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Subject: The unshakable bonds of friendship with Israel are shaking
Date: Thursday, May 20, 2021 11:59:04 AM

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Nguyen, Vinhloc

From: Planning Commission
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 4:44 PM
To: Nguyen, Vinhloc
Subject: FW: AB 1401 is making headlines across the country.

From: Roberta Ahlquist <roberta.ahlquist@sjsu.edu>
To: "Council, City" <city.council@cityofpaloalto.org>, planning.commission@cityofpaloalto.org
Cc:
Bcc:
Date: Wed, 19 May 2021 14:44:04 -0700
Subject: Fwd: AB 1401 is making headlines across the country.

Parking is far less important than housing service sector workers! R. Ahquisy

Date: Tue, May 18, 2021 at 1:50 PM
Subject: AB 1401 is making headlines across the country.
To: <roberta.ahlquist@sjsu.edu>



Dear Roberta,

In case you missed it, one of our sponsored bills, **AB 1401**, is making headlines across the country.

AB 1401 eliminates expensive parking mandates near transit and in walkable neighborhoods, and it would reduce the cost of housing in these areas.

Even though major papers like the Los Angeles Times have come out in support of AB 1401, we still need all hands on deck to pass this bill through the Assembly Appropriations committee.

[Please, take a few minutes to email the State Assembly in](#)

[support of AB 1401.](#)

Bills have until the end of the week to make it out of Appropriations, meaning we only have a few days to act and ensure this critical legislation moves forward.

Support AB 1401 »

Passing AB 1401 would go a long way towards helping California meet its climate goals by reducing our state's dependence on personal automobile travel.

If California wants to get serious on climate, we need to adopt approaches that minimize sprawl development and make it more affordable for Californians to live near good transit. **We need to pass AB 1401.**

[So Roberta, take a minute to email the Assembly Appropriations Committee and tell them why YOU support AB 1401.](#)

Together, we can build a more affordable, sustainable California. And that work starts with passing AB 1401 through committee.

Gratefully,

Matthew

Matthew Lewis
Communications Director
California YIMBY

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Subject: Democrats Pressure Biden on Israel as the party takes a Skeptical Stance (about time)!!!!!!
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 10:18:23 PM

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Subject: Palestinians Rally New Support as Arab Street Moves to Web
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 1:47:54 PM

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Subject: Democrats Pressure Biden on Israel as the party takes a Skeptical Stance (about time)!!!!!!
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From: [Gail Price](#)
To: james.eggers@sierraclub.org
Cc: [Council, City; Planning Commission; Gail Price](#)
Subject: Letter to Sierra Club and cc: Palo Alto City Council. Praising letter supporting In-fill Housing and link to Climate Change
Date: Monday, May 17, 2021 10:08:34 PM

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May 17, 2021

Mr. James Eggers
Executive Director
Sierra Club : Loma Prieta Chapter

Dear Mr. Eggers,

Palo Alto Forward would like to commend you for your strong letter of 4/29/21 to Mayor DuBois and Palo Alto City Council Members regarding the lack of sufficient affordable housing in our community and the importance of infill-housing as a means to address documented climate change, sustainability, and environmental goals. It was a needed statement reiterating the importance of infill-housing as a documented means of reducing our carbon footprint and green house gas emissions.

You reiterated the importance and value of infill-housing, especially adjacent to transit and jobs, and its importance to creating inclusive communities.

The Sierra Club Board of Directors' adopted Urban Infill Policy is exemplary. It reads: The Sierra Club believes affordable house is a human right. Further, all neighborhoods should be open to people of all income levels and backgrounds.

As you further noted, the City's history of not approving and building enough housing is well known; by the end of 2019, the City of Palo Alto has met only about 25% of our RHNA assigned housing totals. Housing adjacent to transit is especially critical.

The jobs-housing imbalance continues to exacerbate traffic congestion, parking demand, air pollution and respiratory impacts. Addressing these impacts would also decrease our carbon footprint.

The lack of housing supply for workers of various incomes drives up rental and housing prices and directly impacts the recruitment and retention of restaurant, hotel and service industry public sector workers.

We could not agree more that "If Palo Alto wants to continue to be seen as a champion of climate action and positive social change, it needs to be more flexible in the types of housing it allows in many of its neighborhoods."

