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From: Jeff Chang <jeff.chang.mit@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 9:36 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Jeff Chang
Subject: Support for Casti

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Dear Members of the City Council -

I am writing in support of the proposed expansion of the Castilleja campus under consideration by the City Council.

We have lived in Palo Alto for over 20 years, and have grown to really treasure the many amenities this city has to offer. These include the canopy of trees, the supportive community of parents for our local schools, the architectural heritage, the spirit of innovation, and many more. Our children have attended Palo Alto Unified, including a graduate of Paly, and a daughter currently attending Casti.

Castilleja is also one of those long standing institutions to treasure in Palo Alto, focussed on educating a future generation of women leaders. I believe the school's proposal, 8+ years in the making, has addressed many of the issues raised along the way in good faith.

Your vote of approval will allow Casti to thrive for its next 100 years.

Thank you,
Jeff Chang
Palo Alto, California
February 2021

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From: Ken Joye <kmjoye@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 6:22 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Boulware Park funding

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I was not able to speak during the public comments portion of the 1 February 2021 City Council meeting, but understand that Jonathan Brown spoke to you about the importance of funding the Boulware Park expansion and renovation. I would like to echo his comments and hope that you agree that staff's proposed plan for Boulware Park is worth your support.

I can tell you that we spent many hours at that park when our children were small. It was the site of our son's first birthday party. I hope that it is the location of many such celebrations over the years to come. Perhaps children will even have the opportunity to go down to splash in Matadero Creek from Boulware Park. Crossing my fingers...

thank you for your service,
Ken Joye
Ventura neighborhood

Baumb, Nelly

From: Cybele LoVuolo-Bhushan <cybele88lb@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 6:06 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Delay the Police Building project

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Dear City Council members, In this time of Budget shortfall, it would be wise to delay the new police station.

Dave Price column in today's Daily Post is right on the money.

It looks bad to spend such a huge amount of money with so much uncertainty about an economic recovery and I urge you to reconsider starting a project of this magnitude at this juncture in our city's economy.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Ms. Cybele Lovuolo-Bhushan

Baumb, Nelly

From: Brown Jonathan <jbrownie2218@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 5:17 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Jensen, Peter
Subject: Please Fund Boulware Park Renovations

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Below is text I read during Oral Communications at this evening's City Council meeting.

Esteemed Members of the City Council:

My name is Jonathan Brown, resident of the Ventura Neighborhood and chair of our Neighborhood Association Parks Committee. I urge the City Council to fully fund the renovation of Boulware Park. This is not an ordinary request for funds to be spent on a local park. There are unique reasons why Boulware Park renovation deserves full funding now even in the face of current budgetary challenges.

First, Boulware Park was approved for capital improvement funding back in 2017, but the money was never spent. When the Birch Street property came up for sale as a result of our inquiries, the project was postponed. Although a sacrifice, that was the right decision at the time. It would have been a waste of money to improve facilities in a park that would soon be improved through expansion. But it means that upgrading of Boulware Park is even more overdue now than it was then.

Second, the Birch Street property has now been purchased, and expansion of Boulware Park complete with a full design plan that was praised by the Parks and Recs Commission during last week's meeting is ripe. To realize the benefit that the City's investment was intended to provide, the new Boulware Park footprint must now be made into a fully coherent, usable space. That requires the City to re-allocate capital improvement funding that was already approved and provide for the integration of the Birch Street property into the Park. Failure to fund this last step would waste all of the funds and effort expended to date on this multi-year effort.

Third, Boulware Park renovation should be prioritized because the Ventura neighborhood has less parkland per resident than other neighborhoods and has been historically underserved. That unfavorable ratio will worsen as more residents are added in the NVCAP development area and nearby office spaces whose workers use the park come back online. Local parks have never been more important to our community than they are now. While the City spends extraordinary amounts of time and resources about issues related to Foothills Park, let us remember the spaces that are closest to us and most likely to be used frequently by people of all ages, incomes, and abilities. Peter Jensen has done a wonderful job designing a fun and thoughtful park space that is much more inclusive for children of differing abilities and adults of varying interests.

The City Council should fully fund the renovation of Ventura's primary park and transform Boulware Park into a legacy that makes us all proud and gets us all outside together. Anything less would be a betrayal of trust upon which Ventura's children and families sacrificed the previously approved

renovations for the hope of an even better park in the future. Ventura deserves better. We can do better. Thank you.

Jonathan Brown

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From: Urban Cummings & Christine Clark Cummings <furryfeet@mindspring.com>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 4:37 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: New Public Safety Building

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The public safety building and its principal inhabitants – the Palo Alto Police Department are unquestionably the most important need in all of our fair city. In my humble opinion, that department and our over-reaching need for enforcement of our safety is paramount to this city and we inhabitants.

I have been in the basement of City Hall and have seen firsthand how crucial the housing of our law enforcement and our police is. We residents should not settle for anything less than what is best not only for our public safety but for the officers who protect us.

There are many things lacking in the current building (for instance the women's locker room no longer can accommodate the number of female officers that the Department now employs). The only way to resolve those issues is to build a new public safety building.

Please consider continuing the construction of this building.

Thank you.

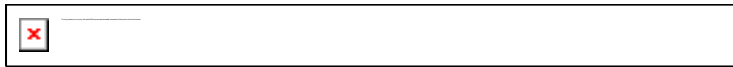
Urban K. Cummings

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From: LWV Palo Alto VOTER <publicity@lwvpaloalto.org>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 2:00 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: LWVPA February VOTER - What Are Your League Priorities?

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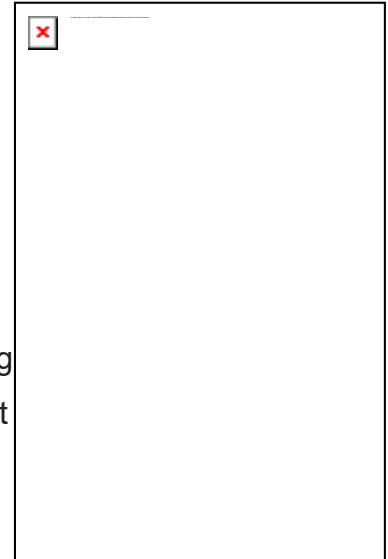
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Message from our President

The 2021 year has started with a bang and real challenge for the League's key interest in Making Democracy Work®. In fact, the LWV United States Board of Directors issued an Action Alert for members to contact their US Representatives to demand the removal of then-President Trump for helping to incite the attack on the Capitol building and our representatives on January 6th. This was an unusual request for alarming times—yet vital to securing the future of the American experiment. Their courage made me proud to be part of the League.



Because of the challenges faced in our nation, you have received many emails from all Leagues in the past few weeks. When joining the Palo Alto League, you automatically become a member of the LWV United States and LWV California. Advocacy from the national and state Leagues automatically become advocacy for our Palo Alto League. This month the US and California Leagues have been active, emailing all members updates and Action Alerts. As a reminder, members may act in the name of the LWVPA only when authorized to do so by the board of directors. They may act only in conformity with, and not contrary to, a position taken by the LWVPA, the LWVBA, the LWVC, and the LWVUS.

Today, our League is working for good governance in the Palo Alto community. We need to hear from you on Saturday, Feb. 6, at our annual Program Planning meeting, where we choose our local priority issues for the 2021-2022 year and make our recommendations to the state League for three priority issues for 2021-2023.

From the comfort of your home, please zoom with us at the annual membership priority setting meeting. Directors from our Housing, Natural Resources, Campaign Finance Reform, Civics Education and Gun Safety Teams are preparing video shorts focused on their committees'

accomplishments and expectations. We will also showcase the State's areas of focus: Redistricting, Climate Change, Housing/Homelessness and Criminal Justice Reform.

Bring your ideas, questions, and enthusiasm. Then vote. **Register [here](#) and stay tuned for more info!**

More is going on. For those interested in joining our local Board next year, please get in touch with Trina Lovercheck, Chair of the Nominating Committee. This is a great way to invest some of your skills and talents in our League.

Take care, and together we can do even more to Defend Democracy!

- Nancy Shepherd

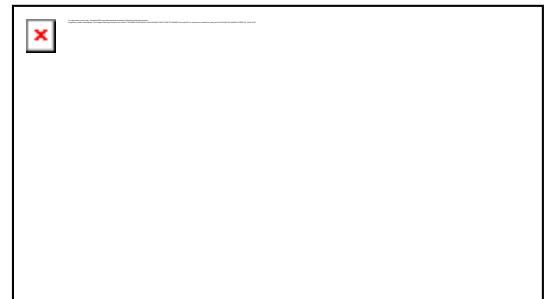
Upcoming League Events

Annual Program Planning Meeting

LWV of Palo Alto

Saturday, February 6, 2021

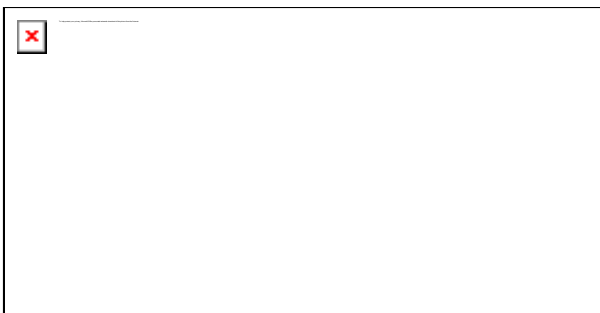
10:00 - 12:00 pm



The League is a grassroots organization. Program Planning is an opportunity for members to participate in the selection of focus issues for the state League (2021-23) and local League (2021-22). We will review current local focus issues (**Housing, Natural Resources, Campaign Finance Reform, Civics Education, Gun Safety**) and LWVC priorities (**Redistricting, Climate Change, Housing/Homelessness, Criminal Justice Reform**).

The planning meeting is our vehicle to set our League's priority issues and make an impact locally and at the state level. Come share your thoughts about issues we should be working on-- this is your opportunity to choose where we spend our time, energy, and money.

Register Now



The Reunited States Documentary and

Panel Discussion

LWV of Palo Alto

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

7:00 - 8:30 pm

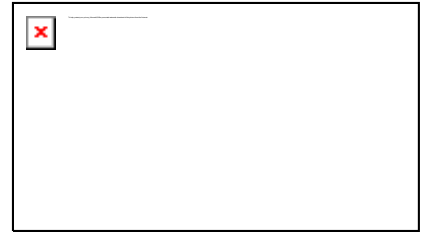
Join us for a special interactive panel discussion hosted by **LWVPA's PAUSD High School Civic Engagement Committee!** Before the February 16 Panel Discussion, attendees will be able to view a compelling and inspiring film, *The Reunited States*, about mending the political, racial, and cultural divides in our society. The award-winning documentary follows four people on a journey to discover how each can work to heal the divisions that have been created over time. The film urges viewers to consider that everyone has a role to play in reuniting the country.

A link will be sent to event registrants on February 11 for a FREE at-home viewing of the documentary between February 11 and February 17. Then join us for an interactive panel discussion on February 16. Contact jennwaghinton@gmail.com for questions.

Registration is limited to 100 people. Register early to guarantee your spot!

Register Now

LWVPA Board Meeting Highlights



The following motions were approved:

- The Board will create an exploratory team to meet with the Palo Alto Human Relations Commission (HRC) representative Valerie Stinger, LWVPA's Liaison to the Palo Alto HRC, to find out how we as a League can work with the HRC to address systemic racism in Palo Alto.
- We will support a community discussion of the documentary *Reunited States* moderated by Jenn Wagstaff Hinton, LWVPA Civics representative.
- The Board accepts the proposal for reorganization of filing and archiving of the Board Google Drive.
- We will publicize a number of events sponsored by other organizations on topics that align with our goals. Check the Calendar on our website and our Facebook page.

Board Discussion and Other Business:

- Advocacy Teams will have the opportunity to present brief overviews of their work for viewing on our YouTube channel prior to the 2021-22 Program Planning meeting on Saturday, February 6.
- We will be holding legislative interviews with California Senator Josh Becker and California Assembly member Marc Berman on February 4.
- Our March Speaker Luncheon event will address the topic of Climate Action.

- **Sue Hermsen, Secretary**

Voter Services In 2021

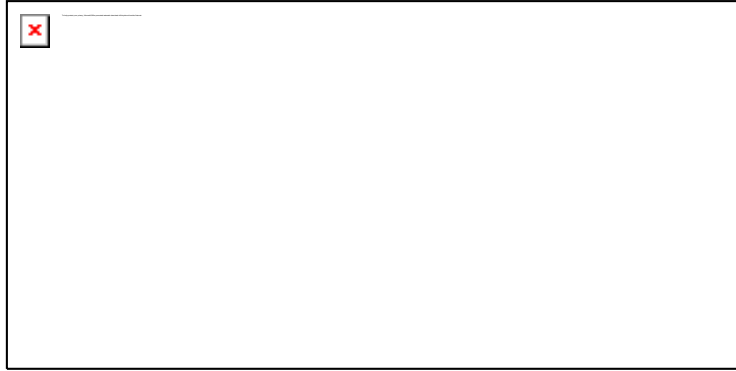
Thank you for joining our Workshop!

On January 23rd, 25 Palo Alto League members met to discuss how our Voter Services Team can set a powerful course for this non-election year. Our brainstorm session generated support for three primary activities:

- Continuing to engage with youth through our **Youth Vote Team** as well as the Civics Education work being spearheaded by Jenn Wagstaff Hinton. It will be important to show youth that the 2020 election was abnormal and to give them a solid grounding in how elections work. The Youth Vote Team will next meet by Zoom on February 8th at 7:30 pm.
- Launching a new “**Beyond Palo Alto**” Team. The mission: to work on collaborations with other Leagues on a variety of projects TBD; and to explore how we can promote cross-state/counties effective/best practices.
- A new **Election Confidence Team** that will work on setting up a tour or tours of the Voter Registrar’s office and creating video materials that explain how our votes are counted and why we should trust the results. This team might also help with a Q&A Hotline as the next election nears.

To join us in this work, send us a [message!](#)

Advocacy Reports



National

Action Alert: Congress Must Pass the *For the People Act*

On Jan 4, 2021, the U.S. House of Representatives introduced H.R. 1, the *For the People Act*, a sweeping democracy reform bill that was first introduced in 2019.

The *For the People Act* would expand automatic voter registration, online and same day registration, reform complicated voter registration deadlines, prevent wrongful voter purges, limit partisan gerrymandering, change campaign finance laws to reduce the influence of money in politics, and prevent changes to local voting rules which disproportionately impact racial and language minorities. It is the most expansive democracy reform agenda since the Voting Rights Act was passed more than 50 years ago.

The bill passed the House but was never brought up for a Senate vote. With the start of the 117th Congress, it is imperative that the *For the People Act* once more become a top priority.

[Tell Congress to pass the For the People Act](#) as a first order of business in the new administration.

LWWUS and LWV Arizona joined a case before the Supreme Court (*Brnovich v. DNC*) which seeks to block enforcement of two Arizona election laws that prohibit use of third-party ballot collection and voting outside of one's precinct. These two practices are used disproportionately by racial minority voters in Arizona, especially, Latinx, Black and Native voters. The Ninth Circuit held that these laws violate Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, which prohibits voting practices that disproportionately harm the voting rights of racial or language minorities in the state.

State

LWV of California is supporting these bills:

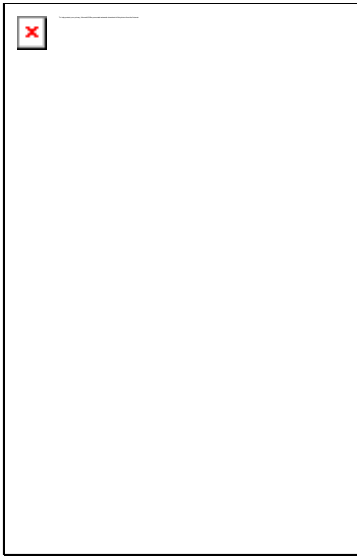
AB 37 and SB 29 would require each county election official to mail a ballot to every registered voter for all elections. LWVC supports these bills if amended.

Local

The **Housing and Transportation Committee** will be advocating for the adoption of city housing element policies; this will enable the city to reach its Regional Housing Allocation goals for all income levels in the city, based on the State League's position on Housing and Homeless: **Support equal opportunities in housing. Support measures to provide state programs that increase the supply of safe, decent, and adequate housing for all Californians. Support actions at all levels of government for the provision of affordable housing for all Californians.**

The **Responsible Gun Ownership Committee** continues advocacy for the city's safe firearm storage ordinance. Our **Natural Resources Committee** will comment on the city's Sustainability and Climate Action Plan (SCAP), urging policies that ease the financial burden on low- and moderate-income households in the conversion from gas infrastructure to all-electric. The **Local Campaign Finance Reform Task Force** continues to work with Common Cause.

- Lisa Ratner, 2nd Vice President and Advocacy Chair



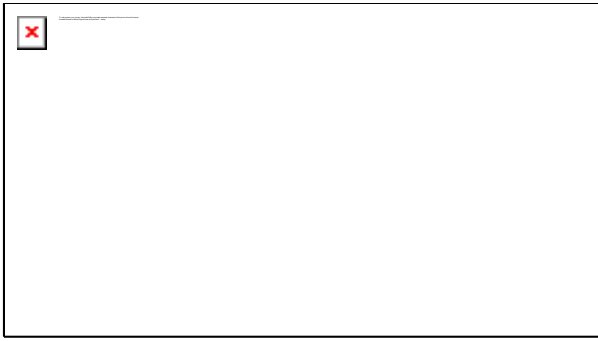
Civil Discourse and Community Events

21-Day Racial Equity Challenge

PAUSD is offering the community a unique opportunity to participate in a [21-Day Racial Equity Challenge](#). The 21-Day Challenge is a powerful opportunity for shared learning and growth and invites the Palo Alto Community to develop a deeper understanding of how inequality and racism affect our everyday lives and community.

