

**Presentations
for the
March 16, 2020
City Council Meeting**



CITY RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS:

Keeping Palo Alto Safe,
Informed and Planning
Ahead

CORONAVIRUS: CITY FOCUS AREAS

- 1. Monitoring local developments and County/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Guidance**
- 2. City Public Safety and Emergency Response and Critical Action Planning**
- 3. Public Information Efforts and Regular Updates**



CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS

- Nine cases in Santa Clara County, as of this evening
- Currently no Palo Alto cases, though we are monitoring exposures
- Local businesses increasing telecommuting and other practices
- Situation continues to evolve



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CORONAVIRUS: CITY/PARTNER COORDINATION



- Monitoring local exposure cases
- Participating in County Public Health briefings
- Tracking CDC Advisories and Other Guidance
- Coordinating with Stanford Health Care/hospitals, Palo Alto Unified School District, and other critical strategic partners
- Critical Action Team established
- City leadership establishing plans and protocols based on various Coronavirus impact scenarios

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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: PREVENTION

- Stay home if sick
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Wipe down desks/shared surfaces with disinfectant wipes
- Isolate 14 days if in close proximity with known case, or traveling from China, Italy, South Korea, Japan
- Sneeze into arm sleeve or use tissues, and always cover mouth when coughing



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CORONAVIRUS: CITY OPERATIONS, PLANNING & RESPONSE



- 911 Dispatcher call protocols expanded to support public safety response
- Evaluating service delivery modifications
- Supplying protective gear for first responders
- Providing more sanitizers and enhanced cleaning in public facilities
- Inter-departmental coordination and communications
- Expanding public information in several formats like print, electronic, and mail

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CORONAVIRUS: STAY INFORMED



- New webpage set up – www.cityofpaloalto.org/coronavirus
 - County Public Health updates
 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance
 - Providing daily updates on local developments
- New printed materials distributed to public facilities this week
- New Frequently Asked Questions being developed-
seeking Council input

BE PREPARED AND HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF RESPIRATORY VIRUSES

There are simple, everyday preventive actions you can take to help prevent/limit the spread of respiratory viruses.



Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.



If you are sick, to keep from spreading respiratory illness to others, you should:



Stay home when you are sick.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

CITY OPERATIONS AND RESPONSE: City is monitoring and partnering with Santa Clara County Department of Public Health, Stanford Health, and is focused on maintaining health and life safety to maintain community resiliency.

STAY AWARE AND INFORMED

The City established a webpage to inform the community, answer frequently asked questions and provide safety tips.

Sign-up for city updates on the Coronavirus and other important issues at:
[cityofpaloalto.org/newslettersignup](https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/newslettersignup)



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OFFICERS & DEPARTMENTS (Chapter 2.08)

- Codify the organizational changes made through the FY20 budget process, as approved by the Council:
 - ✓ Create an Office of Transportation
 - ✓ Merge the former Department of Development Services with Planning
 - ✓ Update descriptions to reflect modern tasks, technologies, work practices
- Strive for consistency in descriptions when possible
- Clean up old language as much as possible: Planning & Development Services
- Make the Code easy to understand

CONTRACTS & PURCHASING (Chapter 2.30)

- Non-substantive updates throughout the Chapter to correct:
 - ✓ Capitalization
 - ✓ Cross-references
- Conforming updates:
 - ✓ State law rules on conflicts (See 2.30.610)
- One new exemption from competitive solicitation for some types of professional services contracts dealing with personnel safety and recruitment (See section 2.30.360)
- No changes to signing authority levels

ZONING (Title 18)

- PTC reviewed and unanimously recommended amendments to the five sections of the Zoning Code
- Updates to procedures to:
 - ✓ Clarify permit hearing fees in line with Council directives
 - ✓ Offer greater flexibility to the Director to seek advice from ARB and PTC when Director defers decision to Council
- Updates reflecting the merged “Department of Planning and Development Services”

PARKING (Chapters 10.50 and 10.51)

- Edits to reflect the separation of the Office of Transportation out of the Department of Planning
- The Chief Transportation Officer is now the listed position in charge of RPP and Overnight Parking (instead of being delegated the authority from the Director of Planning)
- No changes to parking rules or RPP district areas.

Baumb, Nelly

From: Anu Kumar <anu_kumar75@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 12:17 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Charleston/Meadow train crossings

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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

Baumb, Nelly

From: Phil Burton <philip-b@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 10:28 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Adina Levin; Cari Templeton; dshenster@gmail.com; Gregory Brail; Inyoung Cho; Larry Klein; Megan Kanne; Nadia Naik; Patricia Lau; philip-b@comcast.net; Reckdahl, Keith; Carrasco, Tony
Subject: priorities and schedules for Grade Separation project

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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.

