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To: [Council, City](#); [Human Relations Commission](#); [Rebecca Eisenberg](#); [chuck jagoda](#); [ParkRec Commission](#); [Roberta Ahlquist](#); [wilpf.peninsula.paloalto@gmail.com](#); [winter dellenbach](#); [Joe Simitian](#); [Planning Commission](#); [DuBois, Tom](#); [Greer Stone](#); [Tanaka, Greg](#); [Shikada, Ed](#); [Cormack, Alison](#); [city.council@menlopark.org](#)
Subject: Fremont approve Safe Parking Program sets aside \$340,000 in federal CARES Act money
Date: Friday, June 4, 2021 9:10:52 AM

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Subject: Fwd: Please send this Women & Girls summit ad to our usual email lists ASAP
Date: Friday, June 4, 2021 4:31:29 PM
Attachments: [Palo Alto Women"s Summit - final.pdf](#)

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Please consider joining us and pass on to others. thanks,
roberta

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From: **Cherrill Spencer** <cherrill.m.spencer@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Jun 4, 2021 at 1:24 PM

Subject: Please send this Women & Girls summit ad to our usual email lists ASAP

Minka says registration numbers are lower than she hoped and please to send the attached flyer to our usual email lists, it is open to all (I don't think you have to be a Palo Alto resident).

I hope all our active Palo Alto branch members will attend.

Please send it to non-WILPF lists too that you use..

I am about to leave for the Maui airport and won't be looking at email until much later tonight or even tomorrow (Sat).

Aloha from Cherrill

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To: city.council@menlopark.org; citycouncil@mountainview.gov; [Council, City](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Human Relations Commission](#); [chuck jagoda](#); CA18AEima@mail.house.gov; [Josh Becker](#); [Jeff Moore](#); [Roberta Ahlquist](#); [Greer Stone](#); [DuBois, Tom](#); [Jeff Rosen](#); [ParkRec Commission](#); [Joe Simitian](#); wilpf.peninsula.paloalto@gmail.com; [winter dellenbach](#); [Shikada, Ed](#); [Tanaka, Greg](#)
Subject: : Announcement: The ZIM-Chartered Volans left Port of Oakland without unloading!
Date: Saturday, June 5, 2021 3:09:07 PM

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FYI: From extraordinary activist Donna Wallach

Thanks to the commitment, diligence and solidarity of many San Francisco Bay Area activists, and Local 10 and Local 34, the ZIM-chartered Volans left the Port of Oakland earlier this afternoon (Friday 4th June). Longshoremen and port truckers honored the picket lines, and the ship left unworked.

It looks like the San Francisco Bay Area has now organized the only successful labor action anywhere in the world - to date - against the most current atrocities in Gaza. For 11 days in May 2021, the Israeli Occupation Forces murdered over 240 Palestinian civilians, 66 of them were children, tens of thousands were wounded. Over 13,100 homes were destroyed or made uninhabitable, hospitals and clinics were bombed, as were roads leading to the hospitals and clinics. A major media center was totally demolished, and over 2,300 Palestinians became homeless. These are extremely dire results, since War Criminal Terrorist Apartheid Israel refuses to allow any building or rebuilding supplies into Gaza and also limits the amount of medicines and medical supplies that get in. This is just a brief list.

The Stop ZIM Action Committee is continuing to monitor the situation, to make sure that the Volans doesn't try to sneak back into Oakland Port. We hope other West Coast ports will refuse to work the Volans. In addition, Stop ZIM Action Committee is tracking other ZIM-Chartered and ZIM-Operated ships.

The Stop ZIM Action Committee would like to thank the longshoremen of Local 10, the ships' clerks of Local 34 and the port truckers for honoring the picket line, and the Block the Boat Coalition, consisting of tens of Bay Area organizations, and individuals, for their role in making the picket successful.

in solidarity

Donna

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"Nobody in the world, nobody in history, has ever gotten their freedom by appealing to the moral sense of the people who were oppressing them."

Assata Shakur

Free Palestine!

Right of Return to Palestine for all Palestinians!

Free all political prisoners!

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Mumia Abu-Jamal

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Mohammad Elmezain

<https://www.mintpressnews.com/the-trial-and-conviction-of-the-holy-land-foundation-five/237440/>

and thousands more

End Solitary Confinement

<https://prisonerhungerstrikesolidarity.wordpress.com>

California Prison Focus

http://newest.prisons.org/our_story

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U.S. Government and UN Occupation Force Soldiers - Hands off Haiti!

<http://www.haitisolidarity.net/>

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Subject: [SZAC] Vancouver Action Blocks Israeli Cargo Ship
Date: Monday, June 14, 2021 11:47:32 PM

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Vancouver Action Blocks Israeli Cargo Ship

In the News, June 12, 2021

<https://cpcml.ca/210612-vancouver-action-blocks-israeli-cargo-ship/>

On the afternoon of June 8 in Vancouver several hundred people marched from Woodland Park to the entrance of Vancouver Harbour demanding that the harbour refuse to offload cargo of Israeli goods from any Zim cargo ships. The organizers in their call to “STAND WITH PALESTINE! BOYCOTT ZIM!” pointed out that “The Israeli Zim Shipping company profits from the military occupation of Palestinian communities and an apartheid system that treats Palestinian workers and families as second-class citizens, living under Jim Crow-type conditions. The Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions has asked for our support to bring an end to Israeli apartheid and to hold apartheid-profiting businesses accountable.”

The Zim ship, the *Volans*, was scheduled to dock and

unload in Oakland, California in May but that was prevented by massive demonstrations and the refusal of longshore workers to unload the ship. When news was received that the ship would try to dock and unload in Vancouver on June 8 activists issued a call for action to make sure that did not happen. In their call to action they said, “We are calling on the Port of Vancouver to reject Israeli Apartheid ships and shipping lines and stop enabling them to profiteer from the occupation and colonization of Palestinian land.”

Hundreds of people blocked the entrance to the port of Vancouver for over four hours while representatives of different organizations spoke, including the Canada Palestine Association, Samidoun Palestinian Solidarity Network and several Filipino anti-imperialist organizations. The procession to the port was led by a banner that read **BLOCK THE BOAT: BOYCOTT ISRAELI APARTHEID! DEFEND PALESTINE!** The participants included large contingents of youth from the South Asian, Filipino and Palestinian communities and organizations including the Palestinian Youth Movement, Youth for Palestine Vancouver, Independent Jewish Voices Vancouver, the Communist Party of Canada, BDS: Boycott, Divest, Sanction, Queers Against Israeli Apartheid-Vancouver, Sulong BC, BAYAN Canada, Falastiniyat, and the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist). Statements of different organizations were warmly received as they were distributed to passers-by and drivers that were stopped by the protesters and police barricades.

The action was a success, with the ship having to bypass Vancouver and head for Prince Rupert instead. The organizers pointed out that “Every hour that ZIM cargo ships remain undocked and unloaded is a huge victory, as it means that the apartheid state of Israel is

losing enormous amounts of money."

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To unsubscribe from this group and stop receiving emails from it, send an email to stop-zim-action-committee+unsubscribe@googlegroups.com.

To view this discussion on the web visit <https://groups.google.com/d/msgid/stop-zim-action-committee/569385DE-0CC0-4165-9C94-FBF3DEFC4E76%40igc.org>.

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2 books you must read:

"Against Our Better Judgment: The hidden history of how the U.S. was

used to create Israel" by Alison Weir

<http://www.againstourbetterjudgment.com/>

"State of Terror: How Terrorism Created Modern Israel" by Thomas Suarez

<http://thomassuarez.com/SoT.html>

Other important websites to visit

<http://www.ifamericansknew.org>

<http://www.councilforthenationalinterest.org/new/>

<https://wearenotnumbers.org/>

End the Blockade/Siege on Gaza!

Tear down the Apartheid Walls in West Bank & Gaza!

End the War Criminal Israeli collective punishment on the Palestinian people!

End the illegal Apartheid Israeli Occupation of all of Palestine!

Right to Return to their homes and land in Palestine for all Palestinians!

End all U.S. aid to Israel

Free Palestine! Long Live Palestine!

Support Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) &

Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (PACBI) Campaigns!

<http://www.bdsmovement.net>

<http://www.WhoProfits.org>

<http://www.pacbi.org>

Support Solidarity with Gaza Fishers

<https://sgf.freedomflotilla.org/>

<https://freedomflotilla.org/>

<https://sgf.freedomflotilla.org/category/we-are-not-numbers>

Support ISM volunteers in West Bank and Gaza Strip!