Join the Challenge by registering below, posting #PAEquityChallenge on your preferred social media, and challenging at least two people to join you in this journey to enlightenment. There is no cost to participate, and it is open to anyone who is interested in building a community that is inclusive and accepting of all individuals regardless of their background or the color of their skin.

Register Now



Civil Discourse in Divided Times

Poet Amanda Gorman's eloquent words challenged each of us to 'be the light' while recognizing the "hill we must climb." And we know that is one very steep hill! Even though the recent presidential inauguration was conducted peacefully, it took thousands of troops to ensure its safety. How do we move forward in such a sorely divided country? Is simply turning the page an option? We are *all* called to be part of the solution.

Hundreds of good organizations share a common focus to help us address these questions: *We do not need to agree* with people on the other side of political and social divides, but we *do need to engage with them, listen to their stories and share our own*. What lived experiences have led us to hold such staggeringly different views?

Braver Angels and The Village Square are two of the leading civil discourse organizations.

Braver Angels offers 1:1 conversations, workshops, red/blue pairings, alliances, debates and more. Their next [Red/Blue Workshop](#) is **Saturday, February 6 at 1:00 PM PST**.

Throughout this spring, **The Village Square** will host a series of programs called [A Citizen's Guide to Healing America](#), addressing the fault lines in our democratic system. Two of their February events are:

Thursday, February 4 at 4:00 PM PST: [A Divided Union: Structural Challenges to Bipartisanship in America](#) – Two former U.S. Congressmen, one Republican and one Democrat, explain ten political and institutional challenges plaguing our government while asserting that bipartisanship *is* still possible.

Thursday, February 25 at 4:00 PM PST: [Let Friendship Redeem the Republic](#) - Jefferson and Adams: "You and I ought not to die until we have explained ourselves to each other."

Civil Discourse Forum: Can We Have Equity in Education?

Saturday, March 20, 2021

1:00 - 3:00 pm

Please join this forum to learn about, and participate in, a civil conversation about providing education equity for students.

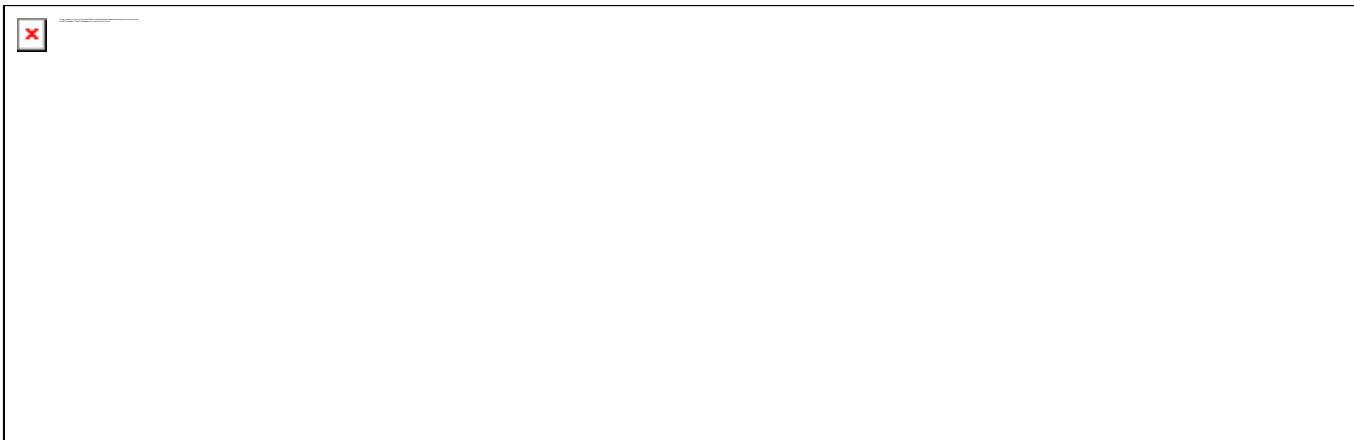
Sponsored by the Civil Discourse Committee of the LWVs of Santa Clara County.

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Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)

For the League of Women Voters, DEI doesn't exist in a bubble somewhere. It is at our core, part of how we function, embedded in our bylaws right alongside the nonpartisanship policy (not supporting or opposing political parties or candidates). On January 21, LWVUS presented a detailed and interactive webinar on the [Intersection of DEI and Nonpartisanship](#). Please keep these [DEI Lens](#) questions in mind at our February 6 Program Planning Meeting!



Nominating Committee Updates

The Nominating Committee is working hard and talking to members to find the best candidates for our 2021-22 Board (May 2021 - May 2022). If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about open positions, please do not hesitate to contact anyone on the Nominating Committee.

The open positions are:

- President
- Secretary
- Parliamentarian

Off-Board positions (can be a board position if there is interest on the part of the candidate):

- Education Committee Chair
- Membership Chair
- Observer Corps
- Nominating Committee (3 positions – not on the board): work begins in late October 2021 and ends in May 2022.

2020-2021 Nominating Committee:

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Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 10:40 AM
To: DuBois, Tom
Cc: Patrick.Burt@cityofpalo.org; Stone, Greer; Filseth, Eric (Internal); Cormack, Alison; Tanaka, Greg; Kou, Lydia; Council, City
Subject: Palo Alto Flavored Tobacco Ban - Reconsideration for Mac's Smoke Shop

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February 1, 2021

Dear Mayor Du Bois,

"Local stores are an important part of the public space, and not just to provide supplies. You bump into friends and neighbors there. Just seeing each other reinforces a sense of community. Casual interactions can lead to opportunities. The further away the store the less chance to enjoy these encounters." The above quote is from Council Member Lydia Kou's website and we could not agree more with these words, which apply with force to Mac's Smoke Shop - a Palo Alto icon for 86 years. Yet, while the City Council has taken steps to help many small businesses in Palo Alto, even establishing a grant program, the previous Council ignored their staff recommendation that they had requested and enacted a flavored tobacco ordinance that had dire consequences to our business.

We are a mom and pop shop who has employees that are like family and customers that we consider our friends. Somewhere along the way the perception of our store got tainted, but not from actual facts. We used to sell premium flavored tobacco products and as an "adult-only" store we took all required precautions to keep these types of products out of the hands of youth. We went beyond what was required and instituted internal policies to ensure youth couldn't purchase the products. However, in response to the important teen vaping problem, not only did the previous Council ban vape sale, which we absolutely agree with, but they also banned our right to sell premium flavored tobacco.

What was especially disheartening to us was that the Council admitted that this ordinance would not address the issue at hand, Youth Vaping, but passed the ordinance knowing the hardship it would cause several local businesses such as ours. On May 18, 2020, during a City Council Meeting, Council Member Alison Cormack (who voted in favor of the New Ordinance) stated, "...this is a tough problem and I'm going to repeat what we said when we began this, which I think is in December, which is this is not going to solve it. Right. Even if we do this, this is not going to solve this problem. But it will send a signal that we just, we want means restrictions. So, thank you Council Member (Lydia) Kou and Council Member (Greg) Tanaka." To which Council Member Liz Kniss stated, "You are all correct. This will not solve the problem."

Furthermore, the Council in their decision relied on the public comments of Sally Rudd, the mother of a 16 year old who purchased vaping products from Mac's Smoke Shop ("Mac's") on May 11, 2020. Ms. Rudd accused Mac's employees of not paying attention to how people were purchasing smoking products. However, Mac's provided screenshots from its security camera to the City showing Mac's employee checking Ms. Rudd's daughter's id. The Council ignored our evidence. Additionally, in an

email exchange between Neil Khoury (Owner of Mac's) and Ms. Rudd, Ms. Rudd admitted that her daughter had a fake id in the past and that her daughter probably had a new one.

You know how hard it's been for small businesses the past 9 months due to COVID-19 and all the shelter-in-place orders. We have exhausted every avenue to try to stay in business. We have applied for PPP loans to keep our employees, we have worked with our landlords, but these are only temporary solutions. We have already seen businesses close. In an article in Palo Alto online, Palo Alto City Councilman Greg Tanaka said he reached out to various businesses just to see if they'll be coming back after the shutdown. His daughter's favorite boba tea store, he said, is among those that have indicated they're done for good. "There's a lot of people like that who are getting wiped out — totally wiped out financially, personally, from this catastrophe," Tanaka said during the council's April 13 meeting. Mac's Smoke Shop is getting hit twice as hard, the pandemic and the flavor ban.

Since the new Palo Alto flavor ban was enacted back in September 2020 we have seen over a 50% decrease in revenue. This is so devastating for our iconic little shop. What started out as an effort to curb teen vaping has spiraled into an all-out restriction on ANY FLAVORED tobacco product. Mac's has its own special flavored tobacco blend, which after 86 years, we can no longer sell. In an effort to still allow our customers to have access to the propriety blend, we reached out to another shop in a neighboring city without restrictions to ask if they would make the blend. They said it would be too much work.

Let's rewind here. We are NOT asking for the right to sell any vaping products. What we want is the right to sell premium flavored tobacco as an adult-only store like we used to, and be granted an exemption like Los Altos has done for Edwards Pipe & Tobacco – their iconic tobacco shop. We are willing to pay an extra license fee as well as contribute a percentage of flavored tobacco revenue to help toward educating youth about the dangers of tobacco use.

We were encouraged when California passed SB793, a law that was entirely focused on teen smoking and that they made carve-outs for high-end cigars and flavored tobacco in licensed "adult-only" establishments. This was a well thought-out and debated law that focused on both the welfare of its citizens, the rights of adults and the welfare of small businesses. We would like to ask you to reconsider the staff recommendations from June 2020 in order to be more in line with SB793 and reinstate the ability to sell flavored tobacco in existing "adult-only" establishments.

Sincerely,

Neil and Lori Khoury
Owners- Mac's Smoke Shop

cc: Patrick Burt (email and US mail)
Eric Filseth (email and US mail)
Greer Stone (email and US mail)
Alison Cormack (email and US mail)
Greg Tanaka (email and US mail)
Lydia Kou (email and US mail)

Baumb, Nelly

From: Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 9:09 AM
To: Rosen, Jeff; Jeff Moore; Raj Jayadev; Palo Alto Free Press; Council, City; Jonsen, Robert; Joe Simitian; supervisor.ellenberg@bos.sccgov.org; cindy.chavez@bos.sccgov.org; O'Neal, Molly; Kaloma Smith; Human Relations Commission; Planning Commission; ParkRec Commission; Shikada, Ed; Perron, Zachary; Cary Andrew Crittenden; chuck jagoda; Roberta Ahlquist; Rebecca Eisenberg; mark weiss; Lewis james; Sean James; Gennady Sheyner; Bill Johnson; Winter Dellenbach; Anna Griffin; Patrice Ventresca; Rodriguez, Miguel; Raven Malone; Steven D. Lee; Cecilia Taylor; Tanner, Rachael; Minor, Beth
Subject: Dog Attack coverup, in today's Daily Post Feb 1, 2021, by Aram James

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The below piece titled: Dog attack coverup (by Aram James) was published by the Daily Post today Feb 1, 2021.
See Opinion pages 6-7

Dog attack coverup

Dear Editor:

Your article of January 28, 2021: "*Police Dog attacks innocent man*", "suggests that the Palo Alto police are, yet again, up to more violence, targeting another person of color. Here are a few questions I would like to ask our police chief Robert "Mr. Transparency" Jonsen:

1. When will the body camera footage of this incident be released?
2. Why is the first time the public is told about the June 25, 2020 incident when the Daily Post reports it?
3. Why has our District Attorney, Jeff Rosen, not yet filed felony assault with a deadly weapon charges, against the officer or officers who released their dog on Mr. Joel Domingo Alejo?

After last year's brutal police execution of George Floyd, witnessed by the entire world, there were

widespread calls to defund police departments and abandon the current police culture in this country altogether. Many opposed such a drastic, defunding of the police remedy, instead calling for reforms not defunding.

With the latest 20 million dollar claim filed against the city of Palo Alto combined with at least one other multi-million dollar lawsuit arising from an incident involving multiple members of our police department, it would now appear that our rogue police department is single-handedly attempting to defund our entire city. I think its time to fire "Mr. Transparency" and look for new leadership, ASAP!

Aram James
Palo Alto, CA

Baumb, Nelly

From: Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 7:14 AM
To: Jeff Rosen; Jeff Moore; Molly O'Neal; Council, City; Human Relations Commission; Jeff Moore; Steven D. Lee; Greer Stone; ParkRec Commission; Roberta Ahlquist; chuck jagoda; DuBois, Tom; Filseth, Eric (Internal); Planning Commission; paloaltofreepress@gmail.com; Anna Griffin; Winter Dellenbach; wilpf.peninsula.paloalto@gmail.com; Rebecca Eisenberg; mark weiss
Subject: Car protest calls for release of prisoners during pandemic—

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From: Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 7:03 AM
To: chuck jagoda; Roberta Ahlquist; Steven D. Lee; Council, City; Raven Malone; Greer Stone; Human Relations Commission; Planning Commission; paloaltofreepress@gmail.com; ParkRec Commission; Jeff Moore; Joe Simitian; supervisor.ellenberg@bos.sccgov.org; Winter Dellenbach; wilpf.peninsula.paloalto@gmail.com
Subject: Biden extends and in some cases expands Project Room-Key in the Bay Area

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From: a lee <adrienneleeod@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2021 11:50 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: My support for Castilleja school remodeling and updating:

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Dear City Council Members,

I am in support of Castilleja School's updating, garage, and enrollment update. The effect of these updates will NOT lessen or lower my quality of life as I live near Embarcadero Road and work in the downtown area in my optometric practice. With almost ALL students attending only ONLINE learning in Palo Alto, it is obvious to me that the true cause of gridlock and traffic on Embarcadero Road at 8 am IS NOT Castilleja students or staff. I am astounded at the level of traffic STILL on the roads of our city today. Yet all the kids and all the tech workers are at home telecommuting!!

The true eye sores and neighborhood blight around Casti are the 5 huge, neglected and rundown rental homes abutting Embarcadero near the softball field. I would think that the few, misguided neighbors who are clamoring to halt the Casti building updates would aim their IRE at those unsightly buildings. Those rundown neighborhood rentals have cars parked on the lawns and half dead trees with refuse and debris in the yards.

If Casti were allowed to improve their space and also buy those blighted properties and expand and renovate those homes, the neighborhood would be more beautiful and pleasant. I am proud to live in this city of Palo Alto which has supported excellent private and public schools.

Regards,

Adrienne Lee, OD
50 Morton Way, Palo Alto
and proprietor of
Lee Optometrics Optometry
231 Hamilton Ave
Palo Alto, CA. 94301

Baumb, Nelly

From: Erik Carlson <elcemail@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2021 6:42 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Support for Castilleja School CUP and Master Plan

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Dear City Council,

I am writing to express my support for the Castilleja CUP application process and building project. Our family has lived in the College Terrace neighborhood since 2010. We chose this neighborhood, in part, due to its proximity to Castilleja, which was our first choice school for our daughter after she graduated from Ohlone Elementary. We saw that the learning environment at Castilleja would be exceptional for our daughters, and were grateful for admission and financial aid to allow them to attend. One memory is that my older daughter joined forces with the student leaders at Paly to lead the students of both schools in March for Our Lives in 2018. I am also grateful that both of my daughters were able to attend the Student Diversity Leadership Conference, and have helped to serve the school as admissions ambassadors for outreach to black, Latinx, and under resourced communities.

Our family has taken seriously the clear and consistent messaging from the Castilleja administration to participate in the TDM program. We appreciate being a part of a community that has an immediate goal to encourage more sustainable transportation modes, and an ongoing goal to be a good neighbor. And we support the long term goal of expanding the enrollment with a new CUP. More students deserve the opportunities that have been afforded my daughters at Castilleja. The school has managed its resources so that every student is known and supported and challenged as scholars and citizens. I have tremendous confidence that if the enrollment were to expand, the students, families, and community would be enriched by the opportunity.

As a parent at the school since 2011, I have followed the master planning project from its inception. I appreciate the school's ambitions to update its facilities to support a pedagogy and environment that is conducive to collaborative, creative, and innovative learning. I see the need for interdisciplinary spaces and the integration of student wellness and academic programs. The campus plan is thoughtful. I also have seen Castilleja's responsiveness to community comments. The latest iteration of designs seems to have addressed directly the concerns raised.

I have seen recent debate about the planned underground parking garage. I understand the concern of the neighbors who oppose this plan because I had similar concerns when Stanford built a neighborhood of 180 units across the street from me, with its only outlets flowing past my house. The reality has been that the traffic increase has been barely noticeable and that there are fewer cars parked daily along our curbside. I appreciate that the Castilleja plan for an underground garage will relocate parking from street level to below grade.

This project is great for a long time resident of Palo Alto - Castilleja School - and for Palo Alto itself. The educational spaces in Palo Alto is a source of pride in our community. This beacon to women's education should feature facilities worthy of Castilleja's crucial mission.

