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From: Beth Rosenthal <bbr550@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 3:33 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Swearing in of new Council Members

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Dear 2021 City Council Members:

I am writing to urge you to nominate Tom Dubois for mayor and Lydia Kou for vice mayor. Both have served the public well during their time on Council but I want to especially commend Lydia for the way she has served the public. Lydia has had the courage to support minority positions (the only Council member to vote against the conversion of the President Hotel from affordable housing to a luxury hotel) and to as a rule, stand up for residents and “the little guy” in the community. Lydia was the only candidate to refuse to accept campaign contributions from developers because as a Council member, she did not want to be beholden to others’ agendas. Please make this election a reflection of the hard work both Lydia and Tom have done to support the people in this community. The way you can do that is to elect Tom as mayor and Lydia as vice mayor.

Sincerely,

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From: Jo Ann Mandinach <joann@needtoknow.com>

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To: Council, City <city.council@cityofpaloalto.org>

Subject: Happy New Year! May the next mayor & vice mayor serve the residents. For a change.

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Happy New Year.

May the next mayor and vice mayor serve the residents of Palo Alto, not the interests of big business and commuters.

We need MORE resident-serving businesses and services, not fewer, and our small businesses need all the help they can get from the city after all their pandemic-related losses during the past 9 months. It's truly heart-breaking to see all the GoFundMe appeals from treasured local businesses and we should be concentrating on helping -- not hurting -- them.

I'm appalled by suggestions that we should accelerate the decline of resident-serving businesses by the unseemly rush to let office spaces replace them. This move is especially egregious given all the empty offices up for rent at a time when even the biggest employers like Google and Facebook have decided to have their workers work remotely.

Therefore, I propose that Vice Mayor DuBois move into the mayoral role with either Lydia Kou or Pat Burt ascending to vice mayor since we know they represent US and our interests. For a change.

Most sincerely,
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