<http://www.palsolidarity.org>

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Subject: 'Philly D.A.' Subject Larry Krasner Talks "Transparency" & PBS Series – Deadline
Date: Friday, June 18, 2021 10:20:17 PM

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<https://deadline.com/2021/06/philly-da-pbs-independent-lens-documentary-series-larry-krasner-ted-passon-nicole-salazar-yoni-brook-interview-news-1234777636/>

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Subject: Auditor to review incidents where members of the PAPD point a gun at an individual -after a request by best police practices advocate, Aram James suggests such reviews
Date: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 1:11:44 PM

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<https://www.paloaltoonline.com/news/2021/06/15/police-auditor-to-vet-cases-in-which-palo-alto-officers-point-guns>

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Subject: DA on left in Los Angeles Faces a Revolt
Date: Sunday, June 20, 2021 3:59:55 PM

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<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/19/us/george-gascon.amp.html>

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Subject: Police Credentials Help, a d Hurt, a Mayoral Bid
Date: Sunday, June 20, 2021 4:33:39 PM

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<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/19/nyregion/eric-adams-nyc-police-mayor.amp.html>

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From: [Human Relations Commission](#)
To: [John McGuire](#); [Human Relations Commission](#)
Cc: [Constantino, Mary](#)
Subject: RE: Conversations
Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021 8:44:58 AM

Hi John,

Thanks for your email and your interest in participating. I will pass it on to the organizers of the 100 Conversations and have them reply to you directly.

Regards,

Minka

Minka van der Zwaag
Manager, Office of Human Services

4000 Middlefield Rd. T2 | Palo Alto, CA 94303

650-463-4953 | minka.vanderzwaag@cityofpaloalto.org

Please think of the environment before printing this email – Thank you

-----Original Message-----

From: John McGuire <johnwmcguire36@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 1:34 PM
To: Human Relations Commission <hrc@cityofpaloalto.org>
Subject: Conversations

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Dear Human Relations Commission,

If someone would like to participate in one of the 100 conversations, but can't organize one herself and isn't invited to one,, is there any way for her to participate?

Thanks and be well, John McGuire

From: [Aram James](#)
To: city.council@menlopark.org; [Council, City](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Human Relations Commission](#); [chuck.jagoda@wilpf.peninsula.paloalto@gmail.com](#); [Roberta Ahlquist](#); [Joe Simitian](#); [Raj](#); [Richard Konda](#); [Greer Stone](#); [Tanaka, Greg](#); [DuBois, Tom](#); [Cecilia Taylor](#); [Betsy Nash](#); rebecca@winwithrebecca.com; cindy.chavez@bos.sccgov.org; [Jeff Moore](#)
Subject: Use of force policies written by Lexipol at play in police shootings
Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021 10:20:12 AM

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<https://www.usatoday.com/in-depth/news/nation/2021/06/15/lexipol-policies-aim-to-limit-legal-liability-in-police-shootings/5173324001/>

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Subject: "What to the Slave is 4th of July?": James Earl Jones Reads Frederick Do...
Date: Sunday, July 4, 2021 11:50:28 PM

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From: [Edward Haley](#)
To: [Human Relations Commission](#)
Subject: Contacting Reverend Smith
Date: Thursday, June 24, 2021 3:05:59 PM

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I would like to meet with Reverend Smith and request that you forward my request to him. Thank you,

Edward Haley
Chair, Diversity Committee
Vi at Palo Alto
620 Sand Hill Road 94303
909-241-4876

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Subject: Derek Chauvin's Trial and George Floyd's City | The New Yorker
Date: Monday, July 5, 2021 5:56:19 PM

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<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2021/07/12/derek-chauvins-trial-and-george-floyds-city>

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From: [Allan Seid](#)
To: [Human Relations Commission](#)
Subject: Fwd: Flyer for the REPEAT of Dr. Seid's Presentation
Date: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 7:37:34 PM
Attachments: [Dr. Seid Repeat Performance.docx](#)

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From: **Allan Seid** <allanseid734@gmail.com>
Date: 6//23/21
Subject: Flyer for the REPEAT of Dr. Allan Seid's Presentation

Dear CHAIRMAN and Members OF HRC

Attached is a flyer with the announcement of my repeat presentation and the live question and answer period after the talk. The Zoom ID and passcode for this meeting is the same as the one on last Wednesday. That previous presentation was well received by the 100 attendees. I invite you, your and colleagues to view my repeat talk this Saturday, June 26th at 10 am (PST)

Here is the live link again <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87208172815?pwd=MUR1NnZ2czNGbVp6amlPOEZCV0dodz09>

Here is the meeting ID 872 0817 2815 Passcode 850

Best regards,

Allan Seid
850 Webster Street, Apt. 734
Palo Alto, ca. 94301
(650) 324-7433

From: [Allan Seid](#)
To: [Channing House Bulletin Board](#); CHOpinion@googlegroups.com
Subject: Fwd: of interest NEJM article
Date: Thursday, June 24, 2021 5:14:23 AM
Attachments: [Anti asian sentiment.pdf](#)

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From: **Lawrence Basso** <basso@stanford.edu>
Date: Wed, Jun 23, 2021 at 10:23 PM
Subject: New England Journal of Medicine article.

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

An insightful and helpful article from Larry Basso, M.D. on clinicians treating AAPI victims of hate violence.

Allan

From: [Roberta Ahlquist](#)
To: [Joyce Beattie](#); [Aram James](#); [Bojana](#); [Jasmina Bojic](#)
Subject: Fwd: REMINDER to Take Action to advance SB 9 and 10 housing bills
Date: Sunday, July 11, 2021 9:43:18 PM

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Please sign and pass on to friends....we need more housing for our workers!

roberta

From: WILPF Peninsula Palo Alto <wilpf.peninsula.paloalto@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Jul 11, 2021 at 11:50 AM
Subject: REMINDER to Take Action to advance SB 9 and 10 housing bills

To WILPF members/supporters: Our most recent emails that included information on SB 9 were sent on July 8 and 17th. This is a copy of the message on the 8th. *I apologize for a typo in the original email, showing Roberta's name, as Robert! : Jud(y):*

To WILPF members/supporters, forwarded by Roberta, on our housing the housing committee from CA YIMBY:



We've got some exciting news: **SB 10 has made it to the floor of the State Assembly, and SB 9 will be joining it shortly!**

After a banner month of committee wins for our bills, we anticipate SB 9 passing through the Appropriations Committee shortly. **That means we need to start emailing, calling, and lobbying every Assemblymember today to secure support for these critical bills.**

[Can you send an email to your Assemblymember and urge them to vote YES on SB 9 and 10? »](#)

[SEND AN EMAIL »](#)

SB 9 allows homeowners to split their property into two lots and build two homes on each lot, while SB 10 makes it easier for cities to legalize buildings with 2 to 10 homes in non-sprawl areas.

[Please take a moment to email your local Assemblymember and tell them why you support building more homes »](#)

We're hearing from our friends in the Legislature that we should expect close votes on the Assembly floor when it comes to passing these bills -- which means **we don't have any time to lose!**



Combined, these bills would make it easier for California to build desperately-needed housing for middle-income workers like teachers and nurses, and reduce our state's crushing housing shortage. Our legislative strategy *depends* on informed constituents like you using your voice to call for change.

From: [Roberta Ahlquist](#)
To: [Sally Clark](#); [Sandra Weiss](#)
Subject: Fwd: Take action: URGENT: Support for SB9 (Duplex and Split lots bill)
Date: Sunday, July 11, 2021 9:38:52 AM

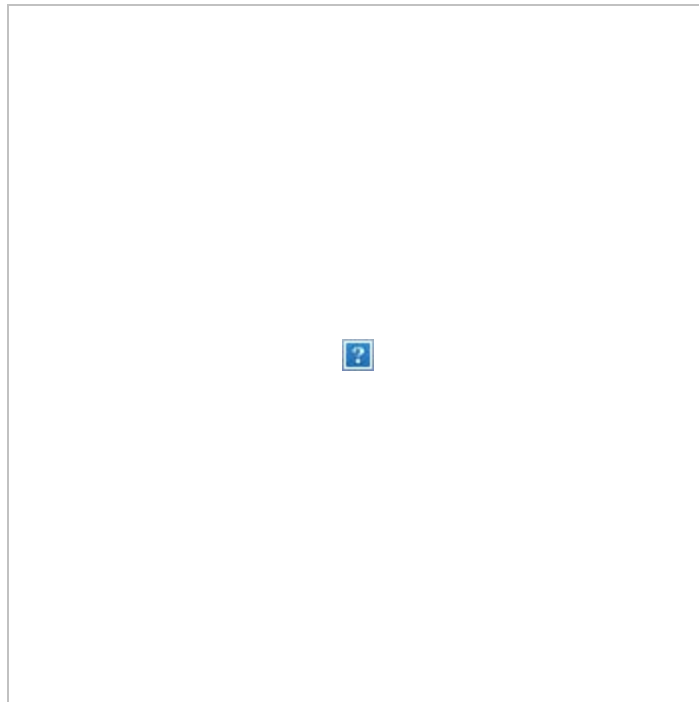
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-----please make a call to Marc Berman asap.---- Forwarded message -----

From: **WILPF Peninsula Palo Alto** <wilpf.peninsula.paloalto@gmail.com>

Date: Sat, Jul 3, 2021 at 2:50 PM

Subject: Take action: URGENT: Support for SB9 (Duplex and Split lots bill)



Peninsula/Palo Alto Wilpf --

Palo Alto has become increasingly unaffordable. With the median home sale price at \$3.3M, we know that more housing options are needed to meet the needs of families and new residents.