Sincerely,

Erik Carlson
California Ave.
94306

Baumb, Nelly

From: Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2021 6:40 PM
To: Council, City; ParkRec Commission; Planning Commission; Human Relations Commission; Rebecca Eisenberg; mark weiss; Joe Simitian; chuck jagoda; Roberta Ahlquist; Greer Stone; Steven D. Lee; Ed Lauing; Raven Malone; Kaloma Smith; Anna Griffin; Perron, Zachary; Jonsen, Robert; supervisor.ellenberg@bos.sccgov.org; cindy.chavez@bos.sccgov.org; Lewis. james; paloaltofreepress@gmail.com; Winter Dellenbach
Subject: Re: Police chief, officer asked to resign following racist video (BUT Zack Perron still get a free pass in Palo Alto) Come Palo Alto where's you're back bone !!!!!

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Sorry for typos. Time for Perron to go!!!

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On Jan 31, 2021, at 6:37 PM, Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com> wrote:



News Break

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Police chief, officer asked to resign following racist video

The Associated Press

HAMILTON, Ga. (AP) — The police chief in a west Georgia city has resigned and an officer was terminated after footage from a body camera was discovered that shows the two making racist comments, a news station reported.



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Baumb, Nelly

From: oren zeev <oren.zeev@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2021 6:13 PM
To: Fine, Adrian; Filseth, Eric (Internal); DuBois, Tom; Cormack, Alison; Kniss, Liz (internal); Kou, Lydia; Tanaka, Greg; Burt, Patrick; Stone, Greer; Council, City; Shikada, Ed; Kleinberg, Judy
Subject: closing University Ave to traffic

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Dear Palo Alto leadership team

I apologize for the unsolicited email but I am writing out of concern for Palo Alto.

My name is Oren Zeev and I am a VC with no economic interest in any of the businesses in Palo Alto in general and on University Avenue in particular.

Before the most recent lockdown University Ave was closed to traffic and provided for a great destination with occasional live music and great vibe. The restaurants and coffee shops were able to use the street for additional tables. As a business person I am very skeptical that any business on University Ave that serves food or drinks can break even without those extra tables. Plus the great vibe of a street closed to traffic is a great attraction for families and individuals.

I believe you are in a position to help these small businesses survive, and help Palo Altans live a little more normal life within the current health related constraints.

Thank you for your attention to this,

Oren Zeev

Baumb, Nelly

From: Virginia Smedberg <virgviolin@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2021 5:32 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: supporting Castilleja's plans

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Dear City Council members,

I am writing because I understand the Castilleja CUP is on the agenda for the next 2 meetings. I will start by saying that I am a Casti grad (class of 1963), so one could expect me to be prejudiced in favor of my school. But I am also a Palo Alto resident in Old Palo Alto (born, raised, and lived here for all but my 9 years in NY City going to music school), and have seen all the neighborhood signs, some for and some against the project. And I bike the Bryant Bike Blvd frequently. So I have followed with interest the school's efforts to mitigate the concerns of those against it.

I am very happy with what the school has done to answer the concerns of residents and the questions of zoning etc. There will always be nay-sayers to any project. And they tend to be loud. So I think it is important to focus on the facts, which I don't need to re-iterate because you will see them all if you haven't already.

I am fully in favor of all-girls schooling - it benefited me, as someone with strength in math and science back in the 60's when everyone knew girls couldn't do math...! Although that is less an issue these days, there is still a glass ceiling, and giving girls a safe space to excel is crucial to their willingness to show and to use their abilities.

I encourage you to say "yes" to this project.

Sincerely,

Virginia Smedberg
Casti class of 1963
441 Washington Ave
Palo Alto CA 94301

Baumb, Nelly

From: Hargis, Nicholas <Nicholas.Hargis@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2021 4:05 PM
To: Council, City; DuBois, Tom; Cormack, Alison; Filseth, Eric (Internal); Kou, Lydia; Tanaka, Greg
Subject: Congresswoman Eshoo's newsletter and upcoming Health Subcommittee hearing

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Good afternoon Council,

Happy Sunday, I hope everyone is well. I want to make sure you get a copy of Congresswoman Eshoo's newsletter. I'd be happy to sign anyone up for this weekly update, so let me know and I'll make sure it's emailed to you directly next week.

On Wednesday at 8 a.m. Pacific, Congresswoman Eshoo will be carrying out a hearing titled: "Road to Recovery: Ramping Up COVID-19 Vaccines, Testing, and Medical Supply Chain." You can listen in here: [Livestream](#).

Don't hesitate to reach out if you have anything you'd like to relate to Congresswoman Eshoo, or if you just want to chat. Have a great week!

Best regards,
Nicholas Hargis

Nicholas C. Hargis
Field Representative
Congresswoman Anna Eshoo

News from Representative Eshoo



Friday 29 January 2021

Weekly Report From Your Congresswoman



Dear Friends,

I want to begin by extending my fullest gratitude to the first responders who have been keeping our communities safe during the rain storms this week. On Tuesday 5,000 people in the Bay Area were asked to evacuate. Over 27,000 people were without power for days at a time, and downed trees and flooding blocked some roads. Our first responders helped our area quickly prepare for the storm and recover from the damages, and joint efforts gave evacuees and their animals safe places to shelter. The resilience of our neighborhoods was on full display and I thank everyone who played a part in keeping each other safe.

In Washington this week, President Biden took several steps to create a more equitable nation and set our country on a better path forward. Below are some of his notable actions:

Health Care:

- [Reopening enrollment for the health care marketplace](#)
- [Rescinding the global gag rule, which bars international non-profits that provide abortion counseling or referrals from receiving U.S. funding](#)

Environment:

- [Establishing climate change as a national security priority](#)
- [Conserving at least 30% of federal land and oceans by 2030](#)
- [Canceling new oil and gas leases on public lands and waters](#)

Equality:

- [Ending private prisons](#)
- [Repealing the wrongful and unnecessary transgender military ban](#)
- [Directing agencies to mitigate racial bias in federal housing policies](#)
- [Addressing xenophobia and violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders](#)

After four years of harmful and divisive executive actions by the Trump Administration, President Biden's orders are a breath of fresh air and signal that his administration is ready to confront head-on the major challenges facing our country.

I'm particularly pleased that the President directed CMS to reopen [Healthcare.gov](#) to allow more Americans to sign up for health care coverage during this public health crisis. I repeatedly called on the Trump Administration last year to take this action, to no avail. With over 10.9 million Americans unemployed and the U.S. surpassing 25.5 million COVID cases, ensuring access to affordable health care is more important than ever.

On the heels of that announcement, Covered California announced that it would also set up a special enrollment period from February 1st through May 15th. This is great news for the 1.2 million Californians who are uninsured but eligible for financial help from Covered California or through Medi-Cal. If you need health insurance, visit <https://www.coveredca.com/> to find a health plan.

Next week, the House will vote on a budget resolution which will allow the Senate to pass pandemic relief with a simple majority instead of 60 votes using a process called reconciliation. This will allow for swifter passage of President Biden's American Rescue Plan, which includes:

- \$1,400 checks for individuals and dependents (income eligibility not determined yet)
- Extending an additional \$400 in weekly federal unemployment benefits through September
- Funding for schools, local governments, and small businesses
- Increasing the minimum wage to \$15 an hour
- \$400 billion to contain the virus through increased testing and Personal Protective Equipment and fund a national vaccination campaign to dramatically speed up the pace of inoculations

Legislative Action

Public Health Emergency Privacy Act

During this pandemic American innovators, many of whom are in our congressional district, have built technologies to combat the coronavirus. As these technologies are used they must be coupled with policies to protect the civil liberties that define who we are as a nation.

This week I introduced the *Public Health Emergency Privacy Act*, legislation that will prohibit privacy invasions by preventing misuse of pandemic-related data for unrelated purposes like marketing, prohibiting the data from being used in discriminatory ways, and requiring data security and integrity measures. The bill will give the American people confidence to use technologies and systems that can aid our efforts to combat the pandemic.

Health Subcommittee Hearing

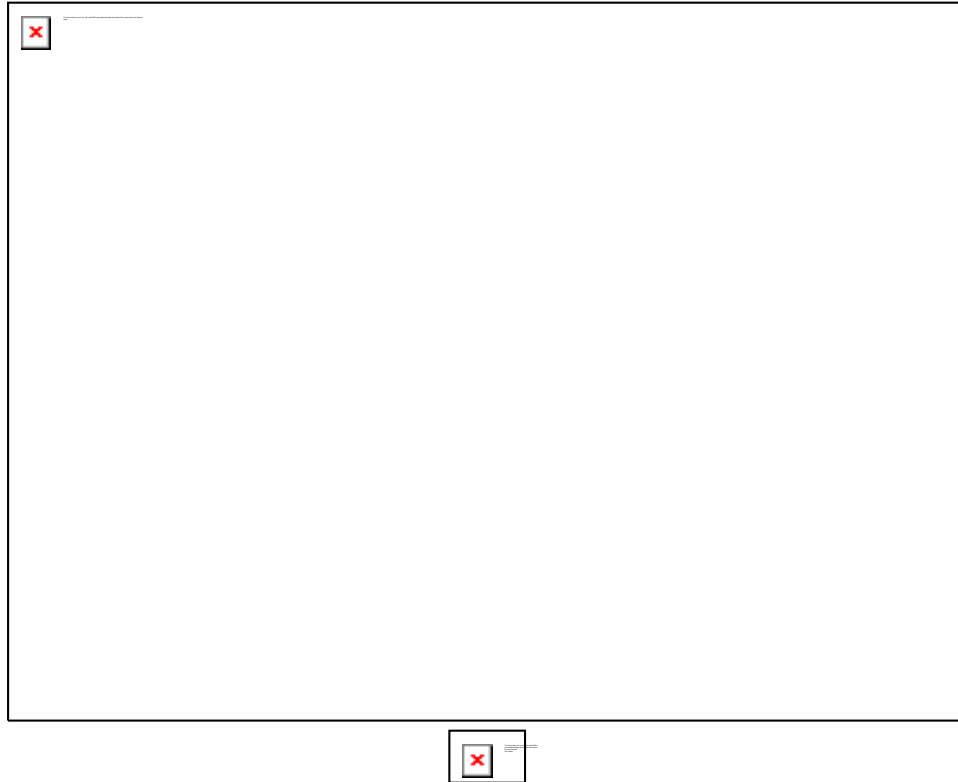
As Chairwoman of the Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee, I'll be holding the Subcommittee's first hearing on Wednesday, February 3rd at 8 a.m. (PST), "Road to Recovery: Ramping Up COVID-19 Vaccines, Testing, and Medical Supply Chain." This fully remote hearing will examine federal COVID-19 response efforts related to vaccines, testing, and our medical supply chain. The hearing will be streamed live on the Committee's website [HERE](#).

Impeachment

This week the House Impeachment Managers delivered the Article of Impeachment to the Senate against former President Trump for inciting a seditious insurrection. On Tuesday, every Senator swore "to do impartial justice according to the Constitution and laws" in the

impeachment trial which will begin on February 9th. However, all but five Senate Republicans abandoned that oath and voted to dismiss the impeachment effort.

The House Judiciary Committee released a helpful video explaining why a president can be impeached and convicted after leaving office and why it's so important to do so. I encourage you to watch the video by clicking [HERE](#).



Expulsion of Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene

This week, I cosponsored a resolution calling for the immediate expulsion of Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene from Congress after reports of her shockingly offensive comments encouraging domestic terrorism and supporting calls for violent attacks on members of Congress and former President Barack Obama. Such extremism and sedition have no place in the halls of Congress. She is a threat to our democracy and those who work in the Capitol building.

She also has amplified heinous and dangerous lies that the September 11th attacks were an inside job and that devastating school shootings were staged. A Representative who spreads such conspiracy theories should not be allowed in Congress, let alone on the Committee in charge of our school systems. That is why I have also signed a letter calling for her immediate removal from the Education and Labor Committee. We cannot give Rep. Greene a stage to spread her wild delusions and lies.

The Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security on COVID-19 Vaccination Strategy

It was an honor to be invited to Co-Chair the Capitol Hill Steering Committee on Pandemic Preparedness and Health Security, a new bipartisan effort from the Johns Hopkins Center for

Health Security to discuss fresh ideas to improve domestic health now and in the future. As Co-Chair, I gave opening remarks this week on an expert panel on what Congress and the federal government can do to quickly vaccinate the communities hit hardest by COVID-19. The video of my remarks at the event can be found [HERE](#).

Frequently Asked Questions

Many constituents have asked me whether they can stop masking and social distancing after getting the COVID vaccinations. The short answer is NO. We must continue masking and distancing. The following is from the CDC:

Not enough information is currently available to say if or when CDC will stop recommending that people [wear masks](#) and [avoid close contact with others](#) to help prevent the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19.

Experts need to understand more about the protection that COVID-19 vaccines provide in real-world conditions before making that decision. Other factors, including how many people get vaccinated and how the virus is spreading in communities, will also affect this decision. We also don't yet know whether getting a COVID-19 vaccine will prevent you from spreading the virus that causes COVID-19 to other people, even if you don't get sick yourself. CDC will continue to update this page as we learn more.

In the Words of My Constituents

Every week hundreds of my constituents call and write to me to express their concerns, share their passions, and ask questions regarding legislation and policies. Over 12,240 constituents have contacted me in 2021. I actually read every communication and every constituent receives a personal response to their specific questions and comments from me. This week, 1,399 constituents contacted my office about issues including:

- 177 messages in support of President Biden's pandemic relief proposal
- 143 messages in support of H.R. 1, the *For the People Act*
- 125 messages opposed to the mistreatment of Armenian prisoners of war by Azerbaijan

Anna's Work in the News

My work is often featured in local and national press outlets and I share them with you here for your perusal.

[“Can Mark Zuckerberg be Trusted to Take Politics out of Facebook?”](#) — *Vanity Fair*, Eric Lutz

[“HEALTH CARE BRIEFING: Eshoo Preps Virus Relief, Vaccine Measures”](#) — *Bloomberg Government*, Brandon Lee

[“Why you should care about data privacy even if you have “nothing to hide” —Recode, Sara Morrison](#)

Anna's Recommended Reading and Watching

I frequently read articles or see videos that I think my constituents would benefit from. Check out these articles when you have some time.

[“There is perhaps one word above all others that defines Joe Biden's presidency so far” — New York Times, Frank Bruni](#)

[“Yes, ex-presidents can be impeached” —Washington Post, Editorial Board](#)

[“Opinion: Blinken arrives at the State Department — and not a moment too soon” — Washington Post, Jennifer Rubin](#)

[“Hate Never Disappears. It Just Takes a Break for a While.' Why the U.S. Capitol Attack Makes Holocaust Remembrance Day More Important Than Ever” — TIME, OLIVIA B. WAXMAN](#)

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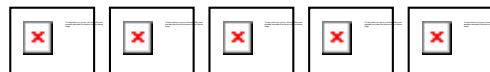
As I write this to you after days of rain which we need badly, the sun is peaking through the clouds outside my windows. It's a reminder to me of the resilience of our communities and our country. We've all been through so much and we still have storms ahead, but the sun will rise. May our country begin to regain a sense of its better self in 2021, and begin to heal.

You, my constituents, are a source of great strength to me and it is a humbling honor to represent you.

Sincerely,



Anna G. Eshoo
Member of Congress



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Baumb, Nelly

From: Christina Gwin <my1gwinevere@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2021 4:05 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: in support of Castilleja

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Hello,

I write as a neighbor—Churchill Ave—and supporter of Castilleja School. The school is a nationally renowned institution and delivers girls the unique opportunity to learn in a single-sex environment and benefit from the school's outstanding leadership curriculum. More high school girls from Palo Alto should have this opportunity if they seek it. I hope to see the enrollment grow.

I am impressed that Castilleja has consistently demonstrated respect for the City and neighbors by proposing a solution that allows the school to grow without adversely impacting neighbors. Castilleja has met with neighbors over 50 times and iterated its plans meaningfully in response to the variety of opinions in the neighborhood.

I see absolutely no traffic from the school during non-Covid times and dismiss any claim of traffic as false. I furthermore, do not understand the argument that lessens the “quality of life.” If people are really concerned about that, they should focus on the many houses that have no occupancy. I can count at least 10 within the few blocks around Castilleja.

Thank you, Christina Gwin

Baumb, Nelly

From: mark weiss <earwopa@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2021 2:05 PM
To: Aram James
Cc: Council, City; DuBois, Tom; eric.filseth@cityofpaloalto.com; Greer Stone; chuck jagoda; Roberta Ahlquist; Rebecca Eisenberg; Planning Commission; ParkRec Commission; Kaloma Smith; Human Relations Commission; Jeff Moore; Winter Dellenbach; Palo Alto Free Press; Shikada, Ed; Steven D. Lee; Cary Andrew Crittenden; Binder, Andrew; Joe Simitian; Stump, Molly
Subject: Re: Aram's 2021 suggested city council priorities--edited version--original version sent 1/30/2021

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I appreciate Mr James' longstanding advocacy for a betterment of our community.
I don't argue with this list but the ones that resonate with me most are #s 7 and 10.
If not Ladoris Cordell Park, maybe Al Young Park or Wallace Stegner Big Rock Candy Mountain and Nature Preserve.
It's interesting that "Sullivan" in this context is synonymous or shorthand for dissent. Its namesake was a racist bastard.
—Mark Weiss

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 31, 2021, at 11:59 AM, Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com> wrote:

1/31/21

Dear Council members:

I inadvertently left the city council off my list- when I e-mailed my proposed priorities for the city council for 2021. I did briefly discuss the bulk of these issues- during oral communication- at yesterday's retreat.

Best regards,

Aram James

P.S. I've made some small edits and additions from the original of this e-mail, that was sent out rather hastily yesterday.

