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From: Alejandra Mier <alejandra@cupacafe.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 7:50 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: 5/12 Finance Committee, agenda item 3c, Special Revenue Funds

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To the Palo Alto Finance Committee,

My personal experience with the transit pass program has become an important incentive for our employees. Since the time it began, it has left a huge beneficial impact. The program has allowed employees to get to work without driving their vehicles which has left less cars on the streets of Palo Alto homeowners and allowed more parking spaces for our customers. Downtown Palo Alto parking has always been a problem within this community and TMA has essentially helped everyone in Palo Alto. Having fewer cars on the streets will lead to less pollution, less parking infrastructure and less road expansions. The stress of finding parking spaces for our customers was a constant complaint of our customers and since the program has started, we haven't received any issues (pre-covid).

Please consider refunding the program as it has been instrumental in helping people get to work. The restaurant industry is already experiencing a terrible time finding people for work. And losing this benefit would hurt us all.

Sincerely,

Alejandra
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From: Nathaniel Duncan <Nathaniel.Duncan@patagonia.com>
Sent: Monday, May 10, 2021 5:35 PM
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Dear Finance Committee and City Council,

I am the General Manager of Patagonia Palo Alto and over the past two years I have witnessed the positive impact of PATMA's transportation program, specifically the TMA transit pass, on the ability of our employees to commute to our shop while aligning with the company's environmental values. The ability to have an inexpensive and convenient way to commute has positively impacted our ability to recruit and retain staff in a very expensive cost of living market. I work at X. I've been doing Y for Z years.

Please preserve funding of PATMA to support service workers and accelerate economic recovery.

Sincerely,

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