating with other hospitals about starting more intravenous
vitamin C clinical studies. We would like to see oral vitamin C included in these studies, as
the oral forms can be applied to more patients and at home.” Additional information here.
And on Feb 21, 2020, announcement has been made of a third research trial now
approved for intravenous vitamin C for COVID-19.

WHO Impressed by Chinese Response to Coronavirus Outbreak
Dr. Cheng, who is a US board-certified specialist in anti-aging medicine, adds:
> “Vitamin C is very promising for prevention, and especially important to treat dying
patients when there is no better treatment. Over 2,000 people have died of the COIV-19
outbreak and yet I have not seen or heard large dose intravenous vitamin C being used in
any of the cases. The current sole focus on vaccine and specific antiviral drugs for
epidemics is misplaced.”

He adds that:

> “Early and sufficiently large doses of intravenous vitamin C are critical. Vitamin C is not only a prototypical antioxidant, but also involved in virus killing and prevention of viral replication. The significance of large dose intravenous vitamin C is not just at antiviral level. It is acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) that kills most people from coronaviral pandemics (SARS, MERS and now NCP). ARDS is a common final pathway leading to death.

“We therefore call for a worldwide discussion and debate on this topic.”

**News of vitamin C research for COVID-19 is being actively suppressed**

Anyone saying that vitamin therapy can stop coronavirus is already being labeled as “promoting false information” and promulgating “fake news.” Even the sharing of verifiable news, and direct quotes from credentialed medical professionals, is being restricted or blocked on social media. You can see sequential examples of this phenomenon at my Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/themegavitaminman.

**Google and Facebook block vitamin news**

Indeed, the World Health Organization (WHO) has, literally, met with Google and Facebook and other media giants to stop the spread of what they declare to be wrong information.

See this. Physician-directed, hospital-based administration of intravenous vitamin C has been marginalized or discredited. Scientific debate over COVID-19 appears not to be allowed.

Ironically, Facebook, blocking any significant users’ sharing of the news of approved vitamin therapy research, is itself blocked in China by the Chinese government. As for the internet, yes, China has it. And yes, it is censored. But, significantly, the Chinese government has not blocked this real news on how intravenous vitamin C will save lives in the COVID-19 epidemic. Here is the protocol as published in Chinese.

Medical orthodoxy obsessively focuses on searching for a vaccine and/or drug for coronavirus COVID-19). While they are looking for what would be fabulously profitable approaches, we have with vitamin C an existing, plausible, clinically demonstrated method to treat what coronavirus patients die from: severe acute respiratory syndrome, or pneumonia.

And it is available right now.

Forwarded by Arlene Goetze, No Toxins for Children, photowrite67@yahoo.com
Dear Mayor,

How many confirmed virus cases do we have in Palo Alto?
I cannot tell from the news. Does the number include Stanford?

Natalie Fisher
Palo Alto
Hi Councilmembers,

My name is Genevieve Kolar and I am one of two students representatives on the Foothill-DeAnza Board of Trustees. As I gather info to share with my fellow students, I’m wondering if Palo Alto is planning to follow San Jose’s lead and suspend eviction amidst the current COVID-19 crisis. If not, I hope you will consider it.

Many Foothill and De Anza students are temporarily not working because their employers are closing down, so paying rent will be a struggle— not to mention the many students who are housing insecure and struggling with stable housing under normal circumstances.

We’re trying to find emergency funds for students in crisis, and of course maintain all necessary precautions to prevent further outbreak. In the meantime, halting evictions seems like the humane, necessary, logical step to carry out.

Thank you for your consideration, please let me know! I know you all must be bearing a lot right now, and hope you are doing well despite the unprecedented circumstances.
Thank you for your continued allyship with our community college district. I’m available to answer any questions you may have about our colleges or student needs.

With gratitude,

Genevieve Kolar
(Pronouns: she, hers)
De Anza College student
Foothill-De Anza CCD Student Trustee
Please consider the data in the following article.
Action needs to be taken NOW. There are no middle terms.
We are not different from the rest of the world.
This is not an economic crisis. This is a health issue. Economy will be better if we take care of the health issue.

https://medium.com/@tomaspueyo/coronavirus-act-today-or-people-will-die-f4d3d9cd99ca

Best regards

Chiara Sabatti
Dear Palo Alto City Council,

As a fellow member of the Palo Alto community, I would like to introduce myself and offer our assistance and support during this time of extreme stress for the community. Longfellow Real Estate Partners represents the owner of Palo Alto Technology Center in Palo Alto, including eight business and their associated employees.

Our experienced property management team is actively working to provide guidance, resources and reassurance to the community of businesses on our campus while each staff member simultaneously juggles personal matters and concerns, like everyone right now. We empathize with the stress everyone is experiencing while we collectively determine appropriate next steps in a rapidly changing environment.

We would also like to be a resource to you and the larger community to the extent your organization is able to incorporate our intent with everything else you must be confronting at this time.

My contact information is included below for reference. We’d very much like to hear from you where we might be able to partner with other local organizations in support of the broader community needs. I have also sent this same message to the Mayor in case that is a more appropriate forum for engagement on this.

Best wishes to your constituents, and beyond, for a safe and healthy future.

Best Regards,
Evan

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Creating space for new ideas.
Subject: Plan to Stop Coronavirus exponential spread

The Carnivorous Outbreak seems to be heading a direction of overwhelming the western medical system. This could be for many reasons, including more social contact than eastern cultures, and no past history of SARS outbreaks to initiate the new required infrastructure to stop the spread of this exponential virus. I've been working on creating a plan that communities could use to prepare, and address exponential growth of the Carnivorous. This is certainly NOT the only plan out there, but it is important because it addresses all 7 components of the Front Lines of stopping the virus's exponential spread that seemed to work in Asia and and does not seem to exist in Italy, Europe and US. This plan does NOT address the 100's of other details required to deal with Carnivorous for any community, so this is NOT a comprehensive plan by any means. Be sure to follow local health official websites and prepare yourself before worrying about this larger scale plan. Here is the link to the Plan, anyone is welcome to edit it and help improve or link better plans: https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vSYQy7dI0Bjcc4JVWA8UTolxMwnem7Nh86LdhoMM4QzihF8_L8_buiw_YN0YEMWNlg7H2QCd6kHAh/pub
Greetings,

There is a tsunami coming, and our hospitals and healthcare workers are about to get absolutely rocked.

Our infection rates in the US are exactly on schedule to match Italy's, where their excellent healthcare system has been overwhelmed, and patients over 65 presenting with arrest in the ICU are not even assessed by staff, and left to die.

The next few days are critical at suppressing the asymptomatic spread of infection.

Extreme isolation works. Hubei province was able to completely halt the exponential spread once they implemented a lockdown. If we do this now, we can reduce the numbers of our parents and grandparents who suffocate to death by orders of magnitude.

We are being encouraged to self-isolate, but because people aren't obviously sick now, we assume wrongly that transmission is not occurring. We need decisive measures, and we need them right now.

I strongly urge you to request that all businesses in Palo Alto shut down on an emergency basis, excluding grocery stores and pharmacies.

We have a very narrow window within which to take action to limit the silent, exponential spread that is occurring right now. For the sake of our first responders, doctors, nurses, parents, and grandparents, I'm pleading with you to take stronger action.

Thank you,

-Neil Murphy
Baumb, Nelly

From: Trish McBride <earth2trish@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 5:00 PM
To: Minor, Beth
Cc: Council, City
Subject: Re: Message from the City Council Home Page

Thank you! I will let the station know. Our schedule is all messed up due to the students leaving.
—Trish

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 15, 2020, at 10:50 AM, Minor, Beth <Beth.Minor@cityofpaloalto.org> wrote:
> Hi,
> Yes they will be with social distancing enforced.
> Sent from my iPhone
>> On Mar 15, 2020, at 10:40 AM, Trish McBride <earth2trish@gmail.com> wrote:
>> CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Be cautious of opening attachments and clicking on links.
>> In light of the corona virus, will the city council still be meeting tomorrow?
>> Trish McBride
>> KZSU Radio
>> Sent from my iPhone
Hi there,

I just saw the news of LA Mayor Garcetti shutting down bars to minimize the spread of COVID19. Along with Governor Newsom's guideline to shut down bars, make restaurants at half capacity, and emphasize takeout/delivery, I believe this is the best balance of keeping food and employment going while protecting our local population. I urge the city to do the same. Given how crowded bars are as I drive by them, it's clear that a number of people are not taking this seriously.

Unfortunately, northern Italy did not take the outbreak seriously and their current state of lockdown is the result (this article by an Italian journalist is eye-opening and harrowing: https://www.bostonglobe.com/2020/03/13/opinion/coronavirus-cautionary-tale-italy-dont-do-what-we-did/). Please help the Bay Area beat this and do the right thing.

Mike

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Mike Chen | Writer Guy
As seen on Tor, The Mary Sue, The Portalist, and more
http://www.mikechenbooks.com
Twitter / Instagram: @mikechenwriter
Now that seniors are restricted to self-isolation at home, I am concerned about ensuring the distribution of food and necessities to seniors.

Because of limitations of availability and cost, seniors are at a disadvantage in using delivery services, which are overwhelmed in dealing with people who have the capability to self-shop and dealing with shortages.

Some seniors have younger friends and relatives nearby who can act on their behalf. For those who do not, the city should assure that delivery services are made available at a reasonable cost and in a reliable manner.

Thank you for taking into consideration the needs of those who are most vulnerable.

Fred Kohler
Hello City Council,

I'm writing to encourage you to modify the format of our farmers' markets in the face of this coronavirus outbreak.

We visit our local farmers' market (on California Ave) on a weekly basis; it's our main source of fruit, produce, dairy, eggs, and chicken. I was surprised to see it open today! (Sunday, March 15th)

I know there is a 'grocery' loophole, but the market is fundamentally different than a grocery store, which is open seven days a week and therefore has only a few dozen people in the store at any time. In contrast, because the farmer's market is open only for a few hours per week, it attracts a large crowd of shoppers, hundreds at a time, in close proximity with each other. This presents a major risk of contagion.

I understand that farmers need to sell their perishable produce in order to survive, and I believe in the health benefits of fresh produce. I fear that the market, and the farmers who bring their produce to it, would not recover from months of closure.

Therefore, I am asking you to temporarily change the format of the market — perhaps finding a parking lot and providing a permit for the entire week. The Paly parking lot will be pretty empty, for example. This would eliminate the large crowd that gathers every Sunday, while allowing farmers to sell their food, which would spoil otherwise.

Other disease mitigation ideas include hand sanitizer dispensers, hand washing stations at the market, or crowd-control measures to limit the number of people in the market at any one time.

I have also contacted Ron Pardini of the Urban Village Farmers' Market Association, asking for his cooperation in curbing this outbreak. Perhaps someone in his organization can help organize staffing and communication.

Please consider these and other changes to preserve public health over the next few months!

Thank you,

Sam Cheng
Palo Alto Resident
City Council Members,

To urgently address the COVID-19 emergency, the city needs to expand on its development of comprehensive near-term and contingency planning and actions specific to the coronavirus risk, coordinate with neighboring communities and regions, and provide thorough, transparent communications to the public. A group of community leaders, including domain experts and those with emergency response backgrounds, have drafted the attached outline to support the city’s response to the contagion, covering:

- Planning
- Communication
- Coordination
- Governing

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The city and the council are facing exceptional challenges. Cities have long recognized that internal resources cannot meet the far greater demands in the event of an emergency, made worse if the staff itself is impacted by the event. Leveraging community knowledge and physical resources are vital, even while immediate demands on staff compete with their availability to plan and collaborate. As the city ramps up its capabilities, plans and actions, we recommend that the mayor appoints an Emergency Task Force to support those efforts, composed of domain experts and civic leaders, either as an expanded Citizens Corp Council or as a complementary advisory group.
Most of all, this is a time for our community to come together to support each other, guided by the city on how we can be most effective.

We appreciate the commitment of the city staff and council to meet these unprecedented challenges and we are available to support your efforts.

Sincerely,

Neilson Buchanon, former CEO El Camino Hospital
Patrick Burt, former Mayor
Peter Drekmeier, former Mayor
Karen Holman, former Mayor, and current MROSD Director
Yoriko Kishimoto, former Mayor
Don MacDougal, former CEO, and current Environmental Volunteers Director
Nadia Naik, XCAP Chair
Greg Schmid, former Vice-mayor
Lanie Wheeler, former Mayor
Palo Alto Coronavirus Planning and Actions

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Planning. Trying to move from reactionary responses to proactive planning is a difficult and necessary challenge. A guiding principle of emergency planning is to envision where we might be after the event and think about what could have been done better beforehand. In other words, get ahead of the curve rather than react to what has already happened. What escalations might occur in the coming weeks, and how can we plan for those contingencies?

- Identify which roles and responsibilities are solely under the lead or purview of the County Public Health Department, which are led by the county Office of Emergency Services (OES), and which the city needs to lead under the city OES Incident Command System.
- Develop a city plan specific to COVID-19 contagion and pandemic diseases, including quarantine issues. The plan would be within the city Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/34121.
- Regularly convene staff, businesses, the medical community, community partners and citizens to engage aggressively in identifying and coordinating COVID-19 current responses and contingencies through the Palo Alto Citizen Corp Council (CCC). https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/boards/corps.asp. Consider expanding the CCC with
members or entities particularly appropriate to this emergency (ex. faith institutions). Assure that participants understand the criticality of this CCC at this time. Recognize that these meetings should transition to virtual options immediately to abide by transmission guidelines and to respect that competing emergency demands on the participants.

- Plans to contend with disruptions in the availability of essential service personnel; police, fire, utilities, health care, trash, etc. What happens when masses of health care workers are themselves quarantined? (eg Davis recently had 120 medical personnel quarantined due to exposure to just one or two known patients, [https://www.cnn.com/2020/02/29/health/uc-davis-health-care-workers-self-quarantine/index.htm](https://www.cnn.com/2020/02/29/health/uc-davis-health-care-workers-self-quarantine/index.htm) and 25 emergency workers in Washington State are off the job for monitoring, [https://www.wsbtv.com/news/trending/coronavirus-2-dozen-first-responders-quarantined-washington-state/RJRADMRRZNBRLEXFREY2BBH2Q/](https://www.wsbtv.com/news/trending/coronavirus-2-dozen-first-responders-quarantined-washington-state/RJRADMRRZNBRLEXFREY2BBH2Q/). Should a portion of essential service personnel, who have not been exposed, be under voluntary quarantine to assure their availability?

- Supplies and Essential Goods. Potential supply shortages might exist in light, moderate and severe scenarios, and how should they be addressed? What emergency pre-emptions should exist to assure essential supplies for critical public and private personnel? Contingency planning for disruption on critical supplies, such as in-house sterilization capabilities. Assistance in providing essential supplies to residents with limited abilities (i.e. seniors, disabled), including through our extensive ESV system of volunteers.

- Training. Assure that training stipulated in the EOP is adequate for pandemic illnesses, and that appropriate personnel training is current, including of the mayor and city council on their roles. How to respond to potentially contagious or ill people? How to respond to fear or chaos? How to reduce the risk of transmission?

- What are the plans and status of our community medical providers and hospitals to contend with a large volume of testing and patient influx, potentially with reduced staff availability? What facilities and sites may be needed and what role can the city play in communicating medical responses and supporting those efforts?

- What regular city and council business must continue on schedule and what can be deferred?

- The city council and staff should begin a review of the financial implications of the emergency and whether the city should modify the pace of certain projects in light of the need to focus personnel on the emergency along with likely revenue declines.

- Worst Case Scenarios. Anticipation, contingency planning, and training. Monitor more effected communities and countries for severe impacts and responses that we may not have anticipated. In addition to long term earthquake and flood risks, our strong community focus on emergency preparedness was prompted in response to 911 and the SARS threat in the early 2000s when there was widespread fear of worse events.

- Communication.
  - Provide a transparent COVID-19 response plan available and pushed out to the community, consistent with and as a subset of the city Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), [https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/34121](https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/34121).
  - Assure that communication decisions will be based on best practices with guidance from the Director of the city.
  - Provide daily updates to the community. Clarify what information is mandated and what are guidelines. Advise citizens and businesses on when and how to seek medical
attention, how much social interaction should be limited, and how individuals and businesses can best reduce the risk of transmission (ex. food preparation and avoidance of oral/fecal transmission guidelines). Particular focus on communication to most vulnerable and/or most difficult to reach community members; ie homeless/RV dwellers, elderly, and immigrant populations.

- Use MidPen Media Center for notifications and videos of best practices (i.e. hand washing, masks, social interactions, etc.).
- Establish how to respond to false rumors.
- What role can the city provide in communicating to businesses what their responsibilities are and what support is there for them at the state and federal levels (ex. CA EDD Work Sharing Program)? How can the city broadly communicate retail/hospitality and other business best practices to reduce transmission risks? What guidelines should be provided to retailers to reduce hoarding?
- Assure that emergency preparedness materials and plans are readily available to residents through the city website, the city Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/34121.
- Use the paid media to communicate updates and to promote residents and businesses to sign up for City alerts.

- Coordination.
  - What are the roles of other agencies in training, coordination and central command?
  - What is our coordination with the county Public Health and Emergency Office of Emergency Management?
  - What questions or requests to fill information gaps should we make to the County Health Dept (ex. food preparation guidelines, oral/fecal transmission concerns)?
  - What coordination is the city doing with schools (PAUSD, private schools, Stanford Univ), the local medical community/hospitals and surrounding communities?
  - What “call to action” should be considered to mobilize businesses, non-profits and residents with who have expertise or resources that can leverage city resources? Should the mayor convene an emergency advisory council of community members with technical and civic expertise?
  - Schools. Who will they coordinate with and what support will they receive from the city and others? What community impacts are anticipated under school closure scenarios?
  - Emergency Service Volunteers (EVTs) and Palo Alto Office of Emergency Services. What are the roles of city Emergency Response Volunteers (ESV’s) in leveraging limited government resources (i.e. communicate with least able residents who are self quarantined and help assure they have adequate food or medicine)? What planning with the ESV leadership is occurring specific to this issue? What additional pandemic training is needed specific to understanding symptoms, minimizing the transmission, targeted neighborhood communication/preparation and addressing needs of self-quarantined residents, especially the elderly or those with special needs? Can other volunteers, such as teens out of school, be leveraged in support of these efforts?

- Governing.
  - Legal Issues. Review with the city council and appropriate city management of existing city emergency-related policies and municipal ordinances as defined in the city Emergency Operations Plan. Review of existing state and federal laws that define the automatic authorities of cities in the event of emergencies or triggers within emergencies. What additional municipal ordinance updates that the city attorney should prepare for the city council? For example, the EOP ordinance does not appear to reflect...
the current number of council members required for a council quorum to act as an emergency body.


- Specific guidance from City Council on what is considered “critical” to ensure Staff time is spent appropriately commensurate with the importance of an issue/committee/etc.

- The EOP may benefit from clarifications about the role of the city council during emergencies similar to the San Jose EOP, https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showdocument?id=42015.

- What additional ordinances should be considered in anticipation of such emergencies?

- What plans are needed for virtual government meetings, including potential expanded use of video conferencing?
From: Loran Harding <loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 4:57 PM
To: Doug Vagim; Loran Harding; Leager; Cathy Lewis; Leodies Buchanan; Daniel Zack; Dan Richard; David Balakian; Steve Wayte; Mark Kreutzer; bballpod; Mark Standriff; hennessy; fmbeyerlein@sbcglobal.net; vallesR1969@att.net; nick yovino; Mayor; beachrides; terry; dennisbalakian; huidentalsanmateo; Council, City; kfsndesk; Pam Kelly; newsdesk; kwalsk@kmaxtv.com; dallen1212@gmail.com; eappel@stanford.edu; francis.collins@nih.gov; grinellelake@yahoo.com; steve.hogg; jerry ruopoli; lalws4@gmail.com; midge@thebarretts.com; russ@topperjewelers.com; Steven Feinstein
Subject: Fwd: Analysis of virus impact on mkt over this year. It will recover.

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Mon. 3-16-20 4:21 PM PT

Doug- Just looked at Amazon AMZN. It c. today at $1689, down $95.85, down 5.37%. After the close, they announced the 100,000 new employees and the $2 rise in their min. wage. Now AMZN in the after hours is $1718.34, up $29.19 since the close, up 1.73% since the close today. So it really helped their stock price. They need all those extra EEs to handle the surge in orders and the increased sales at Whole Foods, better bus. on Amazon's streaming service. Employees in the UK will get the pay hike too.

KCBS said at 4:05 that County officials in 6 of the 9 BA counties have now closed all restaurants, bars, gyms. The 3 not mentioned were Sonoma, Napa and Solano counties, the 3 north BA counties. I'll be curious if that will be applied by co. officials here in Fresno Co. We have had 2 cases of Covid19 in Fresno County. so far. Grocery stores, gas stations, banks, pharmacies and hospitals will remain open in BA. Still no mandatory sequester of those over 65. Police and fire will remain on the job, they said. Big relief. No need to hoard ammo.

A 3,000 point drop in the DJ really impacts stock prices, even the here- to- fore resilient ones. Fun to compare the price I got when I sold 25 stocks on Thurs. Feb. 27 with their prices today. I'm looking for the resilient ones to buy again at the bottom. CAT has gone way down. I paid $83 per share ~3 years ago and it went over $150 recently. Now down to $93, I think. The ice keeps melting and so they'll need to move a lot of earth. They S/B stockpiling earth moving equipment now.

LH

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: Doug Vagim <dvagim@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Mar 16, 2020 at 4:10 PM

Subject: Re: Analysis of virus impact on mkt over this year. It will recover.
To: Loran Harding <loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org>

Amazon announced it's hiring 100,000 additional employees, including it's Distribution Centers & Whole Foods.

Also, increasing pay rate by $2 per hr. That's got to have a positive effect to it's stock price... Right??
Monday, March 16, 2020

Fred- Here is a cheering analysis of where the mkt, or at least the U.S. economy, is going:


This is not 1929 all over again, and Trump is no Herbert Hoover. A bottom in the mkt may come in the spring or early summer. This is so long I didn't read the whole thing. I just want that bottom to arrive. I'll pour money in when it does. Apple and CAT will be early investments.

Gee, they are talking about a $500 billion stimulus package when Trump didn't want the $8.5 billion a week ago. He said in the Dec. of Nat. Emergency that that would release $50 billion. The Fed is ready to do $1.5 trillion. They are now in total 2008 fin. crisis mode.

BTW, NY, NJ and Conn governors closed all gyms, etc. effective 8 PM tonight ET. Wonder when ours will close. No email from Planet Fitness yet. I was there Sat. night and there were 8 people on all those machines facing the big TV screens, from front of gym to the back wall. I was at the Shell station on Herndon and West on thurs. and when I arrived there was ONE vehicle at the 16 pumps. I thought they were closed, but they were not. With so many people working from home, gas demand is down apparently.

Gas stations, grocery stores and hospitals and, I hope, banks will remain open. They can't be so stupid as to furlough the cops. There will be a run on ammo if they do. Somebody wants the cops to have face shields.

KCBS says Stanford told its students to be out of the dorms by Wed. Foreign students get to stay. Wouldn't want to fly back to Lombardy or Iran. There is talk of having the Army Corp of Engineers turn dorms and nursing homes into hospital beds. Not sure the nursing homes are good candidates, at least the ones in Seattle.

LH
Dear Jon,

I’m sorry you were not able to attend last Thursday’s meeting, and I hope you are well.

I am writing to you with a specific request. But first, I want to provide a bit of context. Last December, you recommended to City Council that they allow small cell node cell towers to be placed as close as 20 feet to homes—recommended this because, you said, a 20-foot setback maximizes the percent of poles in Palo Alto on which telecom companies can install their equipment.

In making this recommendation, you explained that Staff had considered four different setbacks from homes—20 feet, 35 feet, 50 feet and 100 feet. Your analysis showed, you said, that:

- A 20-foot setback would disallow cell towers on only 10 percent of utility poles (or to put it the other way, it would allow them on 90 percent of poles);
- A 35-foot setback would disallow cell towers on 70 percent of poles; and
- A 100-foot setback would disallow cell towers on 90 percent of poles.

(The Final Minutes of the December 16th, 2019, Council meeting do not report what you stated was the percent of utility poles on which cell towers would be disallowed were the setback from homes 50 feet.)

But the issue is not the percent of poles Palo Alto makes available to telecom companies for their cell towers. It is the number of poles the City makes available. And looking at the numbers, there is no justification for a 20-foot setback.

Consider, please, this back-of-the-envelope calculation: We know that telecommunications companies have applied to install about 150 small cell node cell towers in Palo Alto. And we know that there are about 6,000 wood utility poles in Palo Alto, 4,500 of which are located in the public right of way. We would expect that, in those large swaths of the city that are both residential and have above-ground utilities, there would be over 3,000 wood poles located in the public right of way. Do telecommunications companies really need 2,700 wood poles to choose from in siting those 150 cell towers in residential areas—that is, do they really need access to 90 percent of all wood poles, which is what a 20-foot setback is designed to provide? For that matter, how can they possibly need access to 2,100 poles, which is what a 35 foot setback would give cell carriers (i.e., 70 percent of 3,000 wood poles). True, they are likely to be filing applications to install more towers—but not hundreds and
hundreds of more towers. So what possible reason is there for granting such extraordinary latitude to Verizon et al., at the expense of the quality of life in Palo Alto’s neighborhoods?

To move beyond back-of-the-envelope calculations, I have twice written to the Planning Department’s Amy French and Rebecca Atkinson asking:

- What are the numerators and denominators of the fractions that are the basis for the percentages you cited—i.e., what are the actual number of poles used in the setback calculations?

- What methodology was used to produce the percentages you cited to Council (e.g., how many of Palo Alto’s 6,000 wooden utility poles were considered in calculating the percentages? were street lamp poles also considered? on what basis were any poles excluded from consideration?)?

Initially, Ms. Atkinson said that this information was being assembled for us. But at our meeting last Thursday, she and Ms. French told Professor Chow and me that they would not provide it. They said it would be unfair to others if they were to give us information they did not give to everyone else. But this makes no sense. We are not asking that the data shown to us be kept from others. Moreover, residents ask Staff for information all the time, and Staff provides it, without worrying about to whom they are not providing it. That said, if Staff are truly concerned that others won’t have the data I have requested, then Staff need only post it on the City’s Wireless Hot Topics page, and it will be available to the public at large.

I think you will agree, Jon, that transparency is the cornerstone of good government. And I think you will also agree that when government withholds the data on which an analysis presented to City Council and the public was based, citizens might reasonably wonder about the validity and reliability of that data—might ask themselves, what are people trying to hide.

Hence I am writing to you to ask that you please tell me: 1) the numerators and denominators of the fractions that are the basis for the percentages you have calculated for 20-foot, 35-foot, 50-foot and 100-foot setbacks from homes, and 2) what the methodology was for the analyses that produced these numbers.

Thank you very much for your attention and your help. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeanne

Jeanne Fleming, PhD
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650-325-5151
At a time when a shelter-in-place order is in effect, it’s troubling to see a City of Palo Alto project, the California Avenue parking garage, on an active, business-as-usual schedule.

When I dropped by the field office to inquire, I was told that this was “essential infrastructure”, as determined by the city’s Public Works Department. Actually, this is a two-year project for a parking garage—hardly something in the emergency category. Workers there intermingle in the same way the the new law seeks to avoid. Surely the City can insure that its public works projects honor the spirit and critical purpose of the new public health order.

D.D. Clark
Community Coalition Call for Specific Emergency Actions Regarding COVID-19 and the Safety of Community Members in Santa Clara County Jails and Courts

We understand and appreciate you all as county administrators, elected officials, system decision-makers are coordinating quickly to respond to the ever-changing, unprecedented, crisis. Our community is anxious to offer and support solutions with you. Please see the attached letter summarizing our identified priorities and actionable steps based on our understanding of the situation in jails, juvenile hall, and courts. Underlying our call is a request for more communication from your respective offices so we may better inform our community members who are desperately and urgently looking for answers and ways to contribute to the effort to keep us all safe. We need partnership, collaboration, and community in the moment we are all in -- and look forward to working with you all to keep our community as safe and healthy as possible. We look forward to your response and welcome a call with representatives of your office and members of our coalition. - Thank you.

Signed -- Coalition of Justice and Accountability (CJA), Jail and Courts Committee Lead Organizations: Letter authors: Christine Clifford (De-Bug/PACT) , Rev. Moore (SV NAACP) , Ron Hansen (PACT), Barbara Hansen(PACT), Rev. Peggy Bryan(PACT), Jose Valle (De-Bug), Raj Jayadev (De-Bug/CJA), Jalyn Mitchell (SV Law Foundation), Jeanelly Orozco
March 17th, 2020

Community Coalition Call for Specific Emergency Actions Regarding COVID-19 and the Safety of Community Members in Santa Clara County Jails and Courts

To:
Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors
Santa Clara County Probation Department
Santa Clara County Courts Presiding Judge
Santa Clara County Criminal Court Presiding Judge
Santa Clara County Presiding Juvenile Judge
Santa Clara County Counsel
Santa Clara County Public Health Department
Santa Clara County District Attorney’s Office
Santa Clara County Supervising Juvenile District Attorney
Santa Clara County Public Defender
Santa Clara County Supervising Juvenile Public Defender
Santa Clara County Office of Pretrial Services
Santa Clara County Re-Entry Center

From:
Coalition of Justice and Accountability -- Jail and Courts Committee

The COVID-19 pandemic has required Santa Clara County to enter unprecedented emergency protocols. As the county has just become one of the first jurisdictions in the country to issue a “shelter in place” status, the jails and juvenile halls still require immediate and aggressive action by key decision-makers and stakeholders to decrease the likelihood of outbreak. In fact, all of the prioritized health and safety recommendations regarding social distancing, gatherings, and hygiene are impossible in the current jail conditions. And for certain, what happens in the jails and courts will impact the rest of the county.

As such, we as a coalition of community partners are calling on the following actions. Under each specific action step we list the respective justice system actors we recommend are best positioned to operationalize the step given their capacity and purview.

Communication with and Protection of those Detained: To date, detainees have learned of the COVID-19 pandemic by watching television. Immediately provide detainees with information regarding the virus, symptoms, how it spreads, hygiene needed, “social distancing” and best practices for keeping living spaces sanitized. Inform the detainees of what protocols and practices the jail is putting in place to prevent the spread of the virus, particularly in regards to commonly used spaces and equipment such as showers, phones, tables and handcuffs. Provide increased opportunities and added materials for cleaning on a regular basis. Increase clothing and linen exchanges, and increase the amount of nutritious foods offered. Increase wellness checks throughout facilities by both medical and mental health
staff. In addition, detainees should be informed of what measures will be taken to insure safe and hygienic practices during transport, in holding cells, and in court. People in jail need access to supplies which allow them to follow the same prevention measures the public is advised to follow: hand washing, cleaning of touched surfaces, and covering coughs, sneezes and/or masks for symptomatic persons. Detainees should be informed when any interventions regarding the virus impact court, housing, visitation, commissary, or programming. Provide a phone number where detainees can ask questions regarding the virus. Allow all detainees to have free phone access to keep in touch with loved ones.

Information should be provided in writing, included on the “information loop”, and updated regularly. This information should also be provided on the Sheriff’s custody website as well as information where families can direct questions and concerns relative to the jail. Increasing isolation or lockdowns are not acceptable methods of addressing this emergency. There should be a waiving of all medical co-pays. The county should provide adequate medical care including Coronavirus testing and fully staffing medical units. It is important that those reliant on the jail for necessary medications be released only with a reasonable supply and instructions for continued treatment.

Telecom Companies: In order to maintain the relationships between people in prison/jail and their loved ones, and keep people informed about the development of the virus and the wellbeing of their loved ones, all telecom services should: Make all communications free of charge, including phone calls, emails, and video conferencing. Provide free access to news sources to keep people informed about the development of the virus and the wellbeing of their loved ones.

Financial Services Companies: In order to facilitate the safety and well-being of those in custody and those released, all financial services should:
Eliminate all transfer and transaction fees associated with individual accounts
Remove limits on the number and amount of deposits or transfers to individual accounts
Remove all transaction, maintenance, and usage fees associated with prepaid debit release cards.

Commissary Providers: In order to ensure that all people have access to items that maintain the health and welfare of the people in prisons/jails, commissaries should:
Eliminate mark-ups of all items
Remove limits on the number and amount of deposits or transfers to individual commissary accounts
Eliminate all transfer and transaction fees associated with individual commissary accounts
Expedite money order transfers into commissary accounts

(Recommended Justice System Leads: Sheriff’s Office, Public Health Department)

Real Time, Accessible, Communication Strategy for Families of the Incarcerated: Immediately post a quick to navigate site that gives real time updates on status, conditions, rule changes, and contact personnel for the jails, juvenile hall and ranch, and courts. The court and jail administrators should hold regularly open multilingual webinars to update the impacted community on the quickly changing status,
and have an email address where questions can be left and responded to. (Community organizations are willing to help outreach for the calls.) Phone calls from detention should be free.

(Recommended Justice System Leads: Sheriff’s Office)

**Visitation and access telephones:** The dramatic reduction/elimination of visitation for persons detained in the jail is likely to negatively affect the mental health of the people isolated in the jail during the outbreak. Further, it increases the anxiety and worry of their family and friends who fear for their health and safety during this crisis. The reduction in visitation coupled with severe reductions in program time leave people in isolation. Given that court calls, attorney visits, and other types of programming are being dramatically reduced, the need for time and staff to accomplish the associated tasks and movements within the jail should also be decreased. Therefore the Sheriff should have an increased capacity to increase access to out of cell time and telephonic or video communication with their family, friends, and attorneys.

(Recommended Justice System Leads: Sheriff’s Office)

**Adequate Release Planning for houseless persons being released:** We support the effort to quickly reduce the jail’s population and release every person who can be safely introduced into the community. As the reentry resource center is closed for walk-in services, persons being released who are houseless or in need of mental health or substance use services must be provided with adequate planning and resources. The county’s houseless population is among the most vulnerable to infection and severe complications and the Sheriff’s actions to quickly release persons detained in the jail should not add to the already high number of houseless and vulnerable individuals in our county. The only way to prevent this is through adequate release planning.

(Recommended Justice System Leads: Re-Entry Center, Public Health)

**Immediate Release of as Many Detainees as Possible:** The higher the number of in custody populations is directly related to the speed and severity of the spread of COVID-19. The Santa Clara District Attorney’s Office should join the Public Defender’s Office in stipulating to releases. In particular, the elderly, those with diminished health capacities, should have expedited release. Given the severity of this crisis and the disproportionate impact on inmates regarding the likelihood of death, severity of injury and psychological trauma, all of those should be released absent proof by the state that any particular inmate constitutes an immediate threat to public safety.

(Recommended Justice System Leads: Presiding Judge, Sheriff’s Office, Public Defender’s Office, Office of Pretrial Services)

**Immediate Halt to Holding New People in the Jails:** While the court is working with the jail to quickly release people from detention, it should similarly be taking steps to not add new people to the jail. This can be done at the point of decision of arrest and continued to off-ramp people before an actual placement in the jail occurs. Arresting agencies should use their discretion to avoid arrest when possible. The arresting officer should move to cite and release rather than booking when possible. The District Attorney’s office should decline to file charges when possible. And finally pretrial detention of jail sentences should be avoided to again reduce the spread of COVID-19, and to fall in line with county issued social distancing protocols.

(Recommended Justice System Lead: Arresting Agencies such as San Jose Police Department, Probation Department, District Attorney’s Office)
Reduce Exposure By Eliminating Unnecessary Court Hearings: For those who are facing court proceedings and are out of custody, every effort should be taken to reduce them returning to court while we are in emergency pandemic response mode. This means cancelling status hearings, court dates that are scheduled just to be continued, probation violations, and warrants when possible. Packing people in courtrooms is only inviting spreading of the virus, and should be avoided. This responsibility falls on arresting agencies, supervision offices (such as probation), and court actors. Charges -- such as in misdemeanor court -- should be dismissed, and any case the court feels beholden to continue should be vacated, and reconsidered in June 2020. 
(Recommended Justice System Leads: President Judge, District Attorney’s Office, Probation Department)

Halting of Judge Manley’s status hearings: We ask that during this time, people not be required to come in to give status updates about community service and other things they are doing for retribution. People out of custody have a greater chance of coming in contact with COVID 19 and possibly showing no symptoms, therefore to ask them to come in for status updates is dangerous to court staff and officers who may be unable to keep a reasonable distance. Furthermore, the more people that are moved around in custody increases the likelihood of spread of COVID-19 within the jail. All unnecessary movement of those in custody to court and around the jail should be halted for the safety of all those in and out of custody. 
(Recommended Justice System Lead: Judge Manley)

Reduce Unnecessary Probation Conditions: A halt to drug testing and probation meetings and imposed classes would be a way to reduce group contact amongst Santa Clara County community members. 
(Recommended Justice System Lead: Probation Department)

Ensure People’s Due Process is Not Compromised: While closing of courts is understandable from an epidemiological perspective, doing so is in clear opposition to due process rights of those in custody. Right to a speedy trial, right to counsel right to public trial, right to confront one’s accusers – all implicated by the court’s actions. If the courts choose to deny fundamental constitutional rights by unilaterally suspending a defendant's constitutional rights-- the courts thereby forfeit their legitimacy. The clearest way to preserve the rights of those facing the courts is to allow people to be released from custody as a way for them to work with their defense attorney while also not jeopardizing their health and well-being. 
(Recommended Justice System Leads: All parties)

Signed:
Coalition of Justice and Accountability (CJA)
Jail and Courts Committee Lead Organizations:
Silicon Valley Law Foundation
People Acting in Community Together (PACT)
Silicon Valley De-Bug
Silicon Valley NAACP
Hi Camilla,

Thank you for your email message. I will contact you directly with a response from the City of Palo Alto.

Best,
Meghan
Thanks a lot.

Kind regards,
Camilla Stampe, telephone: 0045 40295080
Dear Mayor Fine and members of City Council,

The Law Foundation of Silicon Valley writes to request that the Palo Alto City Council consider enacting an eviction moratorium.

We are in an unprecedented health crisis. Yesterday, residents of Santa Clara County were ordered to shelter-in-place. This order will leave thousands of our Santa Clara County neighbors without employment. Restaurant and bar staff, retail workers, and other hourly wage workers who typically don’t have sick leave or vacation leave will be forced to rely on unemployment benefits. Currently, those benefits are only $450 a week. With the average rent in Santa Clara County around $2700, unemployment benefits aren’t nearly enough to cover the cost of rent. Without protection against eviction, many of our hard-working neighbors will be forced into homelessness. Small businesses will be shuttered and, without income, many of these business owners will be evicted from their commercial spaces. If evicted from their retail space, many of these businesses will never recover.

Yesterday, Governor Newsom issued an executive order giving local jurisdictions authority to halt evictions for renters and homeowners. The Governor’s order also called on financial institutions to implement an immediate moratorium on foreclosures related to lost income from COVID-19. This means that when a local jurisdiction passes an eviction moratorium, foreclosures resulting from lost rental income will be prohibited.

The draft ordinance the Law Foundation emailed to council last week protects tenants, small landlords, and small businesses from eviction and foreclosure. We urge that council enact an eviction moratorium and adopt an urgency ordinance prohibiting the evictions of tenants, homeowners, and small businesses during the COVID-19 crisis.

Providing protection from eviction will give our community some relief and comfort in this time of great uncertainty.

I appreciate your consideration of an eviction moratorium to protect the residents of Palo Alto.

Sincerely,
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Dear Mayor Fine and City Councilmembers,

On behalf of SV@Home and members, we want to thank the City Council and city employees for all of their efforts to keep our communities safe during a difficult time as well as the social service agencies that are working around the clock to help those in need. We know that everyone is being impacted by this public health crisis and that the most vulnerable members of our community, especially those who are housing insecure or experiencing homelessness, are being hit the hardest.

We are encouraged by Governor Newsom’s Executive Order issued last night that recognizes the severity of the impact of potentially losing one’s home during the pandemic and authorizes cities to take action to stop evictions of residents who are experiencing extra hardships due to COVID-19.

To that end, we urge the city to consider emergency measures that would protect vulnerable residents from evictions during this time of financial and household strains as well as other actions that provide additional support to our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness. As other jurisdictions consider similar measures across the County, we encourage cities to coordinate approaches to avoid a patchwork of different policies that could confuse both tenants and landlords.

Even in this time of social distancing, this is how we can come together as a community and help those who need it most.

Sincerely,
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Dear City Council Members,

Can Palo Alto require a moratorium on evictions due to the inability to pay rent? Many housecleaners in Palo Alto are being laid off due to the coronavirus, and they are just the tip of the iceberg. Many folks have less than $400 in savings. They will not be able to pay their rent.

In San Francisco, Mayor Breed announce a moratorium on evictions for 6 months. What can we do in Palo Alto?

Could you also tell me where to find a list of services for those who lose their employment because of the Coronavirus?

Thank you,
Annette Isaacson
Redacted
Hi, I am trying to learn when the plan for Greene Middle School is going to be discussed? It has been very challenging to learn about this project.

Thank you
Jessie Becker
Garland Drive
I would like to support the movement in trying to make the city safer. Numerous people, especially children and adolescents, are riding their bikes without helmets. Helmets really need to be reinforced and highly encouraged for adults as well. Bike lanes need to be clear and more accessible so bikes have their space. Crosswalks need to be more recognized. A huge aide I personally believe is education. Children and adults need and continuously be reminded of the rules of the road. Bikes need to stop at stop lights/signs as cars do. Schools should constantly announce safety regulations for biking/walking. It breaks my heart to hear of tragedies and stories from my elderly family members how they are always dodging cars when walking around because cars dont seem to care for their personal space and get to close or dont wait for pedestrians to finish crossing. Please please work on this! Greatly appreciated!

-cathleen

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Dear City Council,

I was writing in regards to the recent death of one of our PAUSD students as a result of collision with a vehicle while he was riding his bike. Last year I had written the following ARTICLE about my experience with my child almost getting hit by a car and experiences of other children in our neighborhood. At the time, at the recommendation of Palo Alto Online editor, I had met with the Safe Routes to School leaders last year and offered to help contribute to keeping our city streets safe for our children on and off bikes.

Our city is very busy with many many people driving in and out every day. There are so many children biking in our neighborhoods at all hours - We really need a long term, visible, and strong campaign to keep our streets safe. A concerted effort by the City, family and schools.

I am writing to request this be a top priority for the City - this is such an important and core part of our lifestyles here and Palo Alto has felt incredibly unsafe with the traffic, fast and reckless driving over the past few years. I am available to help with moving this important mission forward.

Best
Arianne
Baumb, Nelly

From: Matthieu Bonnard <mpbnyc@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 2:56 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Message from the City Council Home Page - mobility in Palo Alto
Attachments: Mobility in PA_032020.pdf

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To whom it may concern Palo Alto City Council-

Here are initial thoughts to dramatically change mobility in Palo Alto. This was triggered by the tragic recent death of middle-schooler Paul Lafargue.

I hope to discuss these an upcoming call kindly organized by CM Tanaka.

Sincerely,

Matthieu Bonnard
Mobility in Palo Alto

Proposal of a paradigm shift, away from cars (EVs or not)

Matthieu Bonnard (mpbnyc@gmail.com)
Content

1. The problem

2. The challenge

3. What paradigm shift

4. Incentives (walk, bicycle, public transportation)

5. Disincentives (cars)
1. The problem: car is king in Palo Alto

- Cars get a free ride (free & abundant parking)

- Pedestrians are almost nowhere to be seen

- Tragically, kids on their bike can get run over by a car, and die - The more cars on the road, the higher the risk
2. The challenge: disrupt car dependency & addiction

Can the world capital of disruption disrupt the driving dependency & induced addiction of its constituents and visitors?
3. The paradigm shift

• From: a car paradise
• To: a pedestrian and biking paradise

• Must be progressive
  – Quick wins
  – Longer term investment $
  – Policy changes

• Must combine
  – Incentives to walk, bike, use public transportation
  – and disincentives to drive
What does a pedestrian & bicycle paradise look like?

Pedestrian street, Sceaux, France

Bicycle rush hour, Amsterdam
# 4. Incentives to walk & bike / Protection of walkers & bikers

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| Zebra crossings more visible  
• fresh paint  
• flashing lights | Make University street and California street pedestrian & bicycle only | Increase walk time of traffic lights on large roads (El Camino, Embarcadero, Alma) |
| Protect zebra crossings on large roads  
• barrier + zebra moved away from street intersection when possible  
• start with Churchill/El Camino/Alma and Cal av./El Camino) | Develop city public transportation  
• small city buses (EVs or hybrid)  
• Routes and stops to match short driving patterns => residential areas to/from Cubberley, Downtown, Town & Country, libraries, gyms,etc | Business trip to Amsterdam to learn best practices and develop a comprehensive bicycle plan |
| Repeat safety training of PAUSD students | Build overpasses or underpasses on large roads | |
| PAPD on (e)bikes to strictly enforce helmet requirements for minors | Continuous and protected bike lanes along large roads (El Camino, Alma, Embarcadero) | |
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<td>Install fixed speed radars on large roads (El Camino, Embarcadero, Alma)</td>
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More suggestions?

• Launch idea campaign: Ask PA residents to submit up to 5 ideas on how to improve life of walkers and bikers and curb traffic (excluding Caltrain)
Thank you.
Dear Palo Alto City Council,

I am a student in 8th grade and I attend Greene Middle School. I wanted to inform you of my concern for the safety of children. Students these days are biking everywhere. Not just to and from school; but, to sports practice, play rehearsals, tutoring, or even just to hang out with their peers. Having a packed schedule can leave you biking from after school too late at night. Many parents are worried about their child's safety especially if they are biking at night. It would be a great idea to add a light or a sign telling you to dismount off your bike. Just these little things can create a safer community for everyone. Now that school is cancelled (due to COVID-19) along with after school activities, not many teens are biking, skateboarding etc. However, when school does open, it would be a great idea to contact the school district about which roads/intersections/crosswalks are the most dangerous. Then we could put a sign or extra lights to make sure that when students cross, it is as safe as possible. Thank you so much for your time and I hope our community keeps getting safer.

Sincerely, Sarah Bakhash
Hi

I am writing to the Council after the tragic death of a middle-school boy who was run-over by a car crossing El Camino.

Obviously this type of tragedy unfortunately can and does happen anywhere. Nonetheless, I believe this tragedy should be a wake-up call for Palo Alto City Council.

I moved to Palo Alto about two years ago, after living about 15 years in New York City, and growing up in a French suburb called Sceaux, near Paris, not too dissimilar from Palo Alto. After I moved, I quickly realized that Palo Alto was a car heaven, or rather hell:

- I was horrified when I realized that some people do drive their car just to get coffee
- I was horrified when I realized that hardly anybody walks in the streets of Palo Alto
- I was horrified that parking in Palo Alto is widely available and pretty much always free
- I was horrified that one needs to be a pretty fit sprinter to safely cross El Camino. You have about 20 seconds.
- I was horrified when I realized that another parking lot was being built near Walters Hays school. Of course, the optic is great: solar panels, EV charging stations. But fundamentally, another complimentary invitation to drive more.
- I was horrified when I realized that the ratio of cars to kids being dropped-off/picked-up at Cubberley is about 1. Zero public transportation and what parents would allow their kids to bike on Middlefield road.

Palo Alto is the world capital of disruption. Please disrupt the driving addiction of Palo Altans and whoever drives through Palo Alto.

Thank you, Matthieu Bonnard
Hello,

As my previous email to the transportation department did not get any response, and in view of the recent death of a middle school student, I would like to point out the dangers of the intersection of Louis/Charleston.