1. Continue to vigorously pursue the Zack Perron cover up- and in that regard- ask council to make certain internal complaints, one officer's allegation against another -particularly where racism, sexism, internal police misconduct are alleged, when serious matters are concerned-that the complaints are sent to the IPA (Independent Police Auditor)-not buried in the HR department .

2. Make 2021 the year Palo Alto funds a robust safe parking program-as we move towards more permanent solutions for housing those now forced to live in their vehicles or in the streets of Palo Alto.

3. Don't let the Downtown Streets Team sexual harassment scandal fall through the cracks. Insist that the full 44-page report/investigation be released - before considering future funding.

4. Model the statewide Reparations Commission (AB3121) by creating a similar reparations commission in Palo Alto. ** (The primary author of AB 3121, is the amazing ,Dr. Shirley Weber, who is now California's first African American Secretary of State)

5. City Council to rein in our current city manager and police chief -emphasizing the importance of transparency and adequate notice on key issues to be made mandatory. The City Council should lead -NOT our city manager-more aggressive questioning of both the police chief and city manager by council members. Remember who the people elected (the city council).

6. Our City Council must more closely scrutinize the consent calendar to make certain critical items are put on the agenda as action items for public debate.

7. LaDoris Cordell Foothills Park Preserve. (Name change to honor the extraordinary contribution to all causes related to social justice, the civil rights movement, and much more, by the Honorable Judge Ladoris Cordell)

8. Put off building a new police station until the budget issues are clarified—consider regional approach to policing, as a viable option to a new police station.

9. Allow more robust participation by community members during oral communications and discussions of agenda items.

10. Read and enforce *New York Times Co. V Sullivan* (1964) that allows: for vehement, caustic and sometimes unpleasantly sharp attacks on government and public officials.....see also Justice Brennan's language- in the same decision: "*If judges are to be treated as men (and, I (Aram James) would add women) of fortitude, able to thrive in a hardy climate, surely the same must be true of other government officials, such as elected city commissioners*"

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Baumb, Nelly

From: Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2021 7:35 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: SJ City Council mulls change in housing density

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From: Menachem Mevashir <mevashir@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2021 4:50 PM
To: Council, City; CityLeaders@fcgov.com; lowell@fas.harvard.edu
Subject: The Confederate Church: A Crazy Christian Conspiracy Cult

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Perhaps it would help to clarify the gravity of the situation our nation faces by referring to the Southern Trump supporters as The Confederacy. This will help to make clear their opposition to the values most American take for granted. Hopefully they can be vanquished without resorting to a war with bullets and bombs. And in that spirit I share the following:

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/jewish-groups-blast-marjorie-taylor-green-her-response-ill-never-back-down/>
Check out this article from the Times of Israel. A person with the mentality of Marjorie Taylor Green should be locked up inside a mental institute in a well secured straight-jacket. But the internet gives her a platform to broadcast her insane toxic and anti-Semitic ideas. This is what the internet has done to our world.

I blame the Christian community for empowering people like Marjorie Taylor Green. I don't know whether to look at them through eyes of tragedy or contempt. Christians have been whining about being in a post truth world where truth is relative. They are bitter that their mythological spiritual truth has waned in popularity in our country. And it seems to me that they now are taking revenge by calling into dispute every form of objective truth.

The sad fact is it is not possible to separate the scientist from the science. If an intellectual comes up with a credible idea but he has an objectionable racial religious or ethnic status, then many people will reject the idea outright. (Hitler denounced nuclear physics because so many of its proponents were Jewish scientists.) I don't know how someone like Aristotle would explain the fragility of human reason and it's tendency to be overwhelmed by emotion. It seems like a terrible design flaw by the alleged Creator.

The reason emotion is so rampant on the Internet is because it is much easier to commodify and profit from emotion than from reason. Our whole society has tended in that direction for a long time. Look at the popularity of professional sports, television, casinos and other form of low-class entertainment. All of these things exploit people's emotions for the profit of the distant few. The internet has simply perfected this tendency.

I would go even further and blame the Christian Church for enabling this brutal and exploitative system. By rejecting the more humane system of socialism and advocating for ruthless jungle capitalism, the church has unleashed all of the worst forces of crass materialism in our culture.

I believe at root the Church's hostility to socialism stems from the 1917 Fatima Marian Apparition in which the Virgin Mary warned of the evil to come out of Russia. I don't believe that Russian Bolshevism is an indictment of every form of socialism, but unfortunately American Catholics and Americans in general tend to categorically denounce every form of socialism. And thus we are left with a raging cruel cynical commodifying Cancer Capitalist system. Like every other form of tragedy, ultimately the church is responsible for unleashing this evil.

The televangelists and people like Archbishop Burke will whine complain and foment anger and dissent constantly, but they will never look into their own hearts and see how the ugly and brutal face of American Christianity has spawned

most of these problems. They are like dogs snarling at a stick and not seeing the human hand that wields that stick in punishment.

And as American society sinks into a toxic swamp of conspiracy mongering, growing misanthropy, and the total disintegration of the very concept of a social contract and safety net, our Christian leaders will smugly pat themselves on the back confident that everyone else is to blame except for themselves.

The one consolation I derive from the current darkness is that it firmly exposes the fallacious nature of American Christianity. One of the few conspiracy theories that happens to be credible, namely the cover-up of truth about the 9/11 attacks, the American Church rejected out of hand, because the false narrative about 9/11 perfectly dovetails with the infatuation of the American Church with redemptive violence and the military. Instead the Church latches onto ridiculous groups like QAnon, with its allegations of satanic cannibalism that echo the medieval anti-Jewish blood libels.

In my opinion the American Church from the very inception of our country has been drowning in falsehood. Against the clear Council of the New Testament it advocated violent rebellion against the mother country England and the king God had placed over us. It supported the chattel slavery system and after the Civil War Jim Crow racist laws. The KKK is a Christian organization. The Church opposed labor unions and necessary reforms in society. The Church craves safety and stability and will oppose necessary social change until it becomes inevitable. Then it paints on a false mask and tries to claim credit for the changes that resulted from the hard work of others.

A perfect example of this is the popularity of the hymn Amazing Grace in American churches. At the very time that Christians in England were laboring to outlaw slavery, American churches were quoting Bible chapter and verse to justify slavery. But today Christians will sing Amazing Grace -- about the efforts of Christians in England to abolish slavery -- utterly oblivious to their own complicity in the slave system. Their pastors work very hard to ensure the ignorance of their congregations, the better to take their money and to manipulate them politically.)

I am grateful for lunatics like Marjorie Taylor Green who are exposing the violent corruption of the American Church. Her conspiracy mongering is pulling up the skirts of American Christianity and exposing its bloody underpants to the whole world. And for that we can all be grateful.

The following is a comment I sent to an American professor about 9/11. I hope you will be courageous enough to read it and ponder it:

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I am a 9/11 truth advocate. I believe the cover up of this horrific attack that killed so many people so brutally is the root cause of the explosion of paranoia and conspiracy theories in our country. President Bush wittingly or not contributed to the total destruction of trust in public institutions in our country.

I was living in South Africa back in those days, and I can still remember seeing on the TV screen in the shopping mall where I was the planes flying into the buildings in New York. It seemed surreal to me. But almost immediately news started filtering onto my favored internet news sites about anomalies regarding those horrible attacks on that horrible day. And pretty much from the get-go I believed that there was a massive cover-up.

Consider this. So far as I know not a single military official was ever reprimanded demoted Court martialled or penalized in any way for the massive security breaches that occurred on that day. How do you explain that? The number of anomalies is so great that you don't have to be particularly intelligent to discern something rotten in the State of Denmark. Here is a list of some of the best websites that I have drawn on to inform myself about 9/11:

<https://bollyn.com/>

<https://www.ae911truth.org/>

<http://www1.ae911truth.org/en/about-us>

<https://www.ae911truth.org/NIST>

<http://patriotsquestion911.com/>
<http://patriotsquestion911.com/military>
<http://patriotsquestion911.com/pilots.html>
<https://rense.com/general24/t500.htm>
<https://rense.com/general94/9911myth.htm>
<https://www.paulcraigroberts.org/2019/09/09/9-11-after-18-years/>
<https://www.paulcraigroberts.org/2019/09/10/presstitute-blackout-of-9-11-study/>

Many years ago, back in August of 2006, I was doing a 9/11 truth outreach in Boulder Colorado. There was an international news presence set up in Boulder for a couple of weeks concerning the arrest of a prominent fugitive from American Justice living in Thailand. I would circulate every day and hand out my brief one page list of 911 Truth bullet points. On the third day moving among the television and news journalists from around the world, a burley Fox News cameraman took me by the wrist and pulled me aside. Expecting the worst, I was shocked when he told me the following. He said something like this: "Son you're wasting your time here. Everyone in the news media knows there's been a massive cover-up of 9/11 truths. But the problem is that the media owners in New York won't allow us to report about this." How I wish I had a tape recorder and recorded him! I wasn't particularly surprised by his words because they confirmed what anyway I believed.

I continued my 9/11 truth activities for a couple more years. During that time a student group at CU Boulder brought in a couple of prominent 9/11 truth proponents to speak on campus. Their talk was well attended and their presentation was coherent and lucid. But over time 9/11 truth lost traction. We were mocked by the mainstream media, and the Democrats who could have made hay against President Bush for his complicity in this dastardly attack (or his incompetence in exposing it) simply rolled over and played dead.

Giuliani, who as mayor of New York at that time played a critical role in ensuring that the truth about 9/11 would never emerge, I believe has been haunted by his collusion and that at least partly explains why he has promoted such insane theories on behalf of Trump. Giuliani is frantically trying to atone for his errors around 9/11. Unfortunately 9/11 involved the mass murder of 3000 Americans, many of them in the most grizzly of manners. Who can forget the horrifying pictures of people jumping off the World Trade Center? Murder has no statute of limitations, and therefore I believe 9/11 will haunt this country and destroy it if the truth is never allowed to emerge

While I detest the Qanon supporters, and have watched with horror as many of my former friends, particularly in the Evangelical Christian movement, have signed on with his bogus movement, I do believe in my heart of hearts that these people understand that there is something fundamentally wrong with our society. They know that the mass media completely failed to report the truth about 9/11. And therefore they instinctively do not trust it.

During the Obama administration I stopped talking about 9/11 because I saw it went nowhere. The irony is that today the Republicans are leading the charge against Democrats using all sorts of insane conspiracy theories like QAnon, when the Republicans were responsible for the original 9/11 cover-up travesty. The sad thing is that the Democrats back then lacked the courage to make waves and now they are being victimized by the insanification of the Republican Party. This simply confirms the biblical adage that a person who is silent in the face of Injustice will eventually be victimized himself by an even greater form of injustice.

I once hoped and believed that the internet would serve as a powerful means to bring the truth out of the darkness and save our society. But I no longer believe that. Instead the internet is allowing an explosion of insane and absurd ideologies to proliferate and shatter consensus in our society. Although I have been a heavy internet user since the 1990s, when I discovered it while I was living in Israel, I no longer believe the internet serves society and indeed threatens to destroy it.

People like Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer and articulate writers like Paul Krugman, who constantly denounces the insanification of the Republicans, simply are unable or unwilling to look at the foundational sin of 9/11 that brought all

of this ugly political division to the forefront. The more they obfuscate and cover up the more people like QAnon will respond in rage.

I do believe Justice will be served. The destruction of America will be a form of Justice about 9/11 because as a society we are collectively responsible for the crime the cover-up and then the unending assault on innocent Muslims around the world in the so-called war on terror. The best form of Justice would be to expose the people responsible prosecute them imprison them and execute some of them. But apparently that will never happen and instead collectively we will all pay the price.

It will sadden me to see this country destroyed. I was born here and educated here. I moved to Israel pursuing the Zionist dream after college, but I returned here in 2006. I remember when the plane landed in New York feeling like I had descended into a very dark place compared to America in the 1980s when I originally moved away. The darkness had only intensified over the last 15 years I am sorry to say.

Perhaps you can be a voice of truth. But I know not to harbor unrealistic hopes. People in academia have been terribly complicit in the cover-up of 9/11 truth. Their fear of rocking the boat, their hunger for tenure and academic accolades, makes them completely unwilling and unable to serve as courageous voices of justice and change. So I have learned not to Hope for much from your colleagues.

Despite all this negativity and gloom, I wish you and your family friends and loved ones a Happy Healthy and Hopeful New Year 2021.

Sincerely, Michael Korn

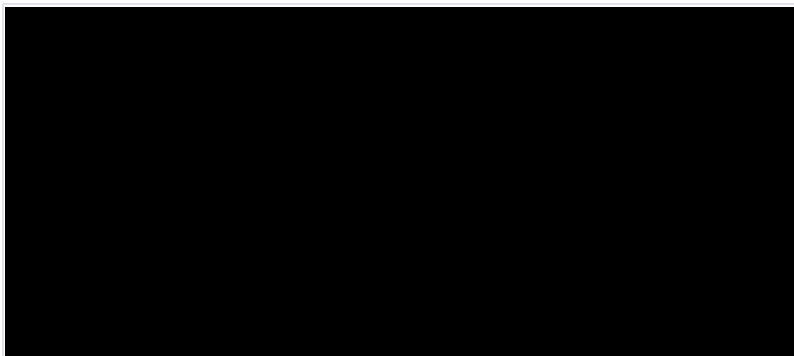
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From: Suzanne Keehn <dskeehn@pacbell.net>
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2021 1:22 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Fw: ABAG's regional housing plan is a fantasy

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From 48Hills in San Francisco. Worthwhile reading.

[ABAG's regional housing plan is a fantasy | 48 hills](#)



ABAG's regional housing plan is a fantasy | 48 hills

The affordable housing won't get built, developers will get rich,
and low-income communities will be devastated.

Really important to read.

Thanks, Suzanne Keehn
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Baumb, Nelly

From: E Nigenda <enigenda1@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2021 12:22 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Priorities for City Council

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Unfortunately, I missed the cut-off for comments:

As probably everyone knows, climate change is expected to lead to a greater frequency in pandemics.

I believe the top priorities for the City in the coming year should be economic recovery from the pandemic, social equity and housing, with **reduction of greenhouse gases and the predicted impacts of climate change being foundational to all our priorities.**

We need to plan for increased flooding, possible water scarcity, future pandemics, warmer climate, etc. in our built and social environment. Our economic recovery will be short-term if we don't. Additionally, there can be no social equity if housing, especially low-income housing is built without planning for rising groundwater, increased flooding and contaminant migration in some parts of our City.

Careful planning and mitigation should ensure that as we respond to one impact of climate change- which is economic recovery from the pandemic - we **do not build tomorrow's risk today.**

Thank you for considering my comments,
Esther Nigenda

Baumb, Nelly

From: Suzanne Keehn <dskeehn@pacbell.net>
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2021 12:08 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Input for the Palo Alto City Retreat

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- 1) Building housing for those who truly need it -- BMR, at or below 80% AMI
We obviously do not need Market Rate Housing, however, currently it seems the only way to get any to get only a 15% BMR is to let developers build what is not needed to create a few of them.
There must be a better way to build for those needing BMR, instead of giving our city over to developers.
- 2) Importance of maintaining R-1 zoning and preventing the zoning erosion around them.
Most people work to own a single family home to raise their children, neighborhoods promote community. Dense apartments, with mostly small units do not.
- 3) Clearly stating the City's position against the loss of "local control" and state bills, like SB 9 & 10, which seek to destroy it.
Encourage the Council to reach out to our state reps and state those viewpoints. Clearly these bills are replacements for S.B 50.
Plus 10 takes away the initiatives imitated by citizens that were passed by a vote, if the City Council so decides.
- 4) Making residents' thoughts/ideas carry more weight in the decision-making process than developers.
Those residents qualified, either by proximity to the proposed change, and/or professional qualifications to be fully brought into decisions. Example, the Fry's area, Several people came up with a plan that dealt with the issues of housing, parking, park, that is the best one of which I am aware.
- 5) Make sure the Council are making the decisions not the Staff, insist to receive their process in a timely manner so YOU can make decisions.

Baumb, Nelly

From: Athena Ierokomos <athenaierokomos@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2021 12:01 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Public Comment on Consideration and Selection of 2021 Council Priorities

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Hello,

I am a Stanford graduate student and I would like to express my support for prioritizing reallocation of funds from policing to civilian public safety response teams. In particular, situations such as traffic enforcement, mental health calls, and nuisance calls are scenarios that could be handled more safely and professionally and for lower cost by civilian alternatives.

Thank you,
Athena

Baumb, Nelly

From: Loren Smith (gmail) <loren.m.smith2016@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2021 11:59 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: RE: Public Comments - Priorities for 2021 - FTTH

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I too have a slide deck if we can access / share.

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/14jqVAjd8xIMC2TNb3EKg4glb78iQ8VBQa_vMLZ-jy2Q/edit?usp=sharing

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From: Loren Smith (gmail) <Loren.m.Smith2016@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2021 11:47 AM
To: 'city.council@cityofpaloalto.org' <city.council@cityofpaloalto.org>
Subject: Public Comments - Priorities for 2021 - FTTH

I'd like to share one resident's viewpoint on priorities for 2021, namely encouraging FTTH

Baumb, Nelly

From: Caleb Zerger <czzerger1@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2021 11:35 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Public Comment on Consideration and Selection of 2021 Council Priorities

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Hello,

I am writing to suggest that the city of Palo Alto prioritize reallocating funds from policing towards civilian responses to certain situations. Health calls (including welfare check ups) account for about 1 in 7 calls answered by PAPD, and most of these could be better answered by health/mental health professionals. Parking/traffic enforcement could be done by civilian employees like BerkDOT in Berkeley.