SB9 would allow homeowners to build duplexes on single family lots and divide their property into 2 parcels. [Click here to read more.](#)

New housing choices enabled by SB9, would allow longtime renters to stay and grow their family here - and allow older homeowners to downsize without leaving their community. [Here is our letter with more details about our support.](#)

But Assemblymember Marc Berman needs to hear from constituents like you in order to support SB9. **Please call today and remind Assemblymember Berman that we're better together!**

Without our voices, this bill will die. Please take 30 seconds and call today!

"I am a Palo Alto resident and support SB9"

MARC BERMAN • (916)
319-2024

Palo Alto Forward

<http://www.paloaltoforward.com/>

From: [Roberta Ahlquist](#)
To: [WILPF Peninsula Palo Alto](#); [Rebecca Eisenberg](#); [Helen Young](#); [Debbie Mytels](#); [Angie Evans](#)
Subject: Fwd: URGENT ACTION NEEDED ON SB9
Date: Friday, July 9, 2021 9:58:44 PM

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From: **Roberta Ahlquist** <roberta.ahlquist@sjsu.edu>

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From: **Palo Altans for Sensible Zoning** <webmaster@sensiblezoning.org>

Date: Fri, Jul 9, 2021 at 4:37 PM

Subject: URGENT ACTION NEEDED ON SB9

To: Mary Gallagher <writing2win@gmail.com>

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ACT NOW for NO on SB9

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Senate Bill 9 **destroys** neighborhoods, **displaces** families and **decreases** affordability. It lets developers build 6 units of dense housing where 1 home now sits — not one of them affordable. Speculators will bid against and displace families, especially in well-located diverse neighborhoods. In a sweeping attack on the environment, SB 9 **dismantles** existing protections and lets developers destroy yards and bulldoze trees, encouraging dense construction even in severe fire zones. Click the button.

ACT NOW

to tell your Assembly Member to VOTE NO on SB9.

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Palo Altans for Sensible Zoning - P.O. Box 305, Palo Alto, CA 94302 - FPPC #1359196



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Mary Gallagher, B.Sc.

Content Strategist

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Become more educated re. efforts to provide housing for all as a human right.

<https://youtu.be/dJBxCsrRSfQ>

80% of Singaporeans own their own homes----for example

Roberta

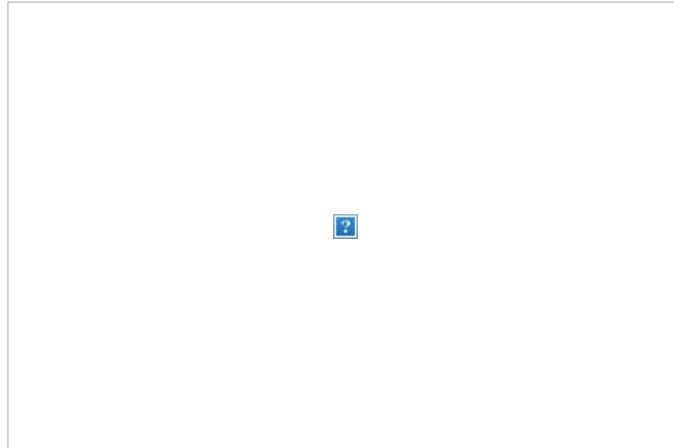
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Subject: Muhammad Ali On Prisons and Palestine etc.....from the archives of Aram Janes
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Date: Tue, 7 Jun 2016 10:19:10 +0000 (UTC)
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Reply-To: I
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[A Taking Aim Salute from Mya Shone and Ralph Schoenman: In celebration of Muhammad Ali](#)

June 6th, 2016



Viva Muhammad Ali!

A Taking Aim Salute from Mya Shone and Ralph Schoenman: In celebration of Muhammad Ali

"I ain't draft dodging. I ain't burning no flag. I ain't running to Canada. I'm staying right here. You want to send me to jail? Fine, you go right ahead. I've been in jail for 400 years. I could be there for 4 or 5 more, but I ain't going no 10,000 miles to help murder and kill other poor people. If I want to die, I'll die right here, right now, fightin' you, if I want to die. You my enemy, not no Chinese, no Vietcong, no Japanese. You my opposer when I want freedom. You my opposer when I want justice. You my opposer when I want equality. Want me to go somewhere and fight for you? You won't even stand up for me right here in America, for my rights and my religious beliefs. You won't even stand up for my right here at home."

"Why should they ask me to put on a uniform and go 10,000 miles from home and drop bombs and bullets on Brown people in Vietnam when so-called "negro" people in Louisville are treated like dogs and denied simple human rights?

No, I'm not going 10,000 miles from home to help murder and burn another poor nation simply to continue the domination of white slave masters of the darker people the world over.

This is the day when such evils must come to an end. I have been warned that to take such a stand would cost me millions of dollars. But I have said it once and I will say it again: The real enemy of my people is here. I will not disgrace my religion, my people or myself by becoming a tool to enslave those who are fighting for their own justice, freedom and equality.

If I thought the war was going to bring freedom and equality to 22 million of my people, they wouldn't have to draft me. I'd join tomorrow. I have nothing to lose by standing up for my beliefs. So I'll go to jail. So what? We've been in jail for 400 years."

Muhammad Ali

<http://samidoun.net/2016/06/remembering-muhammad-ali-i-declare-support-for-the-palestinian-struggle-to-liberate-their-homeland/>

Remembering Muhammad Ali: “I declare support for the Palestinian struggle to liberate their homeland”

- Statements June 5, 2016

muhammad-ali



On the occasion of the passing of legendary athlete and struggler for justice, Muhammad Ali, Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network joins millions around the world in remembering Ali's historic legacy of commitment to the liberation of oppressed peoples and his willingness to sacrifice in order to adhere to those principles.

In 1985, Ali [traveled to Israel](#) in an attempt to secure the release of Lebanese and Palestinian prisoners imprisoned in [occupied Southern Lebanon](#). This followed on his visits to Palestinian refugee camps in 1974, when he [declared in Beirut](#) that “the United States is the stronghold of Zionism and imperialism.” While visiting Palestinian refugee camps in South Lebanon, he declared “In my name and the name of all Muslims in America, I declare support for the Palestinian struggle to liberate their homeland and oust the Zionist invaders.”

Ali championed the Black liberation struggle on multiple fronts; within the United States, and as a force against US imperialism worldwide. He wrote [poetry in tribute](#) to the Black leaders of the Attica prison uprising. At the height of his career, Muhammad Ali refused to fight in the Vietnam War in 1967, was sentenced to five years in prison and stripped of his title. When asked about his refusal while participating in a Louisville housing justice struggle, Ali said:

“Why should they ask me to put on a uniform and go 10,000 miles from home and drop bombs and bullets on Brown people in Vietnam while so-called Negro people in Louisville are treated like dogs and denied simple human rights? No I'm not going 10,000 miles from home to help murder and burn another poor nation simply to continue the domination of white slave masters of the darker people the world over. This is the day when such evils must come to an end.

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Dave Zirin [writes](#), "Ali's refusal to fight in Vietnam was front-page news all over the world. In Guyana there was a picket of support in front of the US embassy. In Karachi, young Pakistanis fasted. And there was a mass demonstration in Cairo." While Ali's later depoliticization and cooperation with the US government speak to a more complex legacy, the national and international resonance of his resistance to imperialism in the 1960s and 1970s at the height of his athletic greatness echoed around the world.

Ali's history of struggle illustrates the lengthy and deep history of joint struggle and mutual solidarity among oppressed peoples and national liberation movements, and that Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon – and the Black Liberation Movement – were centers and incubators not only for the Palestinian revolution and Black struggle, but revolutionary movements the world over. We recall Ali's role in representing a deep and collective legacy of resistance to imperialism, to anti-Black racism, and to Zionism, and of the struggle to free prisoners – and peoples – from the jails these systems of oppression create.