My teenage son is now riding his bike or his skateboard daily crossing this intersection. It is a very dangerous intersection for cars, bikers, and pedestrians.

Please let me know what can be done. I believe a traffic light and an improvement plan are in the works but it will most likely take a long time. Something needs to be done as soon as possible.

Thank you for your response.

Katie Renati
Janice Way, Palo Alto

On Fri, Jan 17, 2020 at 6:06 PM Katie Renati <windkatie@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello,

The South Palo Alto intersection located at Louis and Charleston is VERY dangerous, especially on rainy nights. Not only the traffic pattern is confusing for drivers new to the area, it is very unsafe for pedestrians and bikers. My teenage son often rides his bike or his skateboard there and has been expressing a lot of concerns. I worry about his safety and the safety of others crossing this intersection.

Yesterday for instance I was driving towards San Antonio, turning left. A runner activated the pedestrian crossing light and sped through the crossing. The current warning lights are barely visible. As I am extremely careful at this intersection, I was able to stop with plenty of space for the runner to cross. Someone who is not familiar with the area would have most likely hit the runner.

A major accident with injury and possible death is prone to happen there.

2 questions:
- I understand there is a plan for a traffic light at this intersection. When is it planned for? What can be done to expedite the installation?
- What would it take to put a more powerful warning system, like flashing beacons like these https://www.tapconet.com/product/rrfb-pedestrian-crosswalk-system

I have seen other intersections in the Bay Area with very visible warning signals. While it will take time to install traffic lights, new warning signals can be implemented very quickly and with a reasonable cost.

Thank you for your response.
Katie Renati
Janice Way, Palo Alto

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Best regards,
Katie
I am a mother of a Greene middle schooler and I'm in deep shock with the tragic incident where a kid in my daughter's grade lost his life.

California Avenue is not pedestrian nor bike friendly, and crossing El Camino wether as a pedestrian or on a bicycle is gambling with your life.

I urge, from the bottom of my heart, to add lights at the crosswalk, more signaling, even traffic guards if possible. Losing the life of one of our children is one life too many.

Please do something. Please help keeping our pedestrians and bicycle riders safe at all times.

Best,

Mayra Azanza
Hello,

In light of the tragic loss of one of our children in the community, Paul Lafargue, due to a cyclist vs. vehicle accident on March 6, 2020 at the intersection of El Camino Real and California Avenue, I would like to voice my support for improved measures to ensure the safety of pedestrians and cyclists at the major crossings for El Camino. My child also crosses at this intersection nearly every day to go to school. It is a dangerous intersection but is a major route for pedestrians and bikers, especially kids going to and from school. One suggestion would be to make a four way pedestrian walk signal so that all peds/bikes can cross and there is no traffic in the intersection. This should be all day, not just at school hours since there are always people going towards the Cal Avenue train station, and obviously the accident bringing this to light occurred outside of normal school commuting times. This sort of signal could also be useful at the intersections with Stanford Ave and Churchill. In addition, the bike lane approaching the Cal Ave and El Camino intersection is poor, especially for bikers going straight and cars trying to turn right to go SB on El Camino. This could and should be improved as this is such a heavily trafficked corridor.

Please help us keep our kids safe while supporting the biking and walking culture our community supports.

Best,
Matt and Kara Davis
Redacted
Dear Palo Alto City Council Members

In the wake of the tragic death of young Paul Lafargue, Palo Alto student and cyclist, I implore you to initiate effective means to protect cyclist and pedestrian crossings along the El Camino corridor.—particularly at California Avenue and Stanford Avenue Crossings.

Hundreds of cyclists and pedestrians cross these intersections every day and there are far too many terrifyingly close encounters.

Young Paul’s catastrophic encounter was fatal.

I urge you to act quickly and decisively to make these crossings more safe—for everyone.

Respectfully,

Lesley Robertson
Dear Mayor Fine and members of City Council,

The Law Foundation of Silicon Valley asks that the City of Palo Alto enact an urgency ordinance prohibiting evictions and encampment sweeps in the City of Palo Alto during the COVID-19 public health crisis. Attached please find the Law Foundation’s letter requesting an eviction moratorium in the City of Palo Alto and a draft of an urgency ordinance for your review.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this very important matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (408) 280-2410 or by email to annettek@lawfoundation.org.

Sincerely,

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ORDINANCE NO. _________

AN UNCODIFIED URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALO ALTO
ENACTED PURSUANT TO PALO ALTO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION
2.04.270 PROHIBITING EVICTIONS FOR NONPAYMENT OF RENT AND NO-FAULT EVICTIONS DUE TO THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY AND SETTING FORTH THE FACTS CONSTITUTING SUCH URGENCY

WHEREAS, Palo Alto Municipal Code Section 2.04.270 authorizes the adoption of an urgency ordinance to protect the public peace, health or safety, where there is a declaration of the facts constituting the urgency and the ordinance is adopted by four-fifths of Council Members present; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Clara has announced a public health emergency resulting from the spread of the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; and

WHEREAS, there are already dozens of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Santa Clara County, and as more effective and proactive testing methods are developed, this number is expected to increase rapidly; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Health Officer of the County of Santa Clara issued an order prohibiting public or private mass gatherings of 1,000 people or more; and

WHEREAS, Governor Gavin Newsom and the California Department of Public Health have adopted a policy prohibiting gatherings of 250 or more people, and recommending that individuals who are at higher risk of severe illness avoid gatherings of more than 10 people; and

WHEREAS, as a result of illness, illness of a family member, lay-offs, reduced hours, absences from work due to school closures, or cancelled purchase orders or services, many tenant households will suffer significant reductions in monthly income as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and emergency response measures; and

WHEREAS, according to data from the 2017 American Community Survey by the U.S. Census Bureau, many Santa Clara County renters are already highly at-risk of eviction, with nearly half of all renter households paying 30 percent or more of their income in rent each month; and

WHEREAS, displacement through eviction creates undue hardship for renters through stress, anxiety, and additional relocation costs that could increase susceptibility to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palo Alto City Manager proclaimed a local emergency on March 12, 2020 and the City has implemented service changes throughout its departments to limit the spread of COVID-19; and
WHEREAS, in Palo Alto, there is already one confirmed case of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Palo Alto Unified School District has closed all schools in the district until at least April 10, 2020 to limit the spread of COVID-19, which will require many parents to stay home from work in order to provide childcare; and

WHEREAS, the severe consequences of eviction, including homelessness and forcing families to move into overcrowded conditions, have the potential to accelerate the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, a failure to prevent evictions during the COVID-19 emergency will exacerbate this public health emergency and long-term economic impacts for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, if adopted, upon its effective date the Temporary Eviction Moratorium Ordinance will provide relief to renters from the fear of potential eviction resulting from economic dislocation that may occur as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALO ALTO ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION A. The uncodified Ordinance set out in the attached Exhibit A is hereby approved.

SECTION B. The City Council of the City of Palo Alto hereby finds that there is a current and immediate threat to the public health, safety and/or welfare and a need for immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety that warrants this urgency measure, which finding is based upon the facts stated in the recitals above and in the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisor’s Resolution Ratifying and Extending the Proclamation of a Local Emergency, Resolution No. BOS-2020-10.

SECTION C. This Ordinance is declared by the City Council to be an urgency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety. The facts constituting such urgency are all of those certain facts set forth in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

SECTION D. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption pursuant to Palo Alto Municipal Code Section 2.04.270 and shall remain in effect until the expiration of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisor’s Resolution Ratifying and Extending the Proclamation of a Local Emergency, Resolution No. BOS-2020-10, and any and all extensions or renewals of such proclamation.
EXHIBIT A

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF EVICTIONS FOR NONPAYMENT OF RENT AND NO-FAULT EVICTIONS DURING THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY

SECTION 1 TITLE
This Ordinance shall be known as the “COVID-19 Eviction Moratorium Ordinance.”

SECTION 2 FINDINGS AND PURPOSE
On February 10, 2020, The County of Santa Clara declared a public health emergency resulting from the spread of the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19). There are already dozens of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Santa Clara County, and as more effective and proactive testing methods are developed, this number is expected to increase rapidly.

The Santa Clara County Health Officer has issued an order prohibiting public and private mass gatherings in the County during the COVID-19 Emergency, and as the emergency response to this public health crisis escalates, many residents will feel direct and potentially severe economic impacts. Guidance from public health officials at all levels of government have cautioned people to stay home from work if sick, maintain social distance, and cancel or postpone group events.

As a result of the COVID-19 Emergency and the government-recommended precautions, many tenants have experienced sudden income loss, and further impacts are anticipated, leaving tenants vulnerable to eviction. During this state of emergency, and in the interests of protecting the public health and preventing transmission of the coronavirus, it is essential to avoid unnecessary displacement and homelessness. This Ordinance is intended to prevent this unnecessary displacement and avoid the creation of even greater public health emergency that would result from subjecting thousands more families to homelessness.

SECTION 3 DEFINITIONS
The following words or phrases as used in this Ordinance shall have the following meanings:

A. Tenant. A tenant, tenant household, subtenant, lessee, sublessee or any other person entitled under the terms of a Rental Agreement or this Chapter to the use or occupancy of any Rental Unit.

B. City Council. The term “City Council” refers to the City Council of the City of Palo Alto.

C. COVID-19 Emergency. The “COVID-19 Emergency” refers to the period of time covered by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisor’s Resolution
Ratifying and Extending the Proclamation of a Local Emergency, Resolution No. BOS-2020-10, and any and all extensions or renewals of such proclamation.

D. **Landlord.** An owner, lessor, sublessor or any other person entitled to receive Rent for the use and occupancy of any Rental Unit, or an agent, representative, predecessor, or successor of any of the foregoing.

E. **No-fault eviction.** Any eviction for which the notice does not state a cause to terminate the tenancy or for which the notice to terminate tenancy is not based on alleged fault by the tenant, including but not limited to those causes listed in Civil Code Section 1946.2(b)(2).

F. **Rent.** All periodic payments and all nonmonetary consideration including, but not limited to, the fair market value of goods, labor performed or services rendered to or for the benefit of the Landlord under a Rental Agreement concerning the use or occupancy of a Rental Unit and premises, including all payment and consideration demanded or paid for parking, utility charges, pets, furniture, and/or subletting.

G. **Rental Agreement.** An agreement, oral, written, or implied, between a Landlord and tenant for use or occupancy of a Rental Unit.

H. **Rental Unit.** Any building, structure, or part thereof, or land appurtenant thereto, or any other rental property rented or offered for rent for residential purposes or commercial purposes if the Rental Agreement is made between a Landlord and a Small Business. This term shall also include mobile homes, whether rent is paid for the mobile home and the land upon which the mobile home is located, or rent is paid for the land alone. Further, it shall include recreational vehicles, as defined in California Civil Code Section 799.29 if located in a mobile home park or recreational vehicle park, whether rent is paid for the recreational vehicle and the land upon which it is located, or rent is paid for the land alone.

I. **Small Business.** Any commercial entity, however organized, that meets the size standard for a small business in the industry in which that entity operates as defined in the U.S. Small Business Association’s table of size standards by industry, codified at 13 C.F.R. § 121.201.

**SECTION 4 PROHIBTION ON EVICTIONS**

A. No Landlord shall serve a notice to terminate tenancy for nonpayment of rent, file an unlawful detainer for nonpayment of rent or otherwise evict any Tenant for nonpayment of rent during the COVID-19 Emergency.

B. No Landlord shall serve a notice to terminate tenancy for a no-fault eviction, file an unlawful detainer for a no-fault eviction, or otherwise evict any Tenant for any no-fault cause during the COVID-19 Emergency, unless necessary for the health and safety of tenants, neighbors, or the Landlord. Any notice of
termination served on a Tenant during the COVID-19 Emergency must contain the reason for the termination of tenancy.

C. **Failure to comply.** A Landlord’s failure to comply with any requirement of this Chapter, including without limitation the failure to state the reason for termination pursuant to Subsection (B) herein, is a complete affirmative defense in an unlawful detainer or other action brought by the Landlord to recover possession of the Rental Unit.

D. Nothing in this Ordinance shall relieve the tenant of liability for the unpaid rent, which the Landlord may seek 120 days after expiration of the COVID-19 Emergency. A Landlord may not charge or collect a late fee for rent that is delayed during the COVID-19 Emergency and for a period of 120 days thereafter.

**SECTION 5  LANDLORD NONCOMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT**

A. **Defense to Eviction.** Landlords must establish compliance with this Ordinance in any action to recover possession of a rental unit. Violation of this Ordinance shall be a complete defense to eviction.

B. **Private Right of Action.** Whenever a Landlord endeavors to recover possession or recovers possession of a rental unit in violation of this Ordinance, retaliates against a tenant for the exercise of any rights under this Ordinance, or attempts to prevent a tenant from acquiring any rights herein, the tenant or City may institute a civil proceeding for injunctive relief, money damages of not less than three times actual damages, (including damages for mental or emotional distress), and whatever other relief the court deems appropriate. In the case of an award of damages for mental or emotional distress, said award shall only be trebled if the trier of fact finds that the Landlord acted in knowing violation of or in reckless disregard of the limitations of this Ordinance. The prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs pursuant to order of the court.

C. **Retaliation.** No Landlord may cause a Tenant to quit involuntarily or threaten to bring any action to recover possession, or decrease any services, or increase the rent, or take any other action where the Landlord's dominant motive is retaliation for the tenant's exercise of any rights under the law. Such retaliation shall be a defense to any action to recover possession. In an action to recover possession of a rental unit, proof of the exercise by the tenant of rights under the law within six months prior to the alleged act of retaliation shall create a rebuttable presumption that the Landlord's act was retaliatory.
D. **Nonexclusive Remedy.** The rights and remedies provided by this Ordinance are in addition to any rights available to the tenant under contract, statutory, or case law.

E. **Misdemeanor.** It shall be unlawful for a Landlord or for any person who willfully assists a Landlord to recover possession of a rental unit unless, prior to recovery of possession of the unit the Landlord satisfies all requirements for recovery of the unit under this Ordinance. Any person who endeavors to recover possession in violation of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

**SECTION 6  APPLICATION**

A. This Ordinance applies to eviction notices (of any denomination), unlawful detainer actions based on such notices, served or filed on or after the date of introduction of this Ordinance through the end of the COVID-19 Emergency. With respect to delayed payment covered by this Ordinance, a landlord may seek such rent 120 days after the expiration of the state of emergency, but not through the eviction process.

**SECTION 7  SEVERABILITY**

A. If any provision of clause of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be unconstitutional or to be otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect other chapter provisions, and clauses of this chapter are declared to be severable.

**SECTION 8  NON-WAIVER**

A. Any waiver by a tenant of rights under this Ordinance shall be void as contrary to public policy.
March 15, 2020

Mayor Adrian Fine and Members of City Council
City of Palo Alto
250 Hamilton Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94301
Via Electronic Mail Only

Re: Eviction Moratorium – Urgency Ordinance

Dear Mayor Fine and Members of City Council:

I write on behalf of the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley, Sacred Heart Community Service and Affordable Housing Network of Santa Clara County to ask that the City of Palo Alto enact an immediate moratorium on all evictions during the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, we ask that the City of Palo Alto pass an urgency ordinance prohibiting landlords from filing nonpayment of rent evictions through the duration of the COVID-19 public health crisis in Santa Clara County. Additionally, we request that Palo Alto stop all homeless encampment sweeps and abatements while this crisis is ongoing. A proposed ordinance is attached.

We are in an unprecedented public health crisis, and those who are low-income, and are already highly rent-burdened are most at risk during this crisis. There are many different ways renters’ incomes will likely be impacted, including illness, illness of a family member, work closures due to lost customers or governmental restrictions on public activities, absences from work due to school closures, and lost clients or work for those who are self-employed or work in the “gig” economy for companies such as Uber or Doordash.

Given that the severe consequences of eviction – including homelessness and forcing families to move into overcrowded conditions – have the potential to spread the virus even further, the City Council must take immediate action to prevent low-income tenants from losing their housing to limit the spread of COVID-19 in Santa Clara County.

It is critically important that any tenant who is unable to pay rent because of financial hardship related to COVID-19 can access the protection an eviction moratorium would provide. Therefore, City Council should enact an unconditional moratorium on evictions for nonpayment of rent without any documentation requirements or other obstacles for tenants in establishing that their inability to pay rent is related to the COVID-19 virus.
City Council must also ensure that landlords and tenants are aware of the moratorium and the urgency ordinance. Tenants must be given notice that these emergency protections are in place. One way that the City can ensure tenants receive this notification is to require landlords to provide their tenants written notice advising them of their rights during this public health crisis. In this notice, landlords should also be required to tell their tenants about organizations where a tenant can go to access emergency financial assistance to help them pay rent.

We acknowledge that landlords may be immediately impacted by instituting an unconditional moratorium and enacting an urgency ordinance to prohibit landlords from filing new evictions. However, given the serious and potentially devastating consequences to tenants and the community at large of proceeding with evictions while COVID-19 crisis is ongoing, the City of Palo Alto should do everything it can to minimize the long-term impact of this public health crisis on its citizens and the long-term financial stability of the community.

Finally, it is imperative that the City of Palo Alto take immediate action to halt all encampment sweeps within its jurisdiction. Encampment sweeps have a destabilizing impact upon unhoused residents of a community, even without the added trauma of a public health crisis such as COVID-19. Conducting encampment sweeps now would have an even greater impact upon the unhoused community as many people who are unhoused cannot access healthcare and may have weakened immune systems due to ongoing health problems. If an unhoused person is exposed to the virus and is forced from their encampment and moved to another location, there is great risk that the virus will spread from one encampment to another and throughout the community.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss these comments with you. I can be reached at (408) 280-2410 or by email to annettek@lawfoundation.org.

Sincerely,

/s/ Annette D. Kirkham
Annette D. Kirkham
Senior Attorney
The Honorable Adrian Fine Mayor of Palo Alto,

Every week a copy of Palo Alto Weekly in a blue plastic bag was thrown to my driveway or the sidewalk in front of my driveway. I did not ask for such free service because it is a waste of natural resources and virtually littering. Having Palo Alto Weekly in a blue plastic bag littering on a driveway is a good sign for the burglar that the house is vacant. The situation can translate into privacy, security and crime issues. I moved to Palo Alto in 1989 and raised a family here. My two children graduated from Palo Alto High and became doctor and lawyer. We love this City and I believe you love this city as well. Please do something.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Aldrich Lau, PhD
Redacted
Palo Alto, CA 94301
Mon. March 16, 2020

To all- Here is 54 min. briefing by Trump, et.al. today. Listen at the 40 minute mark about the test. No fun. Trump said he wouldn't want to do it everyday. And, to get out of a hospital after you've had the disease and recovered, you need the test 2X, 24 hrs. apart. Again, it's no fun.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wndq1v7dMFQ

Last night DW said that Trump tried to buy, for $1 billion, a pharma company in SW Germany called Curevac that is developing a vaccine for Corona Virus. As part of the deal he wanted the U.S. to have exclusive rights to the vaccine. In response, some high ranking German official said that "Germany is not for sale". They showed a researcher in a lab at the co. talking about their work in German, oddly enough. The "vaccine" they have disables a part of the virus up at one end which allows it to hook onto the lung tissue. If it cannot grab on, it cannot infect. They think they can start trials in June or July, 2020. We keep hearing from Fauci about "18 mos", so July would be welcomed, the report said.

Also, the news is showing a med which is used to treat ebola patients. It is not a vaccine, but it might be an effective treatment once you develop Covid 19. Might or might not be.
I pose this question again: About a week ago ABC network news had the blond female doctor on. She is now a regular there. He asked her what the incubation period of the virus is and she said they don't know. "It could be 3 days or 10 days" she said, or words to that effect. That would mean that one could be exposed to the virus on Monday, be tested on Friday, be negative that day, and then be infectious three days later on Monday. Right? If so, what good is the test? It detects if you are infectious now having completed the incubation period, but what if you have not completed that period. Would you not then be infectious until the end of the incubation period and think you are negative when you were not? Have they established the incubation period yet?

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Tues. March 17, 2020- Trump said during the 54 minute press briefing yesterday, that the governors are now allowed to buy ventilators on their own without going through the hoops of the federal red tape. Apparently that means they can go out and obtain them without following fed. rules and still get re-imbursed by the feds. All well and good if that is the case. But then, on last night's PBS Newshour, the Governor of Maryland said that that is fine, but we still need the fed government to go all out to obtain more ventilators! I know nothing about ventilators, but they will be needed to save lives if the pandemic hits really hard in the U.S. They discussed how many are available at the press briefing, including from the Pentagon. That number may not be enough, and if we don't have enough people will die as a result.

I noticed that at the Rose Garden Declaration of a national emergency, Walmart, Quest, and other CEOs were present, but I don't recall any from Silicon Valley. Maybe there were some. My idea here: What company made the ventilators we have now? More than one company? Companies outside of the U.S., in China, perhaps? Are those companies still producing them? If so, can we cause increased production? Trump has shown his total contempt for California and I suppose that includes Silicon Valley. Could Silicon Valley companies start making ventilators if mandated to do so? They are good at making complex devices, like I-phones, computers, chips, etc. Ventilators should now be mandated to be made by Silicon Valley companies. They form the technology capital of the world. Trump should call a conference of those companies in SV with the knowledge base of what goes into a ventilator. At such a conference, the companies can decide how the components in a ventilator can be produced as fast as possible, gear up to produce them, and some of them can start assembling those into completed product. So the Trump administration should marshal the resources of SV to start producing large numbers of ventilators. The medical expertise of Stanford and UCSF and the
design and production capability of SV can get ventilators produced in big numbers before the pandemic gets a lot worse in the U.S. If Trump does not act on this, the House should add that to the list of impeachable offenses from him in this crisis. "We're all in this together, we are doing everything possible" says Trump, and then medical personnel across the country say they do not have enough protective gear, and many think we won't have enough ventilators if the epidemic surges in the U.S.

Francis Collins, Anthony Fauci, the CDC should comment on this likely shortage of ventilators and the idea of enlisting SV to produce more. The admin. should talk to Tim Cook of Apple, Jensen Huang of Nvidia and John Hennessy of Alphabet about this. Dr. Hennessey was president of Stanford for 15 years and now he is CEO of Alphabet. I looked him up one time and there are pages and pages of awards, publications and patents listed for him. He would know who best to approach in SV re the idea of having SV produce ventilators.

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Mon. March 16, 2020
To all- Here is 54 min. briefing by Trump, et.al. today. Listen at the 40 minute mark about the test. No fun. Trump said he wouldn't want to do it everyday. And, to get out of a hospital after you've had the disease and recovered, you need the test 2X, 24 hrs. apart. Again, it's no fun. That little fact about the test has been a well-guarded secret for weeks now. Now that the truth is out, perhaps fewer people will be knocking on their doctor's door asking to have the test unless they have good reason to think they have been exposed to the virus.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wndq1v7dMFQ

Last night DW said that Trump tried to buy, for $1 billion, a pharma company in SW Germany called Curevac that is developing "a vaccine" for Corona Virus. As part of the deal he wanted the U.S. to have exclusive rights to the vaccine. In response, some high ranking German official said that "Germany is not for sale". They showed a researcher in a lab at the co. talking about their work in German, oddly enough. The "vaccine" they have disables a part of the virus up at one end which allows it to hook onto the lung tissue. If it cannot grab on, it cannot infect. They think they can start trials in June or July, 2020. We keep hearing from Fauci about "18 mos", so July would be welcomed, the report said. i don't think that's the way vaccines work, but whatever works will be welcome.

Also, the news is showing a med which is used to treat ebola patients. It is not a vaccine, but it might be an effective treatment once you develop Covid 19. Might or might not be. We'll find out.

I pose this question again: About a week ago ABC network news had the blond female doctor on. She is now a regular there. He asked her what the incubation period of the virus is and she said they don't know. "It could be 3 days or 10 days" she said, or words to that effect. That would mean, maybe, that one could be exposed to the virus on Monday, be tested on Friday, be negative that day, and then be infectious three days later on Monday. Right? If so, what good is the test? It detects if you are infectious now if you have completed the incubation period, but what if you have not completed that period? Would you not then be non-infectious until the end of the incubation period and test negative during that time when you were not negative? Have they established the incubation period yet? So, how does the length of the incubation period, and especially if it is a long one for this virus, affect the reliability of the test? Is a long incubation period producing negative results when the patient is well on the way to becoming infectious after he takes and passes the test? Dr. Fauci and the CDC should comment on this.

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Wed. March 11, 2020

Fred-


Clinton's home is in Chappaqua, way north of New Rochelle, north of White Plains, in fact. So not even close to New Rochelle. I didn't realize how far north they are. They are way up in the boonies. This map shows both towns:

https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/5/5d/New_York_State_Route_100_Map.svg

You see Mt. Kisco on the map. An accting mgr from San Jose branch was sent to GMAC Executive Office in NY 6 months before I was. He bought a house in Mt. Kisco and did not like the area. "Everything is green!" he complained. Not a damn thing there, either. Long train ride daily down to Grand Central too. I took an apartment in Tuckahoe, just north of Bronxville. Much closer to NYC.

Another brutal day on the mkt. WHO proclaims it to be a pandemic, and stimulus pkge from Washington is still murky. Those 2 hurt mkt. Fauci: "the worst is yet to come".

BP down $2.13, down 7.95% to $24.66, so down 8% today. Yikes. The yield is now 9.41%, if they don't cut the DIV. I'm down ~25% now with BP. But geez- get almost 10% on your money. Will they cut the DIV? Will they go broke?

A press conference by Kanzlerin Merkel was scheduled for noon, Berlin time- 3 AM PT. It was covered live on DW and was seen here. As with Trump, they walked in at 3:31 AM PT. I watched it. Her first press conference on the virus. I'll write it up. She just came out of a vid. conference with leaders of all 27 EU states. Said they'll keep doing those. The EU will spend 25 billion Euros to help the member countries. They know they will pay up to deal with the disaster in Italy. The Brits got out just in time. The plan is to slow the spread of the virus so the HC system isn't overwhelmed by the number of pts. They said that several times. That's the goal. They are spending 140 million Euros on a vaccine, so it's not just the U.S. working on one. It will be old people mainly who will be killed by the virus. SLOW THE SPREAD is the order of the day. They can't stop it, but the HC system won't collapse if they can slow it. Follow the WHO guidelines, they said. Germany thinks they are about 7-10 days behind Italy in the epidemic. Large gatherings- over 1,000 people, now verboten in D. Land. Italy had 631 dead as of last night.

One tiny glimmer: China is saying that "the outbreak is basically curbed" there. They had a crawl saying that during the Merkel press conf. The UC Berk. prof. on KPIX said the other day that the Chinese have taken Draconian measures. Are we willing to do that? It can be curbed in terms of new cases, the Chinese have shown, but it takes Draconian measures to do it.

No one knows where the bottom for the mkt. will be, but that will be a great opportunity to buy stocks. Try to detect the bottom and make big money. Buy great cos. at the bottom and watch them jump. I have no doubt that will happen once the virus is knocked down.

L. William Harding

Fresno
Edward K. Shikada
Palo Alto City Manager

Dear Mr. Shikada:

Thank you for sharing yesterday's busy schedule.

I value your perception and regard shown my concerns. You listen. Your acknowledgement means a lot. Living my life in Palo Alto, I've witnessed many changes. For me, our town has always been truly special. I appreciate your protection and leadership.

Sincerely,
-Danielle

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Palo Alto City Council Candidate 2016 & 2005
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On March 16, 2020 the California State Legislature passed Assembly Bill 89 and Senate Bill 89, which are now awaiting the Governor’s signature. This funding would authorize $500 million immediately and up to $1 billion in total to be used at the Governor’s discretion with the purpose of providing assistance related to the impacts of COVID-19.

We are asking our state government to publicly support funding for Bay Area public transit operators during this time of critical need.

1. [Sign the petition NOW PLEASE:](#)
2. [Call and email your state legislators NOW PLEASE](#)
Here is information on the issue that you can use in your call. Short version: please direct emergency funding from AB89/SB89 to support public transportation that is providing a vital service and facing tremendous loss of revenue during the COVID-19 crisis.

COVID-19 represents a threat to the health and wellbeing of all Californians, particularly our vulnerable and elderly neighbors. Our public health interventions to slow the spread of infections are necessary and welcome. Unfortunately, these same precautions, such as social distancing and sheltering in place, threaten the existence of public transit systems in the Bay Area that continue to function, as they are considered essential services that are transporting nurses, social service workers, grocery store employees, and the people who keep our society running during these trying times.

On March 17, 2020, the “shelter in place” order began in nearly every county in the Bay Area. This order assumes that public transit will still be available for those requiring “Essential Travel,” which includes critical business and government functions. This means that even during the most extreme social distancing measures, our region needs safe, functioning and reliable public transit.

Given our current conditions, that is not possible without additional funding.

In the first week of social distancing (March 9-15), every public transit agency saw precipitous drops in ridership:

- BART saw a 24%-61% drop in ridership, adding up to approximately $5 million in revenue lost
- Muni averaged approximately 35-50% drop in ridership and $1 million in revenue lost
- Caltrain saw a 75% drop in ticket sales, correlating with the drop in ridership
- AC Transit, VTA, and other agencies have seen similar drops

These figures are for last week, when many people voluntarily stayed home. With the "shelter in place" order now mandating that almost everyone stay home, this week and the following weeks are expected to see even lower ridership and more fare revenue lost.

Transit operators have no idea how long the COVID-19 crisis will last, or even how long shelter in place orders will remain in effect.

Therefore, we call on the California Legislature, Governor Gavin Newsom, and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to urgently prioritize the following as part of the recently-passed bills to provide emergency funding:

- Allocate state funding, particularly that made available by AB89 and SB89, for Bay Area public transit operators, with a focus on transit operations and fare recovery for transit operators with high farebox recovery rates, and
- Ensure guidelines for state and federal pass-through funding is eligible for transit operators.
Sign the petition to call for our regional institutions and state government to support public transit, its riders and operators with emergency fiscal stimulus as quickly as possible.

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Subject: Fwd: [New post] Emergency Actions NOW to save Bay Area transit in the Covid-19 crisis 2/2

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alevin posted: "The United States Congress is currently working on a bill to provide relief to workers and business and to help stimulate the US economy. Jurisdictions across the Bay Area normally collect $85 million in fare revenue per month, the vast majority of which"

New post on Green Caltrain

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by alevin

The United States Congress is currently working on a bill to provide relief to workers and business and to help stimulate the US economy. Jurisdictions across the Bay Area normally collect $85 million in fare revenue per month, the vast majority of which is expected to be lost in the foreseeable future. Transit agencies in California also rely very heavily on sales tax revenues, which are expected to see a very steep decline; Bay Area public transit agencies could see a loss of sales tax revenue as large as $300 million just this fiscal year (until June 30th).

We are asking our federal government to support funding for Bay Area public transit operators during this time of critical need.

Please take urgent action NOW:

1. Sign this petition
2. Call and email your representative
3. Call and email Senators Feinstein and Harris:
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Background for your comments to our representatives in DC.

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Given our current conditions, that is not possible without additional funding.

Every public transit agency is seeing a precipitous drops in ridership and revenue:

- BART saw a 71% drop in ridership on Monday (3/16), which will see BART lose over $7 million per week just from fares.
- Muni averaged approximately 35-50% drop in ridership last week and $1 million in revenue lost
- Caltrain has seen a 90% drop in ticket sales, correlating with the drop in ridership which will cost the agency between $1.6 and $1.8 million per week.
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As my representative in Congress/Senate, I urge you to support public transit, its riders and operators with emergency fiscal stimulus as quickly as possible.
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Hi I am writing to ask if the parking restrictions have been lifted during our time of shelter in place. Many of us don’t buy one as we drive to work. I feel in this time parking officers are not an essential personnel. Menlo Park has lifted and I feel PALO Alto should do the right thing.

Amy

Sent from my iPhone
Hello,

I've heard about the COVID-19 Small Businesses Resiliency Fund in San Francisco but I was wondering if there is a plan to do this in Palo Alto or in Santa Clara. I know a lot of businesses, including our home family daycare, will be hurt by this so it would be great if you could provide us with some other resources or information on this.

Thank you, stay health and hope to hear from you soon.

Best,
Biby
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Biby Chacon
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Baumb, Nelly

From: Flaherty, Michelle
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 10:21 AM
Subject: Business Assistance

Dear friends in the Palo Alto business community,
Below, please find an updated collection of resources available to support businesses during this difficult time. You can subscribe to updates from the U.S. Small Business Administration at:
We have been posting links to helpful information for the business community on the City’s webpage regarding COVID-19. Today we’ll be reformatting it with an easier to find button/link specifically for businesses.
I will send you another email in a moment with less links and more narrative from U.S. SBA, in case formatting gets lost in cyberspace. Feel free to forward these emails onto anyone who may find them helpful.
Best wishes,
Michelle

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Date: Mon, Mar 16, 2020 at 6:05 PM
Subject: COVID-19 Small Business Supporter Update

March 16th, 2020
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• Updates from throughout the region
• Community Resources
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Updates from the San Francisco District Office
SBA To Provide Small Businesses Impacted by Coronavirus (COVID-19) Up to $2 Million in Disaster Assistance Loans

The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to California small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus. Applications can be modified and adjusted after submittal.

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The unprecedented economic impacts of the Coronavirus on the business community in California are already being felt.

CAMEO, in coordination with the U.S. Small Business Administration’s Office of Disaster Assistance, will be holding a call on **Wednesday, March 18th at 4:00PM** to explain the SBA disaster loan application process and answer questions from small business support organizations.

We’ll cover:

- What the program is
- How it works and how to apply
- Common missteps or misunderstandings that impact business owner applicants
Join the Webinar at 4:00PM March 18th

(Call-in information: Dial US: +1 669 900 6833 Webinar ID: 956 176 760)

SBA Guidance for Businesses and Employers

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offers the most up-to-date information on COVID-19. This interim guidance is based on what is currently known about the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). For updates from CDC, please see the following:

- Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
- Preventing Stigma Related to COVID-19
- Share Facts about COVID-19
- CDC Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Web page
- Information on Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Prevention, Symptoms and FAQ

As a public service, the SBA may provide links to other organizations that provide information of benefit to small businesses. The links below are external links. They do not constitute an endorsement by the SBA of the opinions, products or services presented on the external sites, or of any sites linked to it.

Updates from throughout the region

The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development is compiling updates, programs, and guidance for employers across state agencies

The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development has compiled helpful information for employers, employees and all Californians as it relates to the COVID-19 outbreak.
San Francisco Announces Local Measures to Support Small Businesses in Response to COVID-19

These efforts include deferring business taxes and licensing fees, launching a relief fund for impacted businesses, supporting nonprofits funded by the City so workers don’t lose their incomes, and working with partners in the philanthropic and private sector, as well as advocating for state and federal support for workers and businesses. The City will also be launching a website that will serve as a one-stop shop for all resources, contacts, and updates for small businesses: www.oewd.org/covid19

San Francisco Assistance Programs

Benefits for Workers Impacted by COVID-19

The California Labor and Workforce Development Agency is keeping a central summary chart of resources available to employees from different state and federal programs. Employers should share this resource with their employees.

See the Summary Chart Here

Reading and Research

- CDC Guidance: Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers Plan, Prepare and Respond
- CDC Guidance: Mass Gatherings or Large Community Event Guidance

Community Resources

Printable SBA Handouts  SBA Lending Data Dashboard

San Francisco District Office Contacts
Dear friends in the Palo Alto business community,

Below, please find additional information about U.S. SBA Disaster Loans.

Best wishes,
Michelle

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U.S. Small Business Administration is now accepting applications for low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital (Economic Injury Disaster Loans) for small businesses and private, non-profit organizations in designated counties of California and other states to help alleviate economic injury caused by the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

To access SBA assistance, go to the Disaster Loan Assistance portal. You can click on “Eligible Disaster Areas” to see what counties have been designated as coronavirus disaster affected. As of March 16, 2020, 35 California counties were designated including San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties.

Economic Injury Disaster Loans are working capital (rather than loans for physical damage) to help small businesses and most private, non-profit organizations of all sizes meet their ordinary and necessary financial obligations that cannot be met as a direct result of the disaster. These loans are intended to assist through the disaster recovery period.

Federal law limits these to $2,000,000 maximum for alleviating economic injury caused by the disaster, and the actual amount of each loan is limited to the economic injury determined by SBA, less business interruption insurance and other recoveries up to the administrative lending limit. SBA also considers potential contributions that are available from the business and/or its owner(s) or affiliates.

These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can’t be paid because of the disaster’s impact. The interest rate is 3.75% for small businesses without credit available elsewhere; businesses with credit available elsewhere are not eligible. The interest rate for non-profits is 2.75%.

SBA offers loans with long-term repayments in order to keep payments affordable, up to a maximum of 30 years. Terms are determined on a case-by-case basis, based upon each borrower’s ability to repay.

To apply for an Economic Injury Disaster Loans, click on “Apply Online” and create an account and password. Then submit your application. An explanation of SBA disaster application loan process is here. The application requires submitting the following forms (copes of which are available here):

- Business Loan Application (SBA Form 5) completed and signed by business applicant.
- IRS Form 4506-T completed and signed by Applicant business, each principal owning 20% or more of the applicant business, each general partner or managing member and, for any owner who has more than a 50%
ownership in an affiliate business. (Affiliates include business parent, subsidiaries, and/or businesses with common ownership or management).

- Complete copies, including all schedules, of the most recent Federal income tax returns for the applicant business; an explanation if not available.
- Personal Financial Statement (SBA Form 413) completed, signed and dated by the applicant (if a sole proprietorship), each principal owning 20% or more of the applicant business, each general partner or managing member.
- Schedule of Liabilities listing all fixed debts (SBA Form 2202 may be used).

Additional information may also be necessary to process your application:

- Complete copies, including all schedules, of the most recent Federal income tax returns for each principal owning 20% or more of the applicant business, each general partner or managing member, and each affiliate when any owner has more than a 50% ownership in the affiliate business. Affiliates include, but are not limited to, business parents, subsidiaries, and/or other businesses with common ownership or management.
- If the most recent Federal income tax return has not been filed, a year-end profit and loss statement and balance sheet for that tax year is acceptable.
- A current year-to-date profit and loss statement.
- Additional Filing Requirements (SBA Form 1368) providing monthly sales figures.

For additional information, please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center at 1-800-659-2955 (TTY: 1-800-877-8339) or e-mail disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or visit www.sba.gov/disaster.
Dear Councilmembers,

I had hoped to come to your meeting today myself to talk about safe parking, but in light of public health guidelines, I’m writing to you instead.

First, thank you for your leadership and partnership as we jointly address COVID-19 and its effects on our community.

On safe parking, our office has been working jointly with your city staff, and with many of you, to look for new opportunities to open safe parking lots. In addition to targeted outreach to businesses, in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce, we hosted four information sessions – two in Palo Alto and two in Mountain View – about hosting safe parking lots. We’ve started a dialogue with several lot owners, and we are hopeful that some will become safe parking lots.

In the coming weeks we will continue to work with your staff on efforts to increase safe parking in Palo Alto, on public and private land, and to bring a service provider to handle case management, lot monitoring, and other logistics.

Thank you,

Joe Simitian
County Supervisor, Fifth District
Dear Mayor Fine and City Council members,

I would like to request an in-person meeting or phone call to discuss the items listed below. We hope that Council will take the time to listen to our concerns and have a rigorous discussion about the impacts of the tobacco ban and how it may put us out of business.

My contact information:

Lori A. Khoury cell (408) 219-0148 email: khoury7eleven@sbcglobal.net

I am writing as the owner of Mac’s Smoke Shop, one of the oldest retail establishments in the City of Palo Alto. We love the City of Palo Alto and wish to continue doing business in the community for years to come. We are small business and cater to those only 21 and over. A very large portion of our sales are generated from the very products you are proposing to prohibit. We are very concerned that this new ordinance will force us to close our doors by year end. From the inception of Mac’s Smoke Shop back in 1934, we have always upheld our impeccable reputation in the community. We are a legacy institution in the City and hear many wonderful stories from customers, Palo Alto residents and people who know what a great place Mac’s is. With the swipe of your pen our entire business may be gone.

This proposed new tobacco ordinance will cause more harm than good. It threatens the very nature of what we have been doing for over 80 years, selling tobacco products. We will continue to take measures to ensure that no one under 21 enters the store. We are moving our registers even closer to the door so that our sales associates can be hyper vigilant about who enters the store. The ordinance won’t stop people from buying flavored tobacco and vaping products, and it especially won’t have any impact on teen vaping since teens aren’t our customers.

As an “adult only” store, granted an exemption to sell to only those over 21, there is no plausible reason not to continue to offer Mac’s Smoke Shop an exemption. We are educated about the products we sell, responsible about who we sell to, and know the consequences if the rules aren’t followed. We aren’t anything like the gas stations and 7-Elevens that have been cited for selling to minors. We have never been cited for any violation, passing the February sting that three merchants failed, but we passed with flying colors and will continue to do so.

The neighboring city of Los Altos recognized the overly harsh consequences of imposing an ordinance prohibiting the sale of flavored tobacco and vaping products. One retailer, Edward’s Pipe and Tobacco, was threatened with closure without an exemption. The Los Altos Council granted an
exemption, but Edward’s must follow regulations to continue selling flavored tobacco. We want the council to recognize the repercussions to Mac’s Shop and grant us an exemption as well.

We need the City to allow us to continue to do business as usual and continue the legacy we have worked so hard to build. The Council acknowledged in their Colleagues Memo dated December 9, 2019 that “In addition to following the county’s lead, the memo recommended that the city support legislation that restricts access of minors to vaping products and provides funding for education efforts on vaping”. Mac’s Smoke Shop already restricts access to minors. Additionally, “Council members agreed that banning sales of vaping products in the city will not do much to curtail the problem. Even with the ban, Tanaka said, most people won't have trouble buying electronic cigarettes”. Residents of Palo Alto also support a less restrictive approach to curtailing the sale of vaping products “Scott Anderson, a Palo Alto resident who had previously worked in the tobacco industry, supported a more cautious approach. He agreed that the council should focus on protecting the health and wellness of the community, and did not dispute that consuming nicotine through combustible tobacco is harmful. Wholesale prohibition on vaping is not the right solution, he said".

Please take a look at the photos below that show the history of such a wonderful institution.

Sincerely,
Neil and Lori Khoury
Owners - Mac's Smoke Shop
Who is in charge of Green Waste? I had a terrible experience with Adrianna, the most unhelpful rude agent ever.
I expect a response from the City of Palo Alto as well. Permission to forward the note below where it needs to go.
I have written MANY times to the City of Palo Alto and rarely get a reply. I want one, in writing, to this.

I just had a terrible phone call with Adrianna. I need to reschedule my "Clean Up Day" due to the GLOBAL MEDICAL CRISIS. Adrianna refused to accommodate me, showed no empathy or compassion, and basically told me it would be IMPOSSIBLE to schedule. This is not an acceptable response to a global health crisis.

I pay for TWO clean-up days and I fully intend to use both days. CHANGE your policy immediately and retrain your agents. I am shocked and disgusted. When I asked to speak to her manager, she told me there was no one I could speak to and all I can do is "send an email to the general customer service address." My "clean up day" is scheduled for tomorrow. FIX all of this. I will also address this complaint to the city.
M. Phelan
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Dear Palo Alto business community friends,
I wanted to let you know that – in light of the current economic landscape – city staff is recommending we discontinue work on and consideration of a local business tax ballot measure for the November 2020 election.

For more details you can click on the link below to read the memo prepared by City Manager Ed Shikada and Chief Financial Officer Kiely Nosé for this Monday’s (3/23) City Council meeting.
https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/75851

Please let me know if you have any questions.
Best wishes,
Michelle

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Quality | Courtesy | Efficiency | Integrity | Innovation
Greetings,

The attached letter addresses the topic the Palo Alto business tax.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
-Matt
Dear Palo Alto Mayor Fine and City Council Members:

The effects of COVID-19 pandemic have disrupted the national economy, overwhelmed healthcare providers and decimated the hotel/hospitality industry on a national, regional and local level. Empty streets, business and school closure along with restricted travel have rendered Palo Alto a ghost town with no end in sight causing hotel and business closings.

For January and February 2020 Homewood Suites produced modest 2% same period YOY occupancy increases. March 2020 I am forecasting a 63% reduction in occupancy with expectations of greater reductions in April. Effective March 11th we laid off over 30 staff members. The hotel is being operated by five members of the management staff. Prior to this order I had hoped the hotel could perform closer to 40% for the month.

An important consideration in measuring the scope of this crisis is the Governor projects 25.5 million Californians to be infected over an eight week period. If only half that number become infected the number is still staggering. The pandemic health crisis continues to escalate directly impacting all of us on a personal level creating disruption at home and for business operators while demanding resources from the county and local level. An important financial indicator in addition to shelter in place is the current travel ban to and from China disrupting tech industry business processes which include manufacturing, distribution and supply chain management. Also impacting hotel occupancy.

The historical trend indicates that China is the #1 feeder of travel to the US and particularly California with the airline measurement of 45,000 seats per week. SFO and SJC are two of the California points of entry for what was approximately 149 weekly non-stop flights. Certainly this drives business travel, however, over 50% of Chinese travelers arrive in California for leisure pursuits, generally staying 14 nights with ancillary spending of $2,220 for shopping and dining. The China travel ban has resulted in an abrupt halt to this travel and the economic ripple of every dollar spent in Palo Alto. This travel is typically planned 2-3 months in advance suggesting if the travel ban were lifted in the 2nd quarter we would not see travel resume until late summer or early fall.

My view is the damage of this financial and health crisis is not entirely understood and will continue to reverberate globally, nationally and locally for quite some time. I firmly believe Palo Alto will emerge stronger and better and has the opportunity to affirm a leadership role positioning the city for future distinction. I urge you to consider thoughtful study/evaluation to measure impact of current events before proceeding with a business tax. Global and national indicators have intruded on our local decisions becoming a new voice in the conversation. A postponement will provide the opportunity to have a more informed strategy to implement a stronger and more effective outcome that benefits the entirety of Palo Alto.

Respectfully.

Matt Dolan
General Manager
Homewood Suites – Palo Alto
Dear Mayor Fine and Members of the Council,

Please find attached a letter regarding the Palo Alto Business Tax.

Warm Regards,

Carl

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Carl Guardino, CEO
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20 March 2020

Palo Alto City Council
250 Hamilton Ave
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Dear Mayor Fine and Members of the Council:

Palo Alto's Chief Financial Officer and City Manager have recommended that in response to the current public health emergency that the Council should direct staff to discontinue work on developing a local business tax for the November 2020 election to allow staff to focus on other issues.

The Silicon Valley Leadership Group has many concerns about a headcount tax, which is a tax on jobs. The Leadership Group's Vice President for Tax Policy, Dan Kostenbauder, will follow up with some additional ideas about the tax proposal currently under consideration.

In the current environment we strongly endorse the recommendation of the City's staff to defer consideration of a headcount tax. There is tremendous uncertainty about the severity of the coronavirus pandemic on the health of our citizens and the health of our economy. The low unemployment rates of the past few years cannot be counted on to continue.

We know many workers have already lost their jobs in the travel and hospitality industries, and if the pandemic is not contained soon, unemployment will spread widely with damaging effects on our companies in Silicon Valley, including Palo Alto.

Now is not the time to add to the economic challenges of our local employers while they are preparing to face a very uncertain future.

Respectfully, we urge you to follow the staff's recommendation.