Considering the life-and-death nature of the corona virus threat, is it reasonable for the Council to be spending a lot of time on the Grade Separations issue? For the XCAP to be working towards an end of April recommendation to Council? Perhaps it is wisdom for the Council to set a new timeline? Perhaps it is wisdom to remove this deadline, even if it is impossible to set a new deadlione with any certainty. With the right now corona virus threat, how much will Palo Alto residents maintain focus on Grade Separation issues that will have an impact years from now?

There are also practical considerations. Members of the XCAP view the Town Hall and Word on the Street meetings as a vital source of community feedback. Absent those meetings, we lose that community connection. If these meetings are postponed to June or July, for the sake of discussion, how much legitimacy will the entire process have if XCAP has already made its recommendations?

Another practical consideration is both the XCAP and the community attendees have many attendees who are plausibly in a high risk category.

Regardless of the immediate decisions for the next few weeks, I believe that XCAP needs a way to conduct meetings online. I realize that the Brown Act creates serious obstacles to an online meeting and I claim no expertise on the Brown Act. Perhaps action by the Legislature is necessary to modify the Brown Act, but we are in uncharted territory here. Can I suggest that Palo Alto's lobbyist in Sacramento raise this issue with members of the Legislature.

Phil Burton

Baumb, Nelly

From: Dave Shen <dshenster@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 7:13 AM
To: philip-b@comcast.net
Cc: Council, City; Adina Levin; Cari Templeton; Gregory Brail; Inyoung Cho; Larry Klein; Megan Kanne; Nadia Naik; Patricia Lau; Reckdahl, Keith; Carrasco, Tony
Subject: Re: priorities and schedules for Grade Separation project

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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

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Phil Burton

Baumb, Nelly

From: Rachel Croft <croftr@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 1:38 PM
To: Expanded Community Advisory Panel; Council, City; City Mgr
Subject: Churchill grade separation feedback

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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 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 impossible to address**
 - 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
 - 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.
 - 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!

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)

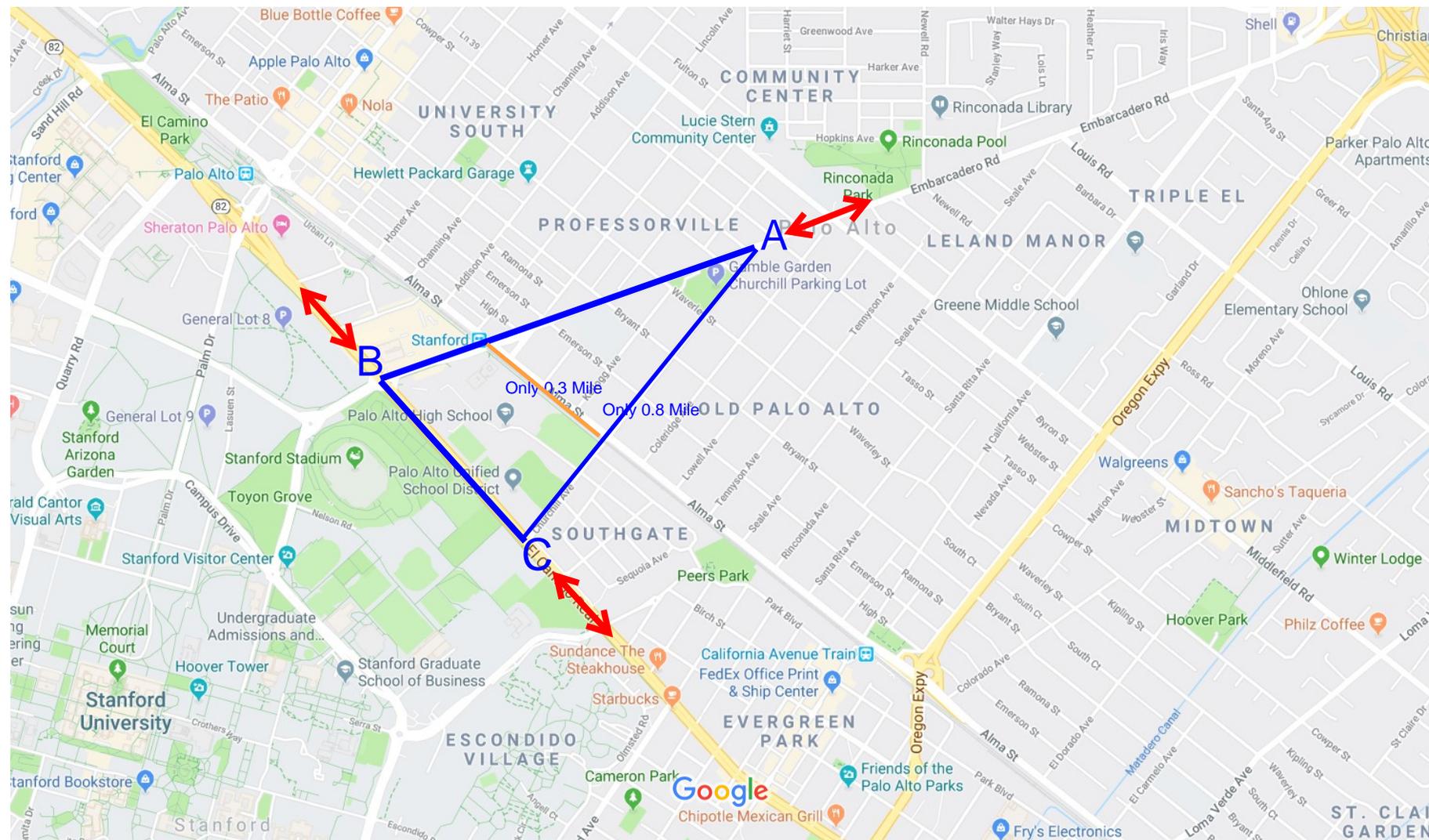
- Trench on Churchill (3 lanes wide)
- Walls on Churchill
- Trench On Alma (3 lanes wide)
- Walls on Alma