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Subject: Philly DA 8 part series review
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Subject: Please read all 42 pages there will be a quiz —I believe a strong case can be made for abolishing the San Mateo County private defenders office and build a public defender's office from the ground up in San Mateo County — what does our HRC say? What doe...
Date: Thursday, July 8, 2021 11:59:01 PM
Attachments: [balance_scale_of_justice.pdf](#)

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To: Richard Konda <rkonda@asianlawalliance.org>
Subject: Fwd: Police Dogs Can Be Trained to Be Anti-Black: a documentary

Hi Andrew et al:

Here is the 15 minute documentary re *Police Dogs Can Be Trained to Be Anti-Black*: a documentary excerpted and inspired from the 12 part police canine Mauling series which is linked to in the intro to the short film.

Best, Aram

p.s. The mauling series recently received the Pulitzer Prize.

[https://www.themarshallproject.org/2021/06/23/a-dog-can-be-trained-to-be-anti-black?
utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter&utm_source=opening-
statement&utm_term=newsletter-20210623-2501](https://www.themarshallproject.org/2021/06/23/a-dog-can-be-trained-to-be-anti-black?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter&utm_source=opening-statement&utm_term=newsletter-20210623-2501)

8 Daily Post Monday, June 21, 2021

OPINION

Police funding

Dear Editor: In your June 11 edition there were two related front-page articles. One was about the City of Menlo Park adding one additional police employee. Police Chief Dave Norris was requesting five additional police employees. In a 3-2 vote the Menlo Park City Council turned down the chief's request for the four additional officers.

In denying the request council members Betsy Nash, Cecilia Taylor and Jen Wolosin said they'd rather have discussions with each other and the community about re-imaging policing in Menlo Park before agreeing to add to the department. Taylor said the current proposals from the chief seem like the city is going down the same path when it comes to policing as it was before the cuts.

In the second piece, the city of Palo Alto is proposing that \$1.7 million of their proposed budget be allotted to adding six additional police officers to the ranks of the department.

Given the PAPD's horrendous record of racially discriminatory policing, several outstanding lawsuits for extreme cases of police brutality, involving people of color, a lack of overall transparency, including encryption of police radio transmissions without adequate notice to the public or the press, the ongoing cover-up of the Zack Perron case, wouldn't it be wise for the council to follow the lead of the Menlo Park council and ask the hard questions of the PAPD about whether there has been any measurable reforms before rewarding the department by filling six positions cut during the Covid crisis?

Aram James
Palo Alto

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Date: Monday, July 5, 2021 11:15:15 PM

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Aram

P.S. Donna, thanks for sending this invitation my way.

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Sent: Monday, July 5, 2021, 08:34:46 AM PDT
Subject: VFHL Online Film Salon: "Gaza Fights for Freedom" - correction

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Invitation to our VFHL Online Film Salon "Gaza Fights for Freedom" (corrected)

Voices from the Holy Land, in conjunction with the American Friends Service Committee, invites you to our fifteenth monthly Online Film Salon to be held on Sunday, July 11th at 3 pm EDT/12 noon PDT. Participants will discuss the award winning documentary "Gaza Fights for Freedom". Please watch the film at your convenience and then join us for the online Q&A discussion.

Filmed during the height of the Great March of Return, this documentary features riveting, exclusive footage of the protests. A collaboration of Gaza journalists worked remotely with the American director to produce the film, as Israel had blocked her entry into Gaza. The documentary tells the story of Gaza past and present, showing rare archival footage that explains the history never acknowledged by mass media. Heard on the film are the victims of the ongoing conflict, including journalists, medics and the family of internationally-acclaimed paramedic, Razan al-Najjar. At its core, Gaza Fights For Freedom is a thorough indictment of the Israeli military for war crimes, and a stunning cinematic portrayal of Palestinian resistance.

Film director, journalist Abby Martin, and Issam Adwan, Gaza Project

Manager of We Are Not Numbers, will participate in a Q&A panel discussion. Jihad Abusalim, Education and Policy Associate for the American Friends Service Committee, will moderate the Q&A discussion.

You must register to participate.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: [How this works:](#)

1 - Register for the Voices from the Holy Land Online Film Salon:
<http://tinyurl.com/VFHLjuly2021>

(If clicking on link does not work, please copy and paste link into browser URL search bar)

2 – Once you register, you will get a confirmation email with

- a link to watch the film, AND
- a personal link to use to join the webinar discussion on Zoom.
- Be sure to save that confirmation email to make it easy to join us on July 11!

3 - Watch the film at your convenience **before** the event.

4 - Then join us with your thoughts and questions for our speakers at the Q&A discussion on July 11th at 3 pm Eastern/noon Pacific Daylight Savings Time

About the speakers

Abby Martin is an American journalist, TV presenter, podcaster, and activist. She helped found the citizen journalism website and podcast Media Roots and serves on the board of directors for the Media Freedom Foundation which manages Project Censored. Martin appeared in the documentary film Project Censored The Movie: Ending the Reign of Junk Food News (2013), and co-directed 99%: The Occupy Wall Street Collaborative Film (2013). She hosted Breaking the Set on RT America from 2012 to 2015, and then launched The Empire Files in that same year as an investigative documentary and interview series on Telesur, later released as a web series. In 2019, she released the film documentary, The Empire Files: Gaza Fights for Freedom.

Issam Adwan, the Gaza project manager for We Are Not Numbers, is a trained translator/interpreter, journalist and English teacher. In 2019, he was chosen by The Carter Center to be the first Palestinian independent observer for the Tunisian elections. Issam earned his Bachelor's degree in English language and teaching methods from Al-Aqsa University the Gaza and is currently working on his thesis for a master's degree in translation/interpretation at the Islamic University of Gaza. His passions are improving the learning experience for diverse student populations, youth empowerment, social justice and gender equality.

Jihad Abusalim is the Education and Policy Associate at the Palestine Activism Program of AFSC in Chicago. Jihad is a PhD candidate at the History and Hebrew and Judaic Studies joint program at New York University where his research examines Arab intellectual writings on Zionism from the first half of the twentieth century. Jihad also studies the social and political history of the Gaza Strip, focusing on the impact of the Nakba on life in Palestine's Gaza district and 1950s political life in the Gaza Strip. He earned his bachelor's degree in business administration, and Hebrew language and teaching methods from Al-Azhar University in Gaza.

To learn more about the film, watch the trailer here:

<https://tinyurl.com/FreedomTrailer>

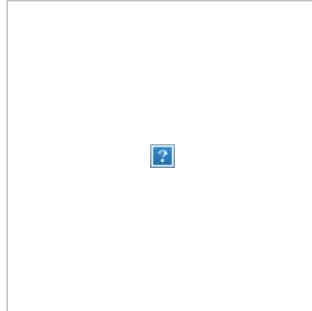
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2 books you must read:

"Against Our Better Judgement: The hidden history of how the U.S. was used to create Israel" by Alison Weir

<http://www.againstourbetterjudgment.com/>

"State of Terror: How Terrorism Created Modern Israel" by Thomas Suarez

<http://thomassuarez.com/SoT.html>

Other important websites to visit

<http://www.ifamericansknew.org>

<http://www.councilforthenationalinterest.org/new/>

<https://wearenotnumbers.org/>

End the Blockade/Siege on Gaza!

Tear down the Apartheid Walls in West Bank & Gaza!

End the War Criminal Israeli collective punishment on the Palestinian people!

End the illegal Apartheid Israeli Occupation of all of Palestine!

Right to Return to their homes and land in Palestine for all Palestinians!

End all U.S. aid to Israel

Free Palestine! Long Live Palestine!

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<http://www.bdsmovement.net>

<http://www.WhoProfits.org>

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<https://sgf.freedomflotilla.org/>

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Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 10:53:56 PM

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FYI: From Friday's NYT's

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/30/us/sacramento-homelessness-right-to-housing.amp.html>

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<https://www.themarshallproject.org/2021/06/23/violent-encounters-with-police-send-thousands-of-people-to-the-er-every-year>

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Date: Sunday, July 11, 2021 8:43:52 PM

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Time to vote District Attorney Jeff Rosen Out Of Office!