Warm Regards,

Carl Guardino
President & CEO
Silicon Valley Leadership Group
Dear Members of the City Council,

I have been a business owner in Palo Alto for more than a decade. I am deeply dismayed that you are considering imposing a business tax and I wanted to voice my firm opposition. My objections were fully formed before the recent outbreak of the corona virus and considering recent developments, a business tax would seem even more foolish if not outright destructive. It is difficult to believe that you are even considering imposing new taxes at this time and it confirms my suspicion that you are completely out of touch with the needs of the Palo Alto business community. Small business owners like myself are being raped and pillaged on a daily basis by the ever increasing taxes and fees we are required to pay, the high cost of utilities in this city, the shitty transportation system and the bizarre lack of affordable housing available to our employees. How about you guys figure out how to make life easier for small businesses occasionally? How about you spend your time dealing with the biggest health crisis our community has ever faced? A tax on small business? Shame on you.

Sincerely,

Howard Bulka

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Dear Palo Alto City Council Members,

This is a request to postpone discussions about the business tax to the businesses in Palo Alto.

As we all know, the state of California is ordering "stay at home" to all residents in California due to COVID-19. Many businesses have to shut down until further notice. This is already greatly hurt all businesses, no matter if they are small, medium or large businesses. As one of the small business owners in Palo Alto, we are struggling to survive. Additional tax will cause us more burden and even crucial to the survival of the business.

Therefore, I urge city council to pause any discussions on the business tax during this economic crisis and not put it on the November 2020 ballot.

I hope the city council could join the Chamber of Commerce and any other business association to engage in a constructive dialogue to work together to help businesses and the community in this time of crisis.

Sincerely,

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Dear Palo Alto Mayor Fine and City Council Members:

The impacts of Covid-19 are vast and have significantly impacted businesses and the economy. Palo Alto businesses have been forced to lay off workers, cut hours and change daily operations to allow remaining employees to work from home, all contributing to a drastic drop in operating funds which may force some businesses to forego payments of rent and payroll and even consider shuttering permanently. In this time of economic uncertainty, it is the wrong time for the Palo Alto City Council to be pursuing this tax and further burdening businesses who are already struggling. In addition, the shelter in place rules make it difficult for businesses to effectively provide feedback and input as the Council further develops this tax.

We have had to close Watercourse Way due to COVID-19. We cannot do massage or facials remotely. We continue to have expenses with no income coming in. We do not know how we will pay the Emergency Sick Pay let alone our own sick pay policy.

We are completely shut down so we will not be able to be contacted by city staff for input.

In light of the current situation, we would like to ask that you postpone discussion of a business tax and ensure the business community that you do not intend to have a measure on the November 2020 ballot. While many businesses have had to close their doors and are simply trying to survive, it is most imperative that we support the health, safety and welfare of our community at this time.

We trust you to make a decision that reflects the best interest of the business community. As we face this together, we hope to continue a dialogue.

Sincerely,
Susan Nightingale
Owner
Watercourse Way
165 Channing Ave
Palo Alto, Ca. 94301

Susan Nightingale
Watercourse Way
P 650 462 2010
F 650 462 2020
I would like to ask you all to stop any discussions on business tax on Monday the 23rd until the economic crisis has passed. I feel we have to wait pass 2020 before putting it on any ballots again. Small Palo Alto businesses are hurting too much right now and the timing for this tax is no longer appropriate.

Sophie Ravel
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Oh by the way...I am never too busy for your referrals!

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Thank you for your leadership and efforts to keep those in Palo Alto and throughout our region safe and in compliance with the statewide "Shelter in Place" order. Certainly, we all are facing many challenges right now and our local businesses, housing providers, and workers will struggle with the economic impacts of this emergency for months, if not years, to come. For these reasons, I urge you to postpone any further consideration of a tax on local businesses until our community is safe and we regain a sense of economic stability.

If I can provide any resources to you all, particularly related to real estate and housing issues, as we navigate this emergency please let me know.

Thank you,

Ryan Carrigan
SILVAR
Dear Palo Alto Mayor Fine and City Council Members:

In the last few weeks, our country has faced unprecedented challenges with the arrival of COVID-19. The impacts of this disease are vast and have significantly impacted businesses and the economy. Palo Alto businesses have been forced to lay off workers, cut hours and change daily operations to allow remaining employees to work from home, all contributing to a drastic drop in operating funds which may force some businesses to forego payments of rent and payroll and even consider shuttering permanently. In this time of economic uncertainty, it is the wrong time for the Palo Alto City Council to be pursuing this tax and further burdening businesses who are already struggling. In addition, the shelter in place rules make it difficult for businesses to effectively provide feedback and input as the Council further develops this tax.

COVID-19 has affected our business in the following ways:

· (layoffs)
· (closures)
· (limited hours)
· (inability to pay rent, utility bills, payroll)

In addition, at this time it will be very difficult for City staff to get input from the business community while developing this tax. Businesses are unable to attend Council meetings in person to provide feedback. Many businesses are completely shut down so they would not be able to be contacted by city staff for input.

In light of the current situation, we would like to ask that you postpone discussion of a business tax and ensure the business community that you do not intend to have a measure on the November 2020 ballot. While many businesses have had to close their doors and are simply trying to survive, it is most imperative that we support the health, safety and welfare of our community at this time.

We trust you to make a decision that reflects the best interest of the business community. As we face this together, we hope to continue a dialogue.

Teleferic Barcelona.

David Linares
General Manager
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Walnut Creek (USA). 1500 Mount Diablo Boulevard.
Sant Cugat (Spain). Avinguda Torre Blanca, 2.
Palo Alto (USA). 855 El Camino Real #130.
Miami Beach (USA). 1500 Collins Ave. (MORROFINO BARCELONA)
Dear Mayor Fine and Honorable City Council Members

As both a business owner and Palo Alto resident, I urge you to follow the recommendation of both City Manager Shikada and city staff to postpone discussion of a business tax and assure your business community that such a vote will not appear on the November 2020 ballot.

The shelter in place rulings have had a profound impact on already-challenged Palo Alto businesses. Many of us have no revenue coming in at all; we are trying to maintain our staff as long as we can but we may face some difficult decisions if the shelter in place goes on too long. Palo Alto will lose businesses due to COVID-19 and our local economy will look dramatically different. Even if the head count tax is meant to apply only to larger businesses, they, too, will be faced with economic hardships if this continues. This is not the time to make operating a business in Palo Alto even more challenging.

In addition, this is too important a decision to make without input from local businesses, and with the inability to attend council meetings in person, the decision will be made in a vacuum. Businesses are currently consumed with trying to adapt to the current crisis and stay afloat, so outreach to the community has been difficult. Postponing the measure will allow for truly constructive conversations with the business community to address the issues. The Chamber of Commerce has already hosted community forums, but there has not been a chance for true engagement with the council to provide input as the concept of a tax is developed.

If you continue on the current path and place the business tax on the November ballot, it will send a clear message to local businesses, large and small, that our input, or even our presence, means very little and we are not regarded as an important part of the Palo Alto community. I would hate to see that message, with its profound implications for the future, passed on to either the business community or the community at large.

Please postpone placing a vote about the tax on the November ballot.

Thank you

Georgie Gleim
President, Gleim the Jeweler
Please see the attached letter urging the Council to defer consideration of the proposed business tax.

Best regards,
Dan
22 March 2020

Palo Alto City Council
250 Hamilton Ave
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Dear Mayor Fine and Members of the Council:

Thank you all for your efforts to deal with the current health challenges that we are facing. At the Leadership Group we are doing what we can to support our member companies as well as our communities in dealing with the situation.

I have two main thoughts to share with you regarding your consideration of a measure on the November 2020 ballot that would impose a tax on Palo Alto businesses.

First, Palo Alto should defer any decision about imposing a business tax until after the November 2020 election so that we will know whether the “split roll” ballot measure has passed and can begin to assess the possible impact upon Palo Alto employers. The split roll measure would require commercial and industrial property to be assessed at fair market value at least every three years.

The impact of a split roll on Palo Alto businesses could be profound. Below is a rough calculation of the possible impact of split roll on Palo Alto businesses that shows why Palo Alto should be concerned about the health of its business community if split roll passes. To do the calculations below, I will make some assumptions. The reality might not be as severe as under my assumptions, but the reality could definitely be worse than my assumptions. Either way, I strongly urge you not to put a Palo Alto business tax on the ballot until you know whether the split roll measure will pass and can begin to assess its consequences.

Here are the sources or assumptions on which the calculations below are based:

1. From the Santa Clara Assessors Annual Report for 2019-20, this is the total assessed value of industrial, office and retail property in Palo Alto.
2. Assume 10% of such properties have not been reassessed for many years and thus are highly appreciated
3. Number 3 below indicates the increased value of 10% of Palo Alto’s business properties if they are reassessed at 20 times their current assessed value. There are anecdotes in the Santa Clara Assessors Annual Reports for 2019-20 and 2018-19 indicating that upon a change in ownership of land in Silicon Valley, the assessed value increased by more than 20 times.
4. Assuming that Palo Alto taxpayers pay approximately 1.18% of assessed value, this would be the total additional amount of property taxes that would be paid by Palo Alto businesses.
5. Over $16 million is the amount of increased property tax that Palo Alto would receive using my assumptions since the City of Palo Alto receives 9% of the 1% of assessed property value. Thus, passage of split roll could result in a larger Palo Alto tax increase on many of the same large employers than the proposed business tax, notwithstanding the total property tax increase.
Calculations based on the data and assumptions above:

1. $ 9,640,085,535
2. $ 964,008,553
3. $18,316,162,516
4. $ 216,130,718
5. $ 16,484,546

The point of these calculations is to demonstrate that the passage of split roll would result in a massive tax increase on Palo Alto businesses that have owned their property for a long period of time. It also shows that the City of Palo Alto would realize a significant increase in property tax collections. Please note that the business owners or lessees of the largest and most valuable properties would generally be the same businesses that have significant numbers of employees and thus would be the companies that would pay the most under a new business tax as it is currently contemplated.

Clearly split roll would increase taxes on Palo Alto businesses and the City would receive a major increase in property tax revenue. Adding a business tax at the same time could be devastating for many local employers and businesses.

It could be that my assumptions are not accurate. Nevertheless, it would be useful to have the City’s consultants who are modeling the tax impact of the business tax to consult with the Santa Clara Assessor’s office to develop more refined estimates of the possible impact of the split roll ballot measure. Doing so before placing a Palo Alto business tax on the ballot would help the city to understand the potential impact on businesses in the City if a second tax is imposed on the same taxpayers at the same time that they would have to deal with a split roll.

Second, business taxpayers with the most employees in Palo Alto might pay the business tax at a level much higher than larger companies in other cities.

The Finance Committee Staff Report for the December 17, 2019 meeting had a schedule of tiers for calculating the head count tax to achieve various percentages of the City General Fund expenses. Under the schedule to achieve 5% of the City’s General Fund, an employer with 5,000 employees would pay $2,271,623 and an employer with 7,000 employees would pay $3,439,623.

The City Council Staff Report for the March 23, 2020 Council meeting proposed four scenarios for a business tax tier structure estimated to raise between $4.3 and $5.2 million per year. Scenario D, which would impose the highest amount of tax on the largest employers, would raise about $5.0 million per year. Under Scenario D, an employer with 5,000 employees would pay $1,456,400 while an employer with 7,000 employees would pay $2,046,400.

The business tax that the Mountain View City Council placed on the November 2018 ballot provided for an additional $150 tax for each employee above 5,000. This resulted in an estimated tax liability for Mountain View’s largest employer, with over 23,000 employees, of about $3.3 million.

The tier structure under the 5% scenario in the December 2019 Palo Alto Staff Report would cause a Palo Alto employer with only 1/3 of the employees of Mountain View’s largest employer to pay more business tax than that company, which had an estimated tax per employee of about $143. Scenario D in the March 2020 Staff Report would impose a tax of about $292 per employee, which is more than double the tax imposed by Mountain View on its much larger employer.

Because Palo Alto does not have any large employers with employee levels comparable to the large companies located in some neighboring cities, Palo Alto should avoid putting an undue tax burden on Palo Alto businesses in an effort to use a headcount based tax to raise tax revenue comparable in amount to other cities with much larger employers.

Thank you for considering our request to defer further consideration of a business tax this year.

Very best regards,

Dan Kostenbauder    Vice President, Tax Policy    Silicon Valley Leadership Group
Mayor Fine & City Council Members,

As a retail business owner, I ask that you follow the recommendation of City Manager Shikada and the city staff to postpone discussion of a business tax and make sure this will not appear on the November 2020 ballot.

As I write this, the current shelter in place mandate by Gov. Newsom has already had a very large impact on our business. We have no money coming in and are trying our best to keep staff employed but may have to come to the grim decision of letting go / laying off staff if the mandate goes on any longer than the proposed date of April 7, 2020.

Palo Alto will most certainly lose many businesses due to COVID-19 and our local economy will look dramatically different. I understand that the head count tax is meant to apply only to larger businesses, but no single business is going to be unharmed or be unscathed. They as well will face the same economic hardships if this continues.

I implore you to not make operating a business in Palo Alto even more challenging. This decision should be made with input from local businesses, and with the shelter in place mandate, people are not able to attend council meetings. This sets the wrong tone and yet another hurdle for the business community.

If you continue on the current path and place the business tax on the November ballot, it will show local large and small businesses that our input, or even our presence, is not valued. With a very uncertain future ahead of us, it would appear that the Mayor and his office are tone deaf and do not regard our businesses as an important part of the Palo Alto community.

No more taxes.

Sincerely

B. Sahney
To whom it may concern,

Please see the attached file.

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Best Regards,

Mila Zhu

CACAO 70

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Dear Palo Alto Mayor Fine and City Council Members:

In the last few weeks, our country has faced unprecedented challenges with the arrival of COVID-19. The impacts of this disease are vast and have significantly impacted businesses and the economy. Palo Alto businesses have been forced to lay off workers, cut hours and change daily operations to allow remaining employees to work from home, all contributing to a drastic drop in operating funds which may force some businesses to forego payments of rent and payroll and even consider shuttering permanently. In this time of economic uncertainty, it is the wrong time for the Palo Alto City Council to be pursuing this tax and further burdening businesses who are already struggling. In addition, the shelter in place rules make it difficult for businesses to effectively provide feedback and input as the Council further develops this tax.

COVID-19 has affected our business in the following ways:

· Cacao70 is a brand-new shop aimed to be opened in early May. Due to the arrival of COVID-19, we have stopped all training and operation and decided to work 100% with the plaza and government to slow the spread of the virus.
· Cacao70 will remain closed and postponed its grand opening until the coronavirus outbreak ends.
· We would like to extend the fixturing period (supposed to end on April 1st, 2020) until we are able to operate normally.

In addition, at this time it will be very difficult for City staff to get input from the business community while developing this tax. Businesses are unable to attend Council meetings in-person to provide feedback. Many businesses are completely shut down so they would not be able to be contacted by city staff for input.

In light of the current situation, we would like to ask that you postpone discussion of a business tax and ensure the business community that you do not intend to have a measure on the November 2020 ballot. While many businesses have had to close their doors and are simply trying to survive, it is most imperative that we support the health, safety, and welfare of our community at this time.

We trust you to make a decision that reflects the best interest of the business community. As we face this together, we hope to continue a dialogue.

Owner

CACAO70

855 El Camino Real, #160 Palo Alto, CA
Dear Honorable City of Palo Alto Mayor Fine and City Council Members,

Please find my attached letter regarding the above matter.

Thank you for your time.

Gracias, Natalie

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LuLu's Mexican Restaurants
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Comida fresca...salsa calien
March 22, 2020

Via E-Mail: city.council@cityofpaloalto.org
Copy to City Clerk: beth.minor@cityofpaloalto.org

Honorable City of Palo Alto Mayor Fine and City Council Members:

We fear that small businesses maybe forced to leave Palo Alto instead of joining in the recovery after the present COVID-19 crisis and Ordinance is behind us.

Small business in America is strong and creative in almost all situations, however no small business can be expected to survive this catastrophic condition and then have the extra burden of new business taxes based on the employees they have been forced to send home due to lack of clients/customers/income.

I believe that LuLu’s Restaurants, which has been a staple in the Palo Alto community for eleven (11) years, if given the opportunity, will be able to recover from the COVID-19 virus impact. Like any small business owner in the City of Palo Alto, we will need time and support to bring back our service to its pre-COVID levels. This is without the proposed additional burden of the tax increase.

Please reconsider placing this tax initiative on the ballot. Please focus on what the City of Palo Alto can do to actually help, not hurt small businesses as we all try to weather this storm and hopefully recover.

Respectfully,

Natalie Richardson
LuLu’s Mexican Restaurants

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855 El Camino Real, Suite #49, Palo Alto, CA 94301
Very good! ! They have to re-considered

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

On Monday, March 23, 2020, 11:50 AM, Natalie Richardson <natalierichardson3131@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Honorable City of Palo Alto Mayor Fine and City Council Members,

Please find my attached letter regarding the above matter.

Thank you for your time.

Gracias, Natalie

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Comida fresca...salsa calien
Subject: Response to 3/23/20 Agenda Item #1 – Business Tax

From: Citizens for Transportation and Affordable Housing Solutions (CTAHS)

Dear City Council,

We support the staff recommendation to suspend work on a business tax for the November 2020 ballot.

Over the past month, it has become increasingly clear that the coronavirus emergency would escalate into the greater social and economic crisis that we now face. As the staff report states, this reality means that staff resources must be broadly redirected toward their many short-term urgencies, to be followed by many subsequent adjustments that remain to be identified.

While many arguments in 2016, 2017 and 2019 opposing a business tax were specious and short-sighted, the reasons today are clear and correct.

The timeline of the process for selecting grade separation designs was being driven largely part by the city’s effort to align the business tax with the grade separation plan. This connection had already been broken by the council’s tentative decision to limit the scale of the prospective tax to a fraction of the likely funds required which obviated the need to have rough cost estimates before a decision to place a ballot measure. Also, the council’s deferral of what to do about the Palo alto Ave/Downtown crossings would have left a hole in any citywide cost estimates.

Another issue now affecting the timeline is how a pending recession will impact the need and timing for the Caltrain expansion that is principally driving the need for grade separations. While the capital project of electrification is likely to proceed without interruption, future capital and operational investments may be delayed depending on the depth and duration of the downturn.

We also support the staff recommendation to improve the business registry. In addition to making the registry more complete and reliable, the city should determine what other key information will help the city understand the character and impacts of its business community.

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Sincerely,

Pat Burt

On behalf of CTAHS
Subject: Response to 3/23/20 Agenda Item #1 – Business Tax

From: Citizens for Transportation and Affordable Housing Solutions (CTAHS)

Dear City Council,

We support the staff recommendation to suspend work on a business tax for the November 2020 ballot.

Over the past month, it has become increasingly clear that the coronavirus emergency would escalate into the greater social and economic crisis that we now face. As the staff report states, this reality means that staff resources must be broadly redirected toward their many short-term urgencies, to be followed by many subsequent adjustments that remain to be identified.

While many arguments in 2016, 2017 and 2019 opposing a business tax were specious and short-sighted, the reasons today are clear and correct.

The timeline of the process for selecting grade separation designs was being driven largely part by the city’s effort to align the business tax with the grade separation plan. This connection had already been broken by the council’s tentative decision to limit the scale of the prospective tax to a fraction of the likely funds required which obviated the need to have rough cost estimates before a decision to place a ballot measure. Also, the council’s deferral of what to do about the Palo alto Ave/Downtown crossings would have left a hole in any citywide cost estimates.

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Sincerely,

Pat Burt

On behalf of CTAHS
Dear Mayor Fine and Members of the City Council,

On behalf of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, I want to express our appreciation for your unanimous decision to discontinue efforts to put a business tax proposal on the November 2020 ballot. The business community in Palo Alto will be hard hit by the economic challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic, as will our employees and their families. If local employers do not have to face a tax increase during the recovery period, it will help to ensure that the maximum number of jobs will be preserved.

There clearly are community health issues, as well as economic health issues, that have become our top priority and yours.

Thank you for your leadership in addressing these concerns. Please let me know if there is anything that the Leadership Group can do to help.

Warm regards,

Carl Guardino
CEO
Silicon Valley Leadership Group

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Carl Guardino, CEO
Silicon Valley Leadership Group
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@CarlGuardino
Dear Mayor Fine and Members of the City Council,

Thank you for deferring further consideration of a business tax beyond the November 2020 ballot.

The Leadership Group fully supports your decision to focus your efforts and that of the Palo Alto City staff on dealing with the challenges created by the COVID-19 virus as well as the difficult and complicated choices related to grade separation issues.

Apparently there will soon be significant economic and tax relief coming from the federal government. Not having a new Palo Alto tax to deal with will help local businesses in the recovery process from the very rapid downturn that the Palo Alto economy is experiencing.

Very best regards,

Dan

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Dear Honorable Council Members,

Move 120 days to 12 full months
No rent increases for at least one year after the Health and Human Crisis passes.
Shelter for the currently unsheltered human neighbors

I am writing to strongly encourage City Council to expand the 120 days to a full 12 months for tenants to pay back rent in full. 47% or Palo Alto families, individuals are renters, there are college students who co-house as well as other who co-house to offset extraordinary rents prices in this town. Many elderly low income too. It's not only a loss of a job, reduction in hours, and or having to stay home with their children while schools are closed, it's about the extra burden caring for a fragile family member, covering food cost, utilities costs, and other amenities associated with daily life.

Santa Clara County is a vector zone, was the first to report a Covid-19 positive patient in California, 2nd county in the Nation to declare an emergency.

Car repairs, doctors visits caring for family members sick or elderly or infirm all incur incredible costs for already much rent burdened households in Palo Alto. Many may never return to the job that paid what it did before. Public Schools may be closed until the fall. This pandemic is
likely going to linger longer and schools and business' periodically be shuttered over the next year or so.

The CDC is preparing for peaks and valleys of this virus in our community. Sheltering in Place (SIP) measures may very well continue for the next 18 months. I ask that the City consider a full 12 month ability to pay any back rent NOT 120 days after the emergency passes. 120 days is not enough time for a renter to recover and be back to "normal" having endured much job loss, financial loss, illness, emotional stress.

As well landlords/property owners/management companies may very well receive financial assistance for their losses from the Federal Government HUD or the State of California. If so, replenishing the loss of their property income will help them but will it help Palo Alto tenants. If this is so should a tenant still be required to pay any back rent. Having these renter protections in place now will ensure a more assurances of security and a future for our community. Should land owners get part or full reimbursements for their rental income from the Government like HUD, tenants should not have to pay them back on top of these bailouts. I also suggest an immediate moratorium on rental increase for one year to existing lessees who lose wages, work hours, their job, have to be home with school closures or caring for an elderly parent or family member due to the Covid-19 National/State/County/City emergency. Raising rents post Covid-19 would plunge tenants into a second crisis during this ongoing National Crisis which would surely force them out of an already expensive rental market place.

12 months to pay back rents more equitable way to help recover the much suffering, loss offsetting worry, stress, the unknown during this extraordinary time for all of us. As well a moratorium on current lessees assurances that after its all said and passes we remain untied as a community that helps each other out.
As an anecdote: Due to Covid-19 FEME has extended all displaced persons living in temporary trailers due to the Butte County Campfire to permanently find a home until January of 2021.

Finally. What is the City doing to mitigate our homeless unsheltered human being here? There are so many living in unsanitary conditions, in RV's, in cars, on the streets and in doorways. Are temporary showers, toilets and hand washing stations being set up for them like they are doing in San Jose? Are empty building being ID's at this time to provide clean shelter with social distance of 6 feet or more being set up? How about asking Sabroto Co. temporarily donate the former empty Fry's building and parking lot for safe, clean, sheltering place for our City's most vulnerable to contracting this illness and spreading it amount themselves and thus the rest of us.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you need any clarification on the above.

Liz Gardner

94306
Palo Alto
650-845-7502
Dear Mayor and Council Members,

Thank you for acting quickly to protect our community during this crisis. And a special thanks to City Staff for their work under these challenging conditions.

I urge you to support both the urgency and standard residential eviction temporary moratoriums at your Monday (3/23) meeting.

These are essential to keep our neighbors housed. But we must not stop there. Please move with haste to extend these protections to small businesses and non-profits in the City. Please move with haste to get our unhoused neighbors shelter and sanitation.

Your actions will determine how our community handles and recovers from this crisis. Please act now.

Regards,
Megan Kanne
Dear City Council Members:

We, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, approve efforts to help tenants across the bay area. Please quickly pass a moratorium on all evictions until this crisis is over.

Sincerely,
Roberta Ahlquist, WILPF Low Income Housing Chair
Dear members of the Palo Alto City Council,

Please accept the attached letter to the City Council with recommendations to consider for March 23, 2020 Agenda Item 8, an Urgency Ordinance and Regular Ordinance Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on Residential Tenant Evictions for Nonpayment of Rent Related to the COVID-19 State of Emergency.

I am hoping you will provide the leadership to take strong and urge actions to protect against the displacement of residents who rent during the COVID-19 pandemic and recovery period.

Sincerely,

Carol Lamont
March 21, 2020

Palo Alto City Council
250 Hamilton Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Subject: March 23, 2020 Agenda Item 8, Moratorium on Residential Evictions

Dear Members of the City Council:

Many community members are now out of work due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Bay Area and Statewide shelter-in-place order. No one deserves to be evicted or without a home at this time. No renter should be forced to choose between medical bills or food and paying rent. The Palo Alto City Council must take urgent action NOW to protect its residents. We need an immediate moratorium (temporary prohibition) on evictions for Palo Alto residents who rent homes during this public health crisis!

As you are aware, COVID-19 has been determined by the World Health Organization to be a pandemic. Currently, many in our community are losing work and wages as a result of the shelter-in-place order. Without urgent protections, the prospect of residents who rent homes being displaced and creating an astronomical transmission risk is basically inevitable. An eviction moratorium is now necessary.

The Emergency Order Governor Newsom passed in March does not enact any mandatory statewide eviction protections and punts the responsibility to already overwhelmed and stretched cities and counties. The federal government has taken action to provide foreclosure protections, but no rental eviction protections against displacement. As a result, cities must now pass eviction moratoriums due to the COVID-19 public health crisis.

I urge the Palo Alto City Council to take urgent action. We need an immediate moratorium on evictions for Palo Alto residents who rent homes, and we need more temporary shelters to reduce the movement of homeless people for the duration of this public health crisis that includes the following measures:

- **A moratorium on all causes of eviction.** Community members who cannot demonstrate a documented loss of income should not suffer during this time. Not all workers, such as subcontractors, gig economy workers, or undocumented workers, can provide proof of loss of wages. No one deserves to be evicted during a pandemic. Every tenant should receive the same level of protection, without exception.
• **Prohibit late fees** for any missed payments during the state of emergency.

• **Prohibit landlords from evicting a tenant for rent accrued** during the state of emergency. This ensures that a landlord cannot immediately serve an eviction notice once the state of emergency ends.

• **Enact a rent freeze** during the state of emergency. If tenants are unable to make rent during the state of emergency, it is unreasonable to expect tenants to sustain a rent increase.

• **Provide reasonable accommodation,** at the conclusion of the crisis, for tenants to pay back any rent due. This must include the option of rent forgiveness.

During this global health crisis, please take immediate action now to protect ALL members of our community, especially the most impacted: families, seniors, the unemployed, the working poor, and the homeless!

Sincerely,

Carol Lamont
Dear City,

I support temporarily halting evictions in this difficult time.

Best,

Jan

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Dear City Council,

Please protect our renters by not allowing them to be evicted. Anyone you can protect in these times should be. We are counting on you as our city leaders to be in the forefront of helping citizens who are in distress. No one who is evicted will be able to find new housing.

Preventing evictions is the least you can do.

Please please please vote for this proposed ordinance.

Thank you very much,
Judith Wasserman

Bressack & Wasserman Architects

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To: City Council, Palo Alto

Please protect renters from eviction during the COVID 19 pandemic.

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Manny Keller

From: Marty Keller <martyk@sonic.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 10:50 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please vote to stop evictions during the virus crisis

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Marty Keller  Redacted  Palo Alto CA 94306
As we are all navigating with unprecedented change, I am encouraged to see leaders taking proactive steps to *avoid* the knock-on effects from the critical shelter in place order. I strongly support you to take action now to protect residential tenants from eviction and to extend the ordinance to businesses, non-profits, and other commercial tenants.

Thank you for the quick action already taken with regard to Utilities. I also hope you will explore ways to alleviate the economic burden of “past due” bills when we are safely able to get back to “normal” work.

Best,
Adrienne Germain

Palo Alto, CA 94301

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Adrienne Germain
415-531-2843
I live in Palo Alto since 1999 and I am endorsing the proposal above mentioned.

Barbara Gretler
Redacted
Sent from my iPhone
I support a temporary eviction moratorium. This is a stressful time for all of us. It is important to support members of our community who are forced into a situation they cannot control.

Nancy Olson
Redacted
Palo Alto 94301
Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to express my support of the proposal to halt all evictions during this troubling time for all of our small local businesses, non profits, and residents.

Thank you so much for considering this important, life-saving measure.

Best,
Katrina and James Currier

 [Redacted]
I implore you to support the effort to ban evictions for non-payment of rent during the COVID19 shelter in place mandate. Many families are experiencing financial hardship due to business closures and it would be inhumane to put anyone out on the street during a period when all Americans have been ordered yo stay at home to prevent contagion.

Entire families will suffer. The children’s education will suffer and they may never recover from the trauma.

An adult with an eviction on their record may never undo the damage to their credit record.

I am a disabled senior living on social security in Palo Alto. I have lived in the same BMR apartment for more than 19 years. I have not relocated because I can ration medication and forgo nutrition to pay my rent. I categorically can not afford to move to a smaller apartment in an area where rents are lower. If I am evicted and my record as a renter is ruined, I will die on the street.

I can count on my social security being deposited into the bank. Those who are still among the active work force do not have the luxury of that complacency.

Please protect those whose lives have been upended by this unforeseeable crisis. There will be some who will try to abuse this provision. It will be simple to verify who among us deserves the concession and who does not.

Please protect those whose lives have been upended but not completely destroyed ... yet.

Very sincerely,

~

Lauren ~

Lauren Briskin

(Sent from my iPad)
I support the eviction moratorium. Please be compassionate for people adversely affected by pandemic and unable to pay their rent.

Susan Chamberlain
Redacted
Palo Alto
From: SALLY WOOD <sallyfwood@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 11:36 AM
To: Council, City

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No evictions please
Dear Palo Alto City Council,

Please support the eviction moratorium. With businesses shuttered and jobs disappearing, such action is urgently needed.
Thank you,
Jim Fox
Carlson Circle
Palo Alto
94306
Hello, City Council,

Please stand by our people. Please act as soon as possible. Halt any rental eviction.

Also, check out the $1000 government check Mr. Trump is promising to Americans. Hope his words can be truthful for a change. Landlords have fixed cost, property taxes are a big chunk and always burdensome even before the COVID-19 crisis. Utilities bills are skyrocketing so therefore when we halt on evictions we need to remember to assist the landlords. We all need help. Please help.

Thank you,
Barbara Hing
Great Palo Alto Living

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device
From: Patty Irish <irishpw@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 11:49 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Evictions

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Please suspend evictions during this crisis.

Patty Irish

Redacted
Palo Alto, CA 94301
650 324 7407
650 245 3906 cell
Dear Mayor Fine and council members,

I write in support of the eviction moratorium and any actions the city can take in collaboration with other cities to urge state and federal action to bolster the safety net and support our most vulnerable residents and small businesses.

I also support the staff recommendation to postpone discussion of a business tax. In addition to the economic turmoil we are in and have no way of predicting the duration, it is also true as staff points out that the city cannot go through all the necessary steps of outreach and analysis before the deadline date.

I also note that many other jurisdictions are postponing planned November tax measures.

Stephen Levy

Redacted

Palo Alto
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Council,
I’d like to express my strong support of a moratorium on evictions during this unprecedented health emergency. It is our duty to care for our most vulnerable populations.

Best,
Julia Moran
(Professorville)
This is clearly a time for sacrifice, for compassion and for unity. I strongly support the proposed ordinance to put a moratorium on residential evictions.

Dennis Irwin
   Redacted
Palo Alto
Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing in support of the Urgency Ordinance and Regular Ordinance Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on Residential Tenant Evictions.

Keeping residents in their current housing is critical to stopping the spread of the Corona virus. We will endanger the public health of the entire town, if not the region, if we allow tenants to be forced from their homes at this time. This is critical.

Additionally, it will be morally incumbent upon us to help our fellow residents when this emergency is over, and large amounts of back rent are due in a short period of time. We will need to continue helping our fellow residents to navigate these difficult times.

Thank you,
Linda Henigin
Redacted
Palo Alto CA 94303
Dear City Council

I assume you don't need any convincing to pass this common sense ordinance, but just in case you haven't noticed, we are just at the beginning of what is going to be a massive employment and small business crisis across California, the US and the rest of the World. It is imperative that we look past our traditional financial metrics and support those in need, giving people the confidence that they will not become homeless during the Virus crisis. This is essential for everyone's peace of mind, and their ability to shelter in place, so we're all together when it is time to rebuild our community.

Sincerely,
Lars Johnsson

Resident

Redacted
From: Linda Lingane <linda.lingane@stanford.edu>
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 12:16 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Proposal to suspend mortgages and rents for two months

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Please consider requiring that all rents and mortgages be suspended for the months of March and April, with the proviso that people who depend on rental income as their main source of income be compensated. So many people are being laid off during this COVID19 crisis, and allowing them to have two months of lower expenses could be crucial for their mental health. The number of people adversely impacted by this proposal would probably be much smaller than the number of people who would feel a crucial benefit. Large financial companies can absorb this price far better than individuals who are paying the price.

-- Linda Lingane

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Honorable City Council,

Please support the proposed Urgency Ordinance and Regular Ordinance Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on Residential Tenant Evictions for non-payment of rent related to the COVID-19 State of Emergency.

Further, please direct staff to prepare a draft ordinance to extend the evictions moratorium to small businesses and non-profits, and other commercial tenants following the San Francisco model, but applying a receipts/revenues threshold that is appropriate to preserve local-serving and small businesses in Palo Alto.

The proposed residential tenant ordinances seem to me to be both humane and practical to help citizens and businesses comply with the “shelter in place” order and to preserve public health and safety.

Thank you for considering my comments and for your public service during this challenging time.

Sincerely,
Penny Ellson
Honored City Council Members,

I urge you to adopt both the Urgency Ordinance Relating to a Temporary Moratorium on Residential Evictions for Nonpayment of Rent Due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency and the Ordinance Relating to a Temporary Moratorium on Residential Evictions for Nonpayment of Rent Due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency.

Thank you for protecting the less fortunate amongst us.

Lawrence Garwin
Palo Alto, CA 94301
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Dear Palo Alto City Council,

I strongly urge you to consider temporarily halting evictions of rent related to COVID-19. This is the least the council can do to help the most vulnerable in our community.

Kind regards,

Shaul Hurwitz

Redacted

*Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone*
Dear City Council Members,

Please vote for a moratorium on rents for housing. We don’t want more people trying to live on the streets. Housecleaners, restaurant workers, store clerks, hair dressers are all out of work. Many low wage earners have less than $400 in savings. Without an income, they will be unable to pay their rent. This is an emergency. Please allow them up to a year after the end of the Covid-19 emergency to pay back the rent that they skip. For low wage earners who often pay up to 40-50% of their income for rent, they will not be able to pay the rent back within just 3-4 months.

We want our small businesses to be able to survive, too. Please put a moratorium on their rent, too.

Sincerely,
Annette Isaacson
Midtown
Hi City Council,

I understand you’re considering a proposal to disallow evictions during the Covid-19 crisis. I strongly support this idea. We need to help our neighbors get through this, not make things even tougher on them. I support the moratorium for tenants, nonprofits, and businesses. All are being hit hard with the major economic changes that are a side effect of everyone isolating.

Please pass this proposal.

Thanks,
-Terry Roberts, Greer Road, Palo Alto
I'm writing to support a moratorium on evictions for the non-payment of rent related to Covid-19.

Marc Grinberg
Redacted
Palo Alto, CA 94301
From: Winter Dellenbach <wintergery@earthlink.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 2:49 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Agenda item #8 - winter dellenbach

Date: March 23, 2020

Agenda Item #8

To: City Council Members

From: Winter Dellenbach

I urge you to pass A. and B. of this ordinance, and also C with my particular concern for small businesses and non-profits.

I have personal knowledge of the rapid loss of jobs occurring in particular to low-income people in Palo Alto – my example is at Buena Vista Mobile Home Park

Residents at BV often work more than one job to make ends meet. It is rare that someone there doesn’t pay rent on the space their home is on. But within the last few weeks, many residents have lost not just one, but multiple jobs, or were cut back substantially in the hours worked. One longtime resident has worked for years at Starbucks and had her hours cut back 40% at the same time the elderly couple she gave daily assistance to let her go due to the virus. She now is unable to pay rent for the first time ever. Buena Vistans have now gotten help to work out delayed rent payments when needed.

But Buena Vistans temporary resolution is not the norm in Palo Alto for the vast majority of low-income residents who are, as usual, the most vulnerable in this time of sudden economic downturn. I strongly urge you to pass A. and B. tonight to protect them. And protect others who are higher income also losing jobs.

I have a concern with A. in the proposed ordinance. As an urgency ordinance it needs a 4/5 present vote. We have seen in the recent past that our City Attorney had great difficulty understanding what “present” meant in counting the vote when a council member, as I recall, recuses or abstains. Whichever it was, there were multiple corrections resulting in weeks of delay when advice regarding the count should have been right the first time. Make sure it is right this time or it will cause more intolerable delay.

Given that B. of the ordinance doesn’t go into effect for 30 days (after the upcoming cycle of rents are due on the first of April), everything depends on A. passing, and underscoring what I have said above.

C. of the ordinance is also not an urgency ordinance and all I have said above pertains. It’s terrible to think how small businesses are barely managing to survive and may not without immediate relief. Please pass this ordinance now.

A., B. and C need and deserve your unanimous vote to ensure timely relief.
Hello council members,

I've been a Palo Alto resident for five years and just started as a student at Stanford. I want to express my strong support for the eviction moratorium ordinance. This time of crisis is already incredibly stressful, many jobs are suspended, and for people to be evicted due to circumstances beyond their control is unfair and dangerous. Not only is it a threat to tenants, but having more unhoused residents is a threat to public safety for everyone.

I hope you enact this moratorium.

Thank you,
Arushi Gupta
I would like to express my strong support for the proposed ban on evictions during this time of some people being out of work and some unable to pay rent due to the shelter in place orders. thank you, I am a resident of Palo alto.

marianne
As a responsible renter and a patron of many local small businesses, I urge the city council to adopt a resolution that will protect residential tenants from eviction and to extend the ordinance to businesses, non-profits, and other commercial tenants.

As of this writing, my husband and I are still employed, but that could change any day. Either way, we are lucky enough to have some savings set aside and we will pay our rent and other obligations for as long as we're able.

That said, the rents here are very high, and many live paycheck to paycheck. Most of the local businesses are shuttered, leaving owners and service workers out in the cold.

Please adopt this resolution and provide a little peace of mind in these trying times.

Thanks,
Katherine Dumont
Barron Park
City Council Members -

As a 27 year resident and current small time landlord here in Palo Alto I don't want our community to be torn asunder by the COVID-19 virus.
The best way to avoid a total catastrophe seems to be to "shelter in place" and otherwise curtail activities that make for normal life.
As a result, many businesses are having to cut back, and folks are loosing their jobs and hence finding it hard to make mortgage or rent payments though no fault of their own.

By placing a moratorium on evictions we can help preserve the variety of businesses and living spaces, with their currant tenants, that will allow us to recover once this crisis passes.

Please support a moratorium on all evictions - never know when you might become the beneficiary. ;-)

;;peter
Peter Broadwell, College Terrace
From: Neville Batliwalla <nbatliwa@pacbell.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 3:49 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Pl. put together support for both tenants and landlords

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Regards
Neville Batliwalla
650-345-5626
I strongly support an emergency ordinance to protect residential tenants from eviction - and to extend the ordinance to businesses, non-profits, and other commercial tenants. Palo Alto renters, many of whom were already rent-burdened before COVID-19, now face even greater insecurity. Additionally, many beloved small businesses and community-serving non-profits are faced with devastating disruptions to their operations. As such, it is imperative that the city take this important first step to ensure that community members are not displaced.

Yours,

Ellen Smith

Redacted
Dear City Council,

I support the proposed ordinance temporarily suspending evictions, and not only for residential tenants. Otherwise, we risk the permanent loss of many of our beloved locally owned small businesses.

Thank you for your kind consideration of how best to proceed in these especially challenging times.

Vickie Martin
Redacted, Palo Alto, CA 94306
Hello,

I am emailing as a resident of Palo Alto to express my support of the ordinance being discussed tomorrow: the moratorium for non-payment of rent related to Covid-19. I strongly believe that this will help out many families and people who are struggling in these unprecedented circumstances. This ordinance has the potential to actually save lives and families.

Sincerely,

Anjali Santhanam
On behalf of Destination: Home, please find the attached letter to Palo Alto City Council in support of Item 8, the proposed temporary eviction moratorium. Thank you for your consideration of this critical response for our most vulnerable residents to the current coronavirus crisis.

Ray

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Ray Bramson
Chief Impact Officer
Destination: Home
www.destinationhomesv.org
@DSTNHome

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March 22, 2020

Palo Alto City Council
City of Palo Alto
250 Hamilton Ave
Palo Alto, CA 94301

RE: Council Item 8 - Temporary Eviction Moratorium - March 23, 2020

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

On behalf of Destination: Home, I am writing in support of the proposal for a temporary moratorium on evictions due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. As you know, Destination: Home is a public-private partnership serving as the backbone organization for collective impact strategies to end homelessness in Santa Clara County. Working with our partners, we have helped to house over 14,000 people in the past five years.

Unfortunately, while the COVID-19 crisis is affecting our entire community, our lowest-income residents are facing the most severe impacts right now. Low-income and hourly-wage workers are finding it harder to earn income as events are cancelled, workplaces are closed, classes are suspended, and more people are forced home to take care of themselves or their loved ones. In fact, according to Politico, an NPR/Marist poll conducted March 13-14 found that 18% of U.S. households already reported being laid off or having hours reduced because of COVID-19. Given that most of these individuals are already severely rent-burdened and living paycheck-to-paycheck, any sustained period of unemployment will cause significant hardship.

Working with our partners, Destination: Home is launching an emergency financial assistance initiative to help address this need. In the coming weeks, the program will provide vulnerable, low-income residents in Santa Clara County with immediate financial assistance to help pay rent or meet other basic needs. Administered by Sacred Heart Community Service, in conjunction with its county-wide Homelessness Prevention System partners, the program will utilize existing infrastructure to receive applications, verify eligibility, and disburse funds.

This effort, however, will not be enough to meet the tidal wave of need. Your proposal to provide a temporary moratorium on evictions throughout the City is critical right now to ensure families remain stably housed, safe, and secure in this difficult time. We realize this is only a temporary bridge to a much needed longer-
term solution from the federal government, but it is imperative to act now and keep our residents housed and healthy.

Thank you for your continued leadership in this time of crisis. We are here to provide whatever support we can to help ensure all of our most vulnerable neighbors stay in their homes.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Loving
Chief Executive Officer
Dear council members,
I support a moratorium on evictions during the corona virus crisis. Failing to suspend evictions now will increase homelessness in our community.
Lisa Ratner
Palo Alto
Sent from my iPhone

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Dear Palo Alto City Council Members,

We ask you to enact a local ordinance to freeze evictions for the duration of the COVID-19 state of emergency. This is the action we need to keep our communities whole and our people in their homes during the crisis.

As elected officials we call on you to take immediate action to halt evictions resulting from our current crisis. We need consistent steps at all levels of government to respond to this uncertainty and hardship.

We each have a role to play in protecting our community. Cities hold the authority to prevent landlords from issuing evictions, and to notify both tenants and landlords of their rights and responsibilities.

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Thank you for all you are doing to keep our communities safe during this difficult time. We know that everyone is being impacted by this public health crisis and that the most vulnerable members of our community, especially those who are housing insecure or experiencing homelessness, are being hit the hardest. Please center them in your response to this crisis.

In this time of social distancing, this is how we can come together as a community and help those who need it most.

Kindly,
To the Members of the Palo Alto City Council,

Please use the emergency powers granted to you by Governor Newsom to halt evictions here in Palo Alto. In this time of crisis we cannot let our neighbors loose their housing due to the economic impacts of this pandemic. People have lost their jobs, businesses are closed down, retirement investments are crashing day by day. From self-employed single mom hair dressers to young gig workers who hustle at 6 different jobs to elders whose retirement funds just got wiped out, it would be catastrophic to our community if all of these people were to loose their housing in the middle of this crisis.

Thankyou,
Elizabeth Heath
To protect renters and small business and non profits from eviction during this though time. Thank you

Anne Warner cribbs
415-264-2067

Sent from my iPhone
Dear City Council,

I urge you to support the measure to prohibit evictions in Palo Alto related to COVID.

But how would people be able to pay that deferred rent? They can't pay because they lost their wages, and they own't double even if the economy recovers in a month. People should not be penalized for a public health crisis.

Please suggest solutions to this issue or advocate at the County/State/Federal level if you cannot. This eviction ordinance is a starting point, not the last thing people can do.

Warmly,
Mary Jane Marcus
Palo Alto, CA 94306
I fully support an eviction moratorium in Palo Alto. If New York can step up so quickly to help folks at this time, I believe we can as well! Thank you,
April Triantis
Dear City Council,

As a local, I’m writing in support of the eviction moratorium that you will be considering tomorrow. This is a time where our community needs to protect each other. Too many members of this community - workers, parents, neighbors - are already rent-burdened. COVID-19 and its implications aggravate this stress of housing security alongside many others (safety, physical and mental health, employment security, food security, etc.). As this crisis unfolds, I’ve become severely concerned for what it will mean for people I interact with every day.

The threat of eviction during this time would not only be unjust toward our neighbors, it would weaken all of us by making us more susceptible to the virus and its impact. If a tenant is afraid to stay home from work and risk losing their source of income, it puts the entire city at risk.

This moratorium is essential to a just response to the COVID-19 crisis and to the safety of our city. Please adopt this ordinance.

Thank you,

Calista Triantis
Stanford University, Class of 2023
To the City Council:

One of my students put it better than I could. Let me send my support as a second voice.

Best wishes,

Carol

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Carol Vernallis, Ph.D.
Department of Music
Stanford University
Stanford, CA 94305
(650)326-1705
Hello,

I support the moratorium on rental evictions due to lack of income during the Covid-19 shutdown. Renters are more likely to be hourly workers who have had hours lost or jobs shut down without the ability to work from home. If people have the ability to pay, they will choose to pay their rent. But many will need a window to regain lost income. My family has lost 50% of income. We rent, and my self-employed business has dropped to zero. If the shutdown lasts more than 8 weeks, it will take several months beyond that before my business rebounds. My family has a financial cushion to cover lost income for a time, but many families in Palo Alto are already on razor thin margins. Please offer this protection to them.

Best regards,

Jewel Hutt
Hello,

I am emailing in support of the proposed ordinance regarding the evictions moratorium for non-payment of rent relating to COVID-19. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Best regards,
Janet Meng
Dear Mayor Fine and Council members,
Thank you for prioritizing the health and safety of our community at this critical time. On behalf of Palo Alto Forward (PAF), I am writing to express our support for the adoption of an ordinance establishing a temporary moratorium on residential evictions for nonpayment of rent related to COVID-19, and the extension of an evictions moratorium for businesses, nonprofit organizations, and other commercial tenants.