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

Traffic Flows In/Out A, B, & C w. Churchill = Traffic Flows In/Out A, B, & C w/o Churchill

- 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



Baumb, Nelly

From: Phyllis Kayten <pkayten@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 9:03 PM
To: Council, City; Expanded Community Advisory Panel
Cc: Rachel And Javier Croft and Gonzalez
Subject: Resending my message sent March 8: Churchill Avenue intersection

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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 <pkayten@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

Baumb, Nelly

From: Anne Kramer <akramer@askergoworks.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 10:33 PM
To: Expanded Community Advisory Panel; Council, City; City Mgr
Subject: Churchill Crossing

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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

Baumb, Nelly

From: Christian S. Eversull <eversull@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 9:29 AM
To: Expanded Community Advisory Panel
Cc: Council, City; City Mgr
Subject: RE: Resident of Southgate, Input RE: Churchill Rail Grade Separation to XCAP with cc to City Council

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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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eversull@gmail.com

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Baumb, Nelly

From: J.C. <jcrenners@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 10:47 AM
To: Council, City
Cc: City Mgr; Expanded Community Advisory Panel
Subject: Churchill Partial Underpass Option

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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.

This 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 the most reasonable option, vastly preferable to the viaduct. The viaduct is much more expensive and will clearly divide and exclude our existing community. The viaduct option would be an unprecedented move to have such a hideous structure built into the backyards of our homes and communities.

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

Baumb, Nelly

From: Peter Coughlan <petercoughlan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 11:29 AM
To: Council, City; Expanded Community Advisory Panel; CityMgr@cityofpaloalto.com
Subject: Southgate resident preference for Churchill rail crossing

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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

Baumb, Nelly

From: Nat Fisher <sukiroo@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 12:43 PM
To: Jonsen, Robert
Cc: Nat Fisher; Council, City
Subject: virus: students sent home

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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

Baumb, Nelly

From: Jesse Norfleet <jesse@midpenmedia.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 4:41 PM
To: Jesse Norfleet
Subject: Disseminating COVID-19 and other emergency information to the public

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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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Jesse Norfleet

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Baumb, Nelly

From: Fine, Adrian
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 7:47 PM
To: Nadia Naik
Cc: Kniss, Liz (external); Gaines, Chantal; Larry Klein; Shikada, Ed; Council, City
Subject: Re: Changes to Brown Act for COVID19

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)

<https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.12.20-EO-N-25-20-COVID-19.pdf>

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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FYI

----- 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 facilities
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.

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From: Arlene Goetze <photowrite67@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 12:48 PM
To: Sara Cody
Subject: Good News about V-min C in C/hina

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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 HealthAs 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

Baumb, Nelly

From: Nat Fisher <sukiroo@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 1:37 PM
To: Fine, Adrian
Cc: Council, City; Jonsen, Robert
Subject: cases in PA?

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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

Baumb, Nelly

From: Genevieve Kolar <kolargenevieve@fhda.edu>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 5:29 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Suspending evictions for COVID-19?

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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

Baumb, Nelly

From: Chiara Sabatti <sabatti@stanford.edu>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 7:37 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Serious Mitigation Measures Needed

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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

Baumb, Nelly

From: eschwimmer@lfrep.com
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 3:49 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: COVID-19 Preparedness and Response - Outreach from Longfellow Real Estate Partners at Palo Alto Technology Center

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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.

