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**From:** Douglas Moran <dbmoran@gmail.com> on behalf of Douglas Moran <dmoran@dougmoran.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 12, 2020 6:30 PM  
**To:** Council, City  
**Subject:** 10./19 Council meeting, item 1A (closed session): FHP Lawsuit

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Councilmembers,

I have posted a blog on this item at

<https://www.paloaltoonline.com/blogs/p/2020/10/12/foothills-park-pseudo-lawsuit-is-the-city-going-to-cave-in--defame-its-residents-as-racists>

I wanted you to have the link because you may be receiving email about it.

-- Douglas Moran

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**From:** Rita Vrhel <ritavrhel@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2020 12:31 PM  
**To:** Council, City  
**Subject:** Foothills Preserve

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Hello.. I am very against settling the "lawsuit" filed to open Foothills Preserve.

There was a Democratic process, a City Council meeting a few weeks ago with public input and decisions were made in regard to the Preserve. You need to reschedule the agenda item and vote on it.

Actions decided:

1. do not open to non- residents.
2. explore a revenue neutral pilot program to open the Preserve to non- residents and collect data.
3. put the question of whether to open or not open the Preserve to non- residents on the 2022 ballot and let the voters of Palo Alto decide.

Then the "lawsuit".

IMO, Palo Alto needs to stand up and defend itself and it's residents against being called racist. Palo Alto has built a reputation of folding and making horrible long term decisions based on the threat of a lawsuit..i.e. the Hotel President.

By continuing to "fold" you are simply encouraging other lawsuits as you are establishing a reputation.

At some pint you will need to say "enough is enough". Right now would be an excellent time to start.

I am very disappointed in the ACLU for joining this "lawsuit". As a long time supporter I will not be donating to them this year.

Please read Doug Moran's blog and stand up against these ridiculous allegations.

I will donate the \$2,000.00 I was going to send to the ACLU to your defense fund to be used against this "lawsuit"; and only this lawsuit. I am sure other residents would also contribute if asked. Time to stand up for Palo Alto, our Preserve and our reputation.

Thank you.

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**From:** sul.vreich <vreich@stanford.edu>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 18, 2020 5:11 PM  
**To:** Council, City  
**Subject:** 10/19 Council meeting, item 1A (closed session): FHP Lawsuit"

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Lydia Kou in a recent email notes,

"The Palo Alto Online blog "[Foothills Park Pseudo-Lawsuit: Is the City going to cave-in & defame its residents as 'racists'?](#)" argues that the lawsuit has so many flaws that it was never intended to be adjudicated, but rather intended to push the City to settle. If the City does decide to settle, it will reinforce, encourage, and incentivize a disturbing trend: If you lose in the democratic process, you can get it reversed by threatening to file a (frivolous) lawsuit. We see media stories about why defendants settled even though they were in the right and likely to eventually win: A plaintiff can easily and inexpensively inflict large legal and evidentiary costs on the defendant with little risk of being forced to make restitution."

I agree.