It is important for police not to be involved in such situations. One reason: for certain community members (especially those who are people of color, struggle with substance abuse, or have faced police brutality before) the presence of police can be triggering and needlessly escalate situations. The best thing for the health and safety of our community is to reallocate funds from policing to other solutions.

Thank you!

Caleb Zerger

Baumb, Nelly

From: Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2021 11:25 AM
To: Rebecca Eisenberg; Roberta Ahlquist; Greer Stone; Council, City; Tanner, Rachael; Binder, Andrew; paloaltofreepress@gmail.com; Dennis Upton; Roberta Ahlquist; Anna Griffin; Minor, Beth; Baumb, Nelly; DuBois, Tom; Filseth, Eric (Internal); mark weiss
Subject: Aram James's suggested priorities for the city of Palo Alto 2021

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1. Continue to pursue the Zack Perron cover up and in that regard ask council to make certain internal complaints one officer's allegation against another -particularly where racism, sexism, internal police misconduct, serious matters are concerned the matters are sent to the IPA -not buried in the HR department .

2. Make 2021 the year Palo Alto funds a robust safe parking program as we move to more permanent solutions for housing those now forced to live in their vehicles or in the streets of Palo Alto.

3. Don't let the downtown streets team scandal fall through the cracks.

4. Model the statewide Reparations Commission (AB3121) by creating a similar reparations commission in Palo Alto.

5. Ask the city council to rein in our current city manager and police chief - emphasizing the importance of transparency and adequate notice on key issues to be made

mandatory. The city counsel should lead -not our city manager-more aggressive questioning of both the police chief and city manager by council members. Remember who the people elected (the city council).

6. Includes more closing scrutinizing the consent calendar to make certain critical items are put on the agenda as action items for public debate.

7. LaDoris Cordell Foothill Preserve.

8. Put off building a new police station until the budget issues clarified-consider regional approach to policing.

9. Allow more robust participation by community members during coral communication and discussion on agenda items.

10. Read and enforce NYT v Sullivan --allows vehement, caustic, and sometimes unpleasantly sharp attacks on government and public officials.

Baumb, Nelly

From: Deborah Wexler <drkwexler@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2021 9:16 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: City Priorities for 2021

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I am sorry that I missed the deadline for the survey for input on 2021 City priorities. One thing I'd like to comment on is any future plans to make University Ave a permanent pedestrian walk. When the street was closed over the summer, I specifically avoided shopping in the area. As someone who has intermittent back and hip pain, (not serious enough to qualify for a parking disability) even walking around the block from the CVS parking lot (when the back entrance of the store was closed last year) was a challenge. I stopped shopping on the street or eating at the restaurants or even picking up take-out. I went shopping at stores which had a parking lot.

Please take into your consideration older people or people with physical disabilities. Being able to drive up to stores is very helpful.

I think the move to close the street in order to help the restaurants with parklets was good and I applaud the council for pivoting in this way and would support doing it again on a temporary basis. However, as well-intentioned as these parklets were, I still didn't feel safe dining in them. The tables were too close together, or too close to people walking in the street or on the sidewalks. Local Union was the worst offender. With these parklets in place, the street became very crowded and people were not respectful about maintaining distance. With better enforcement, I would still support this but again, on a temporary basis only.

I urge you to not close off the street.

Deborah Wexler

Baumb, Nelly

From: Yahoo Mail.® <honkystar@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2021 1:39 AM
To: Honky
Subject: TrumpCo: 'A Lot More Suffering Needs To Happen!' ?

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A Lot More Suffering Needs To Happen!

Situation Update, Jan. 28th, 2021 - The Biden / globalist agenda to DELETE humanity through global extermination

<https://healthrangerreport.com/situation-update-jan-28th-2021-the-biden-globalist-agenda-to-delete-humanity-through-global-extermination>

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People need to suffer more so that they will cry for Trump to be King of Israel to save us from ZioChina?

also:

Health Ranger warns about 'Death Squads'

The Purpose Of The Trump Presidency And Why David Goldberg Had To Die...

The Andrew Carrington Hitchcock Show 1437 - 2021.01.26

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<https://andrewcarringtonhitchcock.com/2021/01/26/ach-1437-this-man-alone-1-the-purpose-of-the-trump-presidency-and-why-david-goldberg-had-to-die/>

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Strategy of Tension

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Strategy_of_tension

World Needs Israel as New World Superpower!

Top Rabbi: America is Collapsing, Israel must Step Up as new World Superpower

<https://www.israel365news.com/164050/top-rabbi-america-is-collapsing-israel-must-step-up-as-new-world-superpower/>

Fauci Cares ... A Lot!

<https://youtu.be/D40uHmTSPew>

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28th January Update

<https://www.simonparkes.org/post/28th-january-update>

PRIEST WARNING FROM ROME !!! MUST HEAR BEFORE YOU DIE

Jan 3, 2021

<https://www.simonparkes.org/post/warning-from-rome-priest>

Darren Atherton

I guess Simon Parkes missed the bit he calls out the likes of Trump. Lol

<https://youtu.be/Z9ZvscQpo44>

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Amazing Polly - Jan.27

Secret Service Fail At Capitol Before Inauguration

<https://www.bitchute.com/video/BYlcmNAp7jNb/>

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SaltGrain

Have you seen this most recent Tru News Broadcast, very scary!!

China General: PLA Must Kill All Americans With Biological Weapons

<https://www.trunews.com/stream/china-general-pla-must-kill-all-americans-with-biological-weapons>

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Biden To Step Down: Trump To Be Sworn In January 20th – Satire

Jan 19th 2021

<https://www.infowars.com/posts/biden-to-step-down-trump-to-be-sworn-in-january-20th/>

RESIDENT ALIEN

<https://youtu.be/eTTMFnysJTY>

On 01/27/2021 11:26 AM || <smacko9@comcast.net> wrote:

President Biden, QAnon Fails, & a New Dark Era - Know More News LIVE

<https://www.knowmorenews.org/kmn-videos/president-biden-qanon-fails-amp-a-new-dark-era-know-more-news-live>

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From: Yahoo Mail.® <honkystar@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 2:49 PM
To: Honky
Subject: Two COVID 'Spike Proteins,' Censorship, and More, Tie this Mutating Bio-Apocalypse to "666" Satanic Science, Vaccine latrogenesis, and Evil Influence.

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COVID Science Shows

Demonic Influence:

**Bio-Apocalypse Whistleblower Predicted and
Explained Deadlier Coronavirus Mutants
Tied to Gene-Altering Vaccines**



by

Dr. Leonard G. Horowitz
(MedicalVeritas.org; January 27, 2021)

The deadlier more transmissible coronavirus mutants increasingly threatening civilization were accurately predicted and explained by this author repeatedly over the past quarter-century in hundreds of articles, dozens of videos, multiple films, and two bestselling books published to avert this disaster: [Emerging Viruses: AIDS & Ebola--Nature, Accident or Intentional?](#) and [Healing Codes for the Biological Apocalypse](#).

All the above went grossly neglected, censored, disparaged, and dismissed. Those serving darkness labeled me a "conspiracy theorist." Many claiming to be my allies refused to share my works and warnings. They deemed me too "radical."

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COVID VACCINE **RISKS**
and the "Big Picture"



24% of FDA Experts are Awake and Heroic. The Rest are Either Big Pharma's "Captured" Idiots or Genocidalists Endorsing the Pfizer COVID Vaccine.

by

[Dr. Leonard G. Horowitz](#)

(MedicalVeritas.org; Dec. 11, 2020) Las Vegas, NV—The FDA's expert commission voted 17-to-4 to approve Pfizer's COVID-19 mRNA "vaccine." The ruling, in effect, means you have a 24% chance of something *terrible* happening from taking the "game changing" "Final Solution" to the pandemic *imposition*, or virtual geopolitical and economic extortion.

Substantive omissions to induce damaging actions is FRAUD in law. Add to this fact that in criminal trials wherein murderers "plead the fifth," "[silence is evidence most persuasive](#)." Pfizer omitted doing genetic safety testing on their "genetic therapy" misrepresented as a COVID-19 vaccine. And the media omitted the intelligence that caused nearly a quarter of the FDA experts to fear authorizing the unsafe "genetic therapy."

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CONTROL WON'T GAIN “HERD IMMUNITY,” and WHY YOU SHOULD SHARE THIS INFORMATION



Why “We Are All in This Together”

COVID-19 MIND-CONTROL is largely failing because at the time of this writing more than 60% of citizens won't submit to forced vaccinations nor “contact-tracing” in many communities.

As you can tell by the Trump administration's court battles over the “stolen election,” where ‘the-rubber-meets-the-road’ is in courts of law. The same is true for forced vaccinations and social impositions such as contact-tracing and mask-wearing. . . .

In *vaccination law* that is used to advance forced vaccinations, also called “immunization mandates,” “general agreement” about the benefits of vaccines *presumes* that efficacy and safety is “generally accepted.”

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This is the 'remedy' for governmental and Big Pharma's efforts to deprive you of your health, safety, faith in God and religious freedom.

This is urgent knowledge for you to have and share. [CLICK HERE](#) to read more.



Dr. Leonard Horowitz Files COVID-19 "Vaccine" Lawsuit to Block FDA's Approval of Pfizer and Moderna's "Genetic Therapies"

Ft Myers, FL (12-3-20; MedicalVeritas.org)—A world leading vaccine risk analyst, Dr. Leonard G. Horowitz, has filed a COVID-19 vaccine lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida to oppose the FDA's approval of Pfizer and Moderna vaccines until the companies, alleged to have falsely advertised safety, perform tests on the genetic impacts admittedly neglected by the companies.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read all about this life-saving effort, and share it!



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From: Arlene Goetze <photowrite67@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 11:00 AM
To: Sara Cody; cindy chavez
Subject: Elders--DYING LIKES FIES -Moderna not a vaccine.

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- 1. Nursing Home elders dying like flies**
- 2. Molecular Genetic prof tell you why...**
Moderna is not a vaccine. It is gene mutation therapy.
- 3. 3 places to report injuries and deaths**
Here is a view on vaccines for elderly. Open this

1. [CNA Nursing Home Whistleblower: Seniors Are
https://vaccineimpact.com/2021/cna-nursing-home-whistleblower-seniors-are-dying-like-flies-after-covid-injections-speak-out](https://vaccineimpact.com/2021/cna-nursing-home-whistleblower-seniors-are-dying-like-flies-after-covid-injections-speak-out)

by **Brian Shilhavy**

Editor, Health Impact News

James (he

gives his last name in the video) is a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant),
and he recorded this video as a whistleblower because he could not keep silent
longer. James reports that in 2020 very few residents in the nursing home
sick with COVID, and none of them died during the entire
he reports that many others are near death.
it is clear that James is suffering from
doing so. But he
injected
so..
explaining
residents

any
where he works got
year of 2020. In two weeks, and
T The video is long (47 minutes), and
emotional stress, and that he will probably lose his job for
makes it very clear that these were patients he knew, and after being
with the mRNA shot, residents who used to walk or talk can no longer do
And now they are dying. "They're dropping like flies." His superiors are
the deaths as being caused by a COVID19 "super-spreader." **However, the**
who refused to take the injections, are not sick, according to James.

From Citizen Free Press

2. Latent Deaths Predicted Among The Elderly After Immunization With mRNA Vaccine

Dr. Dolores Cahill, professor of molecular genetics, School of
Medicine at University College Dublin, and chairwoman of Irish
Freedom Party, does a video on this subject.

Professor of Molecular Genetics issues 'chilling warning' on Covid vaccines...

Posted by Kane on January 28, 2021 4:25 am

This is Partial Transcript--bit and pieces of very long transcript

It's absolutely a dangerous gene therapy. Should not

be given to the elderly,” emphasized professor Cahill.

From Dr. Dolores Cahill

* Then the real adverse events will happen, against whatever is the real mRNA in the vaccines, and when the person vaccinated comes across (this coronavirus) sometime later what happened in the animal studies, **20% or 50% or 100% of the animals died. Among people over 80, maybe about 2.5% will experience severe side effects**, adverse events where people cannot work or live life normally

* **Then with the 2nd vaccination it could be 1 in 10 or ten percent.**

For the over 80-year-olds, I would think that 80% of them would have life-limiting reactions or die when they come across the messenger RNA again.

* **For others (not elderly) it could be half of the people who could be severely harmed.**

* What it does is this **gene therapy or medical device is setting up an autoimmune disease chronically.**

* **It's anaphylaxis in the first wave. It's anaphylaxis +allergic reaction the 2nd wave.**

* **But the 3rd reaction occurs when you come across whatever the messenger RNA is against (virus), and now you have stimulated your immune system to have a low-grade autoimmune disease, not immunity to yourself per se because the mRNA is expressing a viral protein.**

* Now you've made yourself into a genetically modified organism, and so the immune system that is meant to push the viruses or bacteria out... now the autoimmune reaction is attacking your body low grade.

* Now months later when you come across the virus that stimulates the immune system to get rid of the virus and when the immune system sees that you have viral proteins in your own cells and organs, then about a week later (the adaptive immune system kicks in, the mechanism that makes specific long-term memory antibodies against a pathogen) and you go into organ failure.

* **Because your immune system is killing your own organs. Those patients will present as sepsis initially. Then later you die of organ failure.**

(Larry King's wife said he died of sepsis.)

* If you have one or two co-morbidities, the energy the immune system requires will make the older person very tired and exhausted and they don't have the capacity to survive if you have underlying conditions.

* Normally, because the mRNA is in every cell of their body, it's almost unstoppable. It destroys the heart, or the spleen, or the lungs, or the liver because the mRNA is expressing the protein in every cell.

* Just as a solution, what we urgently need, just as a repository, 1 in 100, or 1 in 200 vaccine vials injected, to be set aside, especially into the elderly in the care homes. They need to be stored in a biorepository of the vaccine vials randomly, so when the people start to die, we can actually see what is in this vaccine. We should be doing this now.

* I am concerned that there are maybe multiple mRNAs in this vaccine, not just something for coronavirus.

* We urgently need quality control to randomly require doctors to give 1 in 100 vaccine vials to a repository and someone like me could forensically analyze what's in these vaccines.

* **So, when the elderly start dying, we will know. We should be knowing now what's in them. It's absolutely a dangerous gene therapy. Should not be given to the elderly,” emphasized professor Cahill.**

Moderna admits they do not have a vaccine. It is gene therapy technology.

3 places to report injuries:]

- 1. VAERS:** Vaccine Averse Event Report System, a program of the CDC who has paid flu vaccine damages (\$4 billion worth) but today is not organized well. So far it has recorded 180 vaccine deaths and over 4,000 injuries.. It went temporarily off line this week...swamped with calls.
- 2. VaxxTracker.com-** a group independent of government, Pharmaceuticals, and lobbying groups; in partner with WHO, World Health Org(this website) of attorneys who work to defend folks damaged by toxins in many forms: mercury, aluminum, 5G, vaccines, etc.-- under the direction of Robert F Kennedy, Jr., Attorney.

Dr FAuci says after his 2nd shot, he was knocked out 24 hours.

He makes over \$417,000 a year and gives much Health money to Wuhan? in China where the virus may have originated.

Forwarded by Arlene Goetze, MA, No Toxins for Children, photowrite67@yahoo.com

Please share with others...especially those in nursing homes and the Directors in charge.

Baumb, Nelly

From: carl van wey <carl.vanwey@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 10:28 AM
To: Council, City
Cc: carl.vanwey@gmail.com; carl.vanwey@comcast.net
Subject: University ave. closure

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Dear Council Members,

I and my family would love to see the return of the downtown University ave. closure for strolling and dinning and shopping without the worry of traffic. Please consider making it permanent.

thanks,
Carl Van Wey, MD
Elizabeth Frazee, MD

Baumb, Nelly

From: Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 11:11 PM
To: Jonsen, Robert; Greer Stone; Steven D. Lee; chuckjagoda1@gmail.com; Human Relations Commission; Jethroe Moore; Jeff Rosen; Molly O'Neal; Council, City; Planning Commission; Kaloma Smith; Human Relations Commission; Roberta Ahlquist; ParkRec Commission; Binder, Andrew; Raj; Anna Griffin; mark weiss
Subject: Stop the attempt to derail D.A. George Gascón's criminal justice reforms —by Erwin Chemerinsky Dean of the UC Berkeley School law & Miriam Aroni Krinsky executive director of Fair and Just Prosecution.

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From: Chris Robell <chris_robell@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 6:18 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Cato Investments Project

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Dear Council Members,

I am concerned about the proposed 24 unit apartment complex on two R-1 lots being proposed at the corner of Wellesley and College Ave for two reasons:

- 1) This is a THREE story complex that seems excessive for an R-1 neighborhood. I don't live in this neighborhood, but it is NOT respectful or appropriate to residents or to set such a precedent. Let's not allow exceptions to our zoning are becoming the new norm. If this was on EL Camino or near 101 on a busy road, perhaps.
- 2) Cato, the applicant, does NOT have a website, a contact, or a phone number. At least we know how to contact Stanford with any questions. The developer for the project you recently approved on San Antonio seems like a good firm, reaching out to neighbors and will some way to contact. It doesn't appear Cato is of the same ilk. We need to think about who is going to really care about the community and engender trust.

Chris Robell
Old Palo Alto resident

Baumb, Nelly

From: slevy@ccsce.com
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 3:00 PM
To: Steve Levy
Subject: Bay Area economic update

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Here is the link to the latest Bay Area economic update published before we moved to purple tier though I would be cautious about how long it will last or how much job impact it will have in the near term, though some added jobs.