Baumb, Nelly

From: Blas Jacob Cabrera <blasjacobcabrera@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2020 4:37 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Fwd: Plan to Stop Coronavirus exponential spread

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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 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-1vSYQy7dII0Bjcc4JVWA8UtOlXMwnem7Nhd86LdhoMM4QzihF8_L8_buiw_YN0YEMWNlg7H2QCdkHUAh/pub

Baumb, Nelly

From: Neil Murphy <wnmurphy@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 1:33 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Quarantine

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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:

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> Hi,

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> Yes they will be with social distancing enforced.

>

> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Mar 15, 2020, at 10:40 AM, Trish McBride <earth2trish@gmail.com> wrote:

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>> In light of the corona virus, will the city council still be meeting tomorrow?

>> Trish McBride

>> KZSU Radio

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>> Sent from my iPhone

Baumb, Nelly

From: Mike Chen <mikechen97@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 9:51 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please Shut Down Bars Due to COVID19

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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

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<http://www.mikechenbooks.com>

Twitter / Instagram: @mikechenwriter

Baumb, Nelly

From: Fred Kohler <kohler70@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 10:23 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Seniors

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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

Baumb, Nelly

From: Sam Cheng <sam@samcheng.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 11:59 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Farmers' Markets and the novel Coronavirus

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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

Baumb, Nelly

From: Pat Burt <patburt11@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 3:43 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Holman, Karen (external); Lanie Wheeler; 'YORIKO KISHIMOTO'; Greg Schmid (external); patburt11@gmail.com; Nadia Naik; Neilson Buchanan; DON MCDUGALL
Subject: Item 6A: Letter and outline to CC re COVID19 actions
Attachments: City Coronavirus Planning 031620-.docx
Importance: High

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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

We appreciate that many of the actions in this outline are already being undertaken by the city to varying degrees, while others need to be initiated. The March 2 city manager's report provided a high-level summary of city plans and actions to date, <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?t=47590.11&BlobID=75601>. However, much greater transparency and actions are required with many of the needed actions being beyond the city's normal role. **The overriding considerations should be whether the needs exist and who will meet those needs, if not the city?**

We are fortunate to be able to rely on the Santa Clara County Public Health Department (SCCPHD) as the lead agency for public health matters. However, they are not the lead for emergency response planning nor actions within the city. **The role of the city government in leading and coordinating community planning and actions needs to be clarified and communicated broadly to the community. Greater transparency promotes public confidence.** Critically, as the implications of the situation continue to escalate, **the city must strive to be proactive rather than reactive in the face of escalating challenges.** To the extent we can get ahead of the curve, the city can reduce the degree of health impacts and moderate subsequent economic ramifications.

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

To urgently address the COVID19 emergency, the city needs to develop 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. It covers:

- Planning
- Communication
- Coordination
- Governing

We appreciate that many of the actions in the outline are already being undertaken by the city to varying degrees, while others need to be addressed. The March 2 city manager's report provided a high-level summary of city plans and actions to date, <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?t=47590.11&BlobID=75601>. However, much greater transparency and actions are needed with many of the needed actions being beyond the city's normal role. **The overriding considerations should be whether the needs exist and who will meet those needs, if not the city?**

We are fortunate to be able to rely on the Santa Clara County Public Health Department (SCCPHD) as the lead agency for public health matters. However, they are not the lead for emergency response planning and actions within the city. **The role of the city government in leading and coordinating community planning and actions needs to be clarified and communicated broadly to the community. Greater transparency promotes public confidence.** Critically, as the implications of the situation continue to escalate, **the city must strive to be proactive rather than reactive in the face of escalating challenges.** To the extent we can get ahead of the curve, the city can reduce the degree of health impacts and moderate subsequent economic ramifications.

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.html> 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/RJRADMRRZNBRLDLEXFREY2BBH2Q/>). 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>.*
 - *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.

- Implementation of current County Public Health and CDC guidelines on restrictions of non-essential public meetings or events, as well as communication of latest precautions for those attending public meetings and risk reductions for public meetings that continue to occur. Sample guidelines from Washington State Attorney General regarding how to hold “critical” meetings: <http://mrsc.org/getmedia/4c439dc1-e20c-4098-88b0-b91fd52fe5ad/w3agcoronaopma.pdf.aspx>. Sample guidelines regarding telecommuting for public meetings: <http://mrsc.org/Home/Stay-Informed/MRSC-Insight/February-2020/Remote-Meeting-Attendance-guidelines.aspx>. Sample telecommuting policies: <http://mrsc.org/Home/Explore-Topics/Personnel/Local-Rules-and-Policies/Telecommuting.aspx>
- *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?*

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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.

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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??

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Monday, March 16, 2020

Fred- Here is a cheering analysis of where the mkt, or at least the U.S. economy, is going:

https://seekingalpha.com/article/4332110-15-safe-blue-chips-to-buy-during-this-bear-market?li_source=LI&li_medium=liftigniter-widget

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