This global health crisis is impacting every aspect of community life, demonstrating the great vulnerabilities of our residents with housing insecurities. 45% of our neighbors are renters and over 40% of them are already paying more than 30% of their income on rent. With the potential loss of jobs and the reduction in hours for so many, this ordinance is an important first step. The threat of eviction for renters who lose their job and cannot pay the rent is part of a much larger economic crisis facing residents here and across the nation.

Palo Alto Forward supports actions from governments, businesses and the philanthropic community to expand the safety net for these families and provide income support in this emergency. We also recognize that all of us as individuals can find ways to support local businesses and our fellow residents who are struggling with the economic fallout of COVID-19.

Gail Price
President
Palo Alto Forward Board of Directors
Esteemed members of the Palo Alto City Council -

Thank you for considering the Eviction Moratorium.

While my family (wife and two PAUSD kids) can handle a couple of months rent for our apartment with our savings, we are in a desperate situation with our small business and our lease with the property owners. On Monday evening, like most of the non essential businesses in Palo Alto, we had to lock our doors. Our business is closed. Our hair salon, Monica Foster, in the Midtown shopping center, is the working home for 17 of us (stylists, assistants and a front desk manager). The unfortunate timing of the lockdown hit us just as most of the salon bills had been paid leaving the bank account nearly depleted. The last of the money will go to paying the final two weeks of payroll on Wednesday this week and then the payroll taxes on the 31st of the month. With no revenue I don’t know how we are going to make the lease payment, PA utility bill, health insurance premium for the staff that we cover, telephone/internet, the cleaning service we employ, our business insurance policy...

This is a thriving Palo Alto business that has packed appointment calendars. The salon, like every other small business in Palo Alto, needs a little help to bridge this gap until the stay-at-home order is lifted.

Thank you for your efforts to help us make it to the other side.

John Foster
Hi, I'm a resident emailing to express support for the proposed ordinance to protect residential tenants from eviction and to extend the ordinance to businesses, non-profits, and other commercial tenants.

Palo Alto renters, many of whom were already rent-burdened prior to the onset of our current global health crisis, now face additional precarity and housing insecurity. Additionally, many beloved small businesses and community-serving non-profits are faced with devastating disruptions to their operations. As such, it is imperative that the city take this important first step to ensure that community members are not displaced.

Best,

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"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."
From: Margaret Rosenbloom <margaret_rosenbloom@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 9:22 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please establish an eviction moratorium to protect renters from losing shelter during COVID19 crisis

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Figure out the best way to do this, with at least a 6 month time limit.

Margaret Rosenbloom
Redacted
Palo Alto
From: Hilda Sendyk <hillary33@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 10:56 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: I agree there must be a moratorium on evictions, consideration for partial payments, and NO BAD CREDIT RATING BY LANDLORDS ALLOWED BC PERSON COULD NOT PAY DURING THIS CRISIS!

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Thank you!
Hillary
From: Christopher H. Kan <ckan91@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 10:13 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Eviction Moratorium

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Dear Palo Alto City Council,

I am a Palo Alto resident and a renter. I strongly support the eviction moratorium during this pandemic. We have jobs being lost at the highest recorded rate in American history and the city council should protect renters during this crisis. The city will be stronger if people stay housed during this crisis. Please enact this moratorium as fast as possible to protect our local workers and families.

Thank you,
Christopher Kan
Redacted
Palo Alto, CA 95060
Hello,

I am a resident of Palo Alto writing to express my strong support of the proposed moratorium on evictions for non-payment of rent as a result of Covid-19. Many hard working people are out of work as a result of this crisis. Evicting them, forcing them onto the streets in the middle of this, would be reprehensible.

Allowing people to weather this crisis in their homes is the right thing to do and will benefit Palo Alto.

Best,
Devon
Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing to support an emergency moratorium on all rental evictions. Given the hardship those who have overnight lost their jobs and/or their businesses, in the current extraordinary circumstances I believe this is the right thing to do for the future of our community.

In addition, council should consider a break on utility bills for those who have suddenly lost their jobs and individually owned businesses whose customers have suddenly disappeared. Our utilities make a profit of over $20 million a year. In the current extraordinary circumstances, giving those who have suddenly lost their income a temporary break on utility bills would be a compassionate gesture that a wealthy city that owns its own utilities could and should extend.

Thank you for your consideration,

margaret heath
Dear PA City Council,

I'm writing in support of the proposed ordinance to protect residential tenants from eviction and to extend the ordinance to businesses, non-profits, and other commercial tenants.

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Sincerely,

Janie Lorber

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Janie Lorber
339.206.5812
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Sincerely,

Feliks Kogan

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Feliks Kogan, PhD
Assistant Professor
Department of Radiology
Stanford University
(585)733-8684
Mayor and Members of the City Council:
As the City’s largest owner of affordable rental housing, Palo Alto Housing (PAH) strongly supports the proposed emergency ordinance to protect residential tenants from eviction due to the inability to pay rent caused by the COVID-19 State of Emergency. Our tenants are some of the most vulnerable residents in Palo Alto. As a non-profit owner of affordable housing, we will do everything possible to help our residents maintain their homes during and after this crisis.

We would like to thank the City staff for convening the non-profit coordination calls. The calls have been a valuable source of information and allow PAH to provide our residents with key support resources. From an administrative viewpoint, it has been beneficial to learn how our fellow non-profits have modified their operations while continuing to provide critical services to the community.

PAH is contacting all of our residents to assess how the shelter-in-place orders impact their incomes. We are in the process of collecting this information but, not surprisingly, we have many residents that are already experiencing a loss of income. In the short-term, the emergency rental assistance programs provided by LifeMoves, Destination Home, and other entities will provide needed support for lower-income households. PAH will waive late fees, and temporarily postpone and/or reduce rents for those who have not secured rental assistance.

It is essential that ample funding be available for rental and income assistance for the duration of this crisis. Without rental assistance, it is highly unlikely our residents would be able to pay the rents that accrued during the moratorium, even if given 120 days to do so. Non-profit affordable housing providers like PAH could then need financial relief to prevent our properties from falling into long-term financial distress. If such a situation were to occur, PAH would be forced to request financial relief from our lenders (including from the City of Palo Alto) to avoid placing our organization and our properties at financial risk. We certainly hope this situation does not come to pass and will undoubtedly keep the City apprised should this crisis continue.

We support the Council in taking early and decisive action to protect renters in Palo Alto.
To the Palo Alto City Council,

Please approve the urgency ordinance establishing a temporary moratorium on residential tenant evictions for nonpayment of rent related to the COVID-19 emergency. During these uncertain times, and given that the State and County have ordered many residents to stop working, we must protect vulnerable renters in our community.

Furthermore, please extend this moratorium to small businesses and nonprofits. Both groups are vital to what makes our City vibrant and unique, and it would be cruel to evict them in the face of government-mandated closures.

Finally, please do not let perfect be the enemy of good. Given how quickly this crisis is unfolding, vulnerable tenants do not have the luxury of waiting several weeks for a potentially better ordinance. Given that many face rent bills due April 1, we must act tonight.

Thank you,
Ryan Globus
Midtown Renter
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Midtown Renter
Dear Mayor Fine and Palo Alto City Council Members,

First, thank you for agendizing this issue so quickly. I know there are no easy decisions in the middle of a global health crisis but I appreciate how swiftly our city and city officials have come together. I am writing to express my support for a residential moratorium, and the extension of this to commercial renters. I would also recommend strengthening it to disallow for no-fault evictions currently being processed. 24 local jurisdictions in California have already passed eviction moratoriums and Palo Alto renters like myself are waiting to see what happens here. I believe these protections are an important first step in ensuring that our community come out of this whole, and that is why I am urging you to pass this as an Urgency Ordinance tonight.

But as you know, the work will not stop here. Far more is needed to bring our unsheltered community members indoors and prevent homelessness from increasing during this critical time. Eviction protections must be paired with rental assistance. This must be done with minimal proof requirements around COVID-19 loss of income and cannot include means testing. Income verification does not take into account the high cost of childcare, health services, or spending on a family member that many vulnerable community members have in their monthly budget. In addition, we must make hotel rooms and SROs available for people who are currently homeless and we must have hand washing and sanitary stations placed where there are current encampments.

Many will say that protecting renters from displacement isn’t a problem in Palo Alto but over 40% of our renters are already spending more than the federal recommendation, as a percent of their income, on housing. In 2019, the point-in-time count found 313 people without shelter in the City of Palo Alto alone. And many of our current homeless residents changed their housing status after a large rent increase or eviction. We know the estimates around homelessness are always lower than the reality. Let’s take the right steps immediately to ensure that our most vulnerable community members are still here when the State of Emergency is over.

All my best,
Angie Evans
Crescent Park neighbor and Mom x 2
To Palo Alto City Council Members,

I am a long-term Midtown homeowner since 1998. I am also a former Palo Alto landlord of 10 years and could well become one again in the future.

The economic contraction surrounding the coronavirus pandemic has made this a desperate time for renters in Palo Alto. This comes on top of a severe housing crisis that has lasted too many years.

I support the Temporary Moratorium on Residential Tenant Evictions and urge you to vote yes on this item at tonight’s city council meeting.

Thank you very much,
Rob Nielsen
Hi, I am writing in support of the following ordinance to protect residential tenants from eviction and to extend the ordinance to businesses, non-profits, and other commercial tenants - "Adoption of an Urgency Ordinance and Regular Ordinance Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on Residential Tenant Evictions for Nonpayment of Rent Related to the COVID-19 State of Emergency; and Discussion and Direction on Extending the Evictions Moratorium to Businesses, Nonprofit Organizations, and Other Commercial Tenants".

Thank you for the work you are doing to protect and support our most economically at-risk community members during these unprecedented times.

All my best,
Kevin Schuster
March 23, 2020

Via Email: city.council@cityofpaloalto.org

Honorable Adrian Fine, Mayor
Honorable Tom DuBois, Vice Mayor
Honorable City Council Members
City of Palo Alto
250 Hamilton Avenue
Palo Alto CA 94301

Re: Monday, March 23, 2020, Agenda Item 8, Adoption of an Urgency Ordinance and Regular Ordinance Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on Residential Tenant Evictions for Nonpayment of Rent Related to the COVID-19 State of Emergency; and Discussion and Direction on Extending the Evictions Moratorium to Businesses, Nonprofit Organizations, and Other Commercial Tenants [1]

Dear Mayor Fine, Vice Mayor DuBois, and City Council Members,

Under the circumstances, I do not anticipate attending tonight’s City Council meeting, but I urge you to accept the recommendations of City Staff regarding the proposed urgency ordinance and ordinance:

"A. Adopt the Urgency Ordinance (Attachment A) Relating to a Temporary Moratorium on Residential Evictions for Nonpayment of Rent Due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency....

B. Adopt the Ordinance (Attachment B) Relating to a Temporary Moratorium on Residential Evictions for Nonpayment of Rent Due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency....

C. Discuss and provide direction to staff on potentially extending the temporary moratorium to protect businesses, nonprofit organizations, and other commercial tenants from eviction for nonpayment of rent due to the COVID-19 state of emergency."

In light of the extraordinary and devastating public health crisis that the COVID-19 outbreak has created, these are sensible and humane responses that Palo Alto can and should undertake to help its citizens and others in need. Furthermore, in doing so, Palo Alto will demonstrate to other communities throughout the world how local governments can and should respond forcefully to this crisis.

Respectfully submitted,
[1] See the revised agenda (https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?t=73514.95&BlobID=75747) and the report from the City Attorney (https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?t=64347.18&BlobID=75852)
To the Palo Alto City Council:

I fully support an eviction moratorium in Palo Alto to help ease financial strain on individuals and families who are suffering financially because of the shutdown. Additionally, I'm curious if the City Council is currently considering any other plans to support small businesses and low-wage workers who may be struggling during this time?

All the best,

Ella
Hi Mayor and Council members,

I support the temporarily halting evictions for non-payment of rent related to Covid-19 in the case where renters have lost their jobs and are unable to pay rent.

However, I do not support the non-payment of rent during this time if the renters are still employed and are able to pay rent. This has been happening in the county where renters, who still have their jobs and can pay, have been telling landlords that they will not be paying rent due to Covid-19. For many landlords, rent is their only income so these people also need protection and are not listed as a small business so don’t have other resources such as unemployment.

Sincerely,

David Coale
Barron Park
In addition to the petition below, it was brought to our attention that the ordinance as proposed contains a loophole, allowing tenants who have demonstrated financial impact from COVID-19 to be evicted if the landlord files a “no-fault” eviction rather than an eviction for “nonpayment of rent.”

That loophole can be fixed by making 2 simple edits as outlined below in red. These changes could also be introduced to the non-urgency eviction when it has its second reading next week.

**SECTION 4. Applicability**
This Ordinance applies to Affected Tenants in any Rental Unit and Landlords of Affected Tenants. This Ordinance applies to nonpayment and no-fault eviction notices and unlawful detainer actions based on such notices, served or filed on or after the date of introduction of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 5. Prohibited Conduct**
A. During the term of this Ordinance, no Landlord shall take actions to evict a Tenant for nonpayment of rent or for any cause that it is not the fault of the tenant, as those causes are defined in Cal. Civil Code Sec. 1946.2(b)(2), if the Tenant demonstrates that as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, or declaration of the County Public Health Officer, or other local, State or Federal Authority, including government-recommended precautions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Tenant has suffered a substantial loss in income through their employment as a result of any of the following: (1) job loss; (2) a reduction of compensated hours of work; (3) employer’s business closure; (4) missing work due to a minor child’s school closure; or (5) other similarly-caused reason resulting in a loss of income due to COVID-19 (collectively referred to as “Covered Reasons for Delayed Payment”).

Note: Cal. Civil Code Sec. 1946.2(b)(2) defines what constitutes “no fault” evictions.

We applaud the city council’s proactive action to protect those affected by COVID-19 and it’s economic consequences in these extraordinary times!

Best,
Mitch Mankin
Policy and Advocacy Associate
Pronouns: he/him
(408) 780-8915
mitch@siliconvalleyathome.org
Dear Mayor Fine and City Councilmembers,

We write to you in support of the urgency ordinance proposed tonight. As a collaborative of community serving organizations in Santa Clara County, we have come together to call for an immediate moratorium (freeze) on evictions for the duration of the COVID-19 state of emergency. This is the action we need to keep our communities whole and our people in their homes during the crisis. Everyone is being impacted by this public health crisis. We recognize that we will need to work on further mid-to-long term solutions for landlords, tenants, and property owners affected by the economic disruption caused by COVID-19.

In the past three days, our petition has been endorsed by 12 local community organizations and over 400 individuals (an updated count can be found at the petition page on our website). On behalf of the organizations listed below and the community members who have signed on, we submit the following petition to you.

Petition

Dear Cities, Counties, and Public Officials,

As a collaborative of community serving organizations in Santa Clara County, we are coming together to call for an immediate moratorium (freeze) on evictions for the duration of the COVID-19 state of emergency. This is the action we need to keep our communities whole and our people in their homes during the crisis.

As elected officials and government staff, we call on you to take immediate action to halt evictions resulting from our current crisis. We need consistent steps at all levels of government to respond to this uncertainty and hardship.

We each have a role to play in protecting our community. Cities hold the authority to prevent landlords from issuing evictions, and to notify both tenants and landlords of their rights and responsibilities.

Counties hold the authority to protect tenants and homeowners by declaring an end to the enforcement of evictions for the duration of the state of emergency.

Governor Newsom’s Executive Order issued Monday 3/16 recognizes the severe impact of potentially losing one’s home during the pandemic, and authorizes cities to take action to stop evictions of residents who are experiencing extra hardships due to COVID-19. We call on the Governor to take the next step and take statewide action on an eviction freeze.

In order to be effective, news of the eviction freeze must be disseminated as widely as possible, in multiple languages that reflect California’s diversity, to make sure that all parties understand their rights and obligations.

Thank you for all you are doing to keep our communities safe during this difficult time. We know that everyone is being impacted by this public health crisis and that the most vulnerable members of our community, especially those who are housing insecure or experiencing homelessness, are being hit the hardest. Please center them in your response to this crisis.

In this time of social distancing, this is how we can come together as a community and help those who need it most.
Sincerely,

Silicon Valley at Home
Sacred Heart Community Service
Working Partnerships USA
Silicon Valley De-Bug
Law Foundation of Silicon Valley
Affordable Housing Network of Santa Clara County
SOMOS Mayfair
Destination: Home
Silicon Valley Community Foundation
Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning
PACT – People Acting in Community Together
Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County
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Check out our Resource Hub for all your housing data needs.
Hello,

I am a single mom who has lived in the same rental for 10 years (Hanover st. And Stanford Ave.) I've never not paid my rent but it gets harder and harder to do. In the last 4 years my rent has doubled yet my income as a self employed private chef has remained the same. At 53 I can’t save a dime with the rents. I have lost all my income due to the corona virus nightmare. I have 4 clients that have sent me some money but it’s not nearly enough to pay my rent, utilities (which also goes up all the time too).

After reading the article I’d like to make a comment. I was a small landlord at one time. I lost my home in Oregon in 2008. I get that some landlords shouldn’t go without income but what about those that have no mortgage and a huge amount of rental income due to gauging like mine. I live in a cottage of 13 that has been owned outright for a very long time. It is managed my a sleazy property manager (Silicon Valley Property Management Group) and a fiduciary. I wrote them a litter requesting a rent decrease for 2 month and they denied me. I think that each situation should be looked at and treated differently. This property of 13 rentals with no mortgage should be required to kick in and help. And I can tell you that there’s no way I’l be able to catch up in 120 days after this is over with a rent of $3,300. I’ll have 1/2 the income because everyone has been hit financially and cleaners and private chefs are the 1st to go.

So I think some landlords should be required to take a hit if they are in a position to do so.

Sincerely,
Michelle Bailey
408-410-5515

Sent from my iPhone
Roving Gourmet
Concerning the "shelter at home" mandate: Is landscape maintenance considered an "essential business"? I'm too old to do it myself.

Theodore L. Glasser
Professor Emeritus
Department of Communication
Stanford University
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Stanford, California 94305-2050

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Palo Alto, CA 94306
I realize that your city management team is moving fast with many pressing issues on your table.

I am concerned with one statement in today's email announcement.

"Many of the City’s parking rules will be lifted, such as enforcement for timed parking and we are suspending the residential parking permit program."

Many neighborhoods would be more comfortable with a clarification such as .....we are temporarily suspending enforcement of the residential parking program.

Please clarify your intent as soon as feasible. Emergency powers are all encompassing so please be clearer about major changes in policy.

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Here are Bill Gates' thoughts. Five key insights. He has some experience with epidemics, viruses and vaccines:


LH- With 470 more deaths today- in one day- in Italy, this virus is very lethal. Fauci said 10X more lethal than seasonal flu virus. Very contagious, very lethal.

DW carried a nationwide prime time address to Germany by Kanzerlin Merkel, her first in 15 years in office. The worst crisis for Germany since WWII, she called it. No lock down there as total as in France, Italy and Spain.

We have 170,000 ventilators in the U.S. We could need one million, worst case. 830,000 at $2,000 each would cost $1,660,000,000.00. ~$1.7 billion. Trump said today that it is not clear we will need them all. So the Defense Production Act won't cause immediate production of them. One expert said that if the DPA were used to get more ventilators, they wouldn't come on line for weeks or months. They are used in very advanced cases where it is life or death, apparently. They can put pure O2 into the lungs, or at least one pt said his "had been reduced to 50% pure O2".

The cry is constant all over the U.S. about not enough protective gear for HC workers. Masks, shields, suits. Maybe SV Cos. could help get more produced.

I wonder if giant Genentec is working on a vaccine. South SF, I think. SV has a considerable biotech establishment.

They are hard at work on a vaccine at Cambridge Univ.

The female M.D. at ABC network News, Dr. Jennifer Ashton, said tonight that the virus can live for long minutes, or even hours, (not sure which) in the air, and for varying hours on various surfaces.

The Silicon Valley Leadership Group might have ideas about SV cos. making ventilators, protective gear. They should be consulted. All of the major Cos. there are members, I think.

https://www.svlg.org/

LH

Announcement today by Best Buy:

https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/FMfcgxwHMPlMLfJKvsCRxKBfrXMRxqrM
Dear City Council Members of Palo Alto,

Thank you for all you are doing to keep citizens informed and protected while we deal with this crisis. I was at the Mountain View Costco and the Trader Joes there this morning doing my weekly groceries. I am assuming this is the situation for the Trader Joes and Whole Foods in our city also. At 8:30, the lines at the mountain view trader joes snaked all the way to the Carters store and the line at the Mountain View Costco snaked up to the Ross store. This in my opinion is defeating the shelter in place and is needlessly perpetuating the panic buying. Because people see lines, they panic and line up in case stores run out. Plus even though people are maintaining distance in these lines, the very fact that there are so many out at once, may not help stop the spread of this virus. I was wondering if the City could work with the council at Mountain View and the stores in our two cities to create some sort of a token system where people sign up to shop at these stores in one hour windows of their choosing and perhaps wait in their cars till it’s their turn. I know probably stores are not equipped technologically to do this kind of stuff but these are difficult times and I am sure we have the talent in silicon valley to figure this out. I saw senior citizens with walkers waiting at the end of the line at Trader Joes and that’s not okay. Yelp already has such a capability. It allows us to see what our position on the waiting list is when we reserve a table at restaurants,

Thank you for your time reading this,

Anjani
Been thinking about name COVID-19. It sounds like Hebrew word Kaved meaning heavy. 19 is Hebrew gematria for Yad Hashem = Hand of God. Thus COVID-19 suggests the Hebrew phrase THE HAND OF GOD IS HEAVY [upon me] - 'כבד עלי יד ה

Thanks to the internet, you can access literally the entire world from your desktop computer. I encourage you to watch lectures theater probably you can get the MET on your computer. You can watch operas on YouTube. You can take online classes.

For people who have a decent computer and internet being quarantined is not an inconvenience but an amazing educational and cultural opportunity. I think President Trump could facilitate the quarantine by giving away free iPod smartphones & unlimited data plans to every American. It would probably cost a billion dollars about the price of a fighter airplane. And it would enable people to pass their time in quarantine in great contentment as they absorb all the wisdom of humanity stored up on the internet!

MEVASHIR.HOME.BLOG

"Re-examine all you have been told... Dismiss what insults your Soul." Walt Whitman
Friday, March 20, 2020

To all- especially to those involved in Covid-19 vaccine research:


Pres. Trump might have Dr. Fauci mention this in their news conferences.

LH
We will soon be receiving box deliveries from grocery stores, I hope. Considering that asymptomatic persons working anywhere in the food chain would be shedding virus on the food, we want to know how to disinfect.
Less important is incoming letters and magazines.
Have searched CDC, County, PAMF and not yet found this. Can you help raise the issue for needed attention?
Terry Andre, Palo Alto
Dear Mayor Fine and City Council members,

Because we are observing the "shelter in place" order and working remotely, we will not be able attend your meeting Monday, March 23rd, to speak to you in person about the proposed business tax matter on your Council agenda.

Therefore, we respectfully ask you to read the attached letter from our Chamber of Commerce on behalf of hundreds of local businesses regarding the state of our local economy and the City Manager's request to postpone consideration of a business tax.

Sincerely,

Judy Kleinberg, President
Charlie Weidanz, CEO

Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce and Chamber Foundation
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Tel: 650-324-3121
www.paloaltochamber.com
March 20, 2020

Mayor Fine and City Council Members
City of Palo Alto
250 Hamilton Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Re: Proposed Business Tax

Dear Mayor Fine and Council Members,

We are grateful to you and our City staff for the City’s response to the current health crisis and the decree for non-essential businesses to cease operations until further notice. We especially thank Mayor Fine for reaching out to our Chamber and member business leaders to personally understand their concerns during this challenging time. Like all non-essential businesses, our Chamber is closed and working remotely to support local businesses and do what we can to help them get through this difficult period and continue to serve the Palo Alto community.

We have asked businesses to be in touch with you directly to be sure you have heard from them what they are dealing with during this time, and how this is impacting them currently and their ability to continue to serve our community with the severe economic burden this is creating. Hotels are at single digit occupancy, restaurants offering take-out have no office or retail workers to use the service, and retailers, especially small non-chain stores, are concerned that they may have to close permanently. The reported drop in sales tax and TOT revenue to the City is only the canary in the coal mine and the next weeks and months may bring greater hardship with more serious impacts to our businesses.

At this time of a drastic downturn in the economy, when local businesses are concerned with paying their rent and payroll, many laying off workers, we respectfully ask you to support the City Manager’s recommendation to discontinue consideration of a business tax to allow you and your City staff to concentrate on the health of our residents and essential workforce, and allow businesses to concentrate on the challenge of surviving this difficult period.

Given the reality of an uncertain future, and that there is no estimate of when businesses will be allowed to reopen, or when – and for many, if – they will recover from this economic crisis, your agreement to postpone the tax proposal process would be a welcome acknowledgement to the business community of your concern for their economic health and sustainability.

Sincerely,

Judith Kleinberg, President
Charlie Weidanz, CEO
Hi!

Could you please forward these scientific and Butler equations (ChemApp library) of thermo-chemistry research papers to the right department? Hope this can help against Covid-19. Thank you!

Topics included in the papers are:

- FIFRA Laws of the Department of Agriculture USA
- Butler equations (ChemApp library) of thermo-chemistry research at the University of Aachen, Germany.
  https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Zoltan_Papp2
- HIV AIDS Center for Disease and Control
  https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/basics/whatishiv.html
- NASA: Climate Change and Global Warming, Vital signs of the planet
  https://climate.nasa.gov/
- El Nino of Mexico, HAARP
  https://www.gi.alaska.edu/facilities/haarp
- Chemtrail of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
  https://www.noaa.gov/

I would like to submit the following research papers for science, theology and peacekeeping. Hope you will make use of these papers! Science papers, robotics/automation, artificial intelligence and new age engineering. Green African shift of economic climate.

> ArtificialIntelligenceVer3.5.pdf (Newly updated!)
> DemonDSPchipVer4.1.pdf
> MSc_Proposal.pdf
> VentureInvestments.pdf
> HandbookOfTheLordVer6.9.pdf (Newly updated!)
> MetallurgyResearchGTT_Technologies_Aachen_Germany.pdf
> MrZoltanPappResumeEng.pdf
Ref: https://zoltanpdesign.wordpress.com/ Think-tank on academics and peacekeeping

> Terraforming Mars out of climate change
  https://climatechange-theenergynews.com/12291-2/
  https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luna_City
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4GBj6mqqaoK (On-line available)

> Machine Learning: Living in the Age of AI | A WIRED Film
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZlixNvx9BAc

> Religion and social transformation in Africa: A critical and appreciative perspective
*Hope that the submitted research papers will be useful! May the Lord be with us! Regards, Mr. Zoltan Papp, Senior systems engineer, Tel:+44(07946)815-197 (UTC+0)
Researchgate: https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Zoltan_Papp2
Follow on Twitter: https://twitter.com/PappMr
To our Stanford family:

I am writing you at the end of an extraordinary week. Whether you are here in the Bay Area, or elsewhere around the world, we have all been affected by COVID-19 and the policies being put in place to combat it. The shelter-in-place orders issued across the Bay Area on Monday—and
statewide in California on Thursday—have affected all of us at Stanford in
different ways: from pausing research, to canceling events, to requiring
almost all undergraduates to leave campus.

Yesterday, we announced that spring quarter courses will be taught
online for the duration of the quarter. I know that this news has come as
a significant disappointment to all, and especially to our students. I
deeply regret that many of you will not be living and studying on campus
this spring. Unfortunately, it became clear that this was the only
responsible course of action, considering the global public health
challenge in front of us and the possibility that shelter-in-place guidelines
will be extended. But I truly wish it were otherwise.

To those of you in the class of 2020, graduating this spring: I know
many of you must be heartbroken to spend your final quarter away from
Stanford and that we will not be able to hold our traditional
Commencement ceremony in June. This is not how you expected—and
not how any of us expected—you would complete your Stanford degrees.
All of us at Stanford are incredibly proud of you, and of the resilience and
ingenuity of our entire student body, which has been so evident in the
midst of this crisis. We are committed to celebrating you and your
tremendous accomplishments together on campus. At this point, we do
not know what the timing or the format will be, but we are working to
make this gathering a fitting recognition, in spite of the upheaval. I
thank you for your patience while we work through these issues. We will
reach out directly to graduating students and their families as soon as we
have information to share.

Remote learning is new for many of our students. And while I understand
that you may be uncertain about how the experience will unfold, I am
heartened by the work our faculty is doing to ensure the best possible
remote learning experience for all of our students. Since remote learning
was announced, faculty members have been focused on using this
opportunity to rethink and advance online learning, leveraging
technology to make this a rich learning experience in all disciplines.
Meanwhile, staff across campus are striving to provide, remotely, many of the same services students would normally receive on-campus: from telehealth and phone support through CAPS, to virtual FLI Fridays, to opportunities to experience the arts at Stanford online. While I know that this is not the same as being on campus, I hope you are able to embrace these opportunities and the possibilities they offer for new experiences and perspectives.

I also encourage you to remain connected with one another. Earlier this week, Mary and I walked our dog on what is, now, a mostly empty campus. But we did see a few students, faculty, and staff members, and we spoke with them—from a safe distance—about how they are adapting to this strange time we are living through. Those interactions highlighted for me that, though we are forced to remain socially distant, these circumstances are forming a deep bond between all of us who are living through them. Though our Stanford community is now dispersed around the Bay Area, the nation, and the world, I hope you use technology to stay connected not only to your work, but to one another. While maintaining a physical distance is vital right now, I also encourage you to embrace the concept of “distant socializing” to maintain our connections with one another in this challenging time.

As we all settle into this new reality, and even as many of our students and faculty members are absorbed with final exams and projects in the next week, I hope all of you are able to spend time with your loved ones at home. I know that many in our community now have additional family responsibilities on top of their usual work. Many of us are worried for our older relatives. Others are suddenly responsible for homeschooling children, or are caring for toddlers who are home from daycare. These concerns are paramount.

I also know that some families may be experiencing financial hardships during this difficult time. I want to encourage any students or families who are in need to work with the Financial Aid Office to determine what
support may be available to them.

Although there will continue to be twists and turns as this crisis unfolds, I want to assure you that our resolve is undiminished. In the near and medium term, we will continue to focus relentlessly on supporting our community and other communities; on preserving operations, including teaching, as best we can; and on contributing to combatting the pandemic and saving lives through our research and clinical care. At the same time, I believe it is not too soon for us to begin to plan for the longer term. So, in parallel, I am convening a Recovery Team to think through how we will manage the aftermath of this crisis and get our campus back to a new normal.

Before I close, I want to express my thanks to every member of our community. You have all made sacrifices to advance the well-being of our community, even in a moment of great personal challenge. For this, I am profoundly grateful. Thank you, also, to all who have communicated your needs or shared ideas for how we can best accomplish our work in these challenging times. I appreciate your feedback and your input. We are listening, and we are working hard to find solutions as quickly as possible to the challenges that this situation presents.

I also want to offer my deepest gratitude to everybody at Stanford Health Care, who are on the front lines as we cope with this pandemic. The COVID-19 test developed at Stanford has rapidly expanded capacity to test and serve patients in the Bay Area and beyond. Clinicians, researchers, and staff are working around the clock to care for our community and conduct research into vaccines and treatments for COVID-19.

Despite the challenges we are all facing now, I am confident that, by standing together as a community, we will emerge from this moment stronger and more resilient. Thank you, again, for the actions you are each taking to support the well-being of all.
Best wishes,
Marc

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Hello,

Just to let you know we are open for Business too, our restaurant La Boheme was not listed with the rest for the Special Shelter in Place Menu, so please if you can add our Restaurant in your list;

La Boheme
415 California Ave, Palo Alto 94306
www.labohemepaloalto.com

Thank you, stay safe and Healthy!!

Malek Kaci
La Boheme
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Good Morning Maggie,

Thank you for your email message. The City’s public safety response to the current public health emergency includes reassigning the Police Department’s parking enforcement community service officers temporarily to high-visibility patrol efforts around town. This additional set of ears and eyes are helping to support the Police Department’s efforts to ensure the community’s safety during this time. Enforcement of timed parking restrictions has been temporarily suspended as a result, but they will still take enforcement action for any parking concerns that present an immediate hazard. In addition, enforcement of the Residential Permit Parking program is temporarily suspended.

Thanks again for reaching out to us.

Best,
Meghan

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To whom it may concern:

I observed a Parking Enforcer driving around the city ticketing cars. I think this is a non-essential job. People need to feel secure parking their cars on the city street while the Shelter In Place order is enforced.

Sincerely,
Resident of North Palo Alto

Maggie Maese

Sent from Mail for Windows 10
Hello,

My wife owns Ruskin Gardens Co. They are a Palo Alto based landscape maintenance company. She employs 20+ people. She is under the impression that she will need to pay all of her employees while they cannot work due to the shelter in place orders. Taking out a loan is not a viable option because then we go into more debt. She is under the impression that she needs to lay off all of her employees and possibly close her business entirely.

We need guidance as to whether or not landscapers are exempt under the "construction" exemption to the requirements to shelter in place. She is very serious about social distancing and other safety issues. Any guidance would be appreciated.

Thank you,
Gadi Zohar

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No reply from city manager.

Natalie

There are two things you should order in Palo Alto right away:

1. grocery stores should limit how much anyone can buy at a time, esp. sanitary wipes and toilet paper.
   Safeway has not had any tp for 2 weeks now when I come in mid afternoon.
2. grocery stores should limit how many people can come inside at a time.

When I went to Piazza's last Monday, there were so many people at the check out lines, that space between them was impossible. We were shoulder to shoulder. I'm over 80 years old and this was very dangerous.

Natalie Fisher
Hello,

You wrote:
"A new online resource is available for the community to support local businesses. Do you have a favorite restaurant that is still open? Send them our way and we’ll add them to the online webpage we’ve set up."
but I don’t know where to send them your way, the page doesn’t say either, so I’m replying to this email, cc’ing the City Council.

Anyway, Terun on California avenue is open.
Café Venetia on University Ave is open according to what the owner posted on Google Maps.

Thanks,
Paolo

On Fri, Mar 20, 2020 at 8:20 PM City of Palo Alto <news@cityofpaloalto.org> wrote:

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• New virtual events are available to connect with one another.

• The Red Cross and Stanford Blood Centers are in need of blood. Consider donating today.

• A new online resource is available for the community to support local businesses. Do you have a favorite restaurant that is still open? Send them our way and we’ll add them to the online webpage we’ve set up.

Read the full Coronavirus Daily Report below for more in-depth information.

**City of Palo Alto and Santa Clara County Updates**

We know the shelter in place is difficult. The County is encouraging all residents to stay home and only go out if you have to. The social distancing requirement is established with your health in mind if you must go out. This is to save lives.

The new [statewide stay home order](#) issued last night by Governor Gavin Newsom aligns closely with the County of Santa Clara Public Health Department order requiring everyone to shelter in place and adhering to social distancing if outside or at the grocery store. One significant difference is that the County order set a specific timeframe in April and the State order does not designate an end date at this time.

The Community Support Call Center is available to community members by phone Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. This week the call center received over 1,700 calls from the community. Questions included items such as driving to open spaces and to state and national parks; drive-thru testing center locations and access; medical questions; parking enforcement complaints; local construction projects continuing to work, and more. We answer some of the top questions in our latest [blog post](#). Please feel free to contact us with questions about coronavirus or City services at (650)
As a reminder, please only call 9-1-1 if you are experiencing a life-threatening emergency.

In other City news, pickleball and tennis courts in Palo Alto are now closed.

View and share our flyer with quick reference tips for helping prevent the spread of coronavirus.

Be Well

We encourage the community to stay connected, and together we will get through this tough time. Stay connected with friends and family by phone or video chat, and find new ways to maintain an active and healthy lifestyle. Consider participating in any of the virtual events happening over the next few weeks. Join in and invite your friends!

- **Nightly Metropolitan Opera Streams** - Each day, through March 29, a different encore presentation from the company’s Live in HD series is being made available for free streaming on the Met website, with each performance available for a period of 20 hours, from 7:30 p.m. EDT until 3:30 p.m. the following day. The schedule will include outstanding complete performances from the past 14 years of cinema transmissions, starring all of opera’s greatest singers.

- **Stay Home Sessions from Caffe Lena** - If folk music is your taste you will enjoy a virtual visit to America’s longest continuously operating folk music venue in the United States. Check out their live-streamed “Stay Home” Sessions and their archive of previous recordings. Ongoing, typically 5 p.m. pacific time weekdays and 10:30 a.m. weekends

- **Virtual Collage Classes** - Join artist Sam Price and the Palo Alto Art Center for free virtual collage classes for kids and families of all ages. Classes will be held on Fridays at 11:00 a.m. PT between March 27 and
April 10. Make simple and fun collages using materials you can find in your house! Watch live or view recordings, which will be posted after each class!

We know this can be a difficult time and taking care of your mental health is just as important as physical health. Some may find that meditation is helpful to reduce stress. Here are some free online beginner’s guides, guided meditations, and a 15-minute video focused on meditation for anxiety. The Monterey Bay Aquarium has an array of wildlife webcams to watch which can instill feelings ranging from soothing to energizing. Our library staff love the jellyfish (moon jellies) cam! Worldwide, musicians are sharing hours of peaceful music for free.

The Red Cross has set up advice on how to cope with the emotional aspects of the evolving Coronavirus situation. Also check out recommended strategies from Dr. John Sharp, a faculty member at Harvard Medical School. The Red Cross and the Stanford Blood Center are both in urgent need of blood donations. Support local food banks, like the Second Harvest of Silicon Valley and support services, like the Community Services Agency or the Peninsula Volunteers, with donations.

If you need support, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has a national Disaster Distress Helpline for crisis counseling. Call 1-800-985-5990, 24/7 for toll-free, multilingual crisis support services.

Support our local businesses! We encourage our community to help support local businesses by getting take out for dinner and shopping at our local grocery stores. This new webpage contains some information on restaurants and retail establishments that are open for business. Whole Foods markets are
now offering special shopping hours for seniors. View the Whole Foods website for information about your local market.

Are you interested in helping others or do you need support services yourself? Some support services, volunteer and donation opportunities are listed here. This page will be updated as we hear about other opportunities to support our community during this difficult time.

In addition to regional, virtual events and other online resources provided by the City, the Palo Alto Art Center is now offering free virtual art classes! Join artist Sam Price on Fridays at 11 a.m. for free virtual collage-making classes for kids and families of all ages. Make simple and fun collages using materials you can find in your house. Watch live or recorded classes. What are the ways you are keeping a sense of normalcy? We’d love to hear your ideas!

Stay Informed

The City Council will continue to meet on Monday, March 23, and you can watch, listen, or share input via email or mail in your comments as the recommended ways to stay engaged during this public health situation. Please watch or listen to the Council meeting in one of the following ways:

- Tune to Channel 26 on your TV
- Tune your radio to 90.1 FM KZSU Radio
- View the live stream via Midpen Media Center.
- The meeting will also be live-streamed on YouTube.
- For the City Council meeting materials including ways to share your input with the Council via email, go to www.cityofpaloalto.org/councilagendas

The City is extending rate relief options to customers experiencing financial hardship and difficulties paying their utilities bill. Please contact our Utilities
Customer Service Call Center at UtilitiesCustomerService@cityofpaloalto.org or (650) 329-2161 for further information or assistance with your utility account.

Please be careful of falling victim to fraud. If anyone contacts you directly regarding utility service disconnection due to non-payment of your utilities bill, call us to confirm the status of your account. You can access account balance information using our automated interactive voice response system at (650)-329-2161 or speak with a Customer Service Representative.

Business Resources

The Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development compiled helpful information for employers, employees, and all Californians as it relates to the coronavirus outbreak. The CDC also provides guidance for businesses to help prevent exposures to respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19. Some new updates include opportunities for small business loans from the State of California, FAQs for businesses, comprehensive statewide business resources, and even small business grants from Facebook. Click here for the Treasurer's Office Small Business Resources Page. The City's webpage will be updated regularly with additional resources for our local businesses.

What To Do If You're Sick

Stay home if you are sick. Watch for symptoms and contact your medical provider if you fall ill. Most coronavirus testing facilities require a physician’s referral. Find information on the CDC website to help detect symptoms of coronavirus.
Our 'daily' report will pick back up next week on Monday. Follow us on social media for any new developments. Stay healthy and be well!
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Date: Sun, Mar 22, 2020 at 1:45 AM
Subject: Stanford's test for Covid-19 in use now.
To: Loran Harding <loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org>

Sun. March 22, 2020

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LH
Dear Council members,
I strongly suggest re-visiting the Farmer’s Market. Under the current situation and risk of ongoing spread of Covid19 - I believe these Farmer’s market though outside are irresponsible to curtail and contain the spread of the ongoing pandemic. I suggest you strongly consider an immediate suspension of these activities.
Thanks you!

Sent from my iPhone
The City is not clear on it's closures, since the Cal Ave Farmer's Market was up and running this morning. If the courts are going to be closed with 75 feet between players playing singles, then the Farmer's markets should be closed as well. Please be consistent.

Thank you,
Lisa

On Sun, Mar 22, 2020 at 2:30 PM Horrigan-Taylor, Meghan <Meghan.Horrigan-Taylor@cityofpaloalto.org> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

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For more on this and other details about the City’s public safety response to the public health situation, go here.

Best,

Meghan

MEGHAN HORRIGAN-TAYLOR
Chief Communications Officer

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www.cityofpaloalto.org
From: Lisa Steinback <lisasteinback@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 7:45 PM
To: Council, City <city.council@cityofpaloalto.org>
Subject: closure of Tennis courts is unnecessary and harsh

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Dear Palo Alto City Council,

Today I was saddened to see all tennis courts across the city closed due to Corona virus concerns. This is an extreme and unnecessary step, which will not aid in the social distancing of people. The city could have limited the tennis to singles if they felt that players could not meet the 6 ft. distancing requirement. People in this city need time outdoors to get fresh air and stay fit. Fitness improves people's outlook and boosts their immune system -- exactly what we need to be doing! Personally, I have struggled a lot more at local grocery stores keeping the 6 foot distance than I have on the tennis court, so closing the courts is not going to reduce the spread of the virus. It is a punitive measure.

Please re-think this overly harsh closure of tennis courts. Families and individuals can use the courts and easily maintain social distancing.

Thank you for your consideration,

Lisa Steinback, Creekside Dr.
Baumb, Nelly

From: Bruce Steinback <brucesteinback@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 3:07 PM
To: Horrigan-Taylor, Meghan; Council, City
Subject: Re: Closing tennis courts? Really?

In case you didn't know, all organized tennis activities have already been canceled. This was quite reasonable as they did collect a number of people together, who often mingled before or afterward.

But 'Organized Activites?' Two people (often family) playing singles tennis? That's what I saw on the courts before you closed them. Did you bother to look? Perhaps you should close parks as I see a lot of couples (possibly unrelated!) or even whole families walking together! Obviously organized!

Oh well, congratulations on your well covered ass.

Disgustedly,
Bruce Steinback

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Meghan
Hi,

I'm not sure who I should direct this message to, but I'll start with you all. As you probably know, all the public tennis courts here in Palo Alto have just been locked up. I would like to suggest that this is a serious mistake.

In the past few days, the courts I have seen have not been terribly busy, but there have been several families playing. This is a wonderful stress reliever, good exercise and helps families get along. There have also been several games with obviously unrelated people, children and adults. But I would note that this is again good and useful exercise, it's done with often just two and at most just four people, and most importantly is done with people on opposite sides of a net, almost invariably with at least six feet separating them. Yes, they're touching the same balls, but I'd remind you that I've been much closer with other shoppers and touched things that have most likely been touched by more people while grocery shopping.
Yes, in a perfect coronavirus response it would make sense to eliminate anything that brings anyone in possible even indirect contact with anyone else. But the perfect is the enemy of the good. Or in computer terms there was a joke I remember that it's easy to build a computer that's virus proof, but it's also unusable. I would please have you consider that.

Thank you,

Bruce Steinback

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Palo Alto, CA
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Date: Sun, Mar 22, 2020 at 3:11 AM
Subject: Fwd: Stanford's test for COVID-19
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More information from Stanford Health Care re the virus: Stanford Health Care is the former Stanford Hospital and Clinics.


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UPS Airlines:

https://pressroom.ups.com/pressroom/media-kits/mediakits.page?id=1426416925389-394&ConceptType=MediaKits

Air Expedite services from FedEx:


Between the two of these, it seems that medical supplies can be moved fast in the U.S.

But not one word about using military cargo planes to move medical supplies from Trump. Seems like a no-brainer if the commercial transport cos. can't move supplies fast enough.

LH
Hi Mayor and Council members,

I was disappointed to see that the infection and death rates for Palo Alto were not in the report anywhere. In the countries (and states) where they have had the best response to the virus, it is in countries that have had the greatest transparency of all information. While you may not want to scare people, from what I have seen outside and on-line, I think Palo Alto could do better and knowing just where we are with infection/death rates would motivate people to do better practices around social distancing and transmission prevention. We need only to look at what information is coming from the federal and state levels to see this is true. We only have one chance to flatten the curve on this, so please, let’s be as transparent as possible.

I hope you all are well,

Sincerely,

David Coale
Dear City Council,

I'm not normally one to complain about construction - it's essential to the city. I live at Redacted, where us nine residents are doing our best to work from home and obey the shelter order. Next door unfortunately, residential construction is underway. The constant noise is extremely disruptive and makes productivity very difficult. I'm writing to ask you to consider temporarily suspending or limiting residential construction while the shelter-in-place order stands. Any kind of policy change in this direction would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Daniel Reid

Redacted
Palo Alto
Dear City Council,

As Coronavirus news worsens, I am quite anxious to do my part to help either healthcare workers or the most vulnerable members of the community. However, with the current onslaught of (mis)information, it can be difficult to tell what efforts are worth supporting. Are there any community-organized, legitimate efforts that a healthy, employed 28-year-old can put her efforts towards?

Sincere thanks,
Molly O'Connor
Some sobering news in the SV Business Journal today.

Dr. Robert Mittendorf, local VC at Norwest Venture Partners in Palo Alto, who's also an ER doctor with a Harvard BA & MBA & Stanford emergency medicine advance training, obviously an incredibly smart and experienced professional, says we should "expect two years of COVID-19 economic recovery." I hope it's just two years but some economists say this may trigger a "great recession."

I know you agree this should be a top concern and priority of the City.

The Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce is committed to working with you to help our local businesses get through this crisis to provide needed services to our community and sustain the City's resources that together support the high quality of life our community has always enjoyed.

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President
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Dear Council Members,

Living in the California Avenue/Mayfield neighborhood, I have seen many important and "essential" businesses shut down or reduce operations severely due to the Coronavirus emergency. I understand that and support those decisions.

However, I find it very confusing and somewhat unacceptable that the City continues to allow the construction to proceed on the California Avenue Parking Garage during this time. I know that the so-called "exemptions" let the City to technically continue with the construction, but I think it sends the "wrong message" to the entire Palo Alto community that it is "ok" for the City to continue its "own business" as usual, but not ok for the rest of the community.

Personally, I worry about someone on the construction team there who accidentally passes the virus on to either one of their own workers or heavens forbid, someone in the general Palo Alto public.

The City should take the lead here and end all construction activity on the Cal Avenue Garage temporarily (and any other "non-essential" City projects that aren't needed right now) until the Coronavirus crisis has passed.