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> <https://www.mercurynews.com/2021/07/11/santa-clara-county-public-defender-launches-bid-to-replace-three-term-da>

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To: [Jeff Rosen](#); [Molly](#); [Human Relations Commission](#)
Subject: Should San Mateo County abandon their private defender panel and create a public defender's office in San Mateo County. You be the judge
Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 11:52:39 PM

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http://www.sanmateocourt.org/documents/grand_jury/2019/balance_scale_of_justice.pdf

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Subject: Stop blaming crime rates on defunding the police arguments
Date: Saturday, July 3, 2021 11:44:29 AM

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<https://www.motherjones.com/crime-justice/2021/07/stop-blaming-crime-rates-on-defunding-the-police/>

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Subject: U.N Commission on human rights calls for sweeping action to root out systemic racism
Date: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 9:41:14 PM

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From: [Aram James](#)
To: [Tanaka, Greg](#); [Greer Stone](#); [Pat Burt](#)
Subject: What about not funding 5 additional policeuse the million plus towards fire station 5....or toward a crisis intervention team..much needed in our police department
Date: Monday, June 21, 2021 7:24:31 PM

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Why are we funding 5 additional police officers with so many other priorities? What about a crisis intervention team rather than 5 more sworn officers? Hire A former victim of police violence as a community liaison between police and community. Other options that should be discussed by council and the community before filling 5 police slots cut during the Covid crisis???? Thanks, aram

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Subject: Marshall Project wins Pulitzer Price (with other media outlets) for series on canine attacks
Date: Sunday, June 13, 2021 4:33:21 PM

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<https://www.themarshallproject.org/2021/06/11/the-marshall-project-wins-the-pulitzer-prize>

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Subject: Cops allowed to lie to juveniles to obtain confessions banned in Illinois—how about banning cops from lying all together -wouldn't that be novel
Date: Thursday, July 15, 2021 8:45:40 PM

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To: [Debbie Mytels](#)
Subject: Fwd: Quick Survey on Palo Alto Housing Element
Date: Monday, July 12, 2021 12:43:02 PM

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12, 2021 at 11:48 AM
Subject: Re: Quick Survey on Palo Alto Housing Element

This is an important survey....please take the survey and forward it to PA folks.

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From: **Palo Alto Forward** <info@paloaltoforward.com>
Date: Mon, Jul 12, 2021 at 9:00 AM
Subject: Quick Survey on Palo Alto Housing Element

Want to take [a 5-minute action](#) to help Palo Alto plan sites and policies for new housing?

Things we like:

- Multi-family housing is crucial to ensuring a more affordable, diverse community while meeting our climate change goals
- Development near CalTrain, El Camino Real and Alma are good. Housing near transit and jobs reduce traffic impacts.
- ADUs are awesome - but we also have to do more to incentivize new housing development while expanding affordable housing options

Fill out the City Housing Element survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9HFZDKK>

This feedback will be compiled and used during our Housing Element process. The Working Group, who meets monthly, will identify sites and policies needed to meet our regional affordable housing goals (AKA RHNA). Their recommendations will be presented to council and must be certified in order for Palo Alto to be deemed compliant. **Help us ensure a fair and equitable Housing Element!** [Join Palo Alto Forward as a member today.](#)

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To: [WILPF Peninsula Palo Alto](#); [Human Relations Commission](#); [Council City](#); [Pastor Kaloma Smith](#); [ParkRec Commission](#); [planning.commission@cityofpaloalto.org](#); [Dave Price](#)
Subject: Fwd: SF Chronicle: Manhattanize Palo Alto - Silicon Valley's birthplace needs to be a housing innovator again
Date: Sunday, July 25, 2021 10:51:07 PM

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fyi Time to make some changes!

Date: Sun, Jul 25, 2021 at 8:33 PM

Subject: SF Chronicle: Manhattanize Palo Alto - Silicon Valley's birthplace needs to be a housing innovator again

Roberta Ahlquist <roberta.ahlquist@sjsu.edu>

Check out this opinion piece in today's SF Chronicle that is spot on about how irresponsible Shallow Alto has been for so long:

Manhattanize Palo Alto

Silicon Valley's birthplace needs to be a housing innovator again

By Brock Keeling



Chronicle illustration

; Getty Images

Most people know Palo Alto as the epicenter of tech. In 1939, Hewlett-Packard was conceived in a garage on Addison Avenue in the city's University South neighborhood. The detached wooden shed, a registered California landmark declared as "the birthplace of Silicon Valley," is now a museum.

Less known, however, is Palo Alto's role as a housing innovator.

A couple of decades after HP's birth, as the tech industry began to take root, famed developer Joseph Eichler, who believed that good design should be democratic, studded the city with affordable homes that, at the time, were priced to move. He used innovative and imaginative architects to bring roughly 2,700 homes with crisp lines and a focus on the outdoors to the working class. These ticky-tacky structures were part of America's post-war boom, and helped populate the Bay Area through a unique triangulation of high style and build-by-the-numbers ease at friendly prices.

As creative minds thrived in Palo Alto, Eichler's homes housed Silicon Valley's first wave. They even helped germinate the

world's biggest tech company. Steve Wozniak, Apple's co-founder, grew up in an Eichler in Sunnyvale. The late Steve Jobs, meanwhile, credited Eichler for inspiring him to create Apple's well-designed products for the mass market.

"I love it when you can bring really great design and simple capability to something that doesn't cost much," he said of Eichler's homes in Walter Isaacson's "Steve Jobs." "It was the original vision for Apple. That's what we tried to do with the first Mac." (Although Jobs assumed he had lived in an Eichler growing up in Mountain View, his family's Mid-Century Modern was determined to be a lookalike by a competing developer, which Eichler fans call a "Likeler.")

These days, however, the betrayal of Eichler's affordable and stylish vision really slaps you in the face the moment you step off the train in Palo Alto. Two mid-rise Amazon buildings, emblazoned with the \$3.1 billion company's logo, confront you as you enter the city's main drag. A slew of boutique venture capitalist firms, with villainous-sounding names like Bain Capital or Omers Ventures, sprout not far away.

What you won't find is enough housing.

Eichler's Mid-Century Modern homes, prized for their vaulted ceilings and floor-to-ceiling windows, now regularly fetch upward of \$2.5 million. In an acutely perverse way, Eichler's homes are still affordable, relatively speaking; The median home price in Palo Alto today is \$3.5 million, according to June 2021 Redfin estimates. A lucrative investment for the lucky few who can afford it.

The culprit? During an era of unfettered tech innovation and cash flow, the city barely increased its housing stock. From 2004, when a puerile Mark Zuckerberg rented a home on La Jennifer Way during the nascent days of "the Facebook," up until today, scant homes have been built for an increasing workforce. Between 2010 and 2018 Palo Alto's jarring jobs-to-housing ratio was 16:1, with 20,475 jobs added, but only 1,269 homes permitted, according to data from the U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. (The jobs-to-housing ratio is grim across the Bay Area.)

The city's egregious lack of shelter has even prompted its own leaders to flee for higher ground: In 2016, Kate Vershov Downing, a former Palo Alto planning and transportation commissioner, quit her job alleging a stubborn City Council and skyrocketing rental prices that she and her family could no longer afford.

As former mayor Eric Filseth said in 2020: "You can't have a functional community comprised only of software engineers and patent attorneys."

Don't blame the tech industry for Palo Alto's enforced dearth of housing; that would be as cliché as it would be wrong.

"Palo Alto has a small group of very wealthy, very powerful people that do not want to see growth," says Angie Evans, executive director of Palo Alto Forward, a housing advocacy group. "If you go to a playground and chat with parents and grandparents, most people here want to see a living, growing city where we change alongside the needs of the community."

Evans, who lives two blocks away from the Zuckerberg family in the Crescent Park neighborhood, points to a well-moneyed group that ties together anti-housing coterie Embarcadero Institute, Palo Altans for Sensible Zoning and United Neighbors. (Word to the wise: Groups using such jargon as "sensible" or "united" in their names are usually the opposite.)

"The strongest force pushing back against new housing in Palo Alto is what's known as the 'residentialist' faction," says Jordan Grimes, a Peninsula housing advocate whose Twitter breakdowns of NIMBY meetings are as legendary as they are informative. (One noteworthy gripe was from a Palo Altan who complained that new housing would bump up traffic, and thus increase the time it takes to get to her second home in Lake Tahoe.) Said housing group of purported sensibility has helped elect the city's current crop of council members, which includes a real estate agent as well as its mayor, a former Palo Altans for Sensible Zoning member.

It's also important to not let Stanford University, which has one of the largest campuses in the world, off the hook. Stanford Research Park, created in 1951, led to the creation of VMware, Tesla and SAP Labs, among other tech firms, creating tens of thousands of jobs while doing almost nothing in terms of housing creation. The school's general lot 8, a vast moat of land and a smattering of trees at the university's north entrance, could easily provide space for dire housing.

There is an answer to this quandary: Palo Alto needs to return to its roots as a housing innovator

It's time to Manhattanize Palo Alto. That's right, Manhattanize, the oft-used West Coast slur that should be embraced and enforced in the Valley.

By mandating residential mid and high-rises, Palo Alto can become ground zero for housing that goes above — way above — its puny 50-foot ceiling for new developments, a law enacted in the early 1970s to allegedly preserve quality of life. Get rid of all parking requirements, an outdated mandate from 1951. Affix fees on new commercial builders to fund affordable housing. And increase the puny 20% affordable housing requirement while you're at it.

