



**City Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, January 3, 2022
6:00 PM
Council Chamber & Virtual**

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HOW TO PARTICIPATE

VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN](https://cityofpaloalto.zoom.us/j/362027238) (<https://cityofpaloalto.zoom.us/j/362027238>)
Meeting ID: 362 027 238 Phone:1(669)900-6833

The meeting will be broadcast on Cable TV Channel 26, live on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/c/cityofpaloalto>, and streamed to Midpen Media Center at <https://midpenmedia.org>.

IN PERSON PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT:

- Provide Proof of Vaccination or negative COVID-19 test (taken within 48 hours) and a photo ID
- Wear a mask at all times
- Maintain social distancing
- If you cannot or do not wish to comply, you can still participate virtually

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments will be accepted both in person and via Zoom meeting. All requests to speak will be taken until 5 minutes after the staff’s presentation. Written public comments can be submitted in advance to city.council@cityofpaloalto.org and will be provided to the Council and available for inspection on the City’s website. Please clearly indicate which agenda item you are referencing in your email subject line.

CALL TO ORDER

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Election of the 2022 Mayor
2. Election of the 2022 Vice Mayor
3. Adoption of a Resolution Expressing Appreciation for Outstanding Public Service as Mayor to Tom DuBois

PUBLIC COMMENT

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.

ADJOURNMENT

There will be a brief, COVID-SAFE, in-person reception following the adjournment of the meeting in the City Hall lobby.

OTHER INFORMATION

Standing Committee Meetings

Public Letters to Council

PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Members of the Public may provide public comments to teleconference meetings via email, teleconference, or by phone.

- 1. Written public comments** may be submitted by email to city.council@cityofpaloalto.org.
- 2. Spoken public comments using a computer** will be accepted through the teleconference meeting. To address the Council, click on the link below to access a Zoom-based meeting. Please read the following instructions carefully.
 - A. You may download the Zoom client or connect to the meeting in-browser. If using your browser, make sure you are using a current, up-to-date browser: Chrome 30+, Firefox 27+, Microsoft Edge 12+, Safari 7+. Certain functionality may be disabled in older browsers including Internet Explorer.
 - B. You may be asked to enter an email address and name. We request that you identify yourself by name as this will be visible online and will be used to notify you that it is your turn to speak.
 - C. When you wish to speak on an Agenda Item, click on "raise hand." The Clerk will activate and unmute speakers in turn. Speakers will be notified shortly before they are called to speak.
 - D. When called, please limit your remarks to the time limit allotted.
 - E. A timer will be shown on the computer to help keep track of your comments.
- 3. Spoken public comments using a smart phone** will be accepted through the teleconference meeting. To address the Council, download the Zoom application onto your phone from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store and enter the Meeting ID below. Please follow the instructions B-E above.
- 4. Spoken public comments using a phone** use the telephone number listed below. When you wish to speak on an agenda item hit *9 on your phone so we know that you wish to speak. You will be asked to provide your first and last name before addressing the Council. You will be advised how long you have to speak. When called please limit your remarks to the agenda item and time limit allotted.

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Resolution

EXPRESSING APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO TOM DUBOIS AS 2021 MAYOR

WHEREAS, Tom DuBois was first elected to the Palo Alto City Council in 2014, was reelected in 2018, served as Vice Mayor in 2020, and as Mayor in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Tom Dubois was the first Mayor in Palo Alto’s 127 year history to give the State of the City address virtually via Zoom, and also the first to do so while wearing shorts; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Mayor DuBois led a year of accomplishments that included economic recovery and restoration of city services, approval and start of construction of a seismically safe Public Safety Building, and consummation of a regional partnership with Valley Water, accepting \$16M in funding for a purified recycled water plant; and

WHEREAS, as a strong believer in the importance of building community, Tom worked to resume and expand community events including the May Fete, Asian American Pacific Islander Month, World Music Month, more than 20 events during Together Again Week, a Sustainability workshop with Denmark, and many discussions on racial equity; and

WHEREAS, Tom enthusiastically recognized and honored many community members for their contributions including our local non-profits, numerous city employees and community leaders, good Samaritans who saved a young woman’s life, and the National Champion Stanford Women's basketball team; and

WHEREAS, to support recovery, Mayor DuBois met frequently with Palo Alto’s business community, passed a budget to restore many city services, established an economic development strategy, affirmed retail protections and reopened University Avenue to help retailers; and

WHEREAS, Tom worked tirelessly for residents’ quality of life including new protections for the tree canopy, accelerated planning of high-speed home internet, securing funding for the historic Roth Building as home for the Palo Alto Museum, and reducing commercial intrusion into neighborhoods with refinements to Residential Preferential Parking Programs; and

WHEREAS, Tom played a leadership role in advancing approval of the LifeMoves’ 88-unit transitional housing project, a 50-unit special needs housing project at 525 Charleston, selecting railway grade crossing alternatives, and the completion and opening a new bike bridge over Highway 101; and

WHEREAS, Mayor DuBois led on updating parks, open space, city services and affordable housing impact fees; increasing renter protections; advancing a ballot measure to create a business tax; and establishment of a Psychiatric Emergency Response Team to replace reliance on police services; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor asserted the importance of local control, opposing state legislation detrimental to Palo Alto’s environment and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Mayor, Tom also served as Chair of the Council Appointed Officers’ Committee which hired the new City Clerk and supported a highly productive City Auditor’s office; and

WHEREAS, under Tom’s leadership, board and commission work plans were submitted for the first time and biannual meetings held with Board & Commission Chairs in order to provide more effective advice to Council; and

WHEREAS, Tom fostered Palo Alto’s sister city relationships, visited Heidelberg, Germany to propose new sustainability initiatives, and achieved the creation of the first US Sibling City culminating with a Palo Alto-Bloomington, Indiana partnership to help strengthen bonds within the United States; and

WHEREAS, Tom’s leadership as a public servant exemplified his integrity, passion and commitment toward the betterment of this community, and his involvement in regional and global issues offer contributions that will be of lasting value.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Palo Alto hereby commends Tom’s outstanding public service and gratefully records both its appreciation, and the appreciation of the citizens and businesses of this community, for his meritorious service and commitment as a Palo Alto Mayor.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED: January 3, 2022

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

City Clerk

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Manager

City Attorney