In addition, I urge the City to review the entire issue of local housing construction at this time, throughout the City. I have observed several home building projects -- especially in the Southgate neighborhood -- where project continue on a daily basis, with seemingly no concern over the Coronavirus situation. Remember this is not housing for the homeless nor is it "essential" at this time given the current crisis. This type of construction should be looked at and you should find ways to end these activities that are needed or extremely "essential" to the current crisis.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Terry Holzemer
Good News: Here are new possibilities for a lower death rate by Dr. Fauci of Natl. Institute of Health and other medical experts:

Two Articles:
1. Virus death rate similar to severe flu rate
2. Beating the coronavirus: as simple as A, B, C

1. Mortality Rate for COVID-19 May Be Closer to Influenza by Marco Cáceres, Published March 18, 2020 | from Vaccine Reaction newsnvic@gmail.com, March 21, 2020

* 3.4% death rate by WHO is disputed by other disease experts
* Too many mild or unknown cases are not counted
* Problems with test accuracy
* Virus many be similar to severe outbreak of the flu

At a press briefing on Mar. 3, 2020, the director general of the World Health Organization (WHO), Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus, said, “Globally, about 3.4 percent of reported COVID-19 cases have died.” On Mar. 13, The New York Times reported that modeling experts from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) were estimating that if no actions are taken to stop the spread of coronavirus in the U.S., worst-case scenario, “between 160 million and 214 million people in the U.S. could be infected over the course of the epidemic” and “as many as 200,000 to 1.7 million people could die.”

. . . Other infectious disease experts disagree with the WHO’s often quoted 3.4 percent mortality rate, maintaining that it is much lower. Instead of COVID-19 being more 30 times deadly than the annual influenza virus, which has an estimated mortality rate of 0.1 percent, U.S. health officials such as Anthony Fauci, MD of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) believe the mortality rate is closer to one percent, or about 10 times more fatal than seasonal influenza.

The WHO figure does not take into account asymptomatic COVID-19 cases or cases in which symptoms are minimal, said Dr. Fauci. In other words, there are many mild cases of COVID-19 that are not being diagnosed, reported and counted because many of those people are not going to the hospital and are not being tested, diagnosed and reported.

. . . A one percent mortality rate for an infectious disease is still high. However, even that estimate is based on extremely limited data, given that very few people in the U.S.—and in many other countries—have been tested for COVID-19. There also have been problems with the accuracy of lab tests for the virus. “We’re very concerned about false
positives, just as damning as false negatives" said Bruce Carlson of medical diagnostic
market research firm Kalorama Information in New York.10 11 12 13 14 15

Chief medical officer and epidemiologist Professor Chris Whitty thinks the mortality
rate for COVID-19 may end up being less than one percent.5 “I am reasonably confident
one percent is the upper rate of mortality,” Prof. Whitty said.16

Prof. Whitty’s prediction is consistent with current estimated mortality rates for
COVID-19 in countries like South Korea and Germany. . . . Like other infectious
disease experts, microbiologists (microbiologist) Dr. Wieler believes the impact of COVID-
19 may ultimately prove to be similar to that of a severe outbreak of influenza.18

For the full story, see TheVaccine Reaction, National Vaccine Information
Center at newsNVIC@gmail.com

2.  Beating the coronavirus: as simple as A, B, C
ON Feb 28, 2020.    POSTED IN: Lynne McTaggart Blog
American lecturer, journalist, author, and publisher. She is the author of six books, including The Intention
Experiment and The Field.

* Simple solution to coronavirus is high doses of Vitamin C
* Medium doses in IV form have taken people off life support
* New form of Vit C liposomal has dramatic results
* High dose of Vit. C in 1940s stopped deadly infections including polio

Last weekend, we held our Get Well Health Expo at Olympia. Thousands came to meet the
many dozens of pioneering doctors and therapists of all varieties that we had carefully
selected to offer alternative solutions proven to work.

Of nearly 50 brilliant talks, two by Dr. Damien Downing, a pioneer in ecological
medicine and president of the British Society of Allergy and Environmental Medicine,
and Dr. Thomas Levy, a cardiologist and one of the world’s experts on vitamin
C, offered the same message: there is a simple solution to the coronavirus, which has
gripped the world in fear.

Dr Downing . . . and the others released a statement in late January by the
Orthomolecular Medicine News Service to say that the coronavirus pandemic ‘can be
dramatically slowed, or stopped with the immediate widespread use of high doses of
vitamin C.’

This is nothing new. A raft of studies carried out in the 40s and 50s showed that
very high dose vitamin C, particularly given intravenously, could stop the deadliest
of infections, including polio.

. . . Dr. Frederick Klenner was one of the pioneering doctors in the 1940s who
successfully cured many viral diseases, from flu and hepatitis, to viral pneumonia and even
polio using very high doses of vitamin C, anywhere from 30,000 – 200,000 mg, given as
divided dosages throughout the day with no ill effects.

. . . Dr Downing and other physicians from the International Society for Orthomolecular
Medicine urged preventive supplementation to ‘prevent or minimize symptoms for future
viral infection,’ including the coronavirus.

These include:
Vitamin C: 3000 mg daily, in divided dosages
Vitamin D3: 2000 IUs daily (Start with 5000 IU/day for 2 weeks, then 2000 IU
Magnesium: 400 mg daily (in citrate, malate, chelate, or chloride form)
Zinc: 20 mg daily  
Selenium: 100 mcg (micrograms) daily

As vitamin C champion Dr. Robert Cathcart once noted, ‘I have not seen any flu yet that was not cured or markedly ameliorated by massive doses of vitamin C.’ So stop panicking about the so-called pandemic and start this simple prevention program.

Pacific Naturapathic in Mountain View, CA offers Vitamin C in IV form to those who want it as preventive. It does not give it to those already diagnosed with the virus. Other naturapaths may also give such IVs.

Forwarded by Arlene Goetze, M.A. Health writer, No Toxins for Children, photowrite67@yahoo.com

793 deaths in Italy yesterday is for 8 million people. Number sick with virus is not known. Number who died not known if all were from the virus or pneumonia or other diseases.

263 cases in Santa Clara Cty CA (Silicon Valley) is among 1.92 million folks with 8 deaths.

99 + people are living thru or with the virus. That's good news.

Just why has the world been shut done . . . something to think about.
Dear Council members,

With all of us at home sheltering with our families and trying to work, provide distance learning, and some semblance of normalcy, it should be fairly apparent that our internet capacity to our homes in Palo Alto is inadequate to the task.

When will the Council pick up providing internet Fiber-to-the-Node/Premise/Home either as part of our utilities, or partnering with a company (such as Sonic.net) which can provide the service? How many more years are we going to kick this can down the road?

Thank you,
--Patrick.
I have seen multiple groups of children and their parents, obviously from separate households, playing together in parks, using the same seesaws, swings, slides, etc. There are lots of alarming accounts on Nextdoor of children still having in person birthday parties, sleepovers, etc. Of adults gathering together outdoors in violation of the 6 foot separation rule.

I also see in the local grocery stores that there's no attempt to maintain a 6 foot separation in the aisles or during checkout, and customers actually get annoyed when they are reminded. Trader Joe's has taken the wise step of limiting the number of customers inside at any given time to 25.

Can the city do anything to ensure residents comply better with the state Shelter-in-Place order? Perhaps the police could start citing people congregating in parks. Another harsher step would be to close the parks but that would hurt those who abide by rules and use the parks as a place for some outdoor time.

Palo Alto should be a role model for other cities to emulate!
From: Edie Keating <edie.keating100@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 6:31 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please support a strong local response to the covid virus

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. I am not well versed in the options before you. This is a unique situation, and I hope you take strong local action to seek to protect our Palo Alto community from displacement and financial harm. In turn, I am confident these actions will also support the continued health of our entire community.

Sincerely,
Edie Keating
Alma St.
Palo Alto
We keep hearing reports that food delivery to homebound seniors is not reliable.

Is the city monitoring the status of grocery delivery and is the Community Support Line set up to provide current information? If there long delays in deliveries are common, efforts to prioritize seniors would be helpful.
Dear City Council,

These are difficult days and I extend much appreciation for your leadership at this time.

I'm writing to share two things if it is of interest and support at this time.

Last Friday, our organization had our inaugural Manzanita Conference in partnership with Joint Venture Silicon Valley and California Urban Partnership. Originally intended to be a full day conference at UCSF Conference Center, we pivoted to transform the program into a four part series: transportation, education, housing and the future of work. With the help of PenTV, we were able to meet our original conference date and the content is now online here: https://vimeo.com/showcase/6887763

To be notified of parts 2, 3 and 4, you can register for free at our website: www.manzanita.works

Second, within our organization we manage a broad-based group called the Manzanita Coalition - voluntary civic institutions who are working together to support the region’s workers and worker family welfare. Several Palo Alto institutions are founding members.

In this uncertain time, we seek to extend a message of shared concern and hope... and to that end, want you to know that you can turn to this coalition of local community members for coordination, knowledge and shared leadership.

Our thoughts are with you and we are ready to assist to the best of our abilities.

With appreciation,

Mila Zelkha  
Executive Advisory Committee Chair  
650-518-0040
All,

Given Gov. Newsom's most recent action of closing parking lots at over 30 of California beaches and parks, the city needs to take a close look at the situation at Foothills Park, Arastradero and the other open spaces in Palo Alto.

This past Saturday our family headed out to Portola State Park for a hike hoping to get away from the crowds and do something together outside. As we approached both Arastradero and Foothills, there were cars parked out on Page Mill. From Page Mill, we could see cars parked down Arastradero Road and at Foothills, cars filled the lot immediately inside the guard shack as well as parked on the road all the way down to the entrance.

I find it unlikely that, even given the size of these open spaces, it is possible for visitors to maintain the prescribed six-foot distance from each other. It appeared there was a ranger at the Foothills entrance station, so I'm confused as to why they would continue to allow people to enter the park.

Please consider closing the parking lots at Foothills Park and Arastradero Preserve in addition to open spaces such as Byxbee Park in order to slow the transmission of COVID 19.

Thanks
Keith Ferrell
Hello,

Urban Village Farmers’ Market Association had its first weekend operating 8 farmers’ markets in the Bay Area this past weekend under the new 'shelter in place' conditions that became required last week. We followed all State and County guidelines, made lots of other plans and preparations, and sent extra staff to all markets to specifically assist with implementing the new practices. We feel it went well for not knowing what kind of crowds to expect (our Friday Oakland market was very spacious!), but of course we learned from on-site experience and other Farmers’ Market Association’s shared experiences to do even better next weekend.

UVFM has literally only received one complaint from a resident not supporting our State and County exemption to date. However, we got an early Sunday morning visit at the market from PAPD responding to a citizen complaint of us being there! Maybe the same guy? Possibly City staff can advise the Police Department that we are authorized to be open? Thanks.

Also after the weekend, UVFM received a few emails from residents who have expressed gratitude for our community service, yet usually offering hindsight suggestions that we also had learned from the day.

FYI... here are the guidelines we are operating under and requiring our vendors and customers to follow:

- Space booths accordingly to increase social distancing between vendors, among patrons in line and walking about the market.
- Ensure that social distancing of six feet per person for non-family members is maintained and make clear that family members can participate in activities together, stand in line together, etc.
- Chalk markings were made on the ground near busier vendors to give a visual aid on what appropriate distances look like (photo below). It worked well and people followed it.
- Very large signage to remind people stay keep 6’ distances.
- Limit the number of customers at any given time as necessary to reduce outdoor/indoor crowding and lines to meet social distancing guidance. This was mostly asked of vendors to enforce in their booths. Crowds were thin at most locations so we didn’t anticipate the need to limit total attendance. Our markets have many entrances so limiting total attendance seemed like a tall order but we are reviewing how to do this at markets that were lucky enough to experience higher traffic.
- Eliminate events/marketing that target individuals that CDPH has identified as higher risk of serious illness for COVID-19.
- Encourage activities such as pre-bagging to expedite purchasing. We also have most vendors taking 'orders' and bagging things for customers instead of self service for produce (photo below). Not all vendors have the staff for such service but others laid out empty boxes to create physical dividers between customers (photo below).
- Vendors who need to touch food products will have two employees, one to handle cash and another to handle food (or at least separate hands for those in unique situations).
- Suspend all sampling activities.
- Increase frequency of cleaning payment devices, and other surfaces.
- Removal of all customer tables, chairs and common areas.
- Eliminate non-essential/non-related services, such as bands or other entertainment. All efforts to keep people in transit are employed.
- Hand sanitizer is impossible to purchase lately. We do require staff to wear gloves when handling money, wash hands frequently, and follow all other personal hygiene recommendations.

These were guidelines we formed after input from all our local health agencies and then took extra steps in addition to try and create the safest environment possible for shoppers and staff. Like everyone these days, we are adjusting our response as more information is available. We are always open to feedback on how to do better. We are fairly overwhelmed to be able to communicate back to every member of the public, but are especially interested to hear from public health officials and other public agencies.

Also, thank you for YOUR work to meet the needs of our community during this very challenging time!

In Health,

Ron Pardini  
Executive Director  
Urban Village Farmers' Market Assoc.

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e-mail ron@uvfm.org  
website uvfm.org
Hello Public Works Department,

We're being contacted by clients in the public and private sectors for the decontamination of COVID-19 in their facilities and therefore we're reaching out to inform you that our teams are well trained and certified (40 hr HAZWOPER, BBP, etc.) for this. It's our understanding that normal cleaning agencies are not well equipped with ULV foggers and CDC registered disinfectant cleaning solutions to handle this type of work.

Who in your agency does the onboarding for services like these? Please let me know if there is someone else I should reach out to. Attached is some information about COVID-19 and the decontamination service.

Stay safe.

Regards,
Sal Noureddine

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From: Phil Burton <philip-b@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 1:22 PM
To: Council, City; Adina Levin; Cari Templeton; dshenster@gmail.com; Gregory Brail; Inyoung Cho; Larry Klein; Megan Kanne; Nadia Naik; Patricia Lau; Reckdahl, Keith; Carrasco, Tony
Subject: FW: NYTimes: Virus Brings States to a Standstill: Sessions Halt, Budgets Crater, Plans Wait

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Virus Brings States to a Standstill: Sessions Halt, Budgets Crater, Plans Wait

Phil Burton

Sent from my iPad
Dear City Council,

Apparentley, the City and PAUSD are directing PAPD to close parks and open spaces. Eleanor Pardee Park is reportedly closed. The playing fields between Green Middle School and Strafford School are close. The Palo Alto HS track is closed. All, with no information or explanation, for instance through the NextDoor conduit.

This approach is wrong. It is inconsistent with the directives from the State and County, regarding the essential nature of recreation. There is enough tension and anxiety in our community already, without denying access to public spaces.

Simultaneously, it is imperative to follow the State and County orders fully. Namely: social distancing rules must be followed. And, play structures must not be used.

Just because a few individuals have chosen to enter PAUSD spaces; just because a few children have used play structures; does not mean entire parks must be closed off for everyone in the community/herd. Rather, these misbehaviors create an opportunity for education. I would far rather that public health and safety officers be present in these spaces, to monitor behavior, and encourage full adherence to the State and County orders — rather than simply take the easy and punitive measures, to close the spaces altogether.

We are blessed here to have more open space than those living in New York City. We can both recreate, and stay safe; it is not a situation of either-or.

Please reconsider the directives which you appear to have made. I’m sure you think you’re doing this ‘out of an abundance of caution’. But these decisions are not helping. Anecdotally, in my neighborhood we have a daily morning meeting, at 10ft-plus spacing; the tensions this morning are increasing and palpable. We need more information, accurate information, from trusted sources; we need more leadership, local and trusted, and not less. Locking everything down, satisfies neither of these needs.

Sincerely,

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Hello,

I am not sure who to send this email to or whether anyone in the City is still checking emails but please kindly forward to the correct department.

I took a walk near Edgewood and Island this past Saturday afternoon 3/21/20. Everyone on the street and sidewalks adhered to the social distancing order and more often than not, gave more distance than is required.

During my walk, I heard some shuffling behind me and saw a jogger down the block. I assumed she would run across the street or at least run six feet away from and around me so I continued my leisurely stroll. Instead of keeping distance, she ran right up behind and then next to me within one foot! She then ran pass a man pushing his baby in a stroller a block or two up. I called the PA police but she was very far by then. I believe she reached Chaucer and Hamilton where I then lost sight of her. To be precise, the woman was at Edgewood and Island at 4:35pm.

She was an Asian female in her 30s or 40s wearing a magenta top and a navy bottom. Her straight black hair was pulled back in a low pony tail. I recall she had at least one prominent mole on her face. I have attached a photo of this woman from the back.

There seems to be a misunderstanding or nonchalance attitude to social distancing for some people during this pandemic. This miseducation, misinformation, or dismissive attitude could result in diminishing our efforts to flatten the curve.

Would the city of Palo Alto consider having the parking patrol, instead of going around to check for vehicle permits, ensure social distancing? It could take a simple and friendly reminder from an authority figure to help stop the spread of covid19 and to save lives.

Please consider my suggestion and let me know if I need to forward this to a different department.

Thank you for your time,

Emmy
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From: Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com>
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To: Fine, Adrian <Adrian.Fine@CityofPaloAlto.org>
Cc: Dave Price <price@padailypost.com>; fred smith <fred124c41@gmail.com>; chuck jagoda <chuckjagoda1@gmail.com>; City Mgr <CityMgr@cityofpaloalto.org>; City Mgr <CityMgr@cityofpaloalto.org>
Subject: Toilets and hotels for the unhoused of Palo Alto -during the Coronavirus crisis?

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415-370-5056
Why are the open spaces still open, but the parks and fields are closed?
Baumb, Nelly

From: chuck jagoda <chuckjagoda1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 10:46 PM
To: Aram James
Cc: Shikada, Ed; Dave Price; Fine, Adrian; Council, City
Subject: Re: Toilets and hotels for the unhoused of Palo Alto -during the Coronavirus crisis?

Dear Ed et. al.,
As a long time member of Palo Alto's homeless community (I live in Sunnyvale now) I would say the reason for DST not requesting open rest rooms (don't all people have to go to the restroom AFTER dusk, too? I know I do.) has a lot more to do with DST (and anyone who's paid attention) knowing the recent history of Palo Alto's anti-homeless efforts: parkification of San Francisquito Creek, the sit/lie ordinance, banning homeless from the formerly common area of the Cubberley Campus and cutting off restroom access and electricity access there, the lack of support for the Safe Parking Program proposals in 2012, the longstanding right of the police to recreational rousting (finally ended under Chief Burns, and the whole history of Palo Alto's war on the homeless. Also known as "If you feed a stray cat, you'll never get rid of it.

The best analogy I can think of some thug has his foot on your windpipe and you might think it would be great to have a drink of cool water but not only are there no fountains available in that park but you just know from previous abuse, there's zero chance of that sort of relief. You'd just be glad if he'd take his foot off your throat. Homeless requests for access to bathrooms would also be a luxury too far. We'd love it, but you start small and hope to get up to some sort of human justice eventually. Right now you can't breathe.

Maybe you don't know, but there was a real, strong feeling of NIMBYism in Palo Alto in the recent past. There are lots of generous, kind, helpful people in Palo Alto and all over, but the meanies have had a lot more power and a history of successful oppression. Richer, whiter citizens are not grateful to the poorer, darker skinned workers who helped build the wealth of Palo Alto and do the manual labor still today. Some of today's homeless are native peoples from whom whites came and took this land.

You know what native people (the Sioux in particular) called their white invaders? "Takes the fat." American Indians would invite their new neighbors and, like good hosts everywhere and in every age, they brought out treats for their guests-- meat for the meal. And we white eyes made sure to eat the prize part of the meal. Every time. So we earned the name, "Takes the fat."

Isn't that embarrassing?

This tradition did not die with the former land owners whom we often massacred and killed off--elderly, women, children, everyone. Part of the Japanese Internment during WWII was about stealing their land.

We need to start sharing common resources not worrying about restricting those without resources from access to toilets, water, food, and shelter.

One thing whites brought here was the teachings of Jesus Christ who said, "as you do to to the least of these, you do unto me." We just have trouble practicing those teachings. Just like when Jesus first preached them. Listening to them is one thing. Living up to them is quite another.
Please go forward with an attitude of shame and reparations. Please.

We have too long and in too many instances exercised superiority (including the right of life and death) over our brothers and sisters who are less white, less wealthy, and more in need.

Let's continue to reverse that trend.

Thank you,

Chuck Jagoda

Activist, Advocate

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Chuck
Air quality kills in Italy before the virus! It had 1800 deaths per day before the virus! Only 12% of death certificates include the virus!

A Swiss Doctor on Covid-19
https://swprs.org/a-swiss-doctor-on-covid-19/

In Short:
* "blaming the virus alone for deaths is wrong“ and very misleading“
* Israel: the new virus is less dangerous than the flu“ and lockdown measures "will kill more people than the virus“
* **Italy:** Air quality is part of current deaths; many for respiratory disease
  - 50-75% of the test-positive people remain completely symptom-free
  - people are more likely to die from panic/systemic collapse than from the virus.
  - 75% of the deceased had two + pre-existing conditions, 50% had three
  - normal overall mortality in Italy is about 1800 deaths per day
  -- only 12% of death certificates have shown a direct causality from virus“
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* 2006 **Canadian** study found that common cold coronaviruses may cause death rates of up to 6% in risk groups such as residents of a care facility,
* **South Korea and Japan** with no lockdown measures have near-zero deaths
* **Switzerland:** Despite media panic, excess mortality still at or near zero:

Published: March 14, 2020; Updated: March 23, 2020
Languages: German, French, Hungarian, Italian, Spanish, Norwegian

Update: The Italian National Institute of Health published a statistical report on test-positive patients and deceased, confirming the above data.)
The doctor also points out the following aspects:

**Northern Italy** has one of the oldest populations and the worst air quality in Europe, which has already led to an increased number of respiratory diseases and deaths in the past and is likely an additional risk factor in the current epidemic.

**South Korea,** for instance, has experienced a much milder course than Italy and has already passed the peak of the epidemic. In South Korea, only about 70 deaths with a positive test result have been reported so far. As in Italy, those affected were mostly high-risk patients.
The approximately twelve test-positive Swiss deaths so far were also high-risk patients with chronic diseases, an average age of 80 years and a maximum age of 90 years, whose exact cause of death, i.e. from the virus or from their pre-existing diseases, is not yet known.

Furthermore, according to a first Chinese study, the internationally used virus test kits may give a false positive result in some cases. In these cases, the persons may not have contracted the new coronavirus, but presumably one of the many existing human coronaviruses that are part of the annual (and currently ongoing) common cold and flu epidemics. (1)

Thus the most important indicator for judging the danger of the disease is not the frequently reported number of positively-tested persons and deaths, but the number of persons actually and unexpectedly developing or dying from pneumonia (so-called excess mortality).

According to all current data, for the healthy general population of school and working age, a mild to moderate course of the Covid-19 disease can be expected. Senior citizens and persons with existing chronic diseases should be protected. The medical capacities should be optimally prepared.

Medical literature
(2) Grasselli et al., Critical Care Utilization for the COVID-19 Outbreak in Lombardy, JAMA, March 2020.

Reference values
Important reference values include the number of annual flu deaths, which is up to 8,000 in Italy and up to 60,000 in the US; normal overall mortality, which in Italy is up to 2,000 deaths per day; and the average number of pneumonia cases per year, which in Italy is over 120,000.

Current all-cause mortality in Europe and in Italy is still normal or even below-average. Any excess mortality due to Covid-19 should become visible in the European monitoring charts.
Winter smog (NO2) in Northern Italy in February 2020 (ESA)

Updates
March 17, 2020 (I). The mortality profile remains puzzling from a virological point of view because, in contrast to influenza viruses, children are spared and men are affected about twice as often as women. On the other hand, this profile corresponds to natural mortality, which is close to zero for children and almost twice as high for 75-year-old men as for women of the same age.

The younger test-positive deceased almost always had severe pre-existing conditions. For example, a 21-year-old Spanish soccer coach had died test-positive, making international headlines. However, the doctors diagnosed an unrecognized leukemia, whose typical complications include severe pneumonia.

The decisive factor in assessing the danger of the disease is therefore not the number of test-positive persons and deceased, which is often mentioned in the media, but the number of people actually and unexpectedly developing or dying from pneumonia (so-called excess mortality). So far, this value remains very low in most countries.
In **Switzerland**, some emergency units are already overloaded simply because of the large number of people who want to be tested. This points to an additional psychological and logistical component of the current situation.

**March 17, 2020 (II)**  
Italian immunology professor Sergio Romagnani from the University of Florence comes to the conclusion in a study on **3000 people that 50 to 75% of the test-positive people of all ages remain completely symptom-free** – significantly more than previously assumed.  
The occupancy rate of the North Italian ICUs in the winter months is typically already 85 to 90%. Some or many of these existing patients could also be test-positive by now. However, the number of additional unexpected pneumonia cases is not yet known.  
A hospital doctor in the Spanish city of Malaga writes on Twitter that **people are currently more likely to die from panic and systemic collapse than from the virus**. The hospital is being overrun by people with colds, flu and possibly Covid19 and doctors have lost control.

**March 18, 2020**  
A new epidemiological study (preprint) concludes that **the fatality of Covid19 even in the Chinese city of Wuhan was only 0.04% to 0.12% and thus rather lower than that of seasonal flu, which has a mortality rate of about 0.1%**. As a reason for the overestimated fatality of Covid19, the researchers suspect that initially only a small number of cases were recorded in Wuhan, as the disease was probably asymptomatic or mild in many people.

**Chinese researchers argue that extreme winter smog in the city of Wuhan** may have played a causal role in the outbreak of pneumonia. In the summer of 2019, public protests were already taking place in Wuhan because of the poor air quality.

New satellite images show how Northern Italy has the highest levels of air pollution in Europe, and how this air pollution has been greatly reduced by the quarantine.

A manufacturer of the Covid19 test kit states that it should only be used for research purposes and not for diagnostic applications, as it has not yet been clinically validated.

**March 19, 2020 (I)**  
The Italian National Health Institute ISS has published a new report on test-positive deaths:  
--The median age is 80.5 years (79.5 for men, 83.7 for women).  
10% of the deceased was over 90 years old; 90% of the deceased was over 70  
--At most 0.8% of the deceased had no pre-existing chronic illnesses.  
Approximately 75% of the deceased had two or more pre-existing conditions, 50% had three more pre-existing conditions, in particular heart disease, diabetes and cancer.  
--Five of the deceased were between 31 and 39 years old, all of them with serious pre-existing health conditions (e.g. cancer or heart disease).

The National Health Institute hasn’t yet determined what the patients examined ultimately died of and refers to them in general terms as Covid19-positive deaths.

**March 19, 2020 (II)**  
A report in the Italian newspaper Corriere della Sera points out that Italian intensive care units already collapsed under the marked flu wave in 2017/2018. They had to postpone operations, call nurses back from holiday and ran out of blood donations.

German virologist Hendrik Streeck argues that **Covid19 is unlikely to increase total mortality in Germany, which normally is around 2500 people per day**. Streeck mentions the case of a 78-year-old man with preconditions who died of heart failure,
subsequently tested positive for Covid19 and thus was included in the statistics of Covid19 deaths.

According to Stanford Professor John Ioannidis, the new coronavirus may be no more dangerous than some of the common coronaviruses, even in older people. Ioannidis argues that there is no reliable medical data backing the measures currently decided upon.

March 20, 2020

According to the latest European monitoring report, overall mortality in all countries (including Italy) and in all age groups remains within or even below the normal range so far.

According to the latest German statistics, the median age of test-positive deaths is about 83 years, most with pre-existing health conditions that might be a possible cause of death.

A 2006 Canadian study referred to by Stanford Professor John Ioannidis found that common cold coronaviruses may also cause death rates of up to 6% in risk groups such as residents of a care facility, and that virus test kits initially falsely indicated an infection with SARS coronaviruses.

March 21, 2020 (I)

Spain reports only three test-positive deaths under the age of 65 (out of a total of about 1000). Their pre-existing health conditions and actual cause of death are not yet known.

On March 20, Italy reported 627 nationwide test-positive deaths in one day. By comparison, normal overall mortality in Italy is about 1800 deaths per day. Since February 21, Italy has reported about 4000 test-positive deaths. Normal overall mortality during this time frame is up to 50,000 deaths. It is not yet known to what extent normal overall mortality has increased, or to what extent it has simply turned test-positive. Moreover, Italy and Europe have had a very mild flu season in 2019/2020 that has spared many otherwise vulnerable people.

According to Italian news reports, 90% of test-positive deceased in the Lombardy region have died outside of intensive care units, mostly at home or in general care sections. Their cause of death and the possible role of quarantine measures in their deaths remain unclear. Only 260 out of 2168 test-positive persons have died in ICUs.

Bloomberg highlights that „99% of Those Who Died From Virus Had Other Illness, Italy Says“

March 21, 2020 (II)

The Japan Times asks: Japan was expecting a coronavirus explosion. Where is it? Despite being one of the first countries getting positive test results and having imposed no lockdown, Japan is one of the least-affected nations. Quote: „Even if Japan may not be counting all those infected, hospitals aren’t being stretched thin and there has been no spike in pneumonia cases. “

Italian researchers argue that the extreme smog in Northern Italy, the worst in Europe, may be playing a causative role in the current pneumonia outbreak there, as in Wuhan before.

In a new interview, Professor Sucharit Bhakdi, a world renowned expert in medical microbiology, says blaming the new coronavirus alone for deaths is „wrong“ and „dangerously misleading“, as there are other more important factors at play, notably pre-existing health conditions and poor air quality in Chinese and Northern Italian cities. Professor Bhakdi describes the currently discussed or imposed measures as „grotesque“, „useless“, „self-destructive“ and a „collective suicide“ that will shorten the lifespan of the elderly and should not be accepted by society.

March 22, 2020 (I)
Regarding the situation in Italy: Most major media falsely report that Italy has up to 800 deaths per day from the coronavirus. In reality, the president of the Italian Civil Protection Service stresses that these are deaths “with the coronavirus and not from the coronavirus” (minute 03:30 of the press conference). In other words, these persons died while also testing positive.

As Professors Ioannidis and Bhakdi have shown, countries like South Korea and Japan that introduced no lockdown measures have experienced near-zero excess mortality in connection with Covid-19, while the Diamond Princess cruise ship experienced an extrapolated mortality figure in the per mille range, i.e. at or below the level of the seasonal flu.

Current test-positive death figures in Italy are still less than 50% of normal daily overall mortality in Italy, which is around 1800 deaths per day. Thus it is possible, perhaps even likely, that a large part of normal daily mortality now simply counts as „Covid19“ deaths (as they test positive). This is the point stressed by the President of the Italian Civil Protection Service.

However, by now it is clear that certain regions in Northern Italy, i.e. those facing the toughest lockdown measures, are experiencing markedly increased daily mortality figures. It is also known that in the Lombardy region, 90% of test-positive deaths occur not in intensive care units, but instead mostly at home. And more than 99% have serious pre-existing health conditions.

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If so, it may be one of those cases where the treatment is worse than the disease. (See update below: only 12% of death certificates show the coronavirus as a cause.)
who die in hospitals with the coronavirus are deemed to be dying of the coronavirus“. This means that Italian death figures reported by the media have to be reduced by at least a factor of 8 to obtain actual deaths caused by the virus. Thus one ends up with at most a few dozen deaths per day, compared to an overall daily mortality of 1800 deaths and up to 20,000 flu deaths per year.

March 23, 2020 (I)

A new **French study** in the Journal of Antimicrobial Agents, titled SARS-CoV-2: fear versus data, concludes that „the problem of SARS-CoV-2 is probably overestimated“, since „the mortality rate for SARS-CoV-2 is not significantly different from that for common coronaviruses identified at the study hospital in France“.

An **Italian study of August 2019** found that flu deaths in Italy were between 7,000 and 25,000 in recent years. This value is higher than in most other European countries due to the large elderly population in Italy, and much higher than anything attributed to Covid-19 so far.

In a new fact sheet, the **World Health Organization WHO reports that Covid-19 is in fact spreading slower, not faster, than influenza by a factor of about 50%**. Moreover, pre-symptomatic transmission appears to be much lower with Covid-19 than with influenza.

A leading Italian doctor reports that „strange cases of pneumonia“ were seen in the Lombardy region already in November 2019, raising again the question if they were caused by the new virus (which officially only appeared in Italy in February 2020), or by other factors, such as the dangerously high smog levels in Northern Italy.

Danish researcher Peter Gøtzsche, founder of the renowned Cochrane Medical Collaboration, writes that Corona is „an epidemic of mass panic“ and „logic was one of the first victims.“

March 23, 2020 (II)

Former Israeli Health Minister, Professor Yoram Lass, says that the new coronavirus is „less dangerous than the flu“ and lockdown measures „will kill more people than the virus“. He adds that „the numbers do not match the panic“ and „psychology is prevailing over science“. He also notes that „Italy is known for its enormous morbidity in respiratory problems, more than three times any other European country.“

Pietro Vernazza, a Swiss infectious disease specialist, argues that many of the imposed measures are not based on science and should be reversed. According to Vernazza, mass testing makes no sense because 90% of the population will see no symptoms, and lockdowns and closing schools are even „counterproductive“. He recommends protecting only risk groups while keeping the economy and society at large undisturbed.

The President of the World Doctors Federation, Frank Ulrich Montgomery, argues that **lockdown measures as in Italy are „unreasonable“ and „counterproductive“ and should be reversed.**

**Switzerland:** Despite media panic, **excess mortality still at or near zero:** the latest test positive „victims“ were a 96yo in palliative care and a 97yo with pre-existing conditions.

**The latest statistical report of the Italian National Health Institute is now available in English.**

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Forwarded by Arlene Goetze, No Toxins for Children, photowrite67@yahoo.com
As we continue to shelter in place, many kids, young adults, active adults and families with dogs need safe outdoor recreation opportunities. Staying indoors constantly is not a viable option, especially for any length of time. Outdoor recreation is critical for physical and mental health. Especially if we plan to have a sustained shelter in place. Limiting the outdoor shared spaces also means more crowding and more difficult to stay 6 feet apart. Therefore, please keep our city’s parks and outdoor preserves open. Please do not close their parking lots either. Closing the fields at schools was not a good idea in my opinion where safe outdoor recreation, dog walking etc... can be practiced safely. For example, a few days ago I saw a father playing basketball with his kids which seemed very safe. I also think tennis courts and golf courses and can be used safely and responsibly by family members. Thank you.

Hamilton Hitchings
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Palo Alto
Hi,

A number of "Residential" Construction sites are still working. The one I can speak to is at 993 Los Robles. There are over 15 workers there and they are not social distancing. This is a spec build worth millions of dollars. How is this essential? I have called both the police and the community support line. There's nothing that can be done since it's a "Residential" Construction. I'm sure 993 isn't the only one in Palo Alto and it seems like the city should take immediate action.

thanks,
Dean
Dear City Council Members,

Please move items 2 and 5A off the consent calendar. Given the severity of the Covid-19 pandemic, Palo Alto should re-allocate the $2.5 million from parking enforcement to a Family Emergency Fund for helping folks who can't pay their utilities or who need help obtaining food or medical care.

It doesn't make sense to cut and paste the 2020 budget into the 2021 budget since Palo Alto's revenue is dropping quickly because of loss of sales tax and the hotel tax. We are in an emergency. We may have to spend whatever money is available to help mitigate the effects of the virus rather than on what we would have spent the money one.

Top priorities must be a moratorium on rental and mortgage evictions for residential units and small businesses. We can't have more people living on the streets. We want to retain our small businesses so that they can get back into business after the emergency has passed.

These are tough times and you are going to have to make some tough choices. Whatever help you decide to offer, streamline any application process, making it easy to obtain the services. Don't make folks jump through hoops or have to have a college degree in order to obtain the services.

Sincerely,
Annette Isaacson
Midtown
Dear council,
The building department was not truthful about this being a one story.

AND, all of us paid a bond to have underground wiring like Seal Street.
We paid all through the 1980’s.
Right here.

Three have blocked our view of all the tree stems, cut down the three tall palms, AND, it looks like a dog gone WAREHOUSE at 711 Moreno.

This is an. R 1. Block.
PLEASE REFUND ALL OF US NEIGHBORS OUR PROPERTY TAX, and, trim it down.

Nothing can replace the years of future beauty that we have lost just for someone’s selfishness.

Sent from my iPhone
Dear Council,

The building department was Disingenuous with us.

This warehouse structure has obliterated our tree view just for the selfishness of this group!

The building dept. should have been more diligent!

This is an R 1. Block at 711 Moreno, and Middlefield.
This is WHERE we need a left turn signal for all the Midtown citizens, not this!
Please remove the Latest top 18 inches.

GERi. MCGILVRAY

Sent from my iPhone
We were told 711 was going to be a one-story structure. But the foundation is three feet above the ground, and there is what looks like a 6-foot extension on top of the first story. Perhaps it just squeaks under the technical, legal definition of "one story", but the look and feel is two stories.

We've been tricked. It is thoroughly out of character for the neighborhood. Whoever allowed this monstrosity ought to be ashamed.

Mike

-----Original Message-----
>From: Geri <geri@thegrid.net>
>Sent: Mar 21, 2020 3:27 PM
>To: City Council <city.council@cityofpaloalto.org>, Peter Rosenblum <rosenbl@mac.com>, Mike Bechler <mlb@thegrid.net>, Geri <geri@thegrid.net>, Daily Post <news@padailypist.com>
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Dear Karen,

Please see two Letter Attachments for Rep Eshoo’s attention,

1) Letter from Sky Posse Palo Alto to Rep Eshoo
2) Letter to Members of Congress from the Legislative Committee, Quiet Skies Conference Legislative Committee

Thank you,

Sky Posse Palo Alto

cc:
Palo Alto City Council
SCSC Roundtable
SFO
SJC
OAK
March 23, 2020

Congresswoman Anna G. Eshoo
District Office
698 Emerson Street
Palo Alto, CA

Dear Congresswoman Eshoo,

Sky Posse Palo Alto requests that you please support the attached communication from the Quiet Skies Conference, a national voice to address public concerns about aviation impacts.

We are sending this one letter to be respectful of the timely you and your staff need for other important issues right now, but Sky Posse represents thousands of your constituents.

As federal funds will be used to support aviation, please consider doing so with a demand for aviation to dedicate attention to environmental concerns, which you are aware have significant repercussions for public health.

The suggestions which are shared by groups from around the country are also core consensus requests that emanated from the Select Committee on South Bay Arrivals.

- Address night-time noise
- End unnecessary concentration of traffic and take the planes over bodies of water
- Expedite Airbus retrofits

Kind regards,

Sky Posse Palo Alto

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Sky Posse Palo Alto is a grassroots group of citizens deeply concerned about increased aircraft noise and pollutants from Nextgen. Many have invested substantial effort in studying the issues, attending public hearings and meetings, and engaging in outreach.

For more info: www.skypossepaloalto.org and www.quietskiesconference.org
March 22, 2020

Dear Members of Congress:

As you are preparing to vote on a bailout for the airline industry, we write to ask that it include protections for people impacted by dangerously concentrated levels of aircraft noise and emissions pollution.

We realize that this bill is being passed very quickly. However, if at all possible, we’d like to see any or all of the following conditions included in any bailout bill for the airline industry:

1. Nighttime curfews. Curfews would enormously improve the lives of millions of Americans who are seriously disturbed by nighttime noise and would be straight-forward, effective, and enforceable. Curfews could be instituted easily while the airlines are ramping back up after the big cutbacks in service caused by this crisis.

2. Airlines should be required to direct airplane traffic over non-residential areas (e.g., oceans, bays, rivers, industrial areas) whenever they are flying under 10,000 feet altitude. Where residential overflights are totally unavoidable, airlines should no longer be permitted to concentrate them all over the same communities.

3. Commission the National Academy of Science to publish a consensus report through the Academy's Division of Medical Science, reviewing existing studies of the public health impact of performance-based navigation.

4. Require airlines to retrofit vortex generators to Airbuses/A320s during scheduled major maintenance, including semi-annual reports of number A320's in fleet, # retrofitting, timeline for remaining.

This reflects the thinking of the member groups of the Quiet Skies Conference, a national organization of aviation-focused community advocacy groups throughout the country.

Thank you for your consideration,

Legislative Committee, Quiet Skies Conference
Dear Jon,

Below you’ll find an email I sent you early last week. I’m resending it because I haven’t heard from you, and I want to make sure you received it.

I realize that COVID-19 has undoubtedly disrupted your work, and your colleagues’ as well.

But I trust that the information I’m asking you for (and have been asking the Planning Department for since February 23rd) is at your fingertips, or close by. I say this because it is the basis of the recommendations you made, first, at the City Council meeting on December 16th, 2019, and again at the Planning and Transportation Commission meeting on February 12, 2020.

One other thing: Since the Wireless Hot Topics page has not been updated, should I assume that the “shot clocks” on at least some existing telecom company applications to install cell towers in Palo Alto continue to tick, coronavirus or no?

Thank you, as always, for your help.

Regards,

Jeanne

Jeanne Fleming, PhD
JFleming@Metricus.net
650-325-5151
Dear Jon,

I'm sorry you were not able to attend last Thursday's meeting, and I hope you are well.

I am writing to you with a specific request. But first, I want to provide a bit of context. Last December, you recommended to City Council that they allow small cell node cell towers to be placed as close as 20 feet to homes—recommended this because, you said, a 20-foot setback maximizes the percent of poles in Palo Alto on which telecom companies can install their equipment.

In making this recommendation, you explained that Staff had considered four different setbacks from homes—20 feet, 35 feet, 50 feet and 100 feet. Your analysis showed, you said, that:

- A 20-foot setback would disallow cell towers on only 10 percent of utility poles (or to put it the other way, it would allow them on 90 percent of poles);
- A 35-foot setback would disallow cell towers on 70 percent of poles; and
- A 100-foot setback would disallow cell towers on 90 percent of poles.

(The Final Minutes of the December 16th, 2019, Council meeting do not report what you stated was the percent of utility poles on which cell towers would be disallowed were the setback from homes 50 feet.)

But the issue is not the percent of poles Palo Alto makes available to telecom companies for their cell towers. It is the number of poles the City makes available. And looking at the numbers, there is no justification for a 20-foot setback.

Consider, please, this back-of-the-envelope calculation: We know that telecommunications companies have applied to install about 150 small cell node cell towers in Palo Alto. And we know that there are about 6,000 wood utility poles in Palo Alto, 4,500 of which are located in the public right of way. We would expect that, in those large swaths of the city that are both residential and have above-ground utilities, there would be over 3,000 wood poles located in the public right of way. Do telecommunications companies really need 2,700 wood poles to choose from in siting those 150 cell towers in residential areas—that is, do they really need access to 90 percent of all wood poles, which is what a 20-foot setback is designed to provide? For that matter, how can they possibly need access to 2,100 poles, which is what a 35 foot setback would give cell carriers (i.e., 70 percent of 3,000 wood poles). True, they are likely to be filing applications to install more towers—but not hundreds and hundreds of more towers. So what possible reason is there for granting such extraordinary latitude to Verizon et al., at the expense of the quality of life in Palo Alto's neighborhoods?

To move beyond back-of-the-envelope calculations, I have twice written to the Planning Department’s Amy French and Rebecca Atkinson asking:

- What are the numerators and denominators of the fractions that are the basis for the percentages you cited—i.e., what are the actual number of poles used in the setback calculations?
- What methodology was used to produce the percentages you cited to Council (e.g., how many of Palo Alto’s 6,000 wooden utility poles were considered in calculating the percentages? were
street lamp poles also considered? on what basis were any poles excluded from consideration?)?

Initially, Ms. Atkinson said that this information was being assembled for us. But at our meeting last Thursday, she and Ms. French told Professor Chow and me that they would not provide it. They said it would be unfair to others if they were to give us information they did not give to everyone else. But this makes no sense. We are not asking that the data shown to us be kept from others. Moreover, residents ask Staff for information all the time, and Staff provides it, without worrying about to whom they are not providing it. That said, if Staff are truly concerned that others won’t have the data I have requested, then Staff need only post it on the City’s Wireless Hot Topics page, and it will be available to the public at large.

I think you will agree, Jon, that transparency is the cornerstone of good government. And I think you will also agree that when government withholds the data on which an analysis presented to City Council and the public was based, citizens might reasonably wonder about the validity and reliability of that data—might ask themselves, what are people trying to hide.

Hence I am writing to you to ask that you please tell me: 1) the numerators and denominators of the fractions that are the basis for the percentages you have calculated for 20-foot, 35-foot, 50-foot and 100-foot setbacks from homes, and 2) what the methodology was for the analyses that produced these numbers.

Thank you very much for your attention and your help. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeanne

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JFleming@Metricus.net
650-325-5151
On or about January 2, 2020 at 10:45am this man deliberately walked over toward where I was standing getting food from a food bar and deliberately bumped into me and then laughed as he continued to walk off.

On or about February 1, 2020 at 11:00 I was sitting at a bench eating lunch when this man walked up behind me almost brushing against my back and brandished a silver object in a threatening manner.
On or about March 18, 2020 at 1:15pm this man deliberately walked over to my location coming within a couple feet of me in violation of the 6ft. stay away order, and made a threatening comment. slm

On or about March 19, 2020 at 5:00pm this man deliberately walked over to my location and thrust out his fist and revealed the silver metal looking object that he had brandished on the prior date.
I want nothing to do with this man yet he continues to seek me out making threatening actions toward me. Should he ever harm me I will not defend myself because if I defend myself the PAPD will twist the scenario 180 degrees as it has done in the past numerous times.

https://chiefburns.weebly.com/
https://chiefburns.weebly.com/exhibit-5.html
I would ask the PAPD to protect me from this man, but the PAPD wants this man to harm me.

Since the City of Palo Alto through their police department refuses me the right to self defense against the malicious harm of others, and refuses to protect me from malicious instigators like this man; should this man harm me I will hold the City of Palo Alto liable for any damages this man causes to me.

People v. Curtis, 70 Cal.2d 347

https://scocal.stanford.edu/opinion/people-v-curtis-22684
https://www.shouselaw.com/self-defense.html
There are concerns being raised among the different coalition organizations regarding the repeated threats being made by Brian McComas against members of military / police organizations working out Arizona and Nevada who are coordinating with others in the San Francisco Bay Area and other areas.

This includes the threats Mr. McComas has made against U.S. Navy officer David Plumb regarding investigation into Social Services Director: Will Lightbourne, and the Shower Posse Cartel by retired FBI special agent Ted Gunderson.

https://www.theguardian.com/world/2011/sep/01/christopher-dudus-coke-us-court

This behavior is unacceptable and needs to stop immediately.

Cary Andrew Crittenden | 408-318-1105
Begin forwarded message:

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Subject: Attorney Brian Curtis McComas - Re: Murder of Markham Plaza resident Robert Moss concealed from civil grand jury investigation. (H045195 - Oral Argument Notice)
Date: March 19, 2020 at 2:56:42 PM PDT
To: Brian McComas <mccomas.b.c@gmail.com>
Cc: Bill Robinson <bill@sdap.org>, sixth.district@jud.ca.gov, sdapattorneys@sdap.org, SFAG.Docketing@doj.ca.gov, security@silicon-valley.medea, editor@silicon-valley.news

Mr. McComas,

WE have decided that there WILL BE ORAL ARGUMENT and that is FINAL. (Regardless of Coronavirus)
HOMICIDE CONCEALED FROM 2013 / 2014 CIVIL GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION INTO SANTA CARA COUNTY PUBLIC GUARDIAN
HOW MANY MUST
BEFORE YOU DO SOMETHING

YOUR COURTS USED TO COVER UP MURDER

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Petitioner, Rev. Cary Andrew Crittenden is a well-established and nationally recognized social activist, which includes political activism and tenant rights advocacy at Markham Plaza Apartments, a HUD subsidized apartment complex located at 2000 / 2010 Monterey Road in San Jose, California. The concerns brought to my attention by Markham Plaza residents included violence, harassment and hostile living environment by Markham Plaza Property Management. Previously, Markham Plaza had a contract through San Jose Police Departments secondary employment unit and hired San Jose Police officers to work off duty, in San Jose Police uniform as security guards, which raised serious conflict of interest issues. Off duty officers were often assisting in HUD violations, Fair Housing Act and section C-1503 of the
San Jose Police Duty Manual which required that they only enforce laws - not the policies of their employers.