Lydia Kou, the aforementioned Realtor and a self-described “moderategrowth” City Council member, told me, “It’s simplistic thinking to think it’s okay to just start building. It’s not sensible; it’s just rhetoric.”

But even Eichler was prone to the occasional high-rise, like the 315-foot Summit atop Russian Hill, noted for its flared concrete shaft. One of the Bay Area’s best living designers, Stanley Saitowiz, could do wonders given a skyscraper project in Palo Alto.

“I don’t care that much about how tall a building is or the facade,” Evans says. “I care about whether my kids are able to grow up in a place that embraces racial and economic diversity and that prioritizes the people most impacted by our problems.”

As mandated by the Association of Bay Area Governments, the Bay Area as a whole has to change its zoning to allow construction of 441,000 new homes from 2023 to 2031.

It’s time to build your share, Palo Altans. You want the envious sobriquet “the birthplace of Silicon Valley”? Then act like it. Turn your skyline into glorious habitable towers that reach beyond the stars.

And don’t go anywhere, Cupertino. You’re next.

Brock Keeling is an award-winning writer who covers California.

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Subject: Re: Tasers Forum Aram James (2014)
Date: Friday, July 23, 2021 8:05:18 PM

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From the archives of Aram James: why the Palo Alto Police Department should Shelve Tasers.

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Subject: NYTimes: The Left Needs the A.C.L.U. to Keep Defending Awful Speech
Date: Sunday, July 25, 2021 1:13:31 AM

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Subject: Two Colorado officers charged after brutal arrest caught on body cams - YouTube
Date: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 1:29:08 PM

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Subject: Silicon Valley De-Bug | James and Konda: The Time Has Come for a robust police crimes unit in every DA's office in America (
Date: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 2:55:34 PM

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Subject: NYTimes: A Fight Over Zoning Tests Charlottesville's Progress on Race
Date: Sunday, August 1, 2021 10:21:51 PM

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A Fight Over Zoning Tests Charlottesville's Progress on Race
<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/08/01/us/charlottesville-va-zoning-affordable-housing.html?referringSource=articleShare>

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Subject: PSN] Come leaflet Barbara Lee movie Mon. evening at Grand Lake,
Date: Sunday, August 1, 2021 7:42:51 PM
Attachments: [leaflet layout14 7-31.pdf](#)

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FYI

Please distribute to people you know.

Thank you
Donna

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From: Henry Norr <henrynorr@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Aug 1, 2021 at 3:29 PM
Subject: [PSN] Come leaflet Barbara Lee movie Mon. evening at Grand Lake,
To: PSN <palestine_solidarity_network@googlegroups.com>

As folks might recall from earlier posts to this list, there's going to be a screening of a movie called "Barbara Lee: Speaking Truth To Power," with Rep. Lee in attendance, tomorrow evening at the Grand Lake Theater in Oakland. In response to her increasingly poor record on Palestine (she sponsored a bill, just passed by the House, that gives the Israelis \$3.3 billion+ in 2022), a small ad hoc group of us put together a leaflet (PDF attached) that aims to educate the 600 people who have bought tickets about her record on this issue and to encourage them to press her to speak and act in support of justice for the Palestinians. It's respectful of her good works but firm in calling her out on this issue.

We'll be meeting at the Grand Lake at 6:15 pm. Can you join us to help with the leafleting?

Henry Norr

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You received this message because you are subscribed to the Google Groups "Palestine Solidarity Network" group.
To unsubscribe from this group and stop receiving emails from it, send an email to palestine_solidarity_network+unsubscribe@googlegroups.com.
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2 books you must read:

"Against Our Better Judgment: The hidden history of how the U.S. was used to create Israel" by Alison Weir

<http://www.againstourbetterjudgment.com/>

"State of Terror: How Terrorism Created Modern Israel" by Thomas Suarez

<http://thomassuarez.com/SoT.html>

Other important websites to visit

<http://www.ifamericansknew.org>

<http://www.councilforthenationalinterest.org/new/>

<https://wearenotnumbers.org/>

End the Blockade/Siege on Gaza!

Tear down the Apartheid Walls in West Bank & Gaza!

End the War Criminal Israeli collective punishment on the Palestinian people!

End the illegal Apartheid Israeli Occupation of all of Palestine!

Right to Return to their homes and land in Palestine for all Palestinians!

End all U.S. aid to Israel

Free Palestine! Long Live Palestine!

Support Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) & Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (PACBI) Campaigns!

<http://www.bdsmovement.net>

<http://www.WhoProfits.org>

<http://www.pacbi.org>

Support Solidarity with Gaza Fishers

<https://sgf.freedomflotilla.org/>

<https://freedomflotilla.org/>

<https://sgf.freedomflotilla.org/category/we-are-not-numbers>

Support ISM volunteers in West Bank and Gaza Strip!

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Cc: [Donna Wallach](#)
Subject: Re: Ben & Jerry's ending sales in West Bank settlements
Date: Monday, July 19, 2021 8:43:06 PM

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Hi Donna,
Thanks for sharing this important information. As you suggest I will share this information with others.

Aram

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On Jul 19, 2021, at 8:25 PM, Donna Wallach <cats4jazz@gmail.com> wrote:

Greetings all,

Although this is good news that the current owners of Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream, Unilever, have said that they will stop selling their ice cream in the West Bank, they are still selling their ice cream within the '48 borders, so the Zionists are still profiting from their illegal Occupation of Palestine. The group Vermonters for Justice in Palestine, <https://vtjp.org>, have been organizing for over a decade to get the company to stop selling its ice cream there within the '48 borders and within the West Bank. On 19th July, as you will read below, Ben & Jerry's says they will end sales of their ice cream in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. However, they will continue to sell their ice cream within the '48 borders and are being highly pressured to go back on their word. Please read the Press Release from Vermonters for Justice in Palestine how they say that the Israeli Occupation is still profiting from the sales of Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream and it needs to totally stop selling there.

in solidarity
Donna

PRESS RELEASE

Ben & Jerry's fails to end its Complicity in Israel's Occupation and Abuses of Palestinian Human Rights according to Vermonters for Justice in Palestine

Press Email Contact: Mark Hage or Wafic

Faour <ContactUs@vtjp.org>; **Phone Contacts: Mark Hage** [802 229 4011 or 802 272 3554]

or Wafic Faour [802 310 0212]

Date - July 19th 2021 For immediate Release.

The July 19th 2021 announcement from Ben & Jerry's <https://www.benjerry.com/about-us/media-center/palestine-statement> announces that

"Ben & Jerry's Will End Sales of Our Ice Cream in the Occupied Palestinian Territory" and continues:

"We believe it is inconsistent with our values for Ben & Jerry's ice cream to be sold in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT). We also hear and recognize the concerns shared with us by our fans and trusted partners.

We have a longstanding partnership with our licensee, who manufactures Ben & Jerry's ice cream in Israel and distributes it in the region. We have been working to change this, and so we have informed our licensee that we will not renew the license agreement when it expires at the end of next year.

Although Ben & Jerry's will no longer be sold in the OPT, we will stay in Israel through a different arrangement. We will share an update on this as soon as we're ready."

Ben & Jerry's intended actions fail to address the widespread anger at the actions of the Israeli government against Palestinian people who live in occupied territory, or who are refugees denied their legitimate right to return to their former homes. According to VTJP member Kathy Shapiro "By maintaining a presence in Israel, Ben & Jerry's continues to be complicit in the killing, imprisonment and dispossession of Palestinian people and the flaunting of international law. Israel destroys lives and property in the lands it occupies by force."

Vermonters for Justice in Palestine (VTJP) continues to call on Ben & Jerry's to:

1. End the marketing, catering and sales of Ben & Jerry's products in Israel and Jewish-only settlements in occupied East Jerusalem and the West Bank.

2. Stop manufacturing ice cream in Israel.

3. Issue a statement (a) calling on Israel to end its occupation and settlement enterprise and

(b) appealing directly to other socially responsible companies to do likewise and to cease business operations in Israel and its illegal settlements.

These three demands have been clearly stated in a series of petitions directed to the CEO and others at Ben & Jerry's. Now, seven years after our campaign

has drawn attention to Ben & Jerry's complicity with the illegal and immoral actions of its licensee in Israel they have finally moved eventually to end sales of their ice cream in illegal settlements, which they have admitted represent a very small part of their business in Palestine/Israel. However, their licensee will continue to operate in Israel for another seventeen months, and the company will remain in Israel in a form yet to be announced.

Ben & Jerry's fails to recognize that Israel has been identified as an Apartheid State, and their factory there is [built on stolen land](#) near the demolished Palestinian village of Qastina. Their attempt to normalize the widely recognized Apartheid practiced by the Israeli government and military is completely inconsistent with the company's stated [social mission](#). VTJP member and Palestinian refugee Wafic Faour asserts that "since 1947, Palestinian people have been victimized by Israeli Zionists who have arrived there through racially-selective immigration policies. Ben & Jerry's should completely disengage from Israel and apologize for their normalization with an Apartheid state over the past decades".