<http://www.bayareaeconomy.org/bay-area-job-watch-52/>

The highlights:

- The past two months have brought discouraging economic news for the near-term as a result of the virus spread and resulting restrictions on activity in the Bay Area. The region lost 20,900 jobs in Leisure and Hospitality (hotels and restaurants), saw an increase in unemployment of 34,300 with the regional unemployment rate jumping from 5.9% in November to 6.8% in December.
- The Bay Area recorded added 17,300 jobs in November down from 32,900 in October. The activity restrictions should limit job growth while they last.
- The Bay Area lost 14,300 jobs (seasonally adjusted) in December as other sectors mostly posted small job gains.
- Between April and December, the Bay Area recovered 39.5% of the jobs lost between February and April trailing the state and nation.
- At the same time, news of vaccine approval and distribution, a possible stimulus package and the Biden administration focus on immigration, infrastructure and job growth point to a better outlook by mid-year 2021. The usual caveats about housing supply and affordability and maintaining a competitive economic environment remain.

Baumb, Nelly

From: Arthur Keller <arthur@kellers.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 2:32 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: BAWSCA Representation

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Dear Mayor DuBois and City Council,

I encourage you to reaffirm your position in support of the Bay-Delta Plan. You should replace the current representative on BAWSCA if that person does not represent the City position on that board. City representatives must uphold policies duly enacted by the City. This misrepresentation should be considered when evaluating the next Vice Mayor, and should be disqualifying.

Sincerely,
Arthur Keller
(not in any official capacity)



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From: Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 2:04 PM
To: Jeff Rosen; Molly O'Neal; Jethroe Moore; Raven Malone; Steven D. Lee; Council, City; Greer Stone; Roberta Ahlquist; DuBois, Tom; Rebecca Eisenberg; mark weiss; paloaltofreepress@gmail.com; Jonsen, Robert; Planning Commission; Kaloma Smith; ParkRec Commission; Raj; Anna Griffin
Subject: Queens Prosecutors Long Overlooked Misconduct. Can a New D.A. Do Better?

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FYI:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/27/nyregion/melinda-katz-queens.amp.html>

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From: b. beekman <cranberrysauce23@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 1:30 PM
To: Mayor Lily Mei.; D3. Jenny Kassar; D4. Yang Shao; D5. Raj Salwan; D6. Teresa Cox; D2. Rick Jones; D1. Teresa Keng.; Mayor Sam Licarrdo; Mayor's office. Lee Wilcox; Mayor's office. Paul Pereira; C.Mgr. David Sykes; C.Attrny. Nora Frimann; city attorney Shasta Green; cl.d1. Charles "Chappie" Jones; cl.d2. Sergio Jimenez; cl.d3. Raul Peralez; cl.d4. Lan Diep; cl.d5. Magdalena Carrasco; cl.d6. Devora. Davis; cl.d7. Maya Esparza; cl.d8. Sylvia Arenas; cl.d9. Pam Foley; cl.d10. Johnny Khamis; cDoT.Dir.John Ristow; cDOT Laura Wells; c.mgr.Jim Ortbal; C. Manager Angel Rios; OES Director.Ray Riordan; OES.Office of Emergency Services; Police Ofc. Anthony Mata; Police Ofc. David Knopf; Police Lt. Ellen.Washburn -s.op.; Police Lt. Heather Randol; Supervisor Cindy Chavez; Supervisor Otto Lee; Supervisor Joseph Simitian; Supervisor Susan Ellenberg; Supervisor Mike Wasserman; Dana Reed; d.District Attorney; s.PIO; supervisor.carson@acgov.org; Wilma.Chan@acgov.org; Nate.Miley@acgov.org; richard.valle@acgov.org; Scott.Haggerty@acgov.org; David Haubert; amy.shrago@acgov.org; Anika Campbell Belton.; Perkins, Cheryl, CAO; info@alcoda.org; pio@alamedacountysheriff.org; mayor; D1.; D2.; D3.; D4.; D5.; D6.; D7.; D8.; City Clerk.Brkly.; C.Mgr.; attorney@cityofberkeley.info; O.E.S.; planning; Transportation; p.r.c.; berkeley. p.d.; FPD chief. Kim Peterson; John Lindsay-Poland; Sameena Usman; Victor Sin; Roxana Marachi; tessa.darc@gmail.com; council@redwoodcity.org; city.council@menlopark.org; Council, City; cityadministratoroffice@oaklandca.gov; cityclerk@oaklandnet.com; Craig Dziedzic; Janell Myhre; Phillip White; Corinne Bartshire; Mikyung Kim-Molina; Baker, Ethan (ECD); Lloyd Shand; Maryellen Carroll; Gary Malais; J. George Lippman
Subject: Blair Beekman. Thursday. January 28, 2021 __Project Funding Accountability.

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Dear BAUASI,

To follow up, on my letters, since December 2020, below, and my public comments, from the January 2021, approval authority meeting.

Is it time to consider, BAUASI, begin to review & study, their current, 1-3 year financial structuring patterns, for local Bay Area Approval Authority projects.

As current project accountability, and its financial practices, can confuse, both everyday community & local government, alike.

To its credit, BAUASI, offers annual reports, to the public, each June, with a list, of BAUASI project approvals, from all of the Bay Area local hub requests, from the prior January,

BAUASI, also tries to offer, some transparency, in its secondary, regional, Approval Authority projects, wltb these project appearances, on BAUASI Approval Authority, public meeting agendas.

These can be good beginning examples, of accountability & openness, from BAUASI, and the federal level.

It is an important concept of BAUASI, for the public policies, of Approval Authority projects, to try to be addressed, mostly at the local community level.

And that, current 1-3 funding practices, can offer, a certain flexibility, to help more easily continue, the financing projects.

But this continual reshuffling, can also work, to insulate govt. projects, from better scrutiny. And that, can sometimes fluster a process, to such a degree, it can actually work, to create a danger, instead of safety for projects, and a community.

The ALPR trailers, for Fremont, beginning in late 2017, is a good example, of this confusion, for both everyday community and local government, alike.

In creating, your own BAUASI studies & review process, at this time,

You could ask for input, from what should be, much previous thought & study, on this subject, from local govts., everyday community, and advocacy.

Community agencies, like SF CARD and CADRE, could also help seek out, important advice, as well.

As the goal should be, at this time, of more clear, open & accountable, funding structures and patterns, within each, of the different stages, of approval authority projects, in local communities.

While still respecting, how most, public policy questions, about projects, can still be, for local communities to better address.

You should also have, my previous letters, on this subject, from 2018-19. And how to develop, an advisory committee, public meeting process, for secondary regional planning ideas, like with the most recent, BAUASI interoperability advisory group.

You should be familiar, with how I think and work, at this point. Don't be afraid, to write back. I hope this can be, good discussion matter, throughout this year.

I have addressed this letter, to persons, of other local govts. for dialogue & ideas, as needed.

I am asking, at this time, how BAUASI, as a federal agency, can study, review, and help define, a few more, public policy guidelines, for local Bay Area communities.

And that, can offer a project process, that is more clear. And at the same time, offer a way, to always want to work, towards, our better public practices, of openness & accountability.

Sincerely,
Blair Beekman

On Tue, Dec 22, 2020, 8:30 AM b. beekman <cranberrysauce23@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear BAUASI,

As BAUASI, and local Bay Area govts, have developed, well established, funding structures, for local bay Area approval projects.

It usually tries to work, for policies, approval projects, and its questions, to be handled, at the local level.

But it seems, everyday people, of many Bay Area cities, may be developing, certain questions, over the years, about the openness & transparency, with the 1-3 year, financial structuring, of approval authority projects.

To also note, with secondary, regional funding, for local cities - this can allow for, larger Bay Area cities, a second chance, at projects.

This may also contribute to, an overall confusion, for both everyday community, and local govt.

Again, I understand, there is a responsibility needed, to practice good oversight, at the local community level.

And a thank you, that June, BAUASI public meeting reports, now try to offer, yearly Bay Area projects approvals.

And that secondary, regional approval of projects, can also be, on approval authority, public meeting agendas.

This accountability, at the BAUASI level, is how to begin.

At this time, is it worth considering, for BAUASI, to study ideas, how there financial structuring, in a revolving 1-3 year cycles, can possibly be reviewed.

Possibly, with new ideas, of more clear, local accountability, at the different stages, of approval authority projects - in its finances, and how projects are delivered, to local communities.

You have, my previous years of writing, on the subject, of a public meeting process, for secondary regional planning ideas, as well.

I hope you can write back, soon. But this is a subject, that can take some time. And that, I hope we can continue discussion, in the beginning, of the new year.

You should be familiar, with how I think and work, at this point. And how I tend to work, in 'rough draft ideas'. Don't be afraid, to write back

Happy holidays.

Sincerely,
Blair Beekman

Baumb, Nelly

From: Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 11:58 AM
To: Greg Tanaka; Kou, Lydia; paloaltofreepress@gmail.com; Greer Stone; Raven Malone; Steven D. Lee; Council, City; Human Relations Commission; Planning Commission; ParkRec Commission; Anna Griffin; Kaloma Smith; chuck jagoda; Roberta Ahlquist; Jethroe Moore
Subject: Palo Alto Banned From Reinstating Exclusionary Ordinance | Palo Alto, CA Patch

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FYI: Great News!!!

<https://patch.com/california/paloalto/palo-alto-banned-reinstituting-exclusionary-ordinance>

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From: Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 11:08 PM
To: Tanner, Rachael
Cc: Winter Dellenbach; chuck jagoda; Rebecca Eisenberg; Roberta Ahlquist; Council, City; Shikada, Ed; Jonsen, Robert
Subject: Tonight's PTC meeting, safe parking programs, the future of Castilleja, future HRC meetings etc.....

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> Hi Ms.Tanner,
>
> I did speak at the city council meeting on Monday and after raising my concern re the stingy and pathetic nature of the proposal for a safe program, during oral communications, that you presented for the city, both in dec of 2020 and at the HRC meeting last February -both Mayor Tom D and Vice Mayor Pat Burt did suggest just as you describe below, after I spoke at Monday's meet.
>
> I met with Tom D., re a safe parking program, after I had traveled to Santa Barbara to study their program(august 2012 visit (-shortly after he was elected for his 1st term. Similarly I spoke with Pat Burt circa 2011-2012-2013 when he attended one of the candidate forums I presided at for STB (Stop The Ban).
>
> Despite the PTC chair's concerns that I was speaking off topic to the quality of life issue ..related to excessive solo car travel ...I disagreed believing the excessive RV driving necessitated in large part by a lack of a robust Safe Parking program was exactly on point. Similarly our police often driving around appearing to be in their cars when they could be walking in our community...was, in my view, also spot on. As I said to the chair during my second talkI though it was extremely tacky for the PTC chair to use you to cut me off from completing my full three minutes ...without even allowing me the opportunity to explain why my yet to be heard comments were relevant to the agenda item. But that's okwill see what the future brings with your chair at future PTC meetings.
>
> Ok, so thanks for the heads up that you will NOT be speaking on safe parking at the Feb 2021 HRC meeting. Will you be speaking on the Safe Parking Program at the March HRC meeting? If so I look forward to attending.
>
> Have any churches yet to be approved by planning and gone through your appeals process...and are actually up and running? Or are we still at zero churches actually up and running? Please let me know.
>
> Finally, I was apparently under the mistaken impression that the tier 3 program that you say has been approved by the city is actually being run and funded by Santa Clara County not the City of Palo Alto. Please advise. Am i right or wrong? Thanks so much!!
>
> Best regards,
>
> Aram James
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> 415-360-5056
> Abjpd1@gmail.com
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> Sent from my iPhone
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>> On Jan 27, 2021, at 9:54 PM, Tanner, Rachael <Rachael.Tanner@cityofpaloalto.org> wrote:
>>
>> Hi Mr. James,
>>
>> As you may have seen the Council did direct staff to, "Look at how to allocate additional resources to RV parking, unhoused, and childcare." Staff will return to Council with that report early this year.
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>> I believe the schedule for HRC has been adjusted and I will be at the March HRC meeting.
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>> Thank you for your feedback on the regulatory program for congregation-based safe parking. As the Policy and Services Committee members noted, the congregation-based 1 tier of a 3-tier regulatory framework; one that would ultimately allow safe parking at congregations, other private lots, and finally city owned property. The Council did authorize a tier 3 program at city owned property at Geng Road; this should open in the next few weeks.
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>> Please continue to provide that feedback to the City Council, who are the ultimate decision-makers regarding both regulatory policy and program funding.
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>> Take care,
>> Rachael
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>> -----Original Message-----
>> From: Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com>
>> Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 7:10 PM
>> To: Tanner, Rachael <Rachael.Tanner@CityofPaloAlto.org>
>> Cc: Rebecca Eisenberg <rebecca@privateclientlegal.com>
>> Subject: If possible can you address the sad state of the city's effort to fund(city and county ..not faith community)
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>> Hi Rachael,
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>> If possible can you address the sad state of the city's effort to fund(city and county) ..not faith community-a robust safe parking program? I want the city to have money from the police budget and new police station (5% max) to make

this happen. In my mind it is an abdication of our responsibility as a city not to reallocate funds for a robust parking program. Ok, look forward to also speaking with u at the feb HRC meeting. I reread your comments(from the minutes) from last feb's presentation, my response, Rev Smith comments etc. In my view the city plan you proposed was sad and stingy. Is this plan in your hands or dictated from above. With much respect.

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>> Thanks so much,

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>> Aram James

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>> Sent from my iPhone

Baumb, Nelly

From: farrell@farrellhome.attlocal.net on behalf of Phil Farrell <farrell@stanford.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 10:17 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please prioritize housing in Palo Alto

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Dear Palo Alto City Council,

As you consider your priorities for 2021, please put creation of more housing units at the top of the list!

I am a homeowner who has lived in Palo Alto for 37 years. I have raised my family here, but am distressed that none of my adult children can afford to live here now due to the high cost of housing. We need more housing of all types, but particularly affordable housing.

One important source of new affordable housing is the creation of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) on existing residential lots.

The council has taken action in recent years to liberalize the rules for ADUs to encourage their creation. I applaud that action.

But I want to bring to your attention that city departments continue to put up road blocks to the creation of ADUs. In particular, I currently want to create an ADU at my home on Loma Verde Ave, but am being stymied by an unnecessary and illogical internal policy of the Public Works Engineering Division.

My home is in a flood zone. There are onerous building requirements for new home construction in the flood zone. These are sensible if you are starting from scratch. But Public Works wants to categorically apply these same onerous requirements to any type of ADU on a property in the flood zone. Yet, at the same time, they exempt remodels and additions to houses in the flood zone from these requirements as long as they are not "substantial improvements". This discriminatory restriction on ADUs that does not apply to home additions is illogical and in conflict with both state law and the city municipal code. It will create severe impediments to creating ADUs at the thousands of homes in the flood zone.

Please help keep ADUs as a viable option for addressing our housing shortage by directing Public Works to stop their discriminatory restrictions on creating ADUs in the flood zones. I describe the nature and problems of this policy in more detail in an email I just sent to Public Works. I forward a copy below.

Sincerely,
Phil Farrell

Date: Wed, 27 Jan 2021 21:46:11 -0800 (PST)
From: Phil Farrell <farrell@stanford.edu>
To: Ajay Kumar <Ajay.Kumar@CityofPaloAlto.org>
Cc: pwecips@cityofpaloalto.org
Subject: Please rescind mistaken policy on ADUs in flood zones

Dear Mr. Kumar,

You recently corresponded with Jimmie Sandman from Cottage Technologies (a company specializing in managing design and construction of Accessory Dwelling Units - ADUs) regarding building requirements for ADUs to be constructed on properties located within special hazard flood zones in Palo Alto. Jimmie contacted you because he was working with a homeowner at 883 Loma Verde Ave, which is in the AE10.5 flood zone. I am that homeowner.

Based on the correspondence between you and Jimmie, which he forwarded to me, you first re-iterate the policy for screening building permit applications for additions or remodels to a residence in the flood zone:

"For any additions/remodel to the existing home, yes we do a flood zone screening. If the valuation of the work exceeds 50% or more of the existing depreciated value of the structure then flood zone regulations apply for the project. You will provide the valuation while PW will determine the existing value of the structure."

You then state that a different policy is followed for applications for building an ADU:

"For any new ADUs flood zone regulations automatically apply. We do not do a screening to see if the work is substantial since it is a new ADU. This applies to all our ADU projects in the flood zone."

Responding to a followup email from Jimmie, you state that the flood zone building requirements will be automatically applied to all types of proposed ADUs, whether attached, detached, garage conversion, or Junior ADU. In response to Jimmie's further question about whether building an attached ADU will automatically require raising the primary dwelling's floor elevation, you state:

"A new ADU will only require the ADU to adhere to all flood zone and fema regulations. Keep in mind though flood proofing the ADU since some walls will be shared may require work to the home such as flood resistance materials, etc."

I must protest this asserted policy that all proposed ADUs, whether detached, attached, or junior, must categorically meet the special flood zone standards of construction when the property is located within a special flood hazard zone. This policy is illogical. It says that if I make a small addition to my house and re-arrange some room partitions, maybe add a new bathroom, that this work could be exempted from the special flood zone building requirements if it is not a "substantial improvement", but if I make the very same kinds of physical changes to my house and create an attached or junior ADU in the process, now suddenly all special flood zone building requirements must be met, regardless of how "substantial" are the changes.