In 2008, a complaint was filed by fellow Markham Plaza tenant rights activist, Dr. Christopher Ehrentraut with several law enforcement agencies including the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, The U.S. Postal Service, The San Jose Police Department, The Santa Clara County District Attorney’s office and the California Attorney General’s office.

I had been advocating for Markham Plaza resident Heidi Yauman, who I had a very close relationship with. Heidi Yauman is disabled and was conserved through the Santa Clara County Public Guardian in probate court case (1994-1-PR-133513 / 1990-1-PR-124467) The Public Guardian also has history of facilitating illegal evictions and committing HUD violations, some of which were exposed by ABC News I-Team (Dan Noyes & Jim O’Donnell) The ABC News Story, Investigating the Public Guardian, is featured at the following youtube URL:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y809jIIey5w

There was an incident involving San Jose Police Sergeant Michael Leininger and Heidi Yauman, where Heidi was in outside seating area outside her residence. Heidi Yauman was not violating any laws or lease conditions but was approached by Sergeant Michael Leininger and told to go to her apartment and not come out or she would be arrested. I went over Heidi Yauman’s lease with her and the Markham Plaza House Rules and pointed out a section specifying that she, as a tenant was entitled to full enjoyment of all common areas of the complex, including the outside seating area where she was sitting when approached by Sergeant Michael Leininger. Heidi Yauman and I then returned to the outdoor seating area with copy of the house rules and lease where we were approached again by Sergeant Leininger, who said to Heidi Yauman “I thought I told you to go to your room!” I then attempted to show Sergeant
Leininger the lease and house rules. In response to my advocating for Heidi Yauman’s fair housing rights, a federally protected activity, Sergeant Leininger commanded me to leave the property and not return or I would be arrested for trespassing. Sergeant Leininger and SEU reserve officer Robert My name was then unlawfully entered into San Jose Police Department’s STOP program database. Heidi Yauman and I were both maliciously targeted and harassed by Sergeant Michael Leininger and reserve officer Robert Alan Ridgeway, who worked under Leininger’s supervision. Neighborhood residents approached me and complained that Leininger and his officers were also illegally targeting low income residents, and illegally banning them from “The Plant” shopping center, located across the street from Markham Plaza at the corner of Monterey Road and Curtner Avenue. These included residents of Markham Plaza Apartments, Markham Terrace Apartments, Peppertree Estates Mobile Home Park, and the Boccardo Reception Center, a neighborhood homeless shelter. What Sergeant Micheal Leininger and his officers were doing was very similar to the illegal practice of “red lining”.

In 2008, Heidi Yauman submitted a complaint letter to Markham Plaza Property Management, Theresa Coons detailing the harassment and by Sergeant Michael Leininger.

Chapter 4 of the HUD management agent handbook describes managements responsibility to be responsive to resident concerns. More info can be found at:

https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/43815C4HSGH.PDF

Sergeant Leininger approached me at my place of employment and told me that because of Heidi Yauman’s letter complaining about him, she was going to be evicted. Sergeant Michael Leininger also stated that I had been living at Markham Plaza and that he had video of me there. On the contrary, I had not been on the property for many months and had been residing in Palo Alto since June, 2007.
Baumb, Nelly

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Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 5:11 PM
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The false police reports are documented here:


before and after the Markham Plaza attacks: https://heidiyauman.com/heidi-yauman-before-and-after/

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Cary Andrew Crittenden | 408-318-1105
He's at it again with an illegal eviction against Patricia A. Bond
16CV295831 a terminally ill patient who had her residence broken into and occupied while she was in the hospital, her stuff stolen and messed up and being called by Markham Plaza Management, EAH Housing, INC. and told that a person was seen entering and leaving her premises and asks them to change the locks so that her apartment would be locked and secured which they charged her $75 for new lock keys and they installed the new lock that day. Within 48 hours that same individual did take a crowbar to the door frame to regain entry and make himself at home because he has no place of his own and there was never any type relationship between them no he saw her get taken by the ambulance and he saw an opportunity for himself and he took it. A couple weeks later when she comes home from the Hospital she finds the individual still in her apartment and she goes to ask Markham Plaza Management to call the police and have him arrested for breaking and entering, they comply and call the Police which came to the apartment and took the individual to jail. To her surprise and horror 4 days after the police remove the intruder from her apartment she given a 3 day notice to quit listing her and the intruder as Defendants
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By continuing to commit fraud and refusing to correct the fake court records are creating regarding matters
investigation, you are not only jeopardizing the investigations, You are also jeopardizing the lives of those involved.

You are not “Captain of Any Ship” as you continue to claim and you directing statements like these toward Navy
Officers who worked on Cartel investigations and dealings with Nigerian pirates is completely unacceptable and
needs to stop nows. These of of yours are being taken as threats, and you been told repeated;y to stop. You need to
stop NOW!

You do not have my permission or permission of others involved o make any statements on or off record regarding
the case on appeal and related matters under investigation.
I very concern that your reckless disregard for the public and matters under instigation and your threats may be considered by others in conjunction with videos such the one below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7bBl0TNmlLs&t=39s. (I do not know much about this video or whether or not it is hoax, however, many people are in fear because of this video and threatening statements by you. - I am charged with protecting the public and I do not want someone to react I a way that may place others in danger)

I advise you to please do not take it lightly when told that you are under investigation and do not under estimate the level of sophistication or the magnitude of investigative resources that these individuals and organizations have at their disposal.

Regards,
Cary Andrew Crittenden | 408-318-1105
Begin forwarded message:

From: Cary Andrew Crittenden <caryandrewcrittenden@icloud.com>
Subject: Attorney Brian Curtis McComas - Re: Murder of Markham Plaza resident Robert Moss concealed from civil grand jury investigation. (H045195 - Oral Argument Notice)
Date: March 19, 2020 at 2:56:42 PM PDT
To: Brian McComas <mccomas.b.c@gmail.com>
Cc: Bill Robinson <bill@sdap.org>, sixth.district@jud.ca.gov, sdapattorneys@sdap.org, SFAG.Docketing@doj.ca.gov, security@silicon-valley.meda, editor@silicon-valley.news

Mr. McComas,

WE have decided that there WILL BE ORAL ARGUMENT and that is FINAL. (Regardless of Coronavirus)

HOMICIDE CONCEALED FROM 2013 / 2014 CIVIL GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION INTO SANTA CARA COUNTY PUBLIC GUARDIAN

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On Mar 19, 2020, at 11:37 AM, Brian McComas
<mccomas.b.c@gmail.com> wrote:

Cary,

As Mr. Robinson and I have told you before, your counsel is "captain of the ship" on appeal. This includes the decision to request oral argument. We have already decided not to request argument. We will not be revisiting the issue.

Nor can we file a motion to dismiss on the grounds you specify. We have filed an errata to the opening brief, which you were served with. Your habeas petition and motion for corrective action are pending and will be decided by the Court.

Finally, we will not be emailing you further if you continue to waive attorney-client privilege by forwarding the emails to the Court and opposing counsel. Doing so only hurts your case.

Brian C. McComas, Esq.
Law Office of B.C. McComas, LLP
PMB 1605, 77 Van Ness Ave., Ste. 101
San Francisco, CA 94102
Cell: 208-320-0383
Fax: 415-520-2310

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On Thu, Mar 19, 2020 at 11:14 AM Cary Andrew Crittenden <caryandrewcrittenden@icloud.com> wrote:
Mr McComas, We did NOT decide not to request oral argument.
The case WILL have to wait until normal proceedings resume.

All of the issues have NOT been VERY THOROUGHLY briefed.

Matters relating to this case are still under investigation and there is still an audit pending on SDAP

You have not corrected your inaccurate statements in the opening brief and other false /misleading statements.

You have not filed motion to dismiss on the grounds that I was deprived of my right to speedy trial without just cause and denied Marsden motion.

My legal council, investigators and participatory defense team must go over all the documents and confer with community stakeholders.

There will be NO BYPASSING oral argument.

Cary Andrew Crittenden | 408-318-1105

On Mar 19, 2020, at 8:58 AM, Brian McComas <mccomas.b.c@gmail.com> wrote:

Cary,

I'm forwarding my correspondence from last night to this email account because we do not know which account you are currently using.

Sincerely,

Brian C. McComas, Esq.
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From: Brian McComas <mccomas.b.c@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Mar 18, 2020 at 6:06 PM
Subject: H045195 - Oral Argument Notice
To: Cary Andrew Crittenden  
<caryandrewcrittenden@yandex.ru>  
Cc: Bill Robinson <bill@sdap.org>

Cary,

As you may not know, the Sixth District has suspended oral arguments due to the health emergency caused by COVID-19. Arguments will be resumed when normal procedures return. The Court's letter to counsel concerning the suspension of oral argument is attached.

After conferring with Mr. Robinson, we've decided not to request oral argument so that the case WILL not have to wait for normal procedures to return before the Court rules. This should speed up the Court's ruling, even while normal operations are suspended. Nor do we believe that oral argument is needed because all of the issues have been VERY THOROUGHLY briefed.

Sincerely,

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Hi,

It’s an interesting slowdown to be home. I am.
   BUT I don’t want a police state.

THIS president is bragging and bragging
through my morning programs about how wonderful he is.

HE has taken over THE VIEW
each dog gone day.
ONLY DICTATORS
dominate all the airwaves like this.

DON’T WE HAVE A SAY?

Do we have any say about his NETWORK the president controls?

The empty busses are speeding by.  They should be allowed to play music while they drive. Poor guys.

Yes, we should vote at the poles.  They are still counting mail ins From the last election.

Your extra millions should be used to re-pave MIDDLEFIELD WITH THE HIGHEST QUALITY street between SAFEWAY AND Loma Verde. SO MANY DRIVERS NEED IT.

And, we NEED a LEFT TURN SIGNAL AT MORENO AND MIDDLEFIELD ROAD. With the speeding. There is no where we are safe here To turn left if we can get out of our driveways.

Scott WIENER Does not represent Me.

Please support OUR keeping FRESH water in our TUALUMNE RIVER TO FLOW INTO OUR BEAUTIFUL BAY. The DELTAS are WHERE RESTORATION IS.

The fish can’t swim on gravel in the summer.

Thanks for reading this, and representing us.

Geri McGilvray
Everyday Safety and WALKABILITY

650-328-2416
Dear Palo Alto Mayor Fine and City Council Members:

The effects of COVID-19 pandemic have disrupted the national economy, overwhelmed healthcare providers and decimated the hotel/hospitality industry on a national, regional and local level. Empty streets, business and school closure along with restricted travel have rendered Palo Alto a ghost town with no end in sight causing hotel and business closings.

For January and February 2020 Homewood Suites produced modest 2% same period YOY occupancy increases. March 2020 I am forecasting a 63% reduction in occupancy with expectations of greater reductions in April. Effective March 11th we laid off over 30 staff members. The hotel is being operated by five members of the management staff. Prior to this order I had hoped the hotel could perform closer to 40% for the month.

An important consideration in measuring the scope of this crisis is the Governor projects 25.5 million Californians to be infected over an eight week period. If only half that number become infected the number is still staggering. The pandemic health crisis continues to escalate directly impacting all of us on a personal level creating disruption at home and for business operators while demanding resources from the county and local level. An important financial indicator in addition to shelter in place is the current travel ban to and from China disrupting tech industry business processes which include manufacturing, distribution and supply chain management. Also impacting hotel occupancy.

The historical trend indicates that China is the #1 feeder of travel to the US and particularly California with the airline measurement of 45,000 seats per week. SFO and SJC are two of the California points of entry for what was approximately 149 weekly non-stop flights. Certainly this drives business travel, however, over 50% of Chinese travelers arrive in California for leisure pursuits, generally staying 14 nights with ancillary spending of $2,220 for shopping and dining. The China travel ban has resulted in an abrupt halt to this travel and the economic ripple of every dollar spent in Palo Alto. This travel is typically planned 2-3 months in advance suggesting if the travel ban were lifted in the 2nd quarter we would not see travel resume until late summer or early fall.

My view is the damage of this financial and health crisis is not entirely understood and will continue to reverberate globally, nationally and locally for quite some time. I firmly believe Palo Alto will emerge stronger and better and has the opportunity to affirm a leadership role positioning the city for future distinction. I urge you to consider thoughtful study/evaluation to measure impact of current events before proceeding with a business tax. Global and national indicators have intruded on our local decisions becoming a new voice in the conversation. A postponement will provide the opportunity to have a more informed strategy to implement a stronger and more effective outcome that benefits the entirety of Palo Alto.

Respectfully.

Matt Dolan
General Manager
Homewood Suites – Palo Alto
Dear Council:

Major steps need to be taken to help the poor, the homeless in our community. Here is what MV is doing. Please step steps to 'up' your actions to support the homeless and low income tenants.

Sincerely,

Roberta Ahlquist, WILPF Low-Income Housing Committee

----- Forwarded Message -----  
From: Lenny Siegel <lennysiegel@sonic.net>  
To: MVHJC List <mvhousingjustice@lists.sonic.net>; Housing Justice Announcements <housingjusticeannouncements@lists.sonic.net>; mvvehicledwellers@lists.sonic.net  
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020, 08:59:47 PM PDT  
Subject: [MVHousingJustice] Mountain View's "Services to the Homeless/Unstably Housed"

Mountain View released today (March 20) an extensive list of steps being taken to help those who are unstably housed. See https://www.mountainview.gov/news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=1574&TargetID=1

These are good steps, but they are far from enough for our current emergency.

Lenny

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Lenny Siegel
650-961-8918
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Facebook: mvlenny
Instagram:mvlennys

MVHousingJustice mailing list
MVHousingJustice@lists.sonic.net
https://lists.sonic.net/mailman/listinfo/mvhousingjustice
Dear City Council and the Safe Routes to Schools Staff,

I have submitted a request on Palo Alto 311 to ask if many of these newspaper boxes can be removed in order to improve visibility at this intersection. Most of these boxes are no longer used on a regular basis for newspapers and magazines and instead people use them as trash cans.

Sadly, it was near these boxes that an 11 year old cyclist was fatally injured. I know a careful and thorough investigation is underway. Perhaps these boxes made it more difficult for the driver to see the child on a dark evening.

I also hope that engineering experts review this location further to see if there are additional improvements that would increase the safety of pedestrians and cyclists and others.

Thank you for your consideration and directing this request to the appropriate decision makers.

Sincerely,
Audrey Gold
member of the City / School Transportation Safety Committee and Safe Routes to School volunteer
From: Great Palo Alto Living <paloaltoliving2013@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 12:47 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Re: Your e-mail to City Council was received

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Thank you for your quick response.

On Sun, Mar 22, 2020 at 11:42 AM Council, City <city.council@cityofpaloalto.org> wrote:

Thank you for your comments to the City Council. Your e-mail will be forwarded to all seven Council Members and a printout of your correspondence will also be included in the next available Council packet.

If your comments are about an item that is already scheduled for a City Council agenda, you can call (650) 329-2571 to confirm that the item is still on the agenda for the next meeting.

If your letter mentions a specific complaint or a request for service, we'll either reply with an explanation or else send it on to the appropriate department for clarification.

We appreciate hearing from you.

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Great Palo Alto Living
Palo Alto, CA 94306
(650) 430-3577 (office)
(440) 915-2839 (cell)
paloaltoliving2013@gmail.com
From: Cynthia Typaldos <cynthiatypaldos@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 2:17 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Support this!

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February 19, 2020

Dear Ms. Kim Lunt,

Thank you for the awesome tour around City Hall last Wednesday! We had fun and learned a lot. Our favorite part of the tour was the mock City Council Meeting. We sat on the dais and voted for each other's ideas. We learned that to be voted onto the Palo Alto City Council you must live in Palo Alto, be registered to vote, and at least 18 years old. We also learned mayors can serve two consecutive terms and are rotated. It was exciting to go into the mayor's office. The view was amazing!

Thank you for giving each of us the Palo Alto 125 year pin, a sticker, and a Palo Alto pencil.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Deggeller's 3rd Grade
Room 30 - Hoover School
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Prepared for: 04/13/2020


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From: Loran Harding <loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org>
Date: Wed, Mar 25, 2020 at 12:18 PM
Subject: 3-25-2020: HC system in Calif.'s Central Valley and Covid-19: Bad sit.

To: Loran Harding <loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org>

Wed. March 25, 2020

To all- Our chronically underserved population here in California's Central Valley is sicker, more obese, etc. than in the rest of California. Less educated, which is never helpful in a crisis. More diabetes, COPD, heart conditions, more asthma. The medical community here does the best they can, but we don't have enough medical personal, hospitals, ICUs, PPE, ventilators, etc. So a double whammy. Most experts think the pandemic will now surge in the U.S. over the next two or three weeks. The link below details the problem:

I am a Kaiser member in Fresno and I get good care there. For the doctors, nurses and other staff to go in there and care for patients everyday, and they are, is heroic stuff. Some Kaiser workers went on strike yesterday in the Bay Area over a lack of protective gear. Hope the Governor and WH noticed.


Common respiratory diseases:

https://www.unitypoint.org/livewell/article.aspx?id=2448b930-1451-43e4-8634-c0c16707c749

One might think that since the Republicans have a death grip on the Central Valley of California and own the politicians here, that they would have arranged for a better HC establishment here. Guess it's in their interest not to. "Let 'em hang". They and their trophy wives can just check in to Stanford Hospital or UCSF in San Francisco, or anywhere
else in the world for good care. Ruin the lives of the 99% any way they can, and the result is more wealth for them. That is their guiding principle. Just tilt the scales, load the dice a little. Keep "Citizens United" in place and overturn "Roe". Things like that. Let corporations end their defined benefit pension plans and give their employees lousy 401-(K) plans full of high-priced mutual funds. What a hosing. See "The Retirement Gamble" on YouTube, a Frontline piece.

The health care system tends to be better in richer areas of the country. True in any country. Milan, in Lombardy, is in the richest part of Italy, and it got hit hard with the virus. The government of Italy then closed down Central and Southern Italy because the HC systems there are "primitive" and they feared what would happen if the virus spread to there from N. Italy.

As of this AM, Fresno County, California had 18 confirmed cases of Covid-19. Fresno County is 4,000 sq. miles, bigger than Delaware, although much of that is up in the Sierras. Santa Clara Co. has a big case load and some deaths, much worse than Fresno Co. so far. San Mateo Co. has had deaths too.

The San Joaquin Valley of California has ~5 million people. NYC has 7 million. San Joaquin Valley is these 8 big Calif. counties: Kern, Tulare, Kings, Fresno, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin and Stanislaus.

DW or BBC said two nights ago that 24 doctors have died of the virus in Italy. Not coughing, dead. Italian doctors are telling the U.S. that we will now have a big surge in cases.

Trump refuses to use the DPA to mandate companies to produce medical supplies. Gov. Cuomo said yesterday that during WWII the government didn’t ask if anyone would like to build battleships. They were ordered to do it. I think Trump should use the DPA to order Cos to make medical gear. They will be paid for it.

See you all in church on Easter Sunday.

That is just a crazy idea. Bernie said the idea makes him sick. If Trump tries to re-open the country by Easter and the epidemic is a lot worse, Congress should start impeachment proceedings. The House should start holding hearings soon getting testimony from medical experts as to the wisdom of opening the country as the cases surge. Someone said that the health of Wall St. seems more important to Trump than the health of the American people. I think Trump just likes to be provocative sometimes. It certainly gets him airtime.

The news says the airlines are in such bad shape- no passengers- that they are canceling flights big-time. Some flights have 3 passengers. They are quietly making contingency plans to halt all passenger flights. That could be forced upon them if the TSA pulls its people out of airports and closes the control towers. Some TSA agents have been infected, some at San Jose Internat. Airport.

Important: A lot of critical cargo and a lot of mail travels on passenger planes. The USPS should be making arrangements to move mail on cargo planes, like the ones operated by UPS and FedEx. Do commercial air cargo companies have enough capacity to take the load of mail now moving on passenger planes? If not, the military should plan to move mail on its cargo planes. Important: Could passenger planes continue to carry mail and other cargo in their cargo holds and in their passenger compartments if they stop carrying passengers? Of course they could. The government could order them to do that. We have a huge commercial airline industry- American, United, Southwest, Alaska Airlines, etc.- and they could easily keep the mail and smaller cargo moving if ordered to do to so. Have the FAA cut needed red tape.

L. William Harding
Fresno, Ca.
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Dear City Council,

Thank you for all of your hard work during this unprecedented time.

I want to make you aware of the Palo Alto Community Fund (PACF) COVID-19 Relief Fund. The PACF COVID-19 Relief Fund is investing $100,000 this week towards grants to nonprofits and direct assistance for local families. We are excited that LifeMoves is partnering with PACF to help distribute the direct financial support for Palo Alto families (REF will be our partner for reaching families in East Palo Alto and Menlo Park). You can read more about the nonprofits PACF is supporting through the COVID-19 Relief Fund in our press release: Press release: Palo Alto Community Fund launches COVID-19 Relief Fund for local families in need. As of today, we are also actively soliciting donations to continue supporting on-going local relief efforts.

We are hoping to have support for the PACF COVID-19 Relief Fund from across the Palo Alto community and we would greatly appreciate your help spreading the word or suggestions for spreading the word.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

With gratitude,

Missy Reller
PACF Board Member
650-776-6193
Dear City Council members/Mayor,

Hope you are well. I am a current tenant at D5 at the Cubberley Center. Due to the coronavirus crisis, our business has come to a standstill.

Due to these extenuating circumstances, wondering if the city of Palo Alto is making any exceptions with the rent - waive or delay payment?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks and take care
Rathna

Rathna Ramakrishnan
Camp Director
BrainVyne - LEGO & Money Camps
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650-469-3409
www.brainvyne.com
Hi Ron,

Thanks so much for sharing these details with us. We shared some details through our e-newsletter last night and have reshared your Facebook posts. We will share the senior hours and other details via Nextdoor.

Feel free to email me if you have other details you need for us to share though our different communications channels.

Thank you,
Meghan

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MEGHAN HORRIGAN-TAYLOR
Chief Communications Officer
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www.cityofpaloalto.org

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From: Ron Pardini <ron@uvfm.org>
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 8:44 AM
To: Flaherty, Michelle <Michelle.Flaherty@CityofPalo Alto.org>
Cc: Council, City <city.council@cityofpaloalto.org>; Office <info@uvfm.org>
Subject: Fwd: "Senior Hour" from 9-10 am & Other New Procedures at Farmers Markets

Good morning,

I hope you are all doing well and staying safe.

I was hoping you might be able to help get the word out to the community about our farmers’ markets. Maybe you have a City mailing list or know of a neighborhood newsletter, or someone could post on “nextdoor”?

Sorry for the late notice for tomorrow’s market, hopefully info is relevant for next week, but things have been changing by the hour!

This is the most current info for customers. We have sent similar, more applicable emails to our staff/Market Managers, and one specifically for our vendors. We keep our website updated, also.
Thanks!

Ron Pardini  
Executive Director  
Urban Village Farmers' Market Assoc.

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fax  (510) 745-7180  
e-mail  ron@uvfm.org  
website  uvfm.org

Begin forwarded message:

From: Urban Village Farmers Market <INFO@UVFM.ORG>  
Date: March 27, 2020 at 6:26:17 PM PDT  
To: Farmers Market Customer <ron@uvfm.org>  
Subject: [Test] "Senior Hour" from 9-10 am & Other New Procedures at Farmers Markets  
Reply-To: <us15-f85cc926a1-ac814932d6@inbound.mailchimp.com>

Dear valued customers,

We are so grateful for the flood of supportive emails received thanking us for keeping the local farmers’ markets open; acknowledging the risks our vendors and staff take by coming out each week to serve the community; recognizing and trusting in the efforts (and learning curve) being improved upon each week to make shopping at Farmers Markets as safe as possible.

We thank you, the community, without whom we could not do this. You have remained level headed, offered valuable feedback, been orderly and patient, generous, and above all, your values continue to “walk the talk” by showing up weekly in strong numbers for the mission of local, traceable, humane, and nutrient-dense food accessibility.

We Thank You!  
-Your Farmers, Food Makers, and UVFM Organizers
New & Improved Procedures

We have improved-upon plans to reduce crowding and make lines run smoother this weekend, but we need your cooperation!!

Last weekend was everyone’s first run at reacting to the concept of Social-Distancing within an outdoor market. We made note of the systems that worked best and will be enacting them where possible throughout markets in the following days and weeks.

#1 Request: We need your help spreading out your Arrival Times.

The biggest impact our markets experienced was not a shortage of food-supply but managing the early-bird rush of customers during the first 2 hours of opening. After 11 am, lines generally calmed down at all our locations.

With your cooperation, we can achieve great things:

1. "Senior-Hour" between 9 am-10 am. We strongly encourage all populations who identify as Healthy, Under 50 yrs old, and not at High-Risk, to refrain from attending the market until after 10am so that our vulnerable populations can shop first.

2. Rearranged Layout. Where Possible, we are relocating some of our larger Farm Stalls to the edges of the market so that their lines can spill out onto the sidewalks, rather than into the market aisles. This will help reduce crowding. If you are confused, please ask a staff person at the INfo booth to help you find the vendor you are looking for.

3. End-Of-Line Markers. If a line reaches its designated maximum length (marked by a barricade or chalk line), please visit another booth until that line shortens. This will help keep multiple lines from running into each other.

4. Waiting "Outside" Of The Market. But we’re already outside, you say? Indeed, however, if crowds get too dense, staff will ask customers to wait in an "Over-Flow Line" outside of the market perimeter or on sidewalks until enough customers leave to keep things spacious. Please help us achieve this by volunteering to wait there if you feel it is getting too crowded inside. See our Volunteer Form for more ways you can help.

5. Square Payments. Where Possible, vendors who take cards will have you swipe then ask if they can "sign for you" with an X. This way they don't have to touch your card, and you don't have to touch their machine. Win!

6. Cash Payments. Where Possible, booths staffed with only one person will have to get creative. They may ask you to put your money in a box and take your change out
you yourself. OR, they may handle your money but ask you to pick and bag your own products.

7. **Deli-Style Farm Stands Where Possible**, Larger booths staffed many workers will be selecting and bagging produce for you. Yes, this slows things down, but it keeps you and just as importantly, our Farmers extremely safe.

8. **No two booths are the same** so please do not expect full uniformity across them. Different systems will work best for different vendors depending on their product and size. The expectation is always that you wash produce before consumption, and that If you are concerned about something you see, please say something, kindly :)

Want to Volunteer?

UVFM, like most Farmers Markets, are run by non-profits with limited staff and resources. Controlling entrances (if it comes to that) will require many assistants. If you'd like to become a volunteer to help us with crowd control, please fill out a quick contact form HERE to join our volunteer list. Someone will get in touch with you.

Support your favorite Artists & Hot-Food Vendors

They are essential to us, and they have taken the hardest hit of us all, as they have been shut down from doing business at some, or all, of our markets due to local mandates and space requirements. For those of you in the position to help these local businesses survive during this crisis, here are the contacts of some UVFM members offering CSA Boxes, Online stores, and Food Delivery. Check back on our website, as we will be updating this list and all other information there.

Artisans:

- **Caring Valley Hands** (online store): [https://caringvalleyhands.com](https://caringvalleyhands.com)
- **Cozmo El Jewelry** [Etsy Shop](https://www.etsy.com/shop/cozmoel) and [https://instagram.com/cozmoel](https://instagram.com/cozmoel)
- **Hygieia** (online store): [www.hygieialc.com](http://www.hygieialc.com)
- **Isa Fix** (online store): www.isafixdesign.com
- **MoorLuv Creations** [Etsy Shop](https://www.etsy.com/shop/moorluv_creations) and [https://instagram.com/moorluv_creations](https://instagram.com/moorluv_creations)
- **Summer Solace Tallow** (online store): [www.summersolacetallow.com](http://www.summersolacetallow.com)

- **Très Spa** (online store): [TresSpa.com](http://TresSpa.com)

**Food Vendors:**

- **Big Paw Olive Oil** (online store with free local delivery): [www.bigpawsales.com](http://www.bigpawsales.com)

- **Boffo Cart** (order delicious food for delivery or pickup) [www.myboffocart.com](http://www.myboffocart.com)

- **Boochman Kombucha** (online store and delivery): [www.boochman.com](http://www.boochman.com)

- **Cosmic Coffee Co.** (online store): [http://coffeeshowroom.com/shop/](http://coffeeshowroom.com/shop/)

- **Daisy Dog Biscuit Company** (online store and local delivery) [www.daisydogbiscuit.com](http://www.daisydogbiscuit.com)

- **La Vie Wellness** (online store and delivery): [www.DrinkLavie.com](http://www.DrinkLavie.com)

- **Market Delices** (online store): [http://fabriquedelices.com/where-can-i-buy/](http://fabriquedelices.com/where-can-i-buy/)


- **Surreal Brewing Company** (online store and local delivery): [www.surrealbrewing.com](http://www.surrealbrewing.com)

**Farmers:**

- **Apricot King** (online store): [www.apricotking.com](http://www.apricotking.com)

- **Halls Organic Farms** (CSA Box): 831.277.5207: [www.hallsorganicfarms.com](http://www.hallsorganicfarms.com)

- **Marks Artisans Dairy** (online store and delivery): [www.marksartisans.com](http://www.marksartisans.com)

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Thank you for continuing to make the California Avenue farmers market available. Urban Village is doing a great job managing careful practices. The vendors and customers are being polite and safe. It’s a wonderful experience that gives a much needed sense of normalcy AND healthy food that isn’t handled and transported by the supermarket supply chain is better for consumers and the environment over all. It’s also supporting the local economy by keeping these small businesses going—we are the best market of the week for many of the vendors.

I appreciate that you send out these reminders in these challenging times.

Judith Schwartz
Palo Alto, CA 94301 USA
http://www.tothept.com
- Reminder - Parking Closed at Open Space Preserves
- Governor Newsom issued an order banning evictions for renters
- Farmers Market this weekend
- Share why you are #PaloAltoProud

Read the full Coronavirus Daily Report for more in-depth information.

Stay Home. This will save lives.

The City is urging the community to stay home. This will save lives. As we head into the weekend, we know much of the community will be seeking to take advantage of local parks and walk our tree-lined neighborhoods. If you see that a park, farmers market, or other area is unable to maintain social distancing requirements, please go elsewhere, or go home and return at a later time. We are in this together, so please be kind, check on your neighbors, stay connected, and call us if you have questions.

Parking Closed at Open Space Preserves

Starting today, we are closing vehicular parking at the Open Space Preserves (Baylands, Arastradero, and Foothills Park) to support our community’s health and safety. This difficult decision was made with the community’s health in mind to ensure social distancing is maintained to slow the spread of the coronavirus. Please enjoy our open spaces if you can walk or bike there, but please don’t drive. If large crowds continue at our parks and Open Space Preserves, we will have no choice but to close them for the safety of the whole community. For more on this decision, go here.
Ban on Evictions for Renters

Governor Gavin Newsom today issued an executive order banning eviction of renters for non-payment of rent due to COVID-19, through May 31, 2020. The order prohibits law enforcement and courts from enforcing evictions for nonpayment of rent due to COVID-19. It requires tenants to declare in writing, no more than seven days after the rent comes due, that the tenant cannot pay all or part of their rent due to COVID-19 and to keep documentation. Read the Governor’s news release here. Palo Alto City Council unanimously passed a similar moratorium on Monday, March 23. Santa Clara County also passed similar restrictions. All three of these regulations apply in Palo Alto. Renters can qualify for protection from eviction by satisfying the requirements of the State, County, or City regulation. The City is preparing changes to our local regulation to align it more closely with the County regulation. The Council will consider these changes at its next meeting on April 6.

California Avenue Farmers Market

A popular destination for Palo Alto is the weekend California Avenue Farmers Market. The staff at the farmers market are taking even more preventive measures to ensure this essential business serves the community in nutrition and health. If you go to the farmers market this weekend, you’ll notice they’ve increased staff to help manage social distancing spacing. They also are spacing booths accordingly to encourage social distancing and are posting large public education signs to drive the message home.

Of course, it also requires us to do our part to help maintain a safe and healthy shopping experience for everyone. If you see a booth that has enough people, wait your turn and help maintain social distancing. The Urban Village Farmers' Market Association posted this helpful graphic on their Facebook page with some shopping advice.

We Are #PaloAltoProud
Yesterday we announced a new way to show our appreciation for essential service workers and we encourage the community to do the same. We’re all in this together, Palo Alto! Let’s keep doing our part to help those essential employees working on the front lines to stop the spread of coronavirus. These may be health care workers, police, firefighters, or other emergency responders, grocery store clerks, truck drivers delivering food and supplies, sanitation or postal workers, internet providers, and so many others. You can express your thanks too using the #PaloAltoProud hashtag on social media or by downloading and sharing this flyer with a note of thanks in your store, home, or workplace window.

**Stay Connected through Information**
For the City’s Frequently Asked Questions, go here.
For the Governor’s website for COVID-19 updates, go here.
For the State of California’s Public Health Department updates, go here.

Wellness is on a lot of our minds lately. How do we stay well while sheltering in place? Fortunately, there has been an abundance of free resources in response to this public health emergency to help us stay mentally healthy and physically active. Try these ideas to get you through the weekend. We will share new resources in every Daily Report!

- 15 Minute Meditation for Anxiety guides you through a simple at-home meditation to provide relief from anxiety, stress, and energetic imbalance.
- CorePower Yoga has a free selection of on-demand yoga videos that you can do from your living room.
• Gardening is known to reduce stress. Check out these gardening events to enjoy. Native Garden Tour and online Social happens this weekend on March 28 and 29, 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. pacific time. The Online Native Plant Garden Tour Social is a LIVE event people can join for free, via the platform Zoom. The live stream will also be broadcast via the Theodore Payne Foundation Youtube Channel.

• Maybe you missed this awesome resource yesterday. In which case, we want to share it with you again. Gunn High School track and field coach, Michael Granville, is offering his bootcamp classes on Zoom. Classes are available Monday through Friday at various times. Check the schedule for a class time that is convenient for you. No equipment is needed. Find info at granvillefit.com.

• If you need a fresh infusion of riddles to keep your mind active, go directly to the podcast series Hey Riddle Riddle and get acquainted with the Clue Crew.

• If you’ve always wanted to learn calligraphy to focus on something other than this health emergency, check on the free worksheets from The Postman’s Knock

Share your ideas or photos of your activities on Instagram. Tag us and use #PaloAltoProud. We might share your ideas in a future daily report for everyone else to enjoy!

Here are some new ideas to support our Palo Alto families during this crazy time. How are you staying entertained, focused, and educated at home?

Family resources and ways to help or get help include:
• Palo Alto Online put together this “10 things you can still do in Palo Alto” article (of course, while keeping your social distance). Check out the list for some great tips!

• Are you a Palo Alto Library cardholder and looking for a recommendation for your next read? Try Novelist Plus! A popular library resource and tool that provides great recommendations for all ages, based on previous reads, read-alikes, and moods. There's even a K-8 version for younger readers. All you need is your library card and pin to get started.

• Check out this “Ultimate Guide of Free Resources and Things to do” blog post from The Cheese Chat. This is another example of people contributing their resources to the common good during this difficult time. We are in this together!

• Our Sustainability Manager was thrilled to share that the D.C. Environmental Film Festival is offering most of the films online to stream through the end of the month. If you're passionate about the environment, this weekend would be the perfect opportunity to catch the latest in environmental film.

• Homeschooling can be a tough transition. Make it better with virtual field trips! Check out this list of virtual field trips and live online classes for Bay Area kids.

• Library staff have gathered a list of free online tools to enhance distance learning for all ages!

We know you know how to reach us, but just in case check out our helpful links below. Stay connected by being informed.

• Connect with the City on social media.
• Go to our dedicated webpage on coronavirus.
• Read our Frequently Asked Questions.
• Learn about what grocery stores are open and check out The Six Fifty's running list of restaurants offering food for pickup or delivery.
• Learn about available community resources.

Our Community Support Call Center at (650) 272-3181 is available to connect you to information. Santa Clara County Public Health information is available at www.sccgov.org

We cannot say this enough. Please stay home if you are sick. This is to help keep our whole community safe. It will also ensure that our first responders, such as our doctors, nurses, fire fighters, and police officers are able to continue to serve our community through this difficult time. Watch for symptoms and contact your medical provider if you fall ill. Most coronavirus testing facilities require a physician's referral. The CDC has a webpage set up to help detect symptoms of coronavirus and they recently added a coronavirus self-checker tool on their page. Other resources include helpful links to Stanford Health and Palo Alto Medical Foundation.

Support local businesses. Many are adapting to the changing landscape and providing services or goods online. Consider supporting them should you have a need. In fact, we’ve made it easy, to shop and eat local. For a list of open restaurants and grocery stores, go to www.cityofpaloalto.org/supportlocal.
Are you a Palo Alto business owner? We’ve compiled a list of resources that might help you. Check out our Business Assistance page for more.

Recent tips and resources:

- The City of San Jose and U.S. Small Business Administration is hosting a webinar session to help small businesses learn more about available resources. R.S.V.P. via Eventbrite or by contacting Mirza Handzar at Mirza.Handzar@sanjoseca.gov.

Call Us. We Are Here For You.

Call us if you have any questions. We are here to help. The Community Support Call Center is available Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Please feel free to connect with us for information at (650) 272-3181. As a reminder, please only call 9-1-1 if you are experiencing a life-threatening emergency.

Referring Non-Essential Business Violations

The Santa Clara County District Attorney’s Office opened a hotline last week for referrals about non-essential business operations. To report a non-essential business operating in violation of the Order to “Shelter in Place,” contact the County of Santa Clara District Attorney’s Office at PubHealthReferral@dao.sccgov.org or call (408) 792–2300.

Our ‘daily’ report will pick back up next week on Monday. Follow us on social media for any new developments. Stay healthy and be well!
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Dear Palo Alto City Council,

Thank you for keeping the California Avenue Farmers' Market open.

I coordinate a food collection program for Magic, an all-volunteer public service organization demonstrating how each of us can practice valuescience—scientific methods and principles applied to questions of value—to discern and to further common good. In a typical year, vendors donate more than twenty tons of nutritious produce and prepared foods that we and our service agency partners, Community Services Agency in Mountain View and 1,000 Grains in Menlo Park, make available to thousands of deserving people.

Magic’s food bank partners are especially grateful for contributions now. Supplies from other sources have been interrupted, and they’re serving a growing number of people in need.

Our Magic crew is taking extra measures to ensure our and others’ health. In the attached photo you’ll see two of our volunteers (who all live together) wearing signs reminding people to keep an appropriate distance.

One of the managers of the market mentioned to us that he was concerned that the city or county might close the market due to patrons' failure to adhere to social distancing guidelines. During the period when the shelter-in-place order has been in effect, we've observed high compliance with social distancing among market patrons and vendors. Contrasting our experience in the open-air market with that of our weekly supermarket shopping excursion, we feel that the former may pose less risk of disease transmission.

I think the remedy for violations of social distancing may be to redirect public safety resources to enforcement. Those who flout the guidelines pose a threat to others very much like that posed by people who drive unsafely. In the latter case, we ticket or suspend the licenses of violators, rather than closing the roads. We protect the freedom of the many by exerting pressure on miscreants to conform to law. We can do something similar with the COVID guidelines.

I write now to encourage you to keep the market open to provide local farmers a place to sell their food, to provide area residents a source of essential supplies, and to provide our local charities with food for those in need.

We’ll celebrate with enthusiasm if you and we emerge from this pandemic stronger together.

Thanks for your consideration.

Gratefully,

Hilary Hug
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THANK YOU!

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From: Rob Dunbar <dunbar@stanford.edu>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 5:46 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: please shut down construction

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I work at Stanford and track the epidemiological findings for covid-19 daily. One key truth has emerged with clarity in the past 10 days. It is the efficiency of reduction in human-human contacts (e.g. social distancing) that controls the rate of increase in infections, including those that lead to loss of life. The amount of construction in Palo Alto is unacceptable from the standpoint of reducing the efficiency of social distancing. You cannot possibly believe that the Cal Ave garage and all the high end home remodels are “essential”. But one thing is certain, more Palo Alto residents will die if construction continues unabated....... 

Best,

Rob Dunbar, Redacted
To whomever it may concern:

Bay Area Sanitize was formed to address the growing need for sanitizing services in times of a pandemic and going forward. We are a local company, located in Palo Alto, CA.

Keeping our community's health and safety is our top priority, and we now offer solutions for commercial and residential applications. We are licensed and specialize in spraying and fogging services designed to sanitize and disinfect all areas and surfaces, both indoors and outdoors.

We use California-compliant products, EPA-registered disinfectants and sanitizers products, strong enough to be used as a hospital grade disinfectant. Contains over 140 organism kill list, including coronavirus, E. coli, Salmonella, HIV, Hepatitis-B, and Herpes to name a few. Our multi-purpose disinfectant can be safely used in residences, businesses, commercial institutions, daycare centers, nurseries and restaurants. It can safely treat both hard nonporous surfaces and carpets.

Our team has specialized gear providing the ultimate protection for their safety and the site's safety and sterilization.

Please let us know if we can assist you with sanitizing your business.

Visit us at https://bayareasanitize.com/ and feel free to drop by our office at 796 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto, CA or call us at 650-550-0014.

I look forward to hearing back from you!

Thank you!
Jacob

Bay Area Sanitize

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Hoorah!  NY hospitals follow China in using Vit C to heal virus

NY hospitals treating coronavirus patients with Vitamin C
New York Post March 24, 2020 by Lorena Mongelli and Bruce Golding

"PATIENTS GETTING VIT C DO BETTER THAN THOSE WITHOUT IT.

Seriously sick coronavirus patients in New York state’s largest hospital system are being given massive doses of vitamin C — based on promising reports that it’s helped people in hard-hit China, The Post has learned.

Dr. Andrew G. Weber, a pulmonologist and critical-care specialist affiliated with two Northwell Health facilities on Long Island, said his intensive-care patients with the coronavirus immediately receive 1,500 milligrams of intravenous vitamin C.

Identical amounts of the powerful antioxidant are then readministered three or four times a day, he said.

Each dose is more than 16 times the National Institutes of Health’s daily recommended dietary allowance of vitamin C, which is just 90 milligrams for adult men and 75 milligrams for adult women.

The regimen is based on experimental treatments administered to people with the coronavirus in Shanghai, China, Weber said.

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“The patients who received vitamin C did significantly better than those who did not get vitamin C,” he said.

“It helps a tremendous amount, but it is not highlighted because it’s not a sexy drug.”

A spokesman for Northwell — which operates 23 hospitals, including Lenox Hill Hospital on Manhattan’s Upper East Side — said vitamin C was being “widely used” as a coronavirus treatment throughout the system, but noted that medication protocols varied from patient to patient.

“As the clinician decides,” spokesman Jason Molinet said.

About 700 patients are being treated for coronavirus across the hospital network, Molinet said, but it’s unclear how many are getting the vitamin C treatment.

The vitamin C is administered in addition to such medicines as the anti-malaria drug hydroxychloroquine, the antibiotic azithromycin, various biologics and blood thinners,
Weber said.

As of Tuesday, New York hospitals have federal permission to give a cocktail of hydroxychloroquine and azithromycin to desperately ill patients on a “compassionate care” basis.

President Trump has tweeted that the unproven combination therapy has “a real chance to be one of the biggest game changers in the history of medicine.”

Weber, 34, said vitamin C levels in coronavirus patients drop dramatically when they suffer sepsis, an inflammatory response that occurs when their bodies overreact to the infection.

“It makes all the sense in the world to try and maintain this level of vitamin C,” he said.

A clinical trial on the effectiveness of intravenous vitamin C on coronavirus patients began Feb. 14 at Zhongnan Hospital in Wuhan, China, the epicenter of the pandemic.

Forwarded by Arlene Goetze, No. Toxins for Children, photowrite67@yahoo.com
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-------- Forwarded message --------
From: Loran Harding <loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org>
Date: Tue, Mar 31, 2020 at 2:00 PM
Subject: Fwd: Stanford resources during COVID-19
To: Loran Harding <loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org>

Tues. March 31, 2020

To all- This arrived this morning from the Stanford Alumni Association and it has much information re COVID-19.

Within that, click on "Stay informed- list of resources". Once there, to see the medical information, click on "Stanford Medicine- a curated selection, including summaries of COVID-19 research projects". Dr. Fauci and the NIH and the CDC, et. al. might find some of that to be of interest.

 LH- I watch Trump's press briefings and hear of all the production of PPE and ventilators, etc. Then I watch the network news and the local news in Fresno. Doctors and nurses saying they are fighting a war without ammunition. Nurses crying and saying "I didn't sign up for this". Six 14-hour days in a row. My conclusion: Trump should invoke the DPA to order many more companies to produce the needed supplies. He says many have stepped up and are producing, which is fine. BUT those who are producing are not meeting the need. His task force should determine which companies could produce the needed supplies and equipment and are not at present producing them and then use the DPA to order them to. One gets the impression that he doesn't want to burden any more companies by invoking the DPA than he has so far- i.e. protect the largely Republican business community from being put out. With the dire situation in hospitals on the front line, that approach is costing lives.

L. William Harding
Fresno
Dear fellow alum,

I hope this email finds you healthy and safe during these uncertain times. As we come to terms with the changes this pandemic brings to our lives, we find that the strength of the Stanford community remains steadfast. We have heard from many of you—seeking to help, looking for resources and information, and simply wanting to stay in touch.

At this time more than ever, we at the Stanford Alumni Association have two main goals: to keep you up to date on what is happening on campus and to provide opportunities for connection with the Stanford family. While springtime in-person alumni programs have been cancelled, we’re pleased to share the following collection of resources in hopes of providing you with needed information and bringing you closer to your Stanford community:

- **Stay Informed.** Read the latest from Stanford’s leaders; learn about COVID-19 research from Stanford Medicine and others; get teaching activities from the Graduate School of Education. View our list of resources.

- **Lend a Hand.** Donate supplies; help students in need; give blood. See how you can help.
• **Connect.** Find online alumni meetups and discussion groups; update your alumni profile; read Stanford magazine online; follow Stanford Alumni on social media. See how you can stay connected.

• **Take Part.** Join upcoming events from your living room; take online courses or sample micro lectures; watch Stanford Live performances; take virtual tours of campus and university museums. Take a break with these online activities.

You’ll find details about all of the above and more [here](#).

Our world faces a daunting enemy in the form of this pandemic, but together we can get through it. Thank you for staying connected and, as always, for being a part of the Stanford family.

Please take care and stay well.

Howard E. Wolf ’80  
Vice President for Alumni Affairs, Stanford University  
President, Stanford Alumni Association

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Stanford University | Frances C. Arrillaga Alumni Center | 326 Galvez Street, Stanford, CA 94305
From: Marie Di Pasquale <dipasqualemarie@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 4:42 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Coronavirus health and safety measures

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Dear City Council and Mayor of Palo Alto,

I listened to a question raised by a homeless Individual on the public question and answer radio station. She asked “washing hands and having fresh water to drink are a priority however the homeless and people living in vans have now less to no means of water supply, lavatory facilities, and bathing facilities. How do I handle this to prevent infection, death since our health as a group is compromised and how can spread of disease be eradicated? The answer she received was to follow the criteria set of isolation, washing hands, etc.
I thought what can we do as a community to help the less fortunate and in return diminish global transmission. A solution, I felt must be available. But what could it be?