The [campaign by VTJP](#) has included meetings with Ben & Jerry's management and members of their Board of Directors, direct appeals to scoop shop owners and recipients of grant funding from the Ben & Jerry's Foundation, and several petitions signed by thousands of people directed to the company's management. This campaign has been joined by petitions organized by Decolonize Burlington [VT] and by SumOfUs.org.

[Vermonters for Justice in Palestine](#) works to support the Palestinian people in their struggle for human rights and to end Israel's illegal and immoral occupation of Palestinian lands through education, advocacy, and action.

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So the Zionists who can afford it still get to enjoy Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream as they, Ben & Jerry's, totally violate their social mission. Especially considering where the Ben & Jerry's factory was built, it is an outrage that they continue to claim their social mission. Everyone needs to boycott Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream.

Please share widely
Donna

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From: 'isis feral' via Stop ZIM Action Committee <stop-zim-action-committee@googlegroups.com>

Date: Mon, Jul 19, 2021 at 4:43 PM

Subject: [SZAC] Fw: Ben & Jerry's ending sales in West Bank settlements

To: Stop ZIM Action Committee <stop-zim-action-committee@googlegroups.com>

No more ice cream for Zionists!

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<https://forward.com/fast-forward/473175/ben-jerrys-will-end-sales-of-its-ice-cream-occupied-palestinian-territory>:

Ben & Jerry's will end sales of its ice cream in the Occupied Palestinian Territory

Haaretz July 19, 2021 Photo by iStock

Ben & Jerry's announced Monday that it would end sales of ice cream in the Israeli settlements in the West Bank, following "concerns shared with us by our fans and trusted partners."

"Although Ben & Jerry's will no longer be sold in the OPT [Occupied Palestinian territories], we will stay in Israel through a different arrangement. We will share an update on this as soon as we're ready," it added.

The Vermont-based ice cream company, which launched in 1978, has long been associated with progressive values. Last year, following the murder of George Floyd, the company added a special section of its website devoted to combating white supremacy.

But until now, Ben & Jerry's had conspicuously refrained from weighing in on Israeli-Palestinian affairs. So while it has readily marked the anniversary of the Supreme Court's landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* ruling barring school segregation in the 1950s and condemned the Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol attack as a riot for white supremacy, the company did not mention Israel or Palestine even as the flare-up in May grabbed headlines around the world.

Ben & Jerry's will end sales of our ice cream in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. Read our full statement:

<https://t.co/2mGWYGN4GA>[pic.twitter.com/kFeu7aXOf3](https://t.co/kFeu7aXOf3)— Ben & Jerry's (@benandjerrys) July 19, 2021

The criticism of the brand over its silence on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict coalesced on May 19 with a call by a social justice group called Decolonize Burlington in Vermont for Americans to boycott the company, according to the Burlington Free Press. Local activists have been lobbying against Ben & Jerry's Israel ties since at least 2012. Ben & Jerry's hasn't posted on its social media accounts since June, when it was bombarded with criticism for licensing a factory in Israel which provides Israeli settlements with products.

In its statement, Ben & Jerry's also said: "We have a longstanding partnership with our licensee, who manufactures Ben & Jerry's ice cream in Israel and distributes it in the region. We have been working to change this, and so we have

informed our licensee that we will not renew the license agreement when it expires at the end of next year.”

The Israeli Ben & Jerry’s, the brand’s only independent licensee, is widely popular. It has produced special flavors for holidays, such as haroset for Passover and “mixed-up” for this spring’s national election, and last year held a Purim costume party whose prize was a six-month supply of ice cream.

Foreign Minister Yair Lapid upbraided Ben & Jerry’s, calling its decision a “shameful surrender” to BDS and to antisemitism. Lapid noted that many states in America have laws against sanctioning Israel, and promised to demand they implement these laws against the Vermont company. “We will not stay silent,” Lapid said.

Lapid’s Foreign Ministry said in a statement that the Ben & Jerry’s decision was a “willing cooperation with economic terrorism led by the boycott movement, an anti-Israeli movement tinted with antisemitic hues.

“It is a discriminatory and immoral decision that singles out Israel, harms both Israelis and Palestinians, and gives a tailwind to extremist, thuggish groups. This decision not only does not advance peace and the solution of the conflict, but strengthens the opponents of reconciliation between the two peoples and those who call for the destruction of the State of Israel.”

In response to Ben & Jerry’s announcement, the Yesha Council, an umbrella organization of the Israeli settlements in the West Bank, said it hopes Ben & Jerry’s backtracks on its decision, and in the meantime urged Israelis to buy local ice cream instead of Ben & Jerry’s. “In the hot summer days, we urge Israelis around the country to eat delicious, sweet Israeli ice cream. There’s no need to buy products from companies that boycott hundreds of thousands of citizens of the State of Israel because of where they chose to live,” they said in a statement.

“We hope that the Ben & Jerry’s company will walk back this discriminatory decision, which brings a bitter spirit to such a sweet area.”

David Ha’Ivri, of the Samaria Regional Council, told Haaretz: “I don’t tend to mix ice cream and politics. Currently Ben & Jerry’s ice cream is available in local supermarkets. Sometimes we buy their products and take home even though they are substantially more expensive than local brands. If they choose to pull out of our stores it will be their loss and gain only to their competition.”

Americans for Peace Now, the U.S. sister organization to Israel’s left-wing Peace Now, praised the move, congratulating Ben & Jerry’s “for making a principled distinction between sovereign Israel and Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank, which are illegal and illegitimate.”

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee — the most powerful pro-Israel organization in Washington — sharply criticized the “discriminatory” move. “It is against the interests of peace and reconciliation to launch a one-sided boycott when it is the Palestinian leadership that refuses to come to the negotiating table

with Israel," an AIPAC spokesperson told Haaretz.

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I hardly think It's restricted to the NYPD although they may be the biggest and most prolific police miscreants in the country.

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Its just that when the constitution is upheld a bright line shines on the case leaving the illusion that justice and the constitution are regularly upheld in this country.

The illusion allows the legally naive or those invested in the big lie of justice for all...in this country.... to praise a system that deserves no such respect or admiration. Justice in this country, when it happens at all, is a random and rare act.

Aram

I agree. The idea of the guardians/paragons/judge & jury of public behavior to have lying as one of their prime "tools" is a contradiction and sets up more lying in the justice system and in the world. BAD idea. Why not endorse them stealing, which they do if they get to a corpse before the fire department, in which case they will have stripped the jewelry off the body? At least in NYC, that's the way they play.

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As mandated by the Association of Bay Area Governments, the Bay Area as a whole has to change its zoning to allow construction of 441,000 new homes from 2023 to 2031.

It's time to build your share, Palo Alto. You want the envious sobriquet “the birthplace of Silicon Valley”? Then act like it. Turn your skyline into

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And don't go anywhere, Cupertino. You're next.

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Like: that vast moat of land at the north entrance.

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I continue to have the mantra: no new construction is needed. There is an abundant number of existing structures that could be used to add homes to the inventory of homes in Palo Alto and on the SF Peninsula. The corporations with the jobs must engage to reveal ghost houses, create maps of homeless encampments, and identify other existing structures for their employees in Palo Alto as well as those living further way..