In my case, the enforcement of the policy you assert will create such onerous requirements that I will not be able to create any type of ADU. In particular, the elevation and floodproofing requirements that you assert I must meet for any type of ADU, but do not necessarily need to meet for a simple addition or alteration of my house, are structurally and economically prohibitive. The only sensible ADU for me to create would take a master bedroom and bath at one end of the house, built on a slab, and add a large room in the back for kitchen/dining/living room. Judging from new homes recently built near me (replacing old houses), elevation of two to three feet above ground level is needed in my area to meet flood zone building standards. This is simply impossible to do for the existing bedroom on a slab. Even if elevation is limited to the addition, that creates a huge split in level that is severely limiting.

Your asserted policy is likely to effectively prohibit ADU construction for thousands of older homes in Palo Alto that are located within special flood hazard zones.

I request that this public works engineering internal policy regarding categorical application of flood zone building requirements to all ADUs be rescinded. Instead, the normal screening for "substantial improvements" should be applied to attached and junior ADUs, just as it would for the exact same construction activity if it were proposed as an alteration or addition of the primary residence. I believe my request is supported by state and city law, as I will explain below. In fact, both state and city law and policy encourage the construction of ADUs and prohibit the imposition of special requirements to impede such construction.

Palo Alto Municipal Code Chapter 18.09 governing Accessory Dwelling Units does not even mention flood zone building requirements. The only reference to the flood zone is to state that the maximum allowed ADU height may not be extended in a flood zone.

I reviewed Palo Alto Municipal Code Chapter 16.52 that provides flood hazard regulations at this website, linked to the City website:

https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/paloalto/latest/paloalto_ca/0-0-0-13064

This code chapter 16.52 does not mention ADUs at all. In fact, it only refers to "residential structures". Applicability of building restrictions and standards is not based upon intended use, but only on physical characteristics. Is the structure new or existing? If existing, are proposed alterations or additions a "substantial improvement" or not? The code makes no distinctions based on how the space is divided internally or how it will be used. It does not distinguish between single family or multi-family. It does not impose any restrictions on number of occupants. It only deals with "structures".

Newly constructed detached ADUs, built on their own foundations without converting any existing structure, are clearly "new construction" under the meaning of this code chapter 16.52, and thus it is appropriate to require that they meet the special flood zone standards of construction in chapter subsection 16.52.130.

But by any plain reading of this code chapter 16.52, converting space within an existing "residential structure" to be an attached or junior ADU, or the combination of conversion of existing space plus some addition to the existing structure in order to create an attached ADU, is not "new construction". There is nothing in the code that states or implies that alterations, remodels, or additions to an existing residential structure are suddenly defined as "new construction" just because those changes will be used to create an ADU. They are simply changes to the existing residential structure.

There is no support in the Palo Alto Municipal Code for the public works engineering interpretation that all ADUs must categorically meet the special flood zone standards of construction. Furthermore, state law clearly is encouraging the construction of ADUs and prohibiting special restrictions that apply only to ADUs. Government Code Title 7, Division 1, Chapter 4, Section 65852.2 sets forth requirements and restrictions for local government agencies to follow when regulating construction and use of ADUs. I reviewed it at this official website:

<https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/home.xhtml>

Government code section 65852.2 has multiple paragraphs that discourage or prohibit special restrictions or requirements for ADUs versus primary dwellings. It provides no exceptions for flood zone regulations, and in fact, never mentions flood zones. For example:

Paragraph (a)(4) states "An existing ordinance governing the creation of an accessory dwelling unit by a local agency or an accessory dwelling ordinance adopted by a local agency shall provide an approval process that includes only ministerial provisions for the approval of accessory dwelling units and shall not include any discretionary processes,

provisions, or requirements for those units, except as otherwise provided in this subdivision.

Paragraph (a)(5) states "No other local ordinance, policy, or regulation shall be the basis for the delay or denial of a building permit or a use permit under this subdivision."

Paragraph (a)(6)(A) states "This subdivision establishes the maximum standards that local agencies shall use to evaluate a proposed accessory dwelling unit on a lot that includes a proposed or existing single-family dwelling. No additional standards, other than those provided in this subdivision, shall be used or imposed..."

Paragraph (e)(2) states "A local agency shall not require, as a condition for ministerial approval of a permit application for the creation of an accessory dwelling unit or a junior accessory dwelling unit, the correction of nonconforming zoning conditions."

Paragraphs (a)(4), (a)(5), and (a)(6)(A) all prohibit the city from applying additional criteria for allowing ADUs besides those standards in the law, which do not mention flood zones. More specifically, paragraph (e)(2) clearly means that you cannot require application of flood zone building requirements (correction of nonconforming zoning conditions) to any ADU that meets the terms of subsection

(e) (which corresponds to the types of ADUs set forth in Palo Alto municipal code 18.09.030, "Units Exempt from Generally Applicable Local Regulations"). This includes many types of ADUs, including even some detached ADUs.

Proposed attached and junior ADUs are created by alterations or additions to the existing residential structure. Thus, under the municipal code's plain language, and the intention of state law, they are only required to meet the special flood zone standards of construction if they are "substantial improvements", as defined in chapter subsection 16.52.040, "Definitions", paragraph (a)(36):

"Substantial improvement" means any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other proposed new development of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds fifty percent of the market value of the structure before the start of construction of the improvement.

The public works engineering department has a published standard for determining "market value of the structure" and a procedure for screening proposed residential structure alterations or additions to see if they are in fact "substantial improvements". It is illogical and contrary to both the spirit and plain language of state law and the City of Palo Alto municipal code to assert that attached and junior ADUs are automatically "new construction" or "substantial improvements", without first applying this established screening procedure to determine their status.

The public works engineering internal policy that categorically applies flood zone building requirements to all ADUs is clearly in conflict with state and city law and must be rescinded. Attached and junior ADU proposals, whether entirely by conversion of existing space or a combination of conversion and addition to an existing structure, must be evaluated under the same standards as any other remodel, alteration, or addition to a residential structure. This will allow me, and many other homeowners, to efficiently create ADUs and help fulfill the extreme need for new housing units in Palo Alto.

Sincerely,

Phil Farrell

P.S. I see that you responded on the same day to Jimmie's initial email about flood zone regulations for ADUs, that he sent to the general "pwecips@CityofPaloAlto.org" email address on January 19.

I also sent an email to that address two weeks earlier on January

6 seeking clarification of the valuation rules for substantial improvements. So far, NO ONE from public works engineering has responded to my email request! My questions are still outstanding, so I would appreciate a response!

Baumb, Nelly

From: Tim MacKenzie <tmackenz@stanford.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 2:21 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Request for Free Period Products in Municipal Bathrooms

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Greetings Councilors,

My name is Tim MacKenzie. I am a resident of Mountain View. I wanted to reach out about a recent development in Mountain View that I hope might be of interest to our neighbors to the north. This week, I was informed by city staff that Mountain View will be providing free period products in women's restrooms within the city. I had commented on that topic at council meetings several times over the past year and a half after being inspired by a [report](#) in 2019 about the town of Brookline, MA providing period products in all municipal bathrooms. This is a growing movement, as [Scotland](#) became the first country to make period products free in November and the Santa Clara County supervisors [approved](#) \$1M to address period poverty locally. Mountain View has committed to taking a step in this direction, and I was hoping that our neighbors next door might show a similar interest in providing free period products in municipal bathrooms. I would advocate that all municipal bathrooms should have period products as trans men menstruate as well. I wanted to reach out to council to find out if there would be interest in Palo Alto taking a similar step and to learn how I could best help the process. I am more than happy to make a comment at a city council meeting about this topic, but I wanted to reach out earlier to gauge interest on your end.

Thank you so much for your time. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Tim MacKenzie | he/him/his
Postdoctoral Researcher
[SURPAS](#) Advocacy Coordinator
Snyder Lab | Stanford University Department of Genetics

Baumb, Nelly

From: Amy Keohane <amykeohane@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 2:05 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: RV living in Palo Alto

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Dear Council,

Again, I write to you about all of our RV's along El Camino. I just read a story on Redwood City's support in RV living. They worked with the non profit life moves and moved them all to a lot, or most of them. Most people feel safer than on the streets of El Camino or other road sides. The good news they identify the homeless and help them get on their feet. I implore you to take a harder look than completely ignoring the situation which right now you guys are doing. I also think you could look into the motels that aren't being used right now and house our homeless that are on the streets. Lets be more proactive

Amy Keohane
650-346-5306

Baumb, Nelly

From: David Coale <david@evcl.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 7:23 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: SCAP report to the UAC today
Attachments: ID 11867 - Item No 2.pdf

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Hi Mayor and Council members,

Here is a report/update on the SCAP to the UAC that will be presented today at their 4:00 pm meeting. A quick read shows that there are no real new programs happening this year. Another year of no emissions reductions. Not good for one of our top priorities - three years running and very little real progress.

I am hoping this can be speeded up some. At least we should make sure the bike/ped projects go well and that the updated bike/ped plan is fully funded.

Sincerely,

David



City of Palo Alto

Utilities Advisory Commission Staff Report

UAC MEETING

February 03, 2021

☒ Received Before Meeting

Staff: Jonathan Abendschein

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(ID # 11867)

Report Type: New Business

Meeting Date: 2/3/2021

Summary Title: Status of 2020 S/CAP Update

Title: Discussion and Status Update on the 2020 Sustainability and Climate Action Plan

From: City Manager

Lead Department: Utilities

Recommendation

This report is intended to support discussion and no action is requested.

Executive Summary

Palo Alto experienced several rare and challenging events in 2020, events that had impacts throughout California, the United States, and the world. Amidst these challenges, the Council and UAC made it clear to staff that the community continued to support action on climate change and asked for solutions to achieve the City's adopted and ambitious goal to reduce emissions 80% from 1990 levels by 2030 (the "80x30" goal). Staff has taken this message to heart and has devoted extensive analytical and research effort to developing solutions, even while responding to other challenges. This report is to communicate the status of the 2020 update to the Sustainability and Climate Action Plan (S/CAP). Staff's intention in this report is to clarify for the UAC and the public the current direction of the S/CAP work effort and the detailed and actionable results staff intends to deliver.

Background

In April 2016, City Council unanimously adopted the goal of 80 percent greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction by 2030 (the "80x30" goal), calculated utilizing the 1990 baseline¹. This ambitious goal is 20 years ahead of the State of California's 80 percent by 2050 target. In November 2016, Council unanimously adopted the draft Sustainability/Climate Action Plan (S/CAP) Framework², as the road map for achieving Palo Alto's sustainability goals³. In December 2017, Council accepted a 2018-2020 Sustainability Implementation Plan⁴, as a summary of the City's

¹ Staff Report 6754, <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/60861>

² <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/64814>

³ Staff Report 7304, <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/60858>

⁴ <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/63141>

sustainability work plan⁵. The intent was for staff to update the S/CAP every five years and develop more granular five-year work plans and short-term programs, rather than attempt to build a detailed 14-year work plan.

In early 2020, the City launched an update to the S/CAP to help meet our sustainability goals, including our 80 x 30 goal⁶. Staff proposed goals and key actions in seven areas: Energy, Mobility, Electric Vehicles, Water, Climate Adaptation and Sea Level Rise, Natural Environment, and Zero Waste. In April 2020, staff presented a proposed process for the 2020 update to the S/CAP⁷ and in June 2020 Council reviewed the potential goals and key actions that were formulated with community input and directed staff to continue with the S/CAP Update⁸. Also in June 2020, Staff discussed the potential goals and key actions with the Utility Advisory Commission⁹, the Planning and Transportation Commission¹⁰, and the Parks and Recreation Commission¹¹.

Discussion

Regular feedback from Council and the UAC have pointed to the need for reasonably detailed information on costs, logistical hurdles, financing, and implementation planning to enable the Council to make a policy decision on how to proceed in meeting the 80x30 goal. While developing updated Goals and Key Actions for Council review in June, staff found that the scope and funding for the S/CAP consultant contract were inadequate for all modeling efforts needed. Staff undertook some additional analysis in-house and tapped into existing consulting budgets for help with other analysis. This has delayed the project to some extent, but the more “hands-on” approach has led to greater engagement by staff and has helped staff develop greater familiarity with the potential challenges involved in the project and how to overcome them. Utilities Department staff has taken a primary role in developing the climate change elements of the S/CAP in partnership with the Office of Transportation, the Office of Sustainability, the Public Works Department, the Department of Planning and Community Environment, and others.

As the analysis is progressing, a clear story is developing. First, it’s clear that rapid action is needed to hold global warming to 1.5°C (3.7°F), the average global temperature at which the world begins to experience significant impacts from climate change. The world has already experienced 1°C (2.5°F) of warming. To inform policy decisions, staff is working to identify how

⁵ Staff Report 8487, <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/62406>

⁶ Staff Report 10941, <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?t=59474.17&BlobID=75032>

⁷ Staff Report 11021, <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?t=53475.02&BlobID=76048>

⁸ Staff Report 11404, <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?t=59513.75&BlobID=77028>

⁹ Staff Report 11403, <http://cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/77112>

¹⁰ Staff Report 11417, <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/77435>

¹¹ <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/77463>

Palo Alto's goals align with global carbon reduction needs to achieve these global warming goals.

It is also clear that achieving the emissions reductions needed will be challenging both logistically and financially. Still, early analysis is revealing that the scale of expenditure is such that the community may be able to afford it if there is community will. More work is needed to produce cost estimates that are ready for public presentation, but the scale of spending, if financed over decades, appears likely to be similar to current annual community expenditures on energy. Staff intends to describe how such costs might be financed and distributed in a way that make them most acceptable to the community and will be looking to UAC for recommendations and to Council for direction on these issues. Staff is also finding it necessary to look at impacts to groups with less ability to reduce emissions due to logistical or financial limitations, such as renters, multi-family building owners, small businesses, and lower-income residents. Any plan needs to take these community members' needs into consideration.

In general, this has led staff to adopt the following high-level principles to guide its analysis and the development of the final work product:

- Assume extensive education and outreach will be needed in the community to build awareness of the need for action, the urgency of action, and to communicate what individuals can do to make a difference.
- Find ways to help early adopters take action. Programs must be comprehensive and easy to participate in. A good customer experience (including in permitting and utility upgrade processes) is critical to create positive stories that will encourage others to participate as well.
- Neighborhood-level action should be promoted and rewarded due to the positive cost benefits, and because it is a way to demonstrate how to scale programs up.
- Demonstrate care for small businesses, renters, and low-income residents, finding ways to make participation easier, minimizing impacts, and providing financial incentives were needed.
- Seek ways to leverage outside funding to expand the City's impact once momentum builds
- Partner with major employers to reduce emissions in ways that align with corporate sustainability goals
- Only when the community is ready should these efforts be fully scaled up using mandates, carbon pricing, or other systemic tools that may require voter approval. But the City should act with the intent of making the community ready as soon as possible, preferably in the 2022 to 2024 time period.
- To give the community confidence, before going to scale, clear, documented strategies are needed for staffing to handle large numbers of building projects, the utility physical and financial adaptation needed, rate impacts and affordability, resiliency needs, and other indirect impacts.

Staff is developing the following work products to enable Council policy decisions:

- A policy framework to identify the different ways emissions reductions might proceed

under different implementation plans, how those scenarios relate to the emissions reductions needed to hold global warming to 1.5°C (3.7°F), and the costs associated with achieving the goals in different ways, including the costs of inaction or delayed action.

- A detailed assessment by sector of the building and vehicle transformations needed to achieve the goals and the costs of those transformations. Also included are the potential policy tools that could be used to achieve these transformations and the limitations of the tools available to effect change in some sectors.
- A preliminary assessment of the various financing tools available for making the costs of the S/CAP more manageable.
- An assessment of the co-benefits of the various emissions reductions activities
- Preliminary assessments of gas and electric utility impacts, rate impacts, and municipal staffing needs of full-scale implementation
- A preliminary first-phase implementation plan, to include elements such as:
 - Voluntary customer programs to be launched
 - Communications and engagement plan
 - Electric system investment plan to preserve reliability
 - Business process review (e.g. for permitting and utility upgrades)
 - Preliminary resiliency assessment for an electrified community
 - Staffing and funding required to implement the above
 - Development of a strategic plan of scaling up sustainability programs, including the staffing and funding needed, potential ordinances and mandates, ways to raise funds, and a roadmap for voter approval of necessary plan elements.

Timeline

The current estimated timeline for release of the S/CAP update is as follows:

- February/March 2021: Council S/CAP panel discussion.
- March 2021: Sustainability Work Plan Council Action Item
- April 2021: Earth Day Report with the results of the 2019 greenhouse gas inventory and Business as Usual Forecast
- April 2021: Council study session on high-level results of technical analysis of the goals and key actions needed to meet the 80 x 30 goal
- April / May 2021: Public engagement begins on topics discussed with Council
- Spring 2021: Detailed results of technical analysis completed, including the costs and efficacy of goals and key actions proposed to achieve the 80 x 30 goal. Hearings at boards and commissions will take place along with public outreach events.
- Spring 2021: Public engagement continues
- Summer 2021: S/CAP presented to Council for acceptance
- By December 2021: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) evaluation completed
- By December 2021: S/CAP with CEQA Review presented to Council for approval

Resource Impact

The additional analysis required for the above S/CAP work plan is estimated to require approximately 2 - 3 FTE of staff time spread across multiple departments and \$50,000 to

\$75,000 in additional consulting expense. This is being absorbed from existing budgeted resources. However, implementation of the above plan will require additional resources.