There are vacant buildings available with plenty of water and lavatories to provide for bathing, collecting water and washing machines and dryers for washing clothes.
What a gift to these people and to us and to the world. The YMCA’s in Palo Alto, Mountain View, Redwood City are not in use and could be a source of water supply, lavatories, showers. There are fitness centers and please suggest other resources. Please suggest other ideas.
It disturbed me tremendously to have people now with less to no access to fresh water and yet the recommendation to prevent spread of this viral virus is by washing, washing, washing.

You are welcome to help in anyway possible and to share this email with anyone who could have authority and influence to help and maybe open a facility several times a week to provide water so necessary for a human life and for the eradication of Coronavirus.

Thank you,
Marie

PS: Coronavirus spread has not yet reached its peak. There are presently not enough hospital beds. Community centers (empty buildings with lavatories, water supply and washing facilities) should also be considered for use. Please be prepared now.
Thank you.
Marie

Sent from my iPhone
This morning, when my neighbor told me that the Palo Alto City Council issued a directive prohibiting professional gardeners from working in Palo Alto, I immediately took it as his lame attempt at an April Fool joke.

Now I discover that he was not kidding. You guys have crossed the line into lunacy. Tell me why you think a single or even a pair of gardeners are going to spread a virus to there employer by mowing grass or leaf blowing. This is an exceptionally misguided action the consequence of which will harm families (most of whom are likely minorities) that depend on income from a professional gardener for food and shelter. If you think unemployment insurance will suffice, then you are truly delusional. You people are the April Fool joke!

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DAR
Dennis A Reed
Redacted
Palo Alto, CA 94306
Thanks Kristen,
That makes sense. It was the long lines of cars that concerned me. I agree that open spaces should remain open. In the same vain, I would like to see the parks and schools open, as well. The more spaces to stretch out will give us the greater ability to maintain our distance. I would argue that it is easier to maintain distance on a 300' x 100' field than on a 4 mile x 2' trail. Although our family did go out and hike over the hill and did not have an issue, but we also were in a very uncrowded open space.

Closing the schools and parks forces people into smaller spaces, almost guaranteeing people coming in close proximity to one another. Would be a better idea to have "field monitors" to ensure distancing. I'm sure the city has many hourly workers that would love to take on that role to continue to get paid, or even make extra money.

Keith

On Wed, Mar 25, 2020 at 4:41 PM O'Kane, Kristen <Kristen.O'Kane@cityofpaloalto.org> wrote:

Hello Mr. Ferrell,

The City Manager asked that I respond to your email about parks and open space closures. Parks are currently open provided that visitors maintain the necessary six-foot distance from other visitors not from the same household. While City parks remain open, all playgrounds, tennis courts, athletic fields, basketball courts, pickleball courts, and skate parks are closed following guidance from the County Public Health Department and District Attorney’s office.

Currently, restrooms and drinking fountains in open space areas are closed. We have made the difficult decision to close open space preserves to vehicular traffic beginning on Friday 3/27 to protect the community and to ensure social distancing is maintained. People will still be able to visit open space areas by foot or bike.

For the latest information on parks or city facilities access or closures and other City service changes due to the public health emergency, please visit the Service Changes page.

Thank you,

Kristen
From: Keith Ferrell <ferrell.keith@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 9:03 PM
To: Council, City <city.council@cityofpaloalto.org>; Parks <Parks@CityofPaloAlto.org>
Subject: Will Foothills and Arastradero close

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Why are the open spaces still open, but the parks and fields are closed?
From: LaRhee Webster <mousepusherx@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 8:01 PM
To: Council, City; Fine, Adrian
Subject: Open space parking lot closures

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What? You are closing the open space parking lots?

How unfair and discriminatory to those of us who cannot ride a bicycle or walk long distances.

At age 73, I have paid my taxes to this city for the more than 35 plus years that I have lived here and find it unthoughtful to discriminate against us in favor is young people who can still ride a bicycle...all in the name of coronavirus safety.

At Foothills park last weekend, although there were many people there, I encountered no throngs or groups, and found people to be respectfully keeping their distance.

Maybe you should designate a couple days a week for the parking spots to be open for those who cannot ride a bike, yet still would like to enjoy the open space.

~LaRhee Webster
Redacted , Palo Alto CA 94303
Cell: 650-861-0686
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I am recuperating from emergency open heart surgery. The only place I can go where I can get the exercise that I am required to get and also be able to breathe because there is enough oxygen has been Foothills Park. It’s literally been a life saver.

Everyone at that park and on trails is keeping a strict, 6ft plus distance. Maybe weekends are different. If so, maybe you should just close it on the weekend?

Outdoor exercise is permitted by orders. It is also necessary. Shutting the park is going to far. In my case, it’s taking away something I need for my health.

Please reconsider your decision.

Deb Goldeen, Redacted 94306, 321-7375
Dear City Councillors,

I am writing concerning the new announcement about closing parking at Palo Alto Open Spaces, appended below. Absent any sensible explanation, I cannot understand it.

In terms of public health issues and community spread, understandably a concern, it is far more dangerous to have so many people visiting the grocery stores than the parks, yet you have not put restrictions on going to the stores, despite full parking lots, etc. I understand closing the bathrooms and drinking fountains, but why constrain the parking more than it is already constrained (and frankly, was even before the shelter in place requests). Surely, people will just drive and park on the edges of streets to get closer to the open space preserves they need to access for exercise, leading to further traffic congestion, and dangerous conditions for drivers and pedestrians, as well as inconvenience and difficulties, particularly for those with disabilities? I can think of half a dozen different better solutions than closing the parking lots if there are too many visitors at the same time.

During the last week, I have visited 3 different Palo Alto open spaces on several occasions, and while lots of people are out on the trails, the ones I saw invariably have been keeping at least six feet distant from one another. Why penalize all for the actions of a few?

My neighbors across the street, in their 70s, with limited mobility, for years have exercised each day at the Baylands, only going a short distance. It is MUCH prettier, and MUCH safer than traversing our Palo Alto sidewalks, well-known for cracks and uplifted pavement from tree roots that cause people to trip and get hurt (I personally know of several folks who have sustained accidents this way, whether or not they ever report these accidents to the City).

The only way many of us have been able to stay sane during this COVID-19 emergency is to take walks and runs in parklands. Thankfully, you have not prevented that access, although it seems you may be headed in that direction. Perhaps you could increase your staffing to provide education if needed as more people go to the parks than you have previously experienced.

I hope you can change this policy immediately, so that I don't need to begin to exercise my feet and my rights with protests (maintaining a healthy 6’ feet distance from others of course); I know I won't be alone.

Please don't turn Palo Alto into a police state. You did have the trust of most of its residents in addressing this crisis, but through this nonsensical policy, you are at risk of losing it.

Sincerely,

Carol Muller
Redacted

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Good morning,

I'm writing to ask for information about the upcoming closure of Foothills Park.

Was this a decision of the city council? Is there any publicly accessible documentation of evidence they used to make it (e.g., a transcript of discussion or debate)?

If this was a decision by members of the city staff, who is responsible? Is there a publicly accessible report or memo citing the evidence or other considerations for making it?

Because I think it possible that you are preoccupied with matters more important than responding to an inquiry like this one, I offer below thoughts that I hope you will consider before committing irrevocably to this decision.

The current pandemic is an example of the importance of science-based policy. Only by sciencing to the best of our ability will we predict as accurately and fully as we're able the consequences of our actions. Failures to do this, from the original suppression of evidence that a novel pathogen was wreaking havoc in Wuhan, to the delays in preparing for its inevitable arrival in the US, have substantially contributed to the direness of our current situation.

We've abundant evidence that sheltering in place entails substantial stress, and that by exiting our homes to enjoy the out-of-doors we can exert positive influence on both mental and physical health. We've also evidence that people can responsibly enjoy parks and open spaces by maintaining social distancing.

Based on this evidence, California, Santa Clara County, and Oregon shelter-in-place orders explicitly allow for outdoor exercise with social distancing. I imagine that the same is true for many other jurisdictions, though I am ignorant of the provisions of orders elsewhere.

I have studied and taught about emergent and resurgent infectious disease for more than forty years, from 2007-2018 through the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Stanford School of Medicine. I am acutely aware of the threat they pose. I and those with whom I live have been scrupulous in adhering to the shelter-in-place order. We "locked down" before it was issued.

We have been relying heavily upon public open space for physical exercise and psychological renewal. Last weekend some of us enjoyed a hike through the Arastradero Preserve and Foothills Park. For that outing we planned a route that was primarily roads and fire roads to ensure that we were able to maintain social distancing. Even when on single-track we were able to step far enough off-trail to do this.

During our outing we encountered an unusually large number of other visitors. Almost everyone was conscientious about maintaining social distancing, and we were forthright in calling upon the few who seemed less committed to become so. Seeing so many families adapting to our current difficulties by sharing nature together, I felt heartened.
Though the disease is taking a heavy toll, families' drawing closer to each other, and people's recognizing the importance of our natural world may be "silver linings."

While I'm ignorant of the basis for the decision to close Foothills Park, I hope that whoever made it will reconsider. If the concern is for staff at the entrance, perhaps we can shield them from drivers. If it is about failure to maintain social distancing, perhaps we can post signage at trailheads to secure greater compliance.

I acknowledge the very real threat that ignorant or careless behavior in the park may result in transmission of the corona virus. I ask that we weigh this risk against the considerable benefits of keeping it open, and only limit access or close it if we think this truly necessary to promote public health and safety.

Thank you very much for considering my requests and my views. May you and those near you remain safe.

With appreciation,

David Schrom
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Dear City Council,

Since you have decided to close Foothill Parks to cars because of your concern for excess usage, please consider instead having the ranger at the park entrance limit the total number of cars in the park.

Hamilton Hitchings
Hi

I would like to express my utter disappointment with closing access to these important places of recreation to all but the very fit cyclists. I would suggest that a great deal of the cyclists who use Page Mill Road to access Foothills Park are not even Palo Alto residents.

Our local small parks are already very well used by joggers, dog walkers, families strolling, power walkers, etc. and can not deal with added numbers of people who will have nowhere else to go to get some fresh air and exercise.

It would make a much better idea to space people out in the parks. Have different letters of last name on different days of the week or different times of day, or use odd and even licence plates on cars as to which cars can enter on which days.

But please rethink the policy. Do not deny access to those of us who cannot ride a bike for the necessary distance to get some exercise. Please let us have access on certain days of the week or certain times of the day. Without some exercise and fresh air we will get very unhealthy.

Thanking you.

Carol Rogers,
Redacted
Hi,

I was impressed with the initial decision to close restrooms and water fountains, I thought if found the right balance between safety and mental and physical well being (as outlined in a message sent earlier this week).

However, closing the park to cars seems too restrictive, putting it off limits to those of us in Palo Alto that cherish this great resource. The parks in the city are significantly more crowded these days (I live on Johnson park) compared to the ample space available in the Foothills, so if anything they are less safe.

I hike and run there every morning, between 7:30am and 9:30am. On a week-day I meet more turkeys than people; there are at most 5-6 cars parked at the Wild Horse Valley gate and less than that at the main entrance on Page Mill; occasionally one by Boronda lake.

Could we have an honor system whereby people print a permit at home for a given time slot/day and display it on their dashboard while in the park?

I think people are responsible enough and would not try to get around such a restriction; we all understand the need for social distancing.

On the "trust but verify" side, a park ranger could occasionally patrol the parking lots and give tickets to cars w/o permits---assuming this is not a health risk to the ranger.

I am not alone in feeling this way about this decision, see thread on Nextdoor: https://nextdoor.com/news_feed/?post=142090086

Thanks for reconsidering this decision,
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- Ciprian
Dear City Council

I prefer robust decisions based on data. And based on what we know, open spaces and hiking trails and tennis courts (with careful use) should be kept open. I am very disappointed that the city of Palo Alto is closing much needed open space in schools, Foothills park, and its tennis courts. There is by now a very good understanding on how the covid-19 virus spreads. This from some studies of where the virus is present and very extensive per-case epidemiological studies in countries (South Korea, Singapore, Israel) that are taken a much more data-driven approach to epidemic control. What we know is that what is driving the epidemic are (i) exposures to close contacts: Being close to someone sick for several minutes. Or by touching contaminated surfaces and then touching face. Samples of air in hospital rooms of sick people **did not** capture viruses in aerosolized form. The virus is in droplets that fall off. The "6 feet" rule is a safe guideline even for longer duration of exposures or risky exposures (someone coughing). Quickly passing by another hiker 4 feet away in open air does not provide a measurable risk and open spaces do not have common-touch surfaces. The risk is indeed not zero, but "zero risk" (apart from being nearly impossible to establish from finite data) is too high a requirement that is incompatible with other aspects of our existence. What we do know is that the risk is very low -- at a level that even if hypothetically present, it is not meaningful driver of the epidemic (insignificant increase to the base R0). This should be enough. I feel that it is important at this point that each action taken by authorities that may significantly decrease people's wellness and quality of life at these stressful times should be scrutinized very carefully: Its benefits against its cost. And limiting access to Foothills park and in this particular way does not seem to balance out.

I understand that the decision by the city was driven by some people were seen not observing health directives somewhere. But my take is that upon restrictions, these people will just move somewhere else. And actually, in hours of hiking and running in the past week I did not observe such breaches: People were amazing and considerate. Finally, keeping open spaces open (with appropriate directions for use) is also a matter of equity, as those are needed even more by those with more crowded residences.

Thank you for listening!

Edith
To the Palo Alto City Council:

Please consider reversing the effective closure of Foothills Park. I fully support the social distancing rules and take them very seriously, and I do not believe this measure is necessary. I would certainly understand the closure of trails that are too narrow for people to pass one another from a safe social distance. However, much of the park (meadows and lakeside) can be easily accessed without ever being near others. I have been to Foothills Park twice in the last week and have only seen people acting responsibly and maintaining plenty of distance.

Even if it is necessary to limit the number of people allowed in at one time (perhaps allowing only a designated portion of the alphabet on a given day?), this would be far better than losing one of our precious outdoor resources that is so needed right now for both physical and mental health.

Please consider alternatives (trail closures, dock closures, alternating access) rather than closing the park to everyone who is not an intrepid, able-bodied, adult cyclist.

Thank you,
Sonja Qutub, Palo Alto resident
650-868-6121
Dear Councillors,

Let me start by thanking you for your service to our community. It's a brave thing to do to put your name on a ballot and an honorable thing to do to work on behalf of the well-being of your neighbors. I am writing regarding your decision to close parking at Palo Alto Open Spaces. I understand that your intent is to save lives but logically, restricting access to open spaces does no such thing.

I do get that you're focused on public health issues surrounding community spread but consider that it is far more dangerous to have so many people visiting the grocery stores, drug stores, pet stores, hardware stores etc than visiting the parks. It makes sense to close public bathrooms, drinking fountains, and play structures, but reducing safe parking at trails does nothing to stop the spread of the virus and actually increases it as now the same number of people are forced into smaller numbers of accessible parks. Folks will just drive and park on the edges of streets to access the open space preserves and parks which creates dangerous conditions for bikers and walkers. If you fear crowded trails at peak hours, there are so many other solutions at your disposal apart from closing parking all together. And by the way, I have hiked at our Open Spaces every day for the last 3 weeks at all hours of the day (6:30 am - 7 pm) and have *never* seen crowded trails or congestion at spots except when esteemed Councilman Tanaka spoke in front of a crowd at the Dish entrance. Everyone is maintaining at least 6 feet of distance. Ask wonderful Councilwoman Kniss who I see with her friends at the Dish almost every day :-)

At this frightening and lonely time in our community, we need to be encouraging safe activity. Hiking/biking/running in the open air in nature is perhaps the safest thing we can possibly do to get fit, healthy, and de-stress.

Please change this policy and put reasonable guidelines in place for use of trails.

Warmly,

Jennie Savage
I think closing foothill Park and the Baylands is a terrible mistake. I’ve been there every day since this began and you were limiting where people can go and have safe distance is what you should do is prevent people from running on trails because they are dropping their sweat all over people.

On Wed, Mar 25, 2020 at 7:30 PM City of Palo Alto <news@cityofpaloalto.org> wrote:

Welcome Fire Station 3 fire crews back to the neighborhood (virtually of course)!
Share the creative ways you are adapting to our new shelter in place environment.
Parking lots soon to be closed at open space preserves.
Looking for ways to help or need help? Find resources in this newsletter.

Read the full Coronavirus Daily Report for more in-depth information.

Rebuilt Fire Station 3 Opens its Doors to Serve the Community
The finishing touches have been added to Palo Alto’s newly rebuilt Fire Station 3 as it officially opened its doors on Tuesday, March 24 at the corner of Embarcadero and Newell Roads- the same lot as the previous station that served the community since 1948. Three fire department personnel are currently working there and practicing social distancing as much as possible during the coronavirus health crisis. Fire Station 3 is the first of 10 citywide infrastructure projects to be completed from the 2014 Infrastructure Plan. For more, go here.

Share the Creative Ways You Are Adapting in Our New Shelter in Place Environment

Have you discovered a new virtual experience, such as a video and audio tour of a historic site or building? Virtual dinner or dance parties with friends and families? What are the creative ways you are staying entertained, remaining focused, and exploring the world?

Here is a recent experience from our City Manager, Ed Shikada: I’m a merit badge counselor with Scouts Boy Scouts of America, and have been working with a couple of Boy Scouts on their “Citizenship in the Nation” merit badge. We’ve been at it for a couple of months, and one of the requirements that we’ve been struggling to complete is that they tour a location that’s on the National Register of Historic Places. We previously talked about visiting the Winchester Mystery House in San Jose, that’s on the Register, but prior to the shelter-in-place order, we were all too busy and couldn’t settle on a date. Just a couple of days ago, I saw an announcement that the Winchester Mystery House has established a free virtual tour. My Scouts are now planning to tour it, and we’ll do a Zoom call tomorrow and discuss what they learned. Requirement done. An upside to sheltering in place: focus!

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Share your ideas or photos of your activities by following us on Instagram, tag us and use #PaloAltoProud.

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City Construction Projects

City infrastructure projects are considered an essential activity based on both the State Safe at Home Order and the County of Santa Clara Public Health Department Order to Shelter in Place. The County Order requires construction sites to follow social distancing to the extent possible. The California Avenue Parking Garage project construction is continuing, with activities including rebar and conduit work to support the construction of the garage floors and pouring of concrete. A concrete pour is scheduled for this Friday. For other projects and their status, go here and see the section on changes to City infrastructure projects.

Stay Connected through Information

For the City’s Frequently Asked Questions, go here.
For the Governor’s website for COVID-19 updates, go here.
For the State of California’s Public Health Department updates, go here.

Thank you for the wellness ideas submitted to us! Your health and safety is a priority and that is what the Shelter in Place Order means: Being safe at home, and safe in and around our community. Be active and keep a healthy lifestyle through these new ways:

- Missing your local workout spots? Some local classes are going online! Check out Yogaworks schedule of livestreaming classes on their YouTube channel
- Try out Tai Chi with the Taiflow channel.
- If you are going for a run or hitting the treadmill remember to stretch first.
- Check out the activities on Tinkerlab if you need some hands on activities to keep younger kids engaged.
- Try out this breathing practice if you have trouble falling asleep.

Don't forget to share your tips with us on Instagram by tagging us in your photos and using #PaloAltoProud.

Here are some new ideas to support learning, virtual art and culture opportunities, homework prep, and more. But first, do you want to help and don’t know where to look or need help? We have an online website for local volunteer and donation opportunities, an evolving list of needs from our local non-profit groups, and a list of programs to support our most vulnerable community members. Go here to read more.

- **Home Learning Resources:** To enhance your educational time at home, City of Palo Alto Library staff have highlighted a few great online resources to help with K-8 homework and teen schoolwork. You may need your PACL card to access some of these resources, but remember--your PAUSD student ID is your library card!
- **Online Storytime Resources** are another great way to have fun with your family while learning!
- **Social Stories for Social Distancing:** This is a video resource for families with kids on the spectrum. Social stories are a technique that helps alleviate stress by previewing what will happen in a particular situation.
- Take a “walk” around one of Stanford’s Museums from Home.
- Basketball fan? Listen to this live conversation with Steph Curry and Dr. Fauci about COVID-19. Thursday, March 26, at 10 a.m.
We know you know how to reach us, but just in case you decided to join Instagram, or need to forward this to a friend as another resource, check out our handy helpful links below. Stay connected by being informed.

Interested in donating N95 masks, hand sanitizer, gloves, and other medical supplies? KQED has this article on how and where to donate in the Bay Area.

- Connect with the City on social media.
- Go to our dedicated webpage on coronavirus.
- Read our Frequently Asked Questions.
- Learn about what grocery stores are open and check out The Six Fifty's running list of restaurants offering food for pickup or delivery.
- Learn about available community resources.

Our Community Support Call Center at (650) 272-3181 is available to connect you to information. Santa Clara County Public Health information is available at www.sccgov.org

Stay home if you are sick. Watch for symptoms and contact your medical provider if you fall ill. Most coronavirus testing facilities require a physician's referral. The CDC has a webpage set up to help detect symptoms of coronavirus. Curious about coronavirus testing locations or procedures? The Santa Clara County Public Health Department is providing updates on its website.

Here are more resources with a business focus. Check out our helpful links listed on our Business Assistance page featuring local, state, and federal programs to assist businesses through this emergency. Looking for tips to make working from home more effective and stress-free? Read our recent email newsletters for tips. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has information to help protect yourself financially from the impact of the
coronavirus. The California COVID Info Clearinghouse is quite comprehensive and well organized

**PPE Drive this Week:** Stanford Health Care has put together a personal protective equipment (PPE) drive that will take place in the Stanford Shopping Center parking lot near Neiman Marcus (Sand Hill and Arboretum). The PPE Drive will be open March 26-27 (Thursday and Friday) from 3-7 p.m. and March 28-29 (Saturday and Sunday) from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Bring masks, disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer, face shields, goggles, etc. Go [here](#) for more PPE donation locations.

**Call Us. We Are Here for You.**

Call us if you have questions. We are here to help. The Community Support Call Center is available Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Please feel free to connect with us for information at (650) 272-3181. As a reminder, please only call 9-1-1 if you are experiencing a life-threatening emergency.
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I urge the City Council to reopen the parking lots to the city’s parks. This is going to be a long term fight and people need access to fresh air and nature. Cutting this off is short sighted and reactionary. I’ve seen what the media has reported on TV and I’ve seen for myself the situation at Byxbee park and others. My observations is that while the parking lots are crowded, people are being conscientious and generally following appropriate social distancing practices. The media reports focused on worst case incidents and were designed to attract viewership rather than present facts fairly. The City Council needs to consider the long term mental well being of the population and the crucial part that parks play and not just fixate solely on Covid-19 concerns.

Regards,
Peter Kuykendall
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This clam-shell reaction to keep people away from Open Space preserves leads to people overcrowding all remaining spaces, including little parks and sidewalks in walkable areas.

People should go out and strengthen the immune system, and avoid depression!

Re-open the parking lots at the Open Space preserves!

Martin Leeb
To all city council members,

I am reaching out to see if any of the following measures have been discussed, and ask for them to be considered if not.

- Can the city allow us to not make utilities payments on time this month, without penalties or shut-off of our services.
- Can you consider denying landlords the ability to evict commercial tenants as you did with residential tenants.

Thank you,

Guillaume

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Dear City Council and Staff,

I would like to thank the city for taking immediate, direct action to help our community with the passing of the urgency ordinance to ban evictions. As we have seen, there has been great support for such a measure, given it has been enacted at the state and county levels now. And not a moment too soon, given how the crisis seems to be worsening currently.

I see from the Coronavirus Daily Report that there is discussion to "align it more closely with the County regulation." Whatever occurs from this, it should not be a weakening of any protection currently. I understand that there is an argument of consistency, but it should be done in a way that provides benefit rather than retracts. Additionally, there would already be some form of preemption/override if there are conflicts with the new state and county implementations. And the related argument of "confusion" can be alleviated with the Daily Report/AlertSCC, or with local media like any other council-directed action.

Related, I would like to bring council's attention to a future issue. At the end of the 120 days post-emergency, there will be hardship for those who need to make up for lost wages to pay back rent, especially hard given we don't see how long this emergency will last and the current pains in our economy. The county's $11m relief fund for renters has already been drained in two days. Action will need to be taken to prevent a wave of later evictions and perhaps landlord bankruptcies, potentially leading to a community that replaces closed shops with emptied homes.

Sincerely,
Kevin Ma
From: John Foster <johnxfoster@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 11:06 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Small Business Lease Moratorium

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Palo Alto City Council Members

Thank you for your efforts last week to provide protections for home renters/owners and small businesses.

I was hopeful that these efforts would help us get through these extraordinary times and help able us to resume business when the virus had passed. After speaking with our property manager, who represents the ownership of the shopping center where we operate our hair salon, I realized we need much greater financial protection. He basically told us the owners of the shopping center were not getting any financial relief from their commercial mortgage lender, Aetna, so they would not be able to give us any financial relief.

Thanks to your earlier council efforts we are not in danger of eviction at this time, but we will never recover from extended months of no business.

Low interest disaster relief loans, Facebook grants, insurance claims, are all being looked into, however, I am starting with you to ask you to bang the drum for a from-the-top-down mortgage pause. Hoping your collective voice will know where to best direct this plea for help.

Editorial from SF Chronicle this morning:


Thank you,

John Foster
Monica Foster Salon
Dear City Council;

The current situation of the Covid-19 is making life extremely difficult for all Palo Alto residents. I certainly sympathize with the people who are losing their jobs because of it. It is exceedingly important for people to remain sheltered in their homes and apartments so that we can slow down the growth of this virus. And toward this end, a number of cities have placed a moratorium on evictions for the next 30 days. I fully support this effort. I understand that this issue will be explored at your April 6th meeting. I send this email to share my view.

If the city of Palo Alto is considering a regulation on moratorium of evictions, I recommend that the City Council consider a rule similar to Los Angeles. Individual renters must be able to show that they cannot pay their rent because of the pandemic and they need to notify their landlord in writing within 7 days after the rent is due. The rent would still be payable just delayed. This protects the tenant but also the homeowner, whose expenses do not stop, and are not reduced.

We all need to work together to get through this and any regulations need to be fair to both the tenant and the homeowner.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Faith

Faith W. Brigel
Palo Alto
Mayor and Members of the City Council, and City Manager:

I hope you are all able to stay healthy and safe during this time. I wanted to thank you for your leadership during this current pandemic. During this unprecedented crisis, we realize how blessed we are to have leaders like yourself who are truly dedicated to public service. Local government in the Bay Area can be proud of its responsiveness to the Coronavirus situation and the critical balance it has struck between safety and service.

I wanted to quickly touch base with you on the issue of rental assistance. Many lower-income residents have experienced a devastating loss of income stemming from the COVID-19 shelter in place order. Few question the need for the order; however, the resulting financial impacts fall disproportionately on families and individuals in our community making the least money. As you have heard, the County-wide income assistance fund was launched last Monday with $11 million in donations administered by Sacred Heart Community Services. That fund was exhausted within days. And, we are only beginning week three of the COVID-19 shelter in place order which was just extended through May 3 at a minimum.

We are hopeful that additional money will be raised for the County-wide fund. Closer to home, I want to encourage the City of Palo Alto to allocate funds to LifeMoves to provide rental assistance specifically for Palo Alto residents. As I indicated in my email to the City Council last week, it is essential that ample funding be available for rental and income assistance for the duration of this crisis. Without rental assistance, it is highly unlikely many residents would be able to pay rent in total or in part for the duration of this health crisis. Nor will most residents be able to repay accumulated rent owed through a payment plan.

Palo Alto Housing (PAH) is contacting each of our residents to check-in on their household situations, provide referrals and support, and inquire about their income status. We have a few residents we have not reached yet. At this point, it appears that 25-30% of PAH households (roughly 175) are experiencing a significant income loss that compromises their ability to pay rent. Beyond rental assistance, PAH has committed to providing food for over 200 of our residents, twice per month, in partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank. Plus, we are raising money and re-designating other unencumbered funds to provide additional direct financial assistance for food and household items.

Rental assistance, however, remains elusive and is urgently needed. Would it be possible for the City to allocate funds to LifeMoves for rental assistance to Palo Alto residents? As a point of reference, the City Mountain View has approved $1.3 million for COVID-19 relief efforts, including $500,000 for rental assistance that will be administered by the CSA.

Thank you for considering this request.

Randy
Baumb, Nelly

From: Forrest Byram <forrestbyram@att.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 3:11 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Delaying home renter evictions

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Dear Mayor Fine and members of the City Council,

I am writing to ask that you find a way to keep renters in their homes. With the current health emergency, many people have no income and are unable to pay their rent. I hope you are able to find a way for them to make their payments at a later date. I am not suggesting that they never pay, only that it be delayed. I understand that this will cause problems for those who need to receive the rent, etc, but having people evicted is probably not the best way to go.

I live in San Francisco and am fortunate to be in a financial situation where I can ride this out for a while. I have a colleague in Palo Alto who is not as fortunate as I. We are free lance classical musicians and as soon as this hit all our work evaporated. I suspect we were among the first financial victims, if you will forgive that term. This is a very hard working person who I seem to see just about everywhere I play. He also does some very time consuming, inadequately salaried administrative work for one of the regional orchestras. If you will excuse the expression, he busts his butt making a living. Because he is fairly young, he hasn’t had a chance to build up the resources that I have. It is highly unlikely that he will be able to pay his rent. Unfortunately, many musicians I know are in this situation. Free lance musicians only get paid when they work and there is no work.

I know that many people are in the position of not being able to pay their rent right now. I hope you can help them out in a way that is fair to everyone involved.

Yours most sincerely,

Forrest Byram
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Date: Tue, Mar 31, 2020 at 3:11 PM
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Tues. March 31, 2010

Fred- I just had to buy some AMRN after the huge drop today. A judge ruled that the generics can infringe on the co's "obvious" patents. A word you don't want to hear in the patent arena. If the thing you are patenting is "obvious" you shouldn't even get the patent. Obvious and novel are two big words in the patent world. Big words. It has to be novel and it can't be obvious.


I sold my 100 shares of AMRN at $14.905 on Feb. 27, 2020. I bought back 50 shares today @ $3.999= $199.95. It will recover, just not back to $15 probably unless they win on appeal. If it only goes to $6, I'll have a 50% gain.

Their drug, Vascepa, works. Purified fish oil. It lowers elevated triglycerides without raising the bad LDL.
This email for your eyes only. I follow Buffet's maxim and don't discuss what I am buying.

L. William Harding
Fresno

BTW, a Center for Health Metrics at the University of Washington has an "infectious disease model" which Ali Mokdad there said everyone is using- NIH, CDC etc. He was interviewed on mighty KCBS the other morning. VERY thick Arabic accent, hard to understand. But you wouldn't want to hear my Arabic. He said 1) the virus epidemic will peak in the U.S. on April 23, 2020 and 2) we will be 18,800 ventilators short at that point. I think he meant at that point since we are far short of that number now.

The model includes forecasts for all 50 states. They keep updating it with actual numbers and it keeps producing new predictions. I'll do a mail showing Dr. Deborah Birx refering to the U. of Washington Center for Health Metrics run by Chris Murray and a vid or two of Dr. Mokdad talking to PBS News Hour.

To see it, google IHME website.

L. William Harding
Fresno
Dear City of Palo Alto Council Members,

We cannot believe how peaceful it is hiking out at the Baylands Parks without the constant roar of Palo Alto Airport training flights overhead. The plots below shows how all air traffic in the bay area has decreased over the last month. The yellow section of the chart shows how the traffic associated with the Palo Alto airport has decreased. It really has made a difference in our quality of life!

Please consider restricting the air traffic at Palo Alto airport on a permanent basis. Most of the traffic is 'flight school' traffic that is non critical. The terms of those leases are controlled by the city. Could we at least have one or two days per week when these training flights are not allowed? It would make such a difference to everyone who considers the Baylands a precious recreational resource.

Thank you,

Lee A Christel, Rosewood Drive
CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Be cautious of opening attachments and clicking on links.

Please see the complaint below. And please for those of us who suffer with allergies, please ban contractor's use of blowers. They are a hazard to people's health. And why in the world is it legal for someone to blow pollutants from one yard to another. It makes no sense. Plus, these devices are almost exclusively used to maintain lawns, which I do not think is something we want to encourage during a water crisis.

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: William Parkinson <parkinsonw@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Mar 26, 2020 at 3:45 PM
Subject: Can you please send out an advisory and enforce order for contract gardeners
To: <pubhealthreferral@dao.sccgov.org>
Cc: <Judy.Ng@cityofpaloalto.org>

To Santa Clara County Public Health
To City of Palo Alto for Coronavirus Daily Report

Can you please send out an advisory and enforce order for contract gardeners? This is a serious issue for me personally and I see no reason why this is allowed

Today I went on an afternoon walk with my wife. I immediately noticed a disturbing trend in people violating the public health order, namely numerous gardening contractors in operation.

At least I do not believe that gardening is an essential service. I saw 5 different incidences of gardeners in operation or about to be in operation during a walk of roughly 2 miles and 40 minute duration. These are the 3 addresses that I remembered after the walk

535 Georgia - contractor's truck in front of property, heard mower/blower heard in operation behind the fence
4020 Orme - contractor's truck arrived and parked in front of property as we walked past
4111 Amaranta - contractor's truck in front of property, heard mower/blower in operation behind the fence

If you look on the CDC website, you can see the importance of this issue if someone is an asthma sufferer and https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/asthma.html

Asthma is aggravated by allergies and allergies are aggravated by putting dust and plant debris into the air.

In summary, not only is there a violation of the public health order, but the act itself causes increased respiratory problems in people with allergies and asthma, which in turn increases their risk of an adverse result if they catch the virus (or the flu, etc.).
Dear Amy,

Thank you for sending me these documents yesterday.

I am, however, uncertain about why you have done so. In particular, I’m wondering if there is something in the documents—all of which are connected to the City’s decision some months ago to deny approval to Crown Castle/Verizon’s proposed “Cluster 3” cell towers in the Downtown North neighborhood—that responds to my requests for the numbers that are the basis on which Mr. Lait recommended to City Council that they adopt a 20 foot setback for cell towers from homes? If so, could you please direct me to that information? I haven’t been able to find it in this material.

Thanks, as always, for your help.

Sincerely,

Jeanne

Jeanne Fleming, PhD  
JFleming@Metricus.net  
650-325-5151
The City of Palo Alto is doing its part to reduce the spread of COVID-19. We have successfully transitioned most of our employees to a remote work environment. We remain available to you via email, phone, and virtual meetings during our normal business hours.
In September of 2012, the month after Judge Socrates Peter Manoukian’s son, Matthew was killed in combat, the Lawless America video of Denise Johnson’s interview at San Jose State University regarding the death of her son Gregory Johnson Jr. by documentary film producer: William Windsor, who was also investigating the public guardian scandal at Markham Plaza and Villa Fontana. Also in September of 2012, assistant Quartzsite city Manager Al Johnson fired Police Chief Gilbert by certified letter for gross negligence and willful misconduct, This was done without the knowledge of the Quartzsite city council. Chief Jeff Gilbert was later reinstated city manager Al Johnson was fired instead for what members of council considered “inappropriate” actions.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ku3HzHTCC-M

The Oath keepers, who worked closely with Cary Andrew Crittenden were providing support for Quartzsite Mayor Ed Foster and also following up on the abuses by the public guardian and trying to pressure San Jose Chief Moore and others to protect the residents of Markham Plaza and Villa Fontana , which was also being investigated by William Windsor and the Lawless America Project.

Of interest to the oath keepers were series of meetings conducted by Cary Andrew Crittenden and Linda Kincaid with Sergeant Bobby Lopez, head of Police officer’s association and other officers who wanted to help the victims but were being directed not to interfere by San Jose Police Departments bureau of field operations.

The Oath keeper’s recruitment of Rev. Cary Andrew Crittenden and request for his services came after numerous referrals and endorsements naming him as one of the most capable, experienced and qualified professionals available. They were impressed with Mr. Crittenden’s well-established proven track record of success. His endorsements came from Placer County sheriff department and San Mateo County law enforcement (Atherton), retired police chiefs Joseph McNamara, Marvin Monica openly praised him for his in-depth knowledge of police policies and procedures. Monica also played a key role in some of the matters under investigation and considered Rev. Crittenden one of his top political advisors during his campaigns for Santa Clara County Sheriff.

No search or outreach campaigns were ever conducted for person with “mental illness” as McComas claims and no one ever questioned Mr. Crittenden’s competence, expertise and sanity. These things were never brought into question, nor was his intent and collaboration with Rev. Sandy Perry and Charlotte Delgado, president of the National Alliance of HUD tenants who was in contact NAASGA and many others in careful and meticulous preparation in requesting meeting with Markham Plaza Property Management in attempts to peacefully and diplomatically meet at bargaining table to work out plans to resolve disputes & also to let them know that Crittenden’s whereabouts , living arrangements since early June had been proven, verified and documented. This , along with the knowledge that the Villa Fontana / Markham Plaza abuse scandal was being watched from all over the country should have been enough to deter Robert Ridgeway from filing false declaration claiming to have video evidence showing “Andrew Crittenden” to be living at Markham Plaza and claiming that he was staying there certain amount of nights.

These fraudulent statements by Robert Ridgeway in his false declaration, that he made in collusion with the Santa Clara County Public Guardian were main issue in case C1493022 after many of the groups and individuals involved in the Lawless America Project, who had investigated Ridgeway, collaborated with the Free Thought Project who supervised much of the campaign to call on Mr. Ridgeway to give account for false his false statements in the declaration he submitted in case 1-12-CV226958.
HOW MANY MUST
BEFORE YOU DO SOMETHING

YOUR COURTS USED TO COVER UP MURDERS.
Many individuals and organizations worked together in collaboration with each another but in order to utilize the platform provided by the freethought project: “Police the Police, a community project”, we had no choice but to abide by policies enforced by directors: Jason Bassler and Matt Arborist that the issue must be framed as a “police misconduct related issue” therefore the prevailing theme under the freethought project was that Mr. Robert Ridgeway maybe getting special treatment because he at one time, was a “reserve officer” and also perhaps, because his wife, Alexandra Ridgeway was sheriff deputy. Since the fraud committed by Robert Ridgeway was also elder abuse related issue, we would also hold deputy Alexandra Ridgeway, a law enforcement officer to her “mandatory reporting requirements” established by the California Welfare and Institutions Code. The campaign coordinated under the umbrella and supervision of the Free Thought Project that went out through their social media platforms reached well over 1 million people who were not only directed to share and redistribute the graphics, and follow up with Robert Ridgeway, they were also asked to write articles and do research and investigative work which they many of them did. In doing so, they confirmed that Robert Ridgeway did not not have video he claimed to have and that he could not verify any nights “Crittenden’ had stayed over night as guest at Markham Plaza. They also reconfirmed the intent and purpose of requesting meeting with Markham Plaza property management was exactly as claimed by Rev. Cary Andrew Crittenden, Charlotte Delgado, the residents and others who lived and worked in the neighborhood and who specifically delegated Mr. Crittenden as neighborhood leader and liaison.

Nobody who participated in this scandal can blame Mr. Crittenden or shift the record and convince anyone that they are telling the truth without coming into conflict with the over 1 million followers and participants through the free thought project social media platforms who not only were witnesses, but active participants as well. The same can be said of the many thousands of witnesses and participants who signed on through the Lawless America Project. These include retired federal judges, retired state prosecutors, members and candidates of Washington and Illinois state law legislature and scores of attorneys and organizations in the Chicago Area. These people put their time and effort into performing the research and investigations needed in order to disseminate the graphic design projects to the production teams, which would then be published so that Mr Crittenden’s’ attorneys would be able to use these graphics to piece together what happened.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f5R57jWPb54
SONOMA COUNTY CALIFORNIA

SUPPORT KILLER COP

HOW GOVERNMENT RATIONALIZE

MURDERER REWARDED
WITH PAID LEAVE AND BENIFITS

1 SHOT IS AN ACCIDENT
UNLOADING YOUR GUN
IS MURDER

DISTRICT ATTORNEY
JILL RAVITCH
HELPS KILLER
GET AWAY WITH

MURDER

TIME BOMB KILLER COP
ERICK GELHAUS
PUBLIC COMPLAINTS IGNORED

Justice For — Justice For — Justice For — Justice For
Mr. Brian McComas and his cockroach cronies had better believe it when we say that everything has been documented and is being investigated and if he lies about anything, we will call him on it and expose him to hundreds of thousands of people. We will also call him to answer as to why he never disclosed his relationship with students at U.C. Berkeley law school and what appears to be his involvement in producing and disseminating banners pertaining to Somona County. — Mr. McComas is named in participant database.

Isaac (Team Reyes / Team Nassie)

Lawless America Project / Anonymous Legion
WHY DOES THE PUBLIC ONLY GET HALF THE STORY?
WHAT IS THE JUDGE NOT TELLING US?

SANTA CLARA COUNTY
CALIFORNIA JUDGE
SOCRATES PETER MANOUKIAN

SANTA CLARA COUNTY CA JUDGE BRIBED IN FORM OF
YOU DO IT, IT'S A CRIME, JUDGES DO IT, IT'S
Bill Robinson,

Where is the evidence that either of these judges followed up pursuant to Canon 3D

Why have you not addressed my concerns about altered court transcript with Canon being changed to “tenant”. Which Brian McComas then changed to “tenant”.

I forget the case law but a government agency must follow law and their own policies and procedures.

Homicide of Markham Plaza resident Robert Moss concealed from 2013 / 2014 civil grand jury investigation into Santa Clara County Public Guardian

Cary Andrew Crittenden | 408-318-1105

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: "Cary-Andrew Crittenden" <southsfbayarea@gmail.com>
Date: Sep 13, 2015 2:49 PM
Subject: Judge David Cena - C1493022 - (BRADY VIOLATIONS)
To: <dcona@scscourt.org>
Cc: "Jay Boyarsky" <JBoyarsky@da.sccgov.org>, <chendrickson@da.sccgov.org>, <smccarthy@pdo.sccgov.org>, <MONEAL@pdo.sccgov.org>, <HWILLIAMS@scscourt.org>, <jnadler@scscourt.org>, <laura.garnette@pro.sccgov.org>

Honorable Judge David Cena.

I have attached exculpatory evidence regarding violations of Ord. No. NS-300.809, § 1, 3-23-10 , Sec. A25-753 , & County Board Policy 3.8 by the County of Santa Clara. This Brady Material was suppressed by assistant district attorney: James Leonard and deputy public defender Jeffrey Dunn
and according to Mr. Dunn, this was supposed to be produced through discovery for Marsden Motion / Motion to withdraw plea on October 16th, 2014.

I was arrested at that court appearance for fabricated Probation violation.

The correspondences with Mr. Dunn make clear however, that I did not understand the terms and conditions of Probation.

Rule 5-220 Suppression of Evidence

A member shall not suppress any evidence that the member or the member’s client has a legal obligation to reveal or to produce.

On 10/16/14, Judge Rodney Stafford allowed these violations to occur.

The false conviction on fabricated VOP in your courtroom on 10/31/14 would not have been possible had these terms and conditions been made clear, and had this exculpatory evidence not been withheld on 10/16/14.

I formally and respectfully request that you follow up by taking corrective action pursuant to Canon 3D.

Canon 3D - Appropriate action may include direct communication with the judge or lawyer who has committed the violation, other direct action if available, or reporting the violation to the appropriate authority or other agency. If the conduct is minor, the Canon allows a judge to address the problem solely by direct communication with the offender. A judge having knowledge, however, that another judge has committed a violation of this Code that raises a substantial question as to that other judge’s fitness for office or has knowledge that a lawyer has committed a violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct that raises a substantial question as to the lawyer’s honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer in other respects, is required under this Canon to inform the appropriate authority. While worded differently, this Code provision has the identical purpose as the related Model Code provisions.

Best Regards,
Cary-Andrew Crittenden | 650-701-3202

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: "Cary-Andrew Crittenden" <southsfbayarea@gmail.com>
Date: Sep 10, 2015 11:45 AM
Subject: Canon 3(d) / Deputies Seize court documents. (Case: C1493022 )
To: <mckaymccoy@comcast.net>
Cc: <chamilton@da.sccgov.org>, "Jay Boyarsky" <Jboyarsky@da.sccgov.org>, <chendrickson@da.sccgov.org>, "Gary Goodman" <gary.goodman@pdo.sccgov.org>

Your honor,

In respect to Canon 3(D), please be advised that on October 16th of 2014, assistant DA James Leonard directed Sheriff Deputies to seize these documents which are mainly copies of emails between myself and Deputy Public Defender, Jeffrey Dunn.
These records show that assistant DA James Leonard was also supposed to turn over all exculpatory evidence.
Neither the attached emails or the exculpatory evidence was entered into court record and I was arrested on a fabricated probation violation which would not have been possible, had these improprieties not occurred.

It was made clear to Amanda Parks that the Motion to disqualify DA not be submitted until this exculpatory evidence was included, which would have course had to show that the police reports were falsified and the County was in violation of Board Policy 3.8

Please follow up pursuant to Canon 3(D)

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Cary-Andrew Crittenden
650-701-3202

Attachments area
Mr. William Robinson,
Sixth District Appellee Program

The letter from Heidi Yauman is more evidence that’s stripped from the court record in trial. Judge Sharon Chatman ruled it was heresy yet was attached to other emails that were used as evidence against me.

This was tampering with evidence & changing the email exhibits because they were attached for a reason & by removing them, the purpose & meaning of emails became altered and distorted.

This was supposed to be investigated by SDAP in regards to preliminary habeas investigation which was not adequately performed.

There is no excuse to remove letter & call it heresy because Heidi Yauman was also not allowed to testify.

Additionally, Barbara Cathcart addressed these things regarding Heidi t the jury without Heidi or the evidence being present. A prosecutor may not refer to facts or evidence not on the record.

Barbara Cathcart also red to (or before) the jury and said the police reports were not falsified which they were.

Barbara Cathcart referred to (facts or evidence) off the record telling jury “There was video” of me illegally residing at Markham Plaza Apartments.

There was NO VIDEO EVINCE PRESENTED AT TRIAL - OR AT EVICTION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST Heidi Yauman (CASE 1-12-CV226958)

If there was video evidence, then why is the continual refusal to show it.

Homicide of Markham Plaza Resident Robert Moss concealed from 2013 / 2014 Civil Grand Jury investigation. Into Santa Clara County Public Guardian:

Cary Andrew Crittenden | 408-318-1105
My name is bryan. I have brain injury brain months in a coma. Therapy and rehab and do everything. I also suffer because I have been at Santa Clara County.
Dear Mr. Robinson,

The image below, which we will refer to as an “EXHIBIT” features a picture of you, and a picture of deputy public defender Gary Goodman.

It has bold headlined “PARTNERS IN CRIME” and through it is not directly stated, anyone who views this will reasonable infer that the words “PARTNERS IN CRIME” refers to Mr. Gary Goodman and William Robinson (You)

Between you, and deputy public defender Gary Goodman are the words “incompetent attorneys refuse to address falsified police reports’. “Google EAH Housing Fraud”

White lettering in red stripe states “Markham Plaza Murder concealed from Grand Jury investigation into Public Guardian”

Finally, on the very bottom are the sites, sponsors and organizations involved from left “UglyJudge.com” and on the right: “Citizens of Criminal Justice”, a non profit law firm who’s director is retired Delaware Deputy Attorney General”

I’m sure you are familiar with the doctrine: “Truth is absolute defense”

Is there ANYTHING on the graphic below that is NOT TRUE?

Can you successfully impeach the statements on the graphic, which are backed up by “Substantial Evidence” and like the others, can withstand ‘Forensic Testing”?