Your stated position on this issue is important to the thoughtful and comprehensive discussion of climate change problems and ways to make a difference. I hope you will continue to speak up on these issues in partnership with other community members, environmental and housing advocates. It's needed.

Sincerely

Gail A. Price
President, Palo Alto Forward

Cc: Mayor DuBois and Palo Alto City Council Members

From: [Roberta Ahlquist](#)
To: [Council, City](#); [City Mgr](#); [Aram James](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Cecilia Taylor](#); [Joe Simitian](#); [rebecca](#); [WILPF Peninsula Palo Alto](#)
Subject: Fwd: Desegregate Foothill Park
Date: Monday, May 17, 2021 12:17:57 PM

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PA Council and PA Recreation Department:

When wil Palo Alto begin to desegregate the 'Wall Street of the West'? (otherwise kown as Palo Alto). Let's rename Foothill Park after LaDoris Cordell, a long time Palo Alto social justice activist . I sent the letter below to Ms Cormackin February, but others might benefit from a reading:

Dear Council Member Cormack:

You were the only council person who considered the impact of a fee on people with a limited income wishing to visit Foothill Park. We believe that the park should have NO fees, as parks all over the bay area are, for the most part, open and free to all. This park has been paid for. The city has ample funds for cleanup, and if needed people can donate to a park fund, and even help with cleanup days. After the holidays we visited the park during 'peak hours' (between 10am and 3pm) several times, and found the park clean, quiet, and we counted only 18 cars in the parking lots. The council once again has reacted in the interests of keeping some folks out of the park. What a limited vision we have for the health and interests of the larger community. Thank you for your concerns. Let's hope that the Parks folks, and Council reconsider their reactive response and drop the fee.

Sincerely,

Roberta Ahlquist, Women's International League for
Peace & Freedom-low

income Housing Committee

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Subject: PR vs. Public Access: Many Bay Area police agencies are issuing slick videos to justify police shooting, but critics say they twist the facts and undermine laws requiring transparency...(headline story front page of today's Sunday Mercury News) must r...
Date: Sunday, May 16, 2021 5:23:00 PM

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Subject: Study session items 1 and 2 5/18/21
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Dear Mayor DuBois and council members,

The council has a chance to give positive feedback to an mixed use, mainly housing project on Alma on a site close to jobs, services, shopping and transit and at the same time correct a premature decision with regard to the application of PHZ projects in R-1 neighborhoods.

The Alma project would add housing and reduce office space on a desirable site.

The Wellesley project would add housing oriented to both the missing middle and low income residents. That site, like the Alma site, is close to jobs, services, shopping and both freeways and public transit.

Both projects meet a city goal of projects with 20% BMR units.

Taking any housing options off the table either with regard to PHZ zoning or the NVCAP area before the housing element site review process even begins strikes me as reckless and irresponsible and puts the city at legal risk since it is very likely that we will easily find suitable sites and policies to incentivize 6,000 units or even a bit smaller if the city wins an appeal.

One of the requirements of the housing element is to identify and overcome challenges to meeting our housing goal.

I understand that there is political pressure to to oppose state law and many projects but your job as the Mayor has said is to proceed with a good faith effort to meet ALL of the housing element update requirements.

Please let the housing element process develop findings before taking housing options off the table.

Stephen Levy

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Subject: Black Americans disproportionately die in police Taser confrontations | Reuters (June 2020)
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Subject: THE WALL STREET JOURNAL: Israel's New Challenge: Violence Among Its Own Citizens
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Israel's New Challenge: Violence Among Its Own Citizens

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Subject: NYTimes: Tensions Among Democrats Grow Over Israel as the Left Defends Palestinians (its about time the democrats defend the Palestinians)!!!
Date: Saturday, May 15, 2021 9:08:53 PM

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Tensions Among Democrats Grow Over Israel as the Left Defends Palestinians
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Subject: NYTimes: After Years of Quiet, Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Exploded. Why Now?
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After Years of Quiet, Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Exploded. Why Now?
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Subject: City of Santa Clara settles a wrongful death case from 2017 - police shot and killed a 24 yr old man experiencing a mental health crisis for 5.3 million dollars
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Subject: Sign now to call on the U.S. State Department and Department of Defense: Demand an end to Israel's forced displacement of Palestinians from East Jerusalem
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