Policy Implications

The 2020 S/CAP Update aligns with two of the top three Council Priorities for CY 2020: “Sustainability, in the context of climate change” and “Improving mobility for all.” The 2020 S/CAP Update implements the policy objectives of the 2016 S/CAP goal to achieve 80% reductions to emissions by 2030 and the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Plan Goals:

- Land Use Element
 - Goal L-2: An enhanced sense of “community” with development designed to foster public life, meet citywide needs and embrace the principles of sustainability
 - Goal L-4: Inviting pedestrian scale centers that offer a variety of retail and commercial services and provide focal points and community gathering places for the city’s residential neighborhoods and employment districts.
- Transportation Element
 - Goal T-1: Create a sustainable transportation system, complemented by a mix of land uses, that emphasizes walking, bicycling, use of public transportation, and other methods to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the use of single occupancy motor vehicles.
 - Goal T-2: Decrease delay, congestion, and vehicle miles travelled with a priority on our worst intersections and our peak commute times, including school traffic
 - Goal T-3: Maintain an efficient roadway network for all users.
 - Goal T-5: Encourage attractive, convenient, efficient and innovative parking solutions for all users.
 - Goal T-6: Provide a safe environment for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists on Palo Alto streets.
 - Goal T-8: Influence the shape and implementation of regional transportation policies and technologies to reduce traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions.
- Natural Environment
 - Goal N-2: A thriving urban forest that provides public health, ecological, economic, and aesthetic benefits for Palo Alto.
 - Goal N-4: Water resources and infrastructure that are managed to sustain plant and animal life, support urban activities, and protect public health and safety.
 - Goal N-7: A clean, efficient energy supply that makes use of cost-effective renewable resources.
 - Goal N-8: Actively support regional efforts to reduce our contribution to climate change while adapting to the effects of climate change on land uses and city services.
- Safety Element
 - Goal S-3: An environment free of the damaging effects of human-caused threats and hazardous materials.

Stakeholder Engagement

Staff developed, and is implementing, a 2020 S/CAP Update Engagement Plan which identified relevant stakeholders, proposed materials, and desired meeting milestones and outcomes. Key steps to date have been a March 31 – April 14, 2020 Community Engagement Virtual Workshop; Council Study Sessions on an April 13, 2020 and June 16, 2020; a Utilities Advisory Commission Study Session on May 20, 2020; June 2020 Study sessions with the Utilities Advisory Commission, Planning and Transportation Commission, and Parks and Recreation Commission; and a Fall 2020 S/CAP Update Webinar series to highlight various topics addressed in the S/CAP update¹².

Staff will continue to provide opportunities for on-line engagement to gain a better understanding of the community's concerns and vision around the S/CAP Update, as well as provide opportunities for community members who can't attend the meetings to weigh in.


Environmental Review

This status update is not a project for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). However, CEQA review of the S/CAP Update is proceeding and is projected to be completed by Fall 2021.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Presentation

¹²https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/services/sustainability/sustainability_and_climate_action_plan/community_engagement/default.asp



Sustainability and Climate Action Plan (S/CAP) Update

Utilities Advisory Commission

February 3, 2021

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S/CAP Status Update

- Current schedule – Jan-May adoption – need to push back
- Several points are becoming clear as work proceeds:
 - Climate change is urgent, and there are costs to inaction
 - Costs and logistics of taking action are significant. Staff to provide Council estimates to help determine what community can accept.
 - And yet, while the cost looks large, it could be manageable given community will – costs could be similar to the cost of the community's annual spending on energy.
- Transitional issues (resiliency, gas rates) and issues specific to business community, low-income, renters are critical



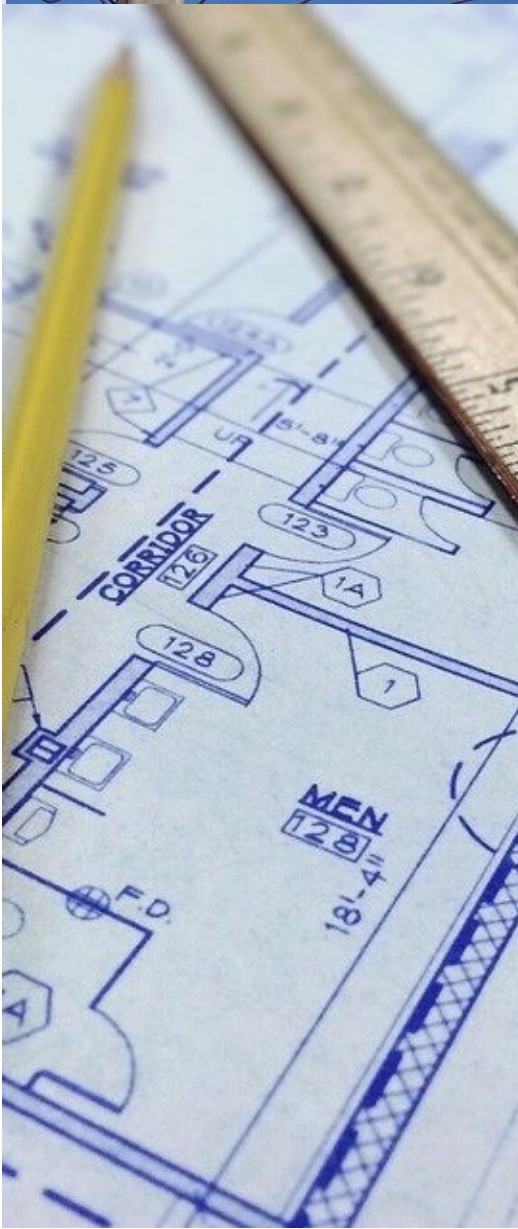
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S/CAP – Principles for Going to Scale

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 - Aim for clear progress on these items by 2022
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After living in the area for more than 10 years, we believe it's time for a change - permanently make University Ave a pedestrian street.

Sincerely,
Dimitar & Valentina



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May 29, 2020

Re: Making a Pedestrian Public Space in Downtown Palo Alto

Mayor Fein, and honorable members of the Palo Alto City Council,

We urge you to take this opportunity to remake and redesign the Downtown by closing down University Avenue and lateral streets in order to make a pedestrian public space for business, citizens, and for ALL to benefit. We believe you play an essential role in our hope of transitioning into a 'new normalcy' for the next one to two years.

AN ECONOMIC NECESSITY

To put it bluntly: our revenues are decimated from the demise of the foot-traffic, and our future as a business is in question. We have lost 50% of our customer base, and we need at least 90% of our usual customer base in order to break even. At that rate, it will take 6 to 12 months, if not longer, to break even. To be clear: we have been open since day 1 of the lockdown, and we have kept the flow of the existing customer base as best as we can under the circumstances. Those businesses that shut down entirely due to the public health situation will take even longer to recover.

We expect the Santa Clara Health Department will likely allow operations at partial capacity from 25% to 50% to 75% etc, in the future. This is not sufficient to sustain a break-even business and keep the business alive; this applies to *all* restaurants with high overhead costs and low profitability.

Therefore, our hope now is to get permission from the City to expand our operation to the outdoors to make up the difference. To be clear: if this does not happen, many businesses, especially food businesses, will be forced to shutter. Under the current conditions there is no rational reason to run a business that makes no profit (or worse, loses money) for such a long time. The New York Times ran a survey in April 2020 showing that 75% of all restaurants will not return nationwide. The future of all restaurants, not just our cafe, is in question.

And yet, if considered from a creative and forward-thinking perspective, we also have an opportunity here that goes beyond the bare necessity of trying to save the current business base: this is your opportunity to improve *and* increase economic vitality in Palo Alto by closing Downtown streets to traffic.

A HEALTH NECESSITY

We need a compelling reason for citizens to come back to Downtown. The architecture in Downtown Palo Alto is primarily designed for indoors business, despite our glorious weather. Customers will not feel comfortable in most indoor retail and restaurants for a very long time. They will want significant spacing between tables and on the sidewalks -- in short, a new protocol to feel safe in public spaces. There are very few retail buildings currently that can create outdoor seating, and those that do will have an unfair advantage (although necessary) in the path to recovery. The outdoors is our only solution.

The health benefits to such a shift are numerous, and stretch far beyond the current public health crisis: more sunshine to soak up while dining and shopping, a more pleasant atmosphere thanks to a reduction in chemical and noise pollution from cars; not to mention a greater sense of ease and safety for parents with children.

TO ENCOURAGE SUSTAINABILITY

Despite being at the center of global technological innovation, we still need to catch up from an urban planning perspective to make our Downtown significantly more pedestrian- and bike-friendly. We must encourage our community to bike or walk rather than drive. For those who must drive from further away, we need to:

- a) Provide better and more timely information to drivers about where there are alternative parking options (other than Downtown streets);
- b) Organize a shuttle service from public transport hubs and parking garages outside the main Downtown area into the center of town;
- c) Implement a parking app to inform about available parking.

In making these changes, Palo Alto can move towards a more sustainable future and more environmentally-friendly policies -- ideas which enjoy broad support amongst our community.

PUBLIC SPACE IS ESSENTIAL

For decades the City of Palo Alto has given a free gift to the Stanford Shopping Center through its lack of public planning and design. The Stanford Shopping Center has a *real* public space where people feel safe walking in a beautiful, open, and welcoming area. People don't go there

simply for shopping -- it is a model for outdoor space, and their tactics should be envied and emulated. Because of its design, thousands of visitors to Palo Alto every year go directly to the Shopping Center, and strong retailers and restaurants as a result pay a premium to be on their premises. In Downtown, businesses pay the same cost without the benefits -- all due to the lack of City planning. Cafe Venetia has been part of the PAD for many years; from first-hand experience we know the PAD accomplishes very little in its current form. The City needs a real planning commission to make things happen.

In addition, we urge you to read this New York Times article on the benefits of a safe public space, which provides compelling and relevant arguments to our context here in Palo Alto: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/12/opinion/sunday/cities-public-space-covid.html>.

There are many examples of these public zones all over Europe and in forward-thinking North American cities. In Barcelona, for example, the pedestrian-only La Rambla became a 'destination zone' simply by closing down a major vein and turning it into a public space. In Montréal, the mayor has recently moved to shut down major retail streets to traffic and parking over the summer to encourage more families to get out and patronize local businesses in a safe way. So many public benefits can be had from turning a basic piece of public infrastructure (the street) into a safer and more inviting public space.

In conclusion, our citizens and visitors need access to a safe, equitable open space in Downtown that will serve to fuel the recovery of all businesses in Downtown Palo Alto. We know this is logistically possible, since there is a tradition of making this temporary change every year with the closing of University Ave for the Arts Festival in August and for the Children's Parade in May. Therefore logistics need not act as an impediment for its implementation.

We urge you to take action as soon as possible. We are all in this together, and you are our only hope for the continued survival of the business community.

Sincerely,

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From: Arnout Boelens <a.m.p.boelens@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2021 10:45 AM
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Dear members of the City Council,

We have prepared a small presentation on the benefits of promoting active transportation in Palo Alto for the public comments section of the retreat today.

Please find our slides attached to this email,

Kind regards,

Arnout Boelens
Elizabeth Greenfield
Ken Joye
Robert Neff
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Nicole Zoeller Boelens

Active Transportation

For a Future Proof Palo Alto



Arnout Boelens, Elizabeth Greenfield, Ken Joye, Robert Neff, Frank Viggiano, Nicole Zoeller Boelens

Palo Alto faces a wide range of challenges right now.

Let's prioritize a solution: ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

By prioritizing active transportation, we can:

- **strengthen our local economy**
- **reduce our impact on the environment**
- **alleviate traffic congestion**
- **decrease housing prices**
- **improve the health of our citizens**
- **make our city safer and more accessible for all**



the transport of people or goods
through non-motorized means.

COVID RECOVERY

GOAL B-6: Attractive, vibrant retail centers, each with a mix of uses and a distinctive character.

People walking and biking spend more money locally which is good for local businesses.

Because of the pandemic, people are also spending more time in their communities. Let's continue supporting this behavior by creating pedestrian friendly areas through programs like UpLift local.

CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Palo Alto's goal is to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2030.

65% of Palo Alto GHGs are from on-road transportation (2015)¹

Every 2 miles by bike instead of SOV saves 1 lb CO₂²

We should try to maintain the upward trend in walking and biking since the pandemic.

Behavior change is easiest during life transitions such as the pandemic³

¹City of Palo Alto Sustainability and Climate Action Plan Framework, Nov. 2016 (p. 7)

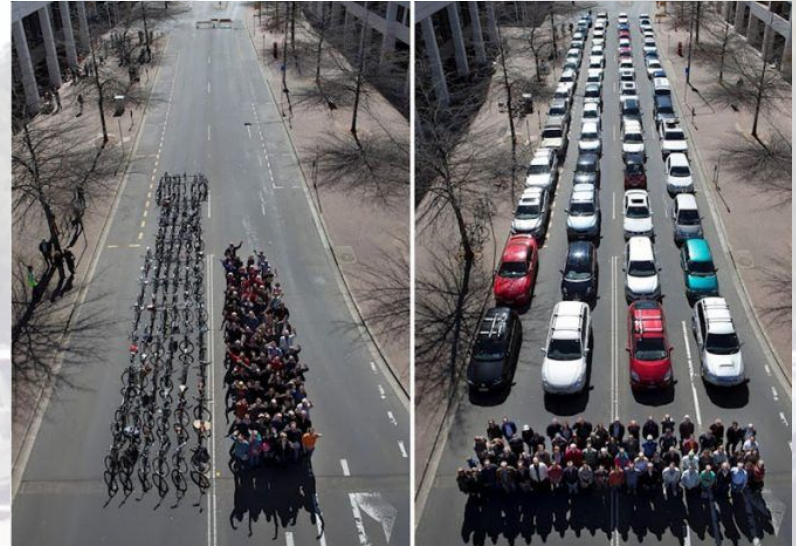
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³B. Verplanken and D. Roy, *Empowering interventions to promote sustainable lifestyles: Testing the habit discontinuity hypothesis in a field experiment.*” *Journal of Environmental Psychology* 2016:45(127-134).

CONGESTION

GOAL T-2 Decrease delay, congestion and VMT with a priority on our worst intersections and our peak commute times, including school traffic.

Every person walking or riding is one less car on the road and one more parking space available to those who need to drive.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Policy L 2.5: Support the creation of affordable housing units for middle to lower income level earners, such as City and school district employees, as feasible.

Off-street parking on average costs \$56,000 per parking spot per unit.

Having a walkable and bikeable city would allow us to abandon minimum parking requirements and build housing that is more affordable.

HEALTHY CITY

Policy C-5.1: Demonstrate an ongoing commitment to the health and well-being of the public.

Walking and bicycling results in significant physical and mental health benefits.

Cycling regularly boosts physical fitness and prolongs life expectancy by 3 to 14 months.

H. Nijland, *Fietsen leidt tot langer en gezond leven*, Planbureau voor de Leefomgeving, 2017

J. J De Hartog, et al., *Do the health benefits of cycling outweigh the risks?*, Environmental health perspectives, 2010

EQUITY

An evolving effort to address systemic racism and bias in Palo Alto.

The average vehicle costs \$9,576 per year to own and operate.

A bicycle costs \$350.

Bicycling is more affordable than driving a car and allows people to get access to a larger range of job opportunities.

ROAD SAFETY

GOAL T-6: Provide a safe environment for motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists on Palo Alto streets.

In the past year there was the tragic crash on El Camino Real/California Ave and more recently there was another collision on Middlefield Rd.

No action is unacceptable. A higher prioritization of road safety is needed.

Roads that are safe enough to walk and bike on are safer for everyone.



And a future proof Palo Alto

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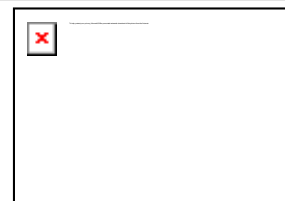
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Honorable City Council
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Re: Annual Payment to the City for Market Rate Units at Webster Wood Apartments

Mayor Dubois and Members of the Council:

We are pleased to inform you that Alta Housing has made its thirty-ninth annual payment to the City of Palo Alto pursuant to the Agreement for Sale for the land upon which Webster Wood Apartments is built. The payment is in the amount of \$700 and covers the period from January through December 2020. This payment brings the total amount contributed since 1982 to \$259,225.

Alta Housing volunteered to make these annual payments to the City, beginning in the fourth year after the close of escrow, in an amount equal to \$25 a month for each market rate unit at Webster Wood Apartments. This contribution goes into the City's Housing Reserve Fund to assist with future needs for affordable housing. We are pleased to make this annual payment in recognition of the benefits the City has provided to the low- and moderate- income families who live at Webster Wood Apartments.

Sincerely,

ALTA HOUSING

Randal Tsuda
President & CEO

cc: Jonathan Lait, Director of Planning and Community Environment

Enclosures

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**WEBSTER WOOD APARTMENTS
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Payment #	Year	Amount	Accumulated Total
1	1982	\$3,625	\$3,625
2	1983	5,575	9,200
3	1984	5,175	14,375
4	1985	6,775	21,150
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6	1987	6,550	34,300
7	1988	6,650	40,950
8	1989	7,325	48,275
9	1990	7,675	55,950
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15	1996	8,300	110,125
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18	1999	9,650	137,150
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21	2002	8,750	164,300
22	2003	8,350	172,650
23	2004	5,850	178,500
24	2005	5,625	184,125
25	2006	6,175	190,300
26	2007	6,000	196,300
27	2008	5,625	201,925
28	2009	5,250	207,175
29	2010	4,475	211,650
30	2011	4,425	216,075
31	2012	5,500	221,575
32	2013	5,450	227,025
33	2014	5,175	232,200
34	2015	5,650	237,850
35	2016	5,875	243,725
36	2017	5,850	249,575
37	2018	6,175	255,750-
38	2019	2,775	258,525
39	2020	700	259,225