We can accuse you of being incompetent or corrupt & you can call us delusional or say what you want. As humans, we are all different and we have right to disagree.

If any of us were to vouch for the information in the banner below, and publish it, and it were to be found to be untrue, we would look pretty stupid would we not?

SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE:
What if for example, someone built a boat? What would you consider “substantial evidence” that the boat was durable?

How about putting in the water to test whether or not it floats? - If it floats, does it leak? Where is the leak coming from? What can be done to fix it?

Does it vary under with temperature, air pressure within the boat? Water pressure outside the boat?

What about the speed the boat is traveling? Or direction? , etc, etc , etc..

FORENSC EVIDENCE:

The word “forensic” s derivative of latin: Forensis:

**Definitions:**
1. pertaining to the courts
2. public

( You and Mr Goodman are now in the Same Boat - Will it sink or float? - Myself and others are confident it will float & I challenge anyone to try to sink (impeach) it )
If the “EXHIBIT” above was a boat, and the “BOAT” were put in the water, (The water being “Public Exposure on the internet). Would the boat float or would it sink?
When the false police reports and other records were published online, they quickly crumbled and sank. Did they not? This is not to say that there were not “remnants and debris” that floated.

The web banners however, have constitutently proved durable on the internet when exposed to the public. None of these “boats” have been sinkable. Not one.

This is not to say that these boats do not occasionally leak.

As for the “Falsified Police Reports”, I declare that I do not believe as I once did, that the “Carroll” falsified report.

I still believe the reports were falsified & that has been proven. I believe that he falsified them by signing under perjury, etc, and was involved in writing them.

But when these false reports stacked up, it became evident that “THE FALSE POLICE REPORTS WERE BEING WRITTEN BY SOMEONE IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OFFICE”… or perhaps County Counsel, but not completely “ BY THE OFFICERS INDIVIDUALLY” because it is obvious, that someone doctored them.

You can agree or disagree. However, your DISAGREEMENT IS WITHOUT MERIT AND LACKS FOUNDATION,

1. ). You did not properly investigate. Neither did the Public Defender or the office of Independent defense counsel . ( THAT IS INCOMPETENT LEGAL REPRESENTATION ) - Do you not think it is just a little bit unusual for ONE DEFENSE ATTORNEY TO NOT INVESTIGATE? How about DOZENS? Why does the public defender even have investigators if NOT FOR THIS PURPOSE? )

HOMICIDE OF MARKHAM PLAZA RESIDENT Robert Moss CONCEALED FROM CIVIL GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION INTO Santa Clara County PUBLIC GUARDIAN:
The fraudulent eviction of Heidi Yauman and Judge Manoukian’s attacks upon the Markham Plaza residents occurred less than two months from the date his son, Matthew Manoukian was killed in Afghanistan.

Do you think that there is maybe even a REMOTE CHANCE that the death of Matthew Manoukian, killed by Afghan Police Officer, had effected Judge Socrates Peter Manoukian Mentally or Emotionally?

IS IT REMOTELY POSSIBLE?

Are members of the judiciary immune from “MENTAL ILLNESS”? — Of course not.

If Judge Manoukian, suffering from a mental illness, in some way caused the death of Markham Plaza resident; Robert Moss, would the court system be comfortable in admitting it?

Is it REMOTELY POSSIBLE that the stress and anguish Judge Manoukian endured from the death of his son, Matthew Manoukian may have driven him to SELF MEDICATE?

Has there ever been in history, any other judges who have alcoholics? Is that today out of the question?
IS A PROBLEM JUDGE

DRINKING

ON THE BENCH

PROOF OF SABOTAGED CASES

JUDGE Socrates Manoukian
Santa Clara County
San Jose California

How Many Seniors and Disabled Persons
Lives Have Been Destroyed by this Judge

YOUR TAX DOLLARS
How about the events describes in this video below/. Does this sound like “Sober as a judge” behavior to you?

Is remotely possible that Judge Manoukian was intoxicated and if so, could that have impaired his judgement?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zb8vywyxYzc

There are references to the docket number inviting people to pull up the records.
Is there a pattern here? Does anything about this case resemble what was described in my declaration in support of petition or Habeas Corpus.

Is this not something your office, and attorneys Karleen Navarro and Brian McComas should have looked into? Isn’t that you job as defense attorneys?

George Williams is only 1 of several witnesses who were not allowed to testify. Many of them claim Mohave been stalked, harassed and threatened by Santa Clara County Sheriff deputies, acting outside the scope of their official duties as law enforcement officers. Not ONLY, did these witnesses get THREATENED BY THE POLICE, but also, DEFENSE ATTORNEYS STONEWALLED THEM AND REFUSED TO SUBPOENA THE SAME WITNESSES. - Can this be coincidence? This sounds like collusion does it not?

IF IT WERE NOT TRUE, THAT WITNESSES WERE STALKED, HARASSED AND THREATENED BY SHERIFF DEPUTIES, THEN WHY WOULD DEFENSE ATTORNEYS LIKE YOURSELF, AND THE PUBLIC DEFENDER’S OFFICE HAVE A PROBLEM WITH ALLOWING THEM TO TESTIFY AND WHY WOULD SIXTH DISTRICT APPELLATE PROGRAM ABANDON YOUR PROCEDURES ON Habeas Corpus ?

Does the testimony in this video resemble in any way the statements made in my declaration in support of petition for Habeas Corpus relief?

Do you think, maybe there is remote possibility that this gentleman was WITNESS TO MY CASE - Who YOUR OFFICE EXCLUDED.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f5R57jWPb54&t=101s

How many other witnesses were there that you stonewalled?

How many other deaths and injuries were reported? Starting to lose track aren’t you?
HOW MANY MUST
BEFORE YOU DO SOMETHING

SANTA CLARA COUNTY
SHERIFF

YOUR COURTS USED TO COVER UP MURDER

UGLYJUDGE.COM  CJPNWS.COM  CENTERFORJUDICIALEXCELLENCE.ORG

Packet Pg. 581
On Mar 30, 2020, at 1:56 AM, Cary Andrew Crittenden <caryandrewcrittenden@icloud.com> wrote:

Mr. Robinson,

During our discourse over the last year or so, you had guaranteed me that judge Patricia Bamttre Manoukian would not be involved in the matter on appeal.

Recently however, from what I have been told by you and mr McComas is that you intend to bypass oral argument. I told you I do not consent and you told me to go pound sand. This is unacceptable and it leaves too much room for abuse of process and I feel as if you are backing out of of agreement and promise and you can no longer assure me, as you did in the past that patty Manoukian will not be involved.

Furthermore, though I can not remember the case law off the top of my head, I believe that I have the right to be present all proceedings

I intend to exercise that right and I do not consent to skip oral argument.

By skipping oral argument, you are depriving me of time to prepare and cutting me off the curve. That is incompetent and dishonest legal defense and I can not allow it, and pursuant to US constitution, neither can the court.

Regards,
Cary Andrew Crittenden | 408-318-1105

Begin forwarded message:

From: Cary Andrew Crittenden <caryandrewcrittenden@icloud.com>
Date: March 29, 2020 at 5:05:28 PM PDT
To: sixth.district@jud.ca.gov, supreme.court@jud.ca.gov, john.bennett@ic.fbi.gov, littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov
Cc: first.district@jud.ca.gov, second.district@jud.ca.gov, third.district@jud.ca.gov, fourth.district@jud.ca.gov, fifth.district@jud.ca.gov, william.barr@usdoj.gov, david.anderson@usdoj.gov
I am requesting all judges, Courts of appeals to take corrective action by reporting the following violations to the California State Bar. (Sixth District Appellate Program and attorneys Brian McComas ad Karleen Navarro) - Please include this email to the record to docket H045195 / H046743 (Also that everyone please follow up on USC Title 18 Section 4 related issues)

I am also respectfully requesting Sixth District Court of Appeal to follow up pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 170 because, let’s face it: You are all friends with the Manoukian Family and Judge Brian Walsh. Alison Danner, (and I mean NO DISRESPECT) was trial court judge on the case on appeal.

Judges must avoid the appearance of impropery and regardless of whether formal motion is filed, you all know that none of you can avoid the appearance of impropriety regarding the matter on appeal (H045195 / H046743)

I allege violations of the following rules of professional conduct and State Bar Act.

California Business and Professions code section 6068.

It is the duty of an attorney to do all of the following:

(a) To support the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this state.

(d) To employ, for the purpose of maintaining the causes confided to him or her those means only as are consistent with truth, and never to seek to mislead the judge or any judicial officer by an artifice or false statement of fact or law.

(f) To advance no fact prejudicial to the honor or reputation of a party or witness, unless required by the justice of the cause with which he or she is charged.

(g) Not to encourage either the commencement or the continuance of an action or proceeding from any corrupt motive of passion or interest.

Rule 1.1 Competence
(Rule Approved by the Supreme Court, Effective November 1, 2018)

1. (a) A lawyer shall not intentionally, recklessly, with gross negligence, or repeatedly fail to perform legal services with competence.
2. (b) For purposes of this rule, “competence” in any legal service shall mean to apply the (i) learning and skill, and (ii) mental, emotional, and physical ability reasonably* necessary for the performance of such service.

3. (c) If a lawyer does not have sufficient learning and skill when the legal services are undertaken, the lawyer nonetheless may provide competent representation by (i) associating with or, where appropriate, professionally consulting another lawyer whom the lawyer reasonably believes* to be competent, (ii) acquiring sufficient learning and skill before performance is required, or (iii) referring the matter to another lawyer whom the lawyer reasonably believes* to be competent.

4. (d) In an emergency a lawyer may give advice or assistance in a matter in which the lawyer does not have the skill ordinarily required if referral to, or association or consultation with, another lawyer would be impractical. Assistance in an emergency must be limited to that reasonably* necessary in the circumstances.

Rule 1.2 Scope of Representation and Allocation of Authority (Rule Approved by the Supreme Court, Effective November 1, 2018)

1. (a) Subject to rule 1.2.1, a lawyer shall abide by a client’s decisions concerning the objectives of representation and, as required by rule 1.4, shall reasonably* consult with the client as to the means by which they are to be pursued. Subject to Business and Professions Code section 6068, subdivision (e)(1) and rule 1.6, a lawyer may take such action on behalf of the client as is impliedly authorized to carry out the representation. A lawyer shall abide by a client’s decision whether to settle a matter. Except as otherwise provided by law in a criminal case, the lawyer shall abide by the client’s decision, after consultation with the lawyer, as to a plea to be entered, whether to waive jury trial and whether the client will testify.

Rule 1.3 Diligence
(Rule Approved by the Supreme Court, Effective November 1, 2018)

1. (a) A lawyer shall not intentionally, repeatedly, recklessly or with gross negligence fail to act with reasonable diligence in representing a client.

2. (b) For purposes of this rule, “reasonable diligence” shall mean that a lawyer acts with commitment and dedication to the interests of the client and does not neglect or disregard, or unduly delay a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer.

“The right to counsel guaranteed by the Sixth Amendment is the right to the effective assistance of counsel.
- in Dorsey v. ED BANKS, 2010 and 561 similar citations
"It has long been recognized that the right to counsel is the right to the effective assistance of counsel."
- in In re Paternity of PLS, 1990

Begin forwarded message:

From: Cary Andrew Crittenden <caryandrewcrittenden@icloud.com>
Subject: Fwd: USC Title 18 Section 4 - (Covering up homicide and perjury)
Date: March 29, 2020 at 4:35:42 PM PDT
To: first.district@jud.ca.gov, second.district@jud.ca.gov,
third.district@jud.ca.gov, fourth.district@jud.ca.gov,
fifth.district@jud.ca.gov
Cc: sixth.district@jud.ca.gov, mary.greenwood@jud.ca.gov,
john.bennett@ic.fbi.gov, craig.fair@ic.fbi.gov, marina.mayo@ic.fbi.gov

I am reporting the Sixth District Appellate Program, and attorneys Brian McComas and Karleen Navarro for violations of USC Title 18 Section 4

"Whoever, having knowledge of the actual commission of a felony cognizable by a court of the United States, conceals and does not as soon as possible make known the same to some judge or other person in civil or military authority under the United States, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than three years, or both."

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Respectfully Submitted,
Cary Andrew Crittenden | 408-318-1105

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From: Cary Andrew Crittenden
caryandrewcrittenden@icloud.com
Subject: USC Title 18 Section 4 - ( Covering up homicide and perjury )
Date: March 29, 2020 at 4:21:26 PM PDT
To: san.francisco@ic.fbi.gov, sixth.district@jud.ca.gov, supreme.court@californiagovernment.agency
Cc: raymond.hulser@usdoj.gov,
tametria.lee@ic.fbi.gov, tamara.neiman@ic.fbi.gov,
j@fuerylaw.com, Brian McComas
<mccomas.b.c@gmail.com>, Bill Robinson
<bill@sdap.org>

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Subject: Marsden Motion - H045195 / H046743 - (Wrongful Death of Francis Carpenito / Murder of Markham Plaza resident: Robert Moss concealed from 2012 / 2013 Civil Grand Jury investigation into Santa Clara County Public Guardian)
Date: March 29, 2020 at 3:43:14 PM PDT
To: sixth.district@jud.ca.gov, supreme.court@californiagovernment.agency
Cc: supreme.court@californiagovernment.agency, Bill Robinson <bill@sdap.org>, patrick@sdap.org, j@fuerylaw.com

Honorable justices of Sixth District Court of Appeal,

I request to PLEASE remove these incompetent and corrupt attorneys from case H045195 / H046743 Sixth district Appellate Program on the following grounds. The reasons and examples stated below are only few examples. There are many many more.

It is clear to me and should be to the court that the original criminal court case c1493022 and accompanying falsified police report by detective David Carroll was under direction of Judge Brian Walsh, who also was supervising the Civil Grand Jury investigation into the Santa Clara County Public Guardian. - Captain Ricarado Urena who signed off on detective Carroll’s false report, reported to presiding judge who was “Brian Walsh” - Judge Brian Walsh certainly can not have the appearance of impropriety in this case. ) - I allege that Judge Brian Walsh was in violation of Canon 2

It should be crystal clear that the original false police report by Detective
David Carroll intentionally distorted what was the involvement of the Santa Clara County Public Guardian in facilitating the fraudulent eviction of Heidi Yauman - and tried to make it appear as (anti police matter) which is absolutely absurd. - Even if my belief were in someway unfounded, the sixth district appellate program still has obligation to me ti investigate these Habeas Issues which they have not. They have violated my due process rights and their own Manuel on their website.

1.) The sixth district appellate program and attorneys: Brian McComas and Karleen Navarro have failed to investigate and prepare for the case adequately. They did not research and pursue the Habeas Corpus issues as they should have and they failed to investigate concerns raised by me regarding prosecutorial misconduct, judicial misconduct. Police misconduct and incompetent trial counsel. (Corruption, Collusion and Fraud upon the court)

- 2.) The sixth district appellate program and attorney Brian McComas failed to raise and vigorously argue appropriate motions: Such as: "Dismissal for being denied right to speedy trial (No substantial evidence of incompetence on my part - the incompetence was that Gary Γοοδμαν, οηο αλσο φαυλεδ ηο προπερλης (νεστινατα ανδ πρεπαρε τηε χασε) – Ο ν ζαμε ρατε Δεπουτν Ποκλιχ Δεπενδερ Γ ηρψ Γοοδμαν χανλεδ δουβετ, Ι αλσο χαλ" λεδ Μαρσδεν Μοτιν ωηιηη ωκα ΙΓΝΟΡ ΕΔ ΒΨ 3ΥΔΓΕ ΛΑΡΟΝ ΠΕΡΣΚΨ")

3.) The sixth district appellate program and it's attorneys did not object to improper evidence and testimony (Falsified Police reports, including one in December of 2015 which fabricated symptoms of mental illness when I was at Levi
Court assisting a client (Amber) who alleged police misconduct (deputies blocking entrance to court house and abusing CLETS law enforcement database), etc. NOTE: Gary Goodman, and IDO attorney: Will Bennett also failed to properly investigate). The sixth district appellate program and it's attorneys failed to address “Fruit of the Poisonous Tree” issues with illegal obtained evidence and fabrication of probable cause for search warrants, etc, etc, etc.

4) The sixth district appellate program and it’s attorneys did not adequately address mitigating circumstances (Because of the incompetent legal defense provided by the Public Defender’s office in Case C1493022, WHO REFUSED TO ADDRESS THE FALSIFIED POLICE REPORTS, I WAS PUT IN THE POSITION WHERE I HAD TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES MYSELF - Which I did not do well in regards to email to Detective David Carroll, however - I EXPRESSLY STATED IN THE STUPID EMAIL THAT I SENT, THAT I WAS EXPRESSING MY FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHT! That in itself shows that I was trying to “PROVE A POINT”, not “MAKE A THREAT”

Respectfully Submitted,
Cary Andrew Crittenden | 408-318-1105

Please include in record to
dockets: H045195 / H046743

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To: Bill Robinson
<bill@sdap.org>,
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Cc: patrick@sdap.org,
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supreme.court@california
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Mr. Robinson,

I should have to
“demand” competent
legal representation
and due process as
these are my
entitlements under the
6th and 14th
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California Business and
Professions code
sections 6068 (a), (d),
(f) & (g)
The statements made by Mr. McComas alleging “mental illness”,, mainly in opening brief are without merit and lack foundation. There are no tactical reasons for making these statements which lack foundation and contribute to the deception of other falsified records which the Public defender’s office, Independent defense counsel both failed to investigate. There is no excuse or justification for this as the web banners on the internet map out the facts and events as they transpired. Not only did the Sixth District Appellate Program fail in regards to legal obligation t me to provide competent legal defense, SDAP acted in collusion with prosecution and failed to address the Habeas Corpus related issues early on. These are for the most part, the same issues that public defender and independent counsel failed to address.

You are always so quick to defend Mr. McComas in his failures, and Mr., McComas is so quick to defend the prosecutors and “defense counsel” who acted in collusion with each other and defended each other.
What have you done to defend me? Absolutely nothing.

You also knew that the probation conditions were unconstitutional and that I was being stalked by these “officers”, which was outside the capacity of their official duties as enforcement officers and instead, was abuse under color of law.

Mr. McComas and yourself are not providing me with competent legal defense ad addressing these issues. You have failed in your obligation to me and you are a profound disgrace to the judiciary and legal profession and the human race.

Instead of defending me and protecting me, you have directly participated in these disgusting color of law abuses, which demonstrate a pattern and practice of “deprivation of rights under color of law” and “conspiracy against rights”, and by doing so, you are placing myself and other members of the public in danger. It is very alarming to me sir, that you are unable or unwilling to differentiate the difference between right and wrong. You
know that you are endangering peoples lives, yet you do not care. That is outrageously unacceptable.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f5R57jWPb54&t=98s

California Business and Professions code section 6068.

It is the duty of an attorney to do all of the following:

(a) To support the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this state.

(d) To employ, for the purpose of maintaining the causes confided to him or her those means only as are consistent with truth, and never to seek to mislead the judge or any judicial officer by an artifice or false statement of fact or law.

(f) To advance no fact prejudicial to the honor or reputation of a party or witness, unless required by the justice of the cause with which he or she is charged.
(g) Not to encourage either the commencement or the continuance of an action or proceeding from any corrupt motive of passion or interest.

Rule 1.1 Competence
(Rule Approved by the Supreme Court, Effective November 1, 2018)

1. (a) A lawyer shall not intentionally, recklessly, with gross negligence, or repeatedly fail to perform legal services with competence.

2. (b) For purposes of this rule, “competence” in any legal service shall mean to apply the (i) learning and skill, and (ii) mental, emotional, and physical ability reasonably necessary for the performance of such service.

3. (c) If a lawyer does not have sufficient learning and
skill when the legal services are undertaken, the lawyer nonetheless may provide competent representation by (i) associating with or, where appropriate, professionally consulting another lawyer whom the lawyer reasonably believes* to be competent, (ii) acquiring sufficient learning and skill before performance is required, or (iii) referring the matter to another lawyer whom the lawyer reasonably believes* to be competent.

4. (d) In an emergency a lawyer may give advice or assistance in a matter in which the lawyer does not have the skill ordinarily required if referral to, or association or consultation with, another lawyer would be impractical. Assistance in an emergency
must be limited to that reasonably* necessary in the circumstances.

Rule 1.2 Scope of Representation and Allocation of Authority
(Rule Approved by the Supreme Court, Effective November 1, 2018)

1. (a) Subject to rule 1.2.1, a lawyer shall abide by a client’s decisions concerning the objectives of representation and, as required by rule 1.4, shall reasonably* consult with the client as to the means by which they are to be pursued. Subject to Business and Professions Code section 6068, subdivision (e)(1) and rule 1.6, a lawyer may take such action on behalf of the client as is impliedly authorized to carry out the representation. A lawyer shall abide by
a client's decision whether to settle a matter. Except as otherwise provided by law in a criminal case, the lawyer shall abide by the client's decision, after consultation with the lawyer, as to a plea to be entered, whether to waive jury trial and whether the client will testify.

Rule 1.3 Diligence
(Rule Approved by the Supreme Court, Effective November 1, 2018)

1. (a) A lawyer shall not intentionally, repeatedly, recklessly or with gross negligence fail to act with reasonable diligence in representing a client.

2. (b) For purposes of this rule, “reasonable diligence” shall mean that a lawyer acts with commitment and dedication to the interests of
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- in Dorsey v. ED
BANKS, 2010 and
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In response to your two recent emails, I have been consulting with Brian McCom as with respect to your recent requests, and his responses speak for me as well as him. The points included in the briefing which you are concerned about were based on proper recitations of matters of record from your case which
were helpful to the arguments presented. There is no basis for withdrawing or altering anything in the briefs.

As has been repeatedly pointed out to you, if you are dissatisfied with the assistance of counsel you are receiving, I remind you of two matters. First, both the proper habeas corpus petition which you filed and your Motion
for Corrective Action are presently pending in the court of appeal, and will be decided at the same time as the appeal; second, you have the options of either (a) abandoning the appeal, using the form which Mr. McCom as previously sent you, or (b) substituting in private counsel, as you have previously indicated you
wish to do.

I will not respond any further to your demands regarding this matter, and defer any further comment to your appointed counsel, Mr. McCom as.

Bill Robinson, Assistant Director Sixth District Appellate Program 95 S. Market Street, Suite 570 San Jose, CA 95113
From:
Cary Andrew Crittenden
<caryaandrewcrittenden@icloud.com>
Date: Sunday, March 29, 2020 at 9:16 AM
To: Patrick Mckenna
<patrick@sdap.org>
Cc: Bill Robison
<bill@sdap.org>, "sixth.district@jud.caco.gov"<sixth.district@jud.caco.gov>, "supreme.court@c
Subject: Fwd: Falsification of record

Mr. Robinson,

Please be advised that I have been asked to testify against you and other potential defendants in from what I understand is pending wrongful death lawsuit regarding
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Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 6:49 PM
To: Council, City; supreme.court@jud.ca.gov
Cc: allcouncil@silicon-valley.email; Human Relations Commission; craig.fair@ic.fbi.gov; david.anderson@usdoj.gov
Subject: Honorable City Council , Mayor and Staff. - Please include in Public Record

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Be cautious of opening attachments and clicking on links.

Honorable Mayors, City Councils and Staff,

I respectfully request that you please include this email and all attachments as letter to council as public record.

I must leave a thorough electronic paper trail.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully,
Cary Andrew Crittenden  |  408-318-1105
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Please include in record to dockets: H045195 / H046743

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From: Cary Andrew Crittenden <caryandrewcrittenden@icloud.com>
Subject: Re: USC Title 18 Section 4 - (Covering up homicide and perjury )
Date: March 29, 2020 at 5:20:08 PM PDT
To: Dave Pine <dpine@smcgov.org>

Your request is respectfully denied sr. This matter involves San Mateo County also & must be on the public record.

Please take action on the (USC Title 18 Section 4 ) issues below & enjoy the rest of your weekend.
Members of the Palo Alto Council,

I have been informed that the City Council has become concerned, or perhaps remained concerned about the slow pace of fund raising for the Palo Alto History Museum. I retired as the Palo Alto Historical Association President when I moved to a retirement community in San Diego. But almost 85 years living in Palo Alto have given me a historical interest and perspective. I think that the History Museum is potentially one of the threads that can weave a tapestry that will inform present and future citizens of the events and efforts that have created the city as it now stands. We know that a city is more than just buildings and related infrastructure—it’s the soul of the place which is the sum of all that dedicated citizens have given to it for over 100 years. Sadly our newest and wealthiest citizens have not shown sufficient interest in local history to provide the share of funding that they could have so easily. Perhaps that will change as the project progresses toward reality.

From a practical standpoint one can ask what is to become of a historic building, owned by the city and located in part of a city park? Dedication and hard work have created plans and considerable funds raised by relatively small donations to move thus far forward on the History Museum. If it’s not going to sit idle for years into the future, something must be done now to augment and realize the project. The City has, through philanthropy and civic commitment, created a formidable array of cultural and recreational venues which have made the city much more than simply a dot on a map. It’s appropriate for the City Council to fund a major part of the remaining cost in order for this educational and cultural asset to become reality. It has funded many other important facilities of significant value to the community; the most recent of which comes to mind is the excellent rebuilding and enhancement of the Junior Museum.

Respectfully yours,
Ralph Britton
Honorable Council,

I wanted to reach out from the Utilities staff and say Thank You for your generosity and kindness during these strange and stressful times.

We are here to support the City and its community and in doing so we appreciate your acknowledgement of our time.

Respectfully,

DEAN BATCHelor
Director of Utilities
City of Palo Alto
Phone: 650.496.9681
E-mail: Dean.Batchelor@cityofpaloalto.org
www.cityofpaloalto.org
City Council Members,

I am receipt of a letter from the President of the City of Oaxaca that I have translated. As an aside, Neighbors Abroad has been working with Chantal to share best practices between our sister cities, and introduce these to PAFD and OES. Yangpu District of Shanghai has sent 2,000 respirators to PAFD, and the department will judge the applicability. We are working to develop this further as a potential back channel or supplies.

We deeply appreciate the service of our city's staff and I am indebted to the leadership on Council you are showing.

Bob

Dear Mayors and Mayors of our Sister Cities,  
International Organizations and Friends of the city of Oaxaca de Juárez:

Sisters and brothers, I greet you from our beloved Oaxacan capital: COVID 19 has confronted us with a new and different crisis, under a scenario that has put our well-being at risk, so it is necessary to stay in the same spirit of solidarity and optimism, being close through the distance.

Each of you is fundamental in this act of prevention, creating local virus containment strategies, therefore, I urge you not to lower the guard, to redouble efforts and do everything possible to reduce as much as possible the spread of this pandemic.

Through this channel, the staff who makes up the police force, as well as the women and men who make up the Health brigades in each of their cities, remarkable work they carry out with the responsible and determined participation of its citizens.

I am sure that we are all going to give an example of responsibility, of humanity and above all empathy and solidarity. This virus will not defeat us, rather, it will make us a stronger society.

"Health is not everything, but without it, everything else is nothing"

Fraternally,

C. Oswaldo García Jarquín
Presidente Municipal Constitucional de Oaxaca de Juárez
Estimadas Alcaldesas y Alcaldes de nuestras Ciudades Hermanas,
Organizaciones Internacionales y Amigos de la ciudad de Oaxaca de Juárez.

Por medio del presente se les remite carta de parte del Presidente Municipal de Oaxaca de Juárez, Oswaldo García Jarquín.

-- Atentamente
Correo Oficial
Municipio de Oaxaca de Juárez

AVISO DE PRIVACIDAD

El Honorable Ayuntamiento del Municipio de Oaxaca de Juárez, a través de sus dependencias, es responsable del uso, protección y tratamiento de los datos personales, observando íntegramente para ello lo previsto en la Ley de Protección de Datos Personales en Posesión de Sujetos Obligados del Estado de Oaxaca. Al respecto, se le informa que los datos que se recaben, se utilizarán únicamente para los trámites, solicitudes y/o servicios propios para los cuales fueron proporcionados. El Aviso de Privacidad del Municipio de Oaxaca de Juárez, podrá consultarse en el siguiente link:
http://transparencia.municipiodeoaxaca.gob.mx/aviso-de-privacidad

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Bob Wenzlau
President
Neighbors Abroad of Palo Alto
650-248-4467
Facebook | Web | Twitter | Join
Oaxaca de Juárez a 25 de Marzo de 2020.

Estimadas Alcaldesas y Alcaldes de nuestras Ciudades Hermanas, Organizaciones Internacionales y Amigos de la ciudad de Oaxaca de Juárez:

Hermanas y hermanos, les saludo desde nuestra querida capital oaxaqueña:

El COVID 19 nos ha enfrentado a una crisis nueva y distinta, bajo un escenario que ha puesto en riesgo nuestro bienestar, por lo que es necesario mantenernos en un mismo espíritu de solidaridad y optimismo, estando cerca a través de la distancia.

Cada uno de ustedes es fundamental en este actuar de prevención, creando estrategias locales de contención al virus, por ello, los conmino a no bajar la guardia, a redoblar esfuerzos y hacer lo posible por disminuir en lo posible la propagación de esta pandemia.

Por este conducto reciban mi más sincero reconocimiento el personal que conforma el cuerpo de Policía, así como las mujeres y hombres que integran las brigadas de Sanidad en cada una de sus ciudades, notable labor que llevan a cabo con la participación responsable y decidida de sus ciudadanos.

Estoy seguro de que todos vamos a dar un ejemplo de responsabilidad, de humanidad y sobre todo de empatía y solidaridad. Este virus no nos vencerá, por el contrario, hará de nosotros una sociedad más fuerte.

“La Salud no lo es todo, pero sin ella, todo lo demás es nada”

Fraternalmente

C. Oswaldo García Jarquín

Presidente Municipal Constitucional de Oaxaca de Juárez
Greetings City Official,

I am interested in exploring the opportunity of my firm, Sand & Shores, a boutique public relations firm, contracting with your organization as your primary or supplementary public relations consultancy. We are “The Positive PR Firm” focused on developing a positive image in the public eye. We handle public relations (PR) and social media management for civic, educational, law enforcement, and government organizations. My firm is well-positioned to deliver a strong message that will increase brand awareness and positive public relations.

I have a long and tenured history of civic duty and service. I serve on the Board of Directors for the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce, serve as the Vice President of the Black Public Relations Society and serve as an appointed member of the City of Redondo Beach Planning Commission’s GPAC. I was previously appointed to the Contra Costa County Youth Commission, appointed by Supervisor Federal Glover, served as the Master of Ceremonies for events sponsored...
by Contra Costa County Supervisor Mary Phiepho, and moderated political discussions for Past Oakley, California Mayor, Brad Nix.

Take a look at our recent project, The First Redondo Beach MLK Celebration.

Let me know if we can set up a call in the next couple of days to further discuss the opportunity to work together and thank you for your consideration.

Tonya McKenzie
Founder, PR Consultant & Trainer
FACEBOOK | TWITTER | INSTAGRAM | SUBSCRIBE TO YOUTUBE

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If you would like to schedule time with me, please feel free to book it on my calendar.
Dear City Clerk Beth Minor:

As you may know, on December 16, 2019, City Staff advised City Council to allow small cell node cell towers to be located as close as 20 feet to homes, then reiterated that advice to the Planning and Transportation Commission (PTC) on February 12, 2020.

Since February 23rd, I have been asking the Planning Department to provide the data and assumptions that underlie their recommendation to Council and the PTC. (Below you will find an email to Jonathan Lait that spells out the information I am seeking.) To date, I have not had a response from Planning Director Lait, and I have been provided with none of the information I have requested.

Hence, pursuant to my rights under the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.) and Article I, Section 3 of the California Constitution, I ask to obtain copies of the following, which I understand to be held by the City of Palo Alto:

For the period starting on January 1, 2019, and ending on March 31, 2020: All maps, photographs, charts, tables, audio recordings, video recordings, reports, presentations, memos, notes, letters, emails, texts or other writings on the subject of, related to or referencing (directly or indirectly) the locations and/or number of all the utility poles and street lamp poles in Palo Alto—i.e., materials on the subject of, related to or referencing what a statistician would call the “universe” of poles in the city, not materials solely related to or referencing individual poles.

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indirectly) setbacks from residences and/or buildings for small cell node cell towers (WCFs)—
these materials including, but not limited to, those produced by, produced for, sent from, or sent to
(or otherwise provided to): Ed Shikada, Chantal Gaines, Molly Stump, Jonathan Lait, Rachael
Tanner, Amy French, Rebecca Atkinson, Darren Numoto, Jim Fleming or other employees of the
City of Palo Alto; attorneys, consultants and vendors hired by the City of Palo Alto; City Council;
the Architectural Review Board, Planning and Transportation Commission, Utilities Advisory
Commission or other City advisory boards; Verizon and its attorneys, consultants and vendors;
Crown Castle and its attorneys, consultants and vendors; Vinculums and its attorneys, consultants
and vendors; AT&T and its attorneys, consultants and vendors; AT&T Mobility and its attorneys,
consultants and vendors; Joint Venture Silicon Valley’s (JVSV’s) members (including but not
limited to members of its Board of Directors, on which Mr. Shikada serves, and members of the
JVSV Wireless Communications Initiative’s advisory board, on which Ms. Gaines serves), JVSV’s
staff (including but not limited to JVSV Wireless Communications Initiative’s Executive Director
David Witkowski), and JVSV’s “investors” (including AT&T, Crown Castle, Hamnett & Edison,
Mobile Experts, Qualcomm, SmartWave and Verizon).

Pursuant to Government Code Section 6253(b), I ask that you make the records I have requested
“promptly available.”

I believe that no express provisions of law exist that exempt the records I have requested from
disclosure. If you contend that any portion of the records I have requested is exempt from disclosure
by express provisions of the law, Government Code 6253 (a) requires segregation and redaction of
that material in order that the remainder of the records may be released. If you contend that any
express provision of law exists to exempt from disclosure all or a portion of the records I have
requested, Government Code 6253 (c)—as modified by Executive Order of the Governor—requires
that you notify me of the reasons for the determination not later than fourteen days from your receipt
of this request. Government Code 6253 (d) and 6255 (b) require that any response to this request
that includes a determination that the request is denied, in whole or in part, must be in writing and
include the name and title of the person(s) responsible for the City’s response.

Please be mindful that Article I, Section 3 (b)(2) of the California Constitution requires you to broadly
construe a statute, court rule, or other authority if it furthers the right of access to the information I
have requested and to narrow construe a statute, court rule, or other authority if it limits my right of
access.

Please be mindful as well that Government Code Section 6253(d) prohibits the use of the 14-day
period, or any provisions of the Public Records Act “to delay access for purposes of inspecting public
records.”

If I can provide any clarification that will help expedite your attention to my request, please contact me
at 650-325-5151.

I ask that you notify me of any duplication costs exceeding $100 before you duplicate any records
that cannot be provided to me electronically, so that I may decide which records I want copied.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Sincerely,

Jeanne Fleming

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Email to Jonathan Lait:

From: Jeanne Fleming <jfleming@metricus.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 10:30 AM
To: 'Lait, Jonathan' <Jonathan.Lait@CityofPaloAlto.org>
Cc: 'City' <city.council@cityofpaloalto.org>; 'Clerk, City' <city.clerk@cityofpaloalto.org>; Planning_Commission@cityofpaloalto.org; 'Architectural Review Board' <arb@cityofpaloalto.org>; UAC@cityofpaloalto.org; board@pausd.org; health@paloaltopta.org; 'Tina Chow' <chow_tina@yahoo.com>; 'Todd Collins' <todd@toddcollins.org>; 'William Ross' <wross@lawross.com>; 'French, Amy' <Amy.French@CityofPaloAlto.org>; 'Atkinson, Rebecca' <Rebecca.Atkinson@CityofPaloAlto.org>
Subject: Resending: Setbacks from homes for cell towers

Dear Jon,

Below you’ll find an email I sent you early last week. I’m resending it because I haven’t heard from you, and I want to make sure you received it.

I realize that COVID-19 has undoubtedly disrupted your work, and your colleagues’ as well.

But I trust that the information I’m asking you for (and have been asking the Planning Department for since February 23rd) is at your fingertips, or close by. I say this because it is the basis of the recommendations you made, first, at the City Council meeting on December 16th, 2019, and again at the Planning and Transportation Commission meeting on February 12, 2020.

One other thing: Since the Wireless Hot Topics page has not been updated, should I assume that the "shot clocks" on at least some existing telecom company applications to install cell towers in Palo Alto continue to tick, coronavirus or no?

Thank you, as always, for your help.

Regards,

Jeanne

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Dear Jon,

I’m sorry you were not able to attend last Thursday’s meeting, and I hope you are well.

I am writing to you with a specific request. But first, I want to provide a bit of context. Last December, you recommended to City Council that they allow small cell node cell towers to be placed as close as 20 feet to homes—recommended this because, you said, a 20-foot setback maximizes the percent of poles in Palo Alto on which telecom companies can install their equipment.

In making this recommendation, you explained that Staff had considered four different setbacks from homes—20 feet, 35 feet, 50 feet and 100 feet. Your analysis showed, you said, that:

- A 20-foot setback would disallow cell towers on only 10 percent of utility poles (or to put it the other way, it would allow them on 90 percent of poles);

- A 35-foot setback would disallow cell towers on 70 percent of poles; and

- A 100-foot setback would disallow cell towers on 90 percent of poles.

(The Final Minutes of the December 16th, 2019, Council meeting do not report what you stated was the percent of utility poles on which cell towers would be disallowed were the setback from homes 50 feet.)

But the issue is not the percent of poles Palo Alto makes available to telecom companies for their cell towers. It is the number of poles the City makes available. And looking at the numbers, there is no justification for a 20-foot setback.

Consider, please, this back-of-the-envelope calculation: We know that telecommunications companies have applied to install about 150 small cell node cell towers in Palo Alto. And we know that there are about 6,000 wood utility poles in Palo Alto, 4,500 of which are located in the public right of way. We would expect that, in those large swaths of the city that are both residential and have above-ground utilities, there would be over 3,000 wood poles located in the public right of way. Do telecommunications companies really need 2,700 wood poles to choose from in siting those 150 cell towers in residential areas—that is, do they really need access to 90 percent of all wood poles, which is what a 20-foot setback is designed to provide? For that matter, how can they possibly need access to 2,100 poles, which is what a 35 foot setback would give cell carriers (i.e., 70 percent of 3,000 wood poles). True, they are likely to be filing applications to install more towers—but not hundreds and hundreds of more towers. So what possible reason is there for granting such extraordinary latitude to Verizon et al., at the expense of the quality of life in Palo Alto’s neighborhoods?
To move beyond back-of-the-envelope calculations, I have twice written to the Planning Department’s Amy French and Rebecca Atkinson asking:

- What are the numerators and denominators of the fractions that are the basis for the percentages you cited—i.e., what are the actual number of poles used in the setback calculations?

- What methodology was used to produce the percentages you cited to Council (e.g., how many of Palo Alto’s 6,000 wooden utility poles were considered in calculating the percentages? were street lamp poles also considered? on what basis were any poles excluded from consideration?)?

Initially, Ms. Atkinson said that this information was being assembled for us. But at our meeting last Thursday, she and Ms. French told Professor Chow and me that they would not provide it. They said it would be unfair to others if they were to give us information they did not give to everyone else. But this makes no sense. We are not asking that the data shown to us be kept from others. Moreover, residents ask Staff for information all the time, and Staff provides it, without worrying about to whom they are not providing it. That said, if Staff are truly concerned that others won’t have the data I have requested, then Staff need only post it on the City’s Wireless Hot Topics page, and it will be available to the public at large.

I think you will agree, Jon, that transparency is the cornerstone of good government. And I think you will also agree that when government withholds the data on which an analysis presented to City Council and the public was based, citizens might reasonably wonder about the validity and reliability of that data—might ask themselves, what are people trying to hide.

Hence I am writing to you to ask that you please tell me: 1) the numerators and denominators of the fractions that are the basis for the percentages you have calculated for 20-foot, 35-foot, 50-foot and 100-foot setbacks from homes, and 2) what the methodology was for the analyses that produced these numbers.

Thank you very much for your attention and your help. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeanne

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Caution: This email originated from outside of the organization. Be cautious of opening attachments and clicking on links.

I can't imagine how any meaningful revisions to Bay Area Master Planning can be discussed in this time of great uncertainty. See email below.

Doesn't every level of government have higher priorities for immediate health and safety threats throughout the greater Bay Area?

I ask Palo Alto City Council to request that this working group table their presentation unless it has factored in reasonable recovery scenarios from the coronavirus social and economic disruption.

Neilson Buchanan  
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cnsbuchanan@yahoo.com
1. Good afternoon,

In lieu of an in-person Regional Advisory Work Group meeting on April 7, 2020, we will be holding a Special Plan Bay Area 2050 webinar from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. See below for the agenda and Zoom participation information. We hope you can join us.

**Webinar Agenda**  
**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, April 7, 2020  
**Meeting Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
**Meeting Location:** Zoom Meeting, log-in information below

1. Plan Bay Area 2050: Final Regional Growth Forecast
   - Staff will present revisions to the population, employment and housing forecasts for the nine-county region, for use in Plan Bay Area 2050.
   - Presenter: Paul Fassinger and Bobby Lu

2. Plan Bay Area 2050: Incremental Progress Assessment
   - Staff will present an overview of the Incremental Progress Assessment, a new Air Resources Board requirement to quantify the GHG “gap” for Plan Bay Area 2050.
   - Presenter: James Choe

**Zoom meeting information:**  
**Join Zoom Meeting:** [https://bayareametro.zoom.us/j/540832505](https://bayareametro.zoom.us/j/540832505)  
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Be kind to yourself and others  
Martha Silver  
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A decade ago when Palo Alto and the rest of the USA were in an economic crisis, the City Council waived designated retail space usage and allowed office rentals in their space. It is time again for the Council to re-consider this waiver again. There are still many retail storefront empty on University Avenue and more to come. However, many side street empty retail spaces can be used for office space. Please consider this-put a limit on the term of their leases if you want, but keep the property tax to the City from falling drastically. And keep Palo Alto economy vibrant. If you don't do this, other cities will.

Thank you for your attention

Winnie Lewis (resident)
Redacted
Palo Alto, CA 94301
I fear closing the parking lots at Open Space trailheads will have more negative than positive consequences. The objective of shelter-in-place is to ensure social distancing; staying home is an important way to reach that goal. But there are allowances for personal exercise, dog walks, etc. By closing parking lots, Palo Alto is discouraging exercise in places where there is a lot of open air — as opposed to my residential neighborhood where I am running into other people every couple minutes on sidewalks. Also, I suspect that closed parking lots mean that people will park along roadways near trailheads, then pursue their exercise after walking along the road. I think that adds to the risk of ‘getting out’. I don’t like the thought of walking along Page Mill to reach Foothills Park or along Arastradero to reach that preserve, for example. People who visit Open Space areas are not spending a lot of time in parking lots, so I think there is likely to be a net positive result from leaving the parking areas open.

Thanks,

Dick Simpson

Parking Closed at Open Space Preserves

Parks and open spaces remain open at this time, however, due to the high visitation rate at City of Palo Alto Open Space Preserves, all Open Space areas will be closed to vehicular traffic on Friday, March 27. Open Space Preserves are still accessible by foot and bike. This difficult decision was made to protect the community and to ensure social distancing is maintained. All restrooms and drinking fountains are also closed. Several other City facility closures are in effect like tennis courts, pickleball courts, our skatepark, playgrounds and athletic fields. Closures are in the interest of public health and safety and in alignment with the County of Santa Clara Public Health Department’s order to shelter in place. The City is urging the community to stay at home. This will save lives. If large crowds continue at our parks and Open Space Preserves, we will have no choice but to close them for the safety of the whole community.
March 20, 2020

Mayor Fine and City Council Members
City of Palo Alto
250 Hamilton Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Re: Proposed Business Tax

Dear Mayor Fine and Council Members,

We are grateful to you and our City staff for the City’s response to the current health crisis and the decree for non-essential businesses to cease operations until further notice. We especially thank Mayor Fine for reaching out to our Chamber and member business leaders to personally understand their concerns during this challenging time. Like all non-essential businesses, our Chamber is closed and working remotely to support local businesses and do what we can to help them get through this difficult period and continue to serve the Palo Alto community.

We have asked businesses to be in touch with you directly to be sure you have heard from them what they are dealing with during this time, and how this is impacting them currently and their ability to continue to serve our community with the severe economic burden this is creating. Hotels are at single digit occupancy, restaurants offering take-out have no office or retail workers to use the service, and retailers, especially small non-chain stores, are concerned that they may have to close permanently. The reported drop in sales tax and TOT revenue to the City is only the canary in the coal mine and the next weeks and months may bring greater hardship with more serious impacts to our businesses.

At this time of a drastic downturn in the economy, when local businesses are concerned with paying their rent and payroll, many laying off workers, we respectfully ask you to support the City Manager’s recommendation to discontinue consideration of a business tax to allow you and your City staff to concentrate on the health of our residents and essential workforce, and allow businesses to concentrate on the challenge of surviving this difficult period.

Given the reality of an uncertain future, and that there is no estimate of when businesses will be allowed to reopen, or when – and for many, if – they will recover from this economic crisis, your agreement to postpone the tax proposal process would be a welcome acknowledgement to the business community of your concern for their economic health, and sustainability.

Sincerely,

Judith Kleinberg, President
Charlie Weidanz, CEO

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March 16, 2020

The Honorable Adrian Fine
Mayor, City of Palo Alto
250 Hamilton Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94301

RE: Bond Financing Program Approval: Stanford Health Care

Dear Mayor Fine:

As Chair of the California Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA), I am pleased to inform you that a health facility in your city, Stanford Health Care, located at 500 Pasteur Drive in Palo Alto, has recently received approval for tax-exempt bond financing in the amount of $515,000,000.

As you may be aware, CHFFA provides financial assistance to public and non-profit health care providers in California through loans funded by the issuance of tax-exempt bonds. Tax-exempt bonds provide more favorable financing rates to health care providers than might otherwise be obtained.

If you have any questions about the Bond Financing Program, please feel free to contact me or Frank Moore, Executive Director of CHFFA, at (916) 653-2799.

In Peace & Friendship,

Fiona Ma, CPA
California State Treasurer
Dear City Council,

I am concerned that the XCAP committee has cancelled both its regular March 11 meeting, and the March 12 Town Hall at Paly, yet will still proceed to decide on the Churchill options without any public input. I strongly believe that Churchill should be left "as is", saving taxpayer money, and we can see how trains and traffic adapt over time.

When I reach out to my neighbors, who use Churchill quite frequently, none of them have heard about the proposed closure. I have encouraged them to go to XCAP meetings or the Paly Town Hall, yet with both of those cancelled, the Committee and Council are now left hearing only from only a handful of citizens, principally who live on Churchill and who would like their street to have less traffic. That is not a benefit to the larger community, including the students, staff and families who go to Paly, as well as the larger neighborhood in Old Palo Alto and Professorville. The Committee and the Council need to hear other voices before making a decision.

In a city of 63,000, how many have you heard from?

I understand the concern about the coronavirus and public meetings. But cancelling meetings and Town Halls means the decision will be made without hearing from many affected citizens. I strongly encourage you to hold off making ANY decision on Churchill until you have had open discussions with the community. I attended the Feb. 26 XCAP meeting and was stunned to hear that the committee had not reached out to the Paly PTA as "they didn't know who to contact". This sounds as though the Committee does not want to hear from the community who will be affected by its decision, as finding out who to contact at Paly would be a very simple task.

If the Committee and the Council choose not to get public input, leave Churchill alone and save taxpayer money.

L. Lapier