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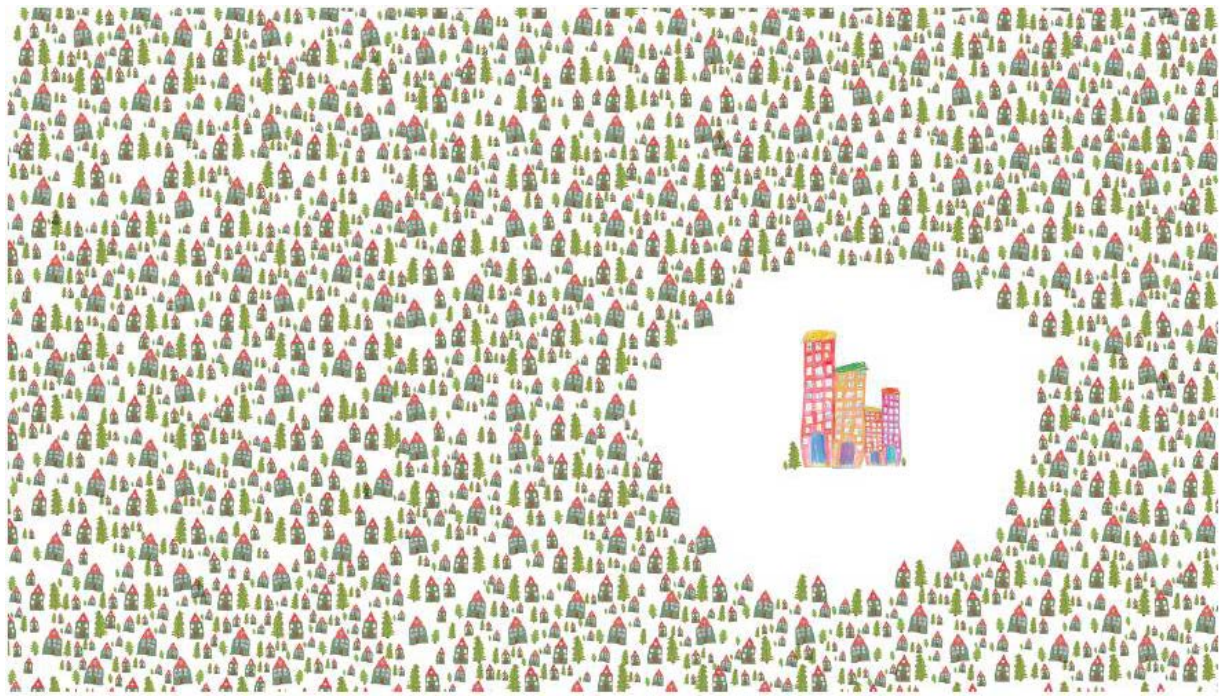
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"I don't care that much about how tall a building is or the facade," Evans says. "I care about whether my kids are able to grow up in a place that embraces racial and economic diversity and that prioritizes the people most impacted by our problems."

As mandated by the Association of Bay Area Governments, the Bay Area as a whole has to change its zoning to allow construction of 441,000 new homes from 2023 to 2031.

It's time to build your share, Palo Altans. You want the envious sobriquet "the birthplace of Silicon Valley"? Then act like it. Turn your skyline into glorious habitable towers that reach beyond the stars.

And don't go anywhere, Cupertino. You're next.

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I am filing a Title 11 ADA, Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation request under Subpart B section 35.130 of the ADA

I am requesting that due my disabilities that i be able to drive on the road from the picnic area in the valley to the Towle campsite two times per week, depending on my health.

For the past 35 plus years i have been able to walk from the valley to the fern loop trail which i would then hike on. However, during the past two years due to the worsening of my disabilities and other health problems i have found that this walk from the valley to the fern loop trail has become increasingly difficult. This has been aggravated by the fact that i have been experiencing increasing problems with both of my knees making the walk much more difficult and painful and which is now requiring medical intervention.

My ability to access this part of the park has been a one of the healthiest activities i have been able to engage in for decades. The quiet and solitude i have enjoyed in this part of the park has been a necessary antidote to the noisy and very challenging environmental conditions where i live in palo alto.

This not a matter of convenience it is a necessity based on my disabilities and other health difficulties.

I want to add that years ago i had injured one of my legs which required wearing a boot for months while i healed. I asked the chief ranger, who i believe was Lester Hodges, if i could drive on the towle camp road to the campsite where i would spend several hours resting. He granted my request. Once my leg healed i no longer needed the accommodation.

My health has declined significantly since then and that is the reason for the accommodation request.

sincerely

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Please sign and pass on to friends....we need more housing for our workers!

roberta

From: WILPF Peninsula Palo Alto <wilpf.peninsula.paloalto@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Jul 11, 2021 at 11:50 AM
Subject: REMINDER to Take Action to advance SB 9 and 10 housing bills

To WILPF members/supporters: Our most recent emails that included information on SB 9 were sent on July 8 and 17th. This is a copy of the message on the 8th. *I apologize for a typo in the original email, showing Roberta's name, as Robert! : Jud(y):*

To WILPF members/supporters, forwarded by Roberta, on our housing the housing committee from CA YIMBY:



We've got some exciting news: **SB 10 has made it to the floor of the State Assembly, and SB 9 will be joining it shortly!**

After a banner month of committee wins for our bills, we anticipate SB 9 passing through the Appropriations Committee shortly. **That means we need to start emailing, calling, and lobbying every Assemblymember today to secure support for these critical bills.**

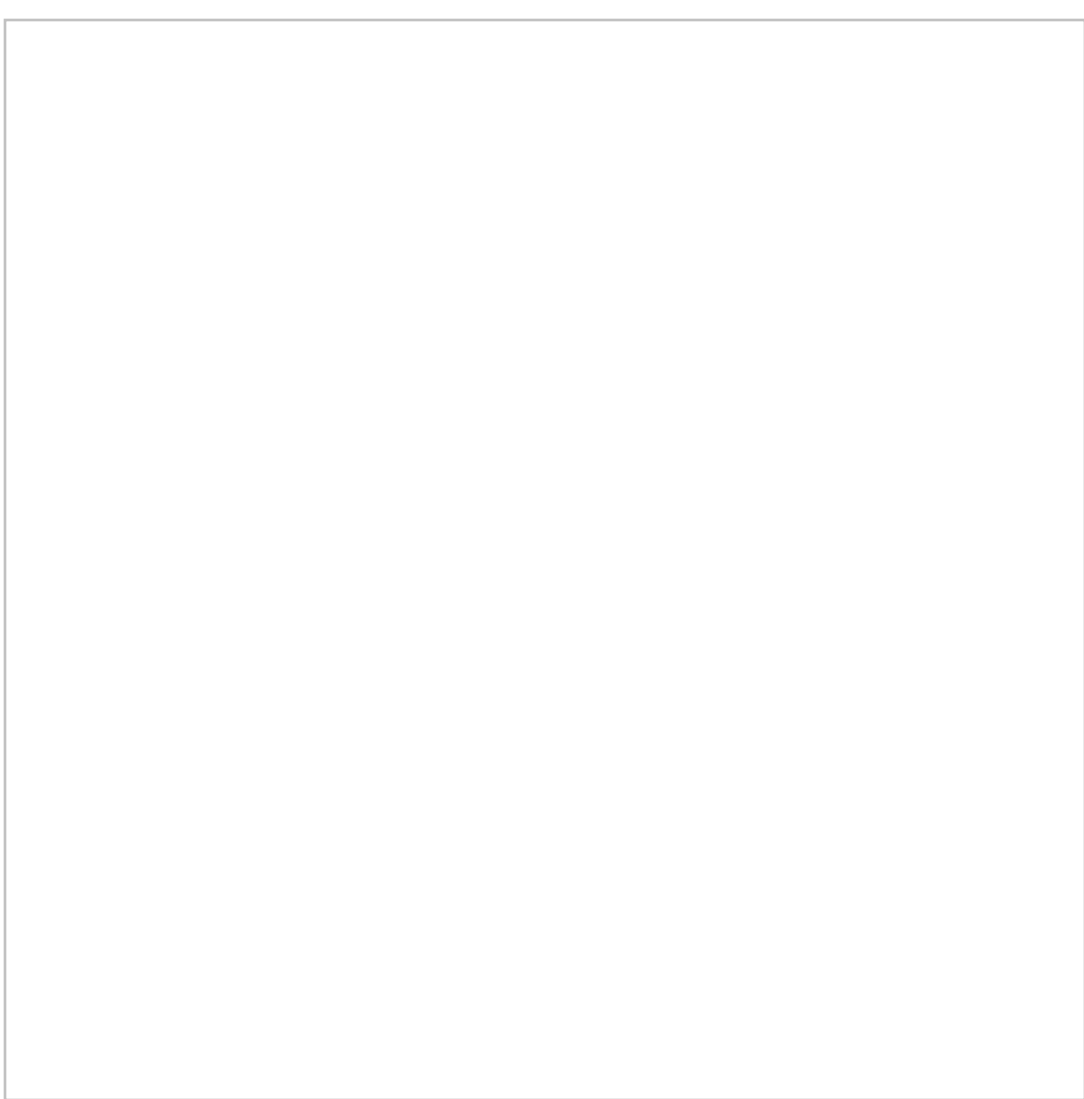
[Can you send an email to your Assemblymember and urge them to vote YES on SB 9 and 10? »](#)

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SB 9 allows homeowners to split their property into two lots and build two homes on each lot, while SB 10 makes it easier for cities to legalize buildings with 2 to 10 homes in non-sprawl areas.

[Please take a moment to email your local Assemblymember and tell them why you support building more homes »](#)

We're hearing from our friends in the Legislature that we should expect close votes on the Assembly floor when it comes to passing these bills -- which means **we don't have any time to lose!**



Combined, these bills would make it easier for California to build desperately-needed housing for middle-income workers like teachers and nurses, and reduce our state's crushing housing shortage. Our legislative strategy *depends* on informed constituents like you using your voice to call for change.

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