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Baumb, Nelly

From: hongyi shi <chris.h.shi@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 1:26 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: YY Z; Chunhui Shi
Subject: Park Trash

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Dear City of Palo Alto,

I live next to a fairly popular park (next to one of the high schools in Palo Alto), and I have noticed that the trashcans there are either too small or not serviced often enough, which causes trash to litter the ground once all the trashcans are full. Not only is this a problem of littering, but the people responsible for this problem have also resorted to stuffing the trash into cans that aren't responsible for that type of trash (e.g compost in recycling). This problem was brought to my attention by a lady that was cleaning up the trash by putting it in her own trash bags that she brought, where she informed me of this problem.

Can anything be done about this problem and/or what can I do to change this?

Best,
Chris

Baumb, Nelly

From: Kimberley Wong <sheepgirl1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 5:36 PM
To: Council, City; ctymgr@cityofpaloalto.org
Subject: Palo Alto Museum budget consideration June 7, 2021 Item #14

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Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council Members

As a longtime Palo Alto resident with deep roots in this city since 1900 when my grandfather began life in America as a Stanford cook, I ask the city council to approve funding of the Palo Alto Museum. It is such an crucial venue to tell his story as well as stories of many other notable residents of Palo Alto.

Had this museum been built years ago, my kids could have invited their classes to the museum where their grandma could share stories of her father owning the first legal Chinese run restaurant in Palo Alto, of being delivered by Palo Alto's first female pediatrician, Dr Edith Johnson, of participating in the International parades featuring children of various descents, Japanese, Chinese, American Indian etc in the 1930's. For more recent immigrants, stories such as these could profoundly effect their sense of belonging by knowing that other nationalities were incorporated into the fabric of Palo Alto's community from the very beginning. In light of the most recent hate crimes it is more important than ever to understand each other's heritage, to work together as a community.

And having a museum to house the amazing Palo Alto archives where I discovered some of these stories is important as plans to redevelop the Cubberley site, where it housed now, is so uncertain.

I ask that the City Council approve the budget for building the Palo Alto museum which will provide a window to one's past, to create a sense of inclusion in our community, and as a hub where families can gather at Heritage park, visit the museum, play on the play structure. And it will be important to have a public restroom to support visitors that will gather at such a vital center.

Thank you,
Kimberley Wong

Baumb, Nelly

From: David M Kennedy <dmk@stanford.edu>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 4:48 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Laura Bajuk
Subject: Roth Building

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Dear Council Members,

I write again to express my strongest support for the project to rehabilitate the Roth Building and re-purpose it as a first-class historical museum. As you know, substantial private funds have already been raised for that purpose, and the benefits to our community are manifold: preserving the uniquely consequential and colorful history of our community; providing a place where our own history, and that of the Palo Altans who will follow us, will also be properly archived and made available to future generations; and, in the category of the mundane but achingly necessary, providing an accessible restroom for Heritage Park (the very name of which, not so incidentally, reminds us of the high appropriateness of this site for this purpose).

With thanks you for your consideration,

David M. Kennedy
Donald J. McLachlan Professor of History Emeritus
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Baumb, Nelly

From: Suzanne Keehn <dskeehn@pacbell.net>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 4:17 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Town and Country, Item 12

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Dear Council,

Please do not change the zoning for Town and Country. It is really the only true shopping center in Palo Alto, with it's charm, restaurants and of course, Trader Joe's.

Seems like folks are flocking there, it's about 'back to normal.' There are plenty of other spaces for Sutter Health to use. Once you change the zoning, it will not be possible to undo it.

We need community space, and the ambience will be totally changed with medical offices, and supplies on the ground floor.

I've noticed new restaurants coming in, let's support them and additional retail.

Keep Town and Country as is, it is one of a kind in Palo Alto.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Keehn
94306

Baumb, Nelly

From: stb731@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 2:22 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: safe storage of firearms

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Dear Mayor DuBois and Council members:

We are writing today to urge you to make the adoption of a safe storage of firearms ordinance a priority. We understand the City Council directed the city staff in December 2020 to draft an ordinance requiring the safe storage of firearms at home but it has yet to come to fruition.

A safe storage ordinance would require firearms at home to be stored unloaded and locked when unattended. California law does not currently require these specific steps and doing so via local governmental action is a matter of public safety for our community.

Children and teens are disproportionately victims of suicides, accidental, and intentional shootings from unsecured firearms. Safe storage laws have reduced injuries and deaths from these types of shootings, especially suicides.

It has been nearly six months since the City Council directed the writing of the ordinance. We acknowledge the council has many important issues to deal with but we encourage you to make safe storage of firearms ordinance a priority by passing this ordinance as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Philip & Sheri Bednarz

Baumb, Nelly

From: Cole Wilbur (TE) <CWilbur@packard.org>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 1:20 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Laura Bajuk
Subject: Roth Museum

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I sincerely hope that you all can vote to support the Roth Museum which was the Palo Alto Medical Clinic for many years. My father, Dr. Blake Wilbur, was a surgeon at this hospital during the 1930's, 1940's, 1950's, 1960's and early 1970's. During World War Two he was the only surgeon in the Palo Alto area and worked long hours and nights taking care of those who hurt themselves or became sick. The Palo Alto Clinic was a key feature for medical care in this area. When growing up I had Dr. Ester Clarke as my Pediatrician and knew Dr. Roth and others. I think it is very important for people living in and visiting Palo Alto to be able to visit this museum and to learn about it and understand the past. I appreciate your interest in preserving this building as a museum.

Cole Wilbur

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Baumb, Nelly

From: Michael Eager <eager@eagercon.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 10:50 AM
To: Council, City
Cc: Shikada, Ed
Subject: Residential Parking Permit fees

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Dear City Council --

I'm writing about part of the Staff Report containing 2022 budget recommendations. Specifically, about fees charged for non-resident permits in the Residential Parking Permit areas.

The Staff recommendation (item 10) is to have non-resident RPP permits 10% higher than garage permits. I believe that it is in the city's best interest, and the best interest of the residents, to strongly encourage parking in city garages. I believe that a 10% price differential will not have any significant effect.

With a newly constructed garage on Sheridan Avenue, the City should aggressively promote its use in preference to non-resident parking in the Evergreen Park-Mayfield RPP area. The most direct and most effective way to do this is to not sell employee permits in EGM RPP until the Sheridan Ave. garage is fully subscribed (with the exception of Zone G along El Camino Real). Discount permits for low wage workers should be available for the garages, not only within the RPP area.

A comprehensive plan to address parking issues around the city is needed. A piecemeal approach to small details of the problem, like setting the price difference between garages and RPPs, while ignoring the big picture, is unlikely to have satisfactory results.

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Michael Eager

Baumb, Nelly

From: Loran Harding <loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 2:28 AM
To: Loran Harding; alumnipresident@stanford.edu; antonia.tinoco@hsr.ca.gov; David Balakian; bballpod; fred beyerlein; beachrides; Leodies Buchanan; bearwithme1016@att.net; boardmembers; Council, City; Chris Field; Cathy Lewis; dennisbalakian; Doug Vagim; Daniel Zack; Dan Richard; david pomaville; esmeralda.soria@fresno.gov; eappel@stanford.edu; francis.collins@nih.gov; Steven Feinstein; fmerlo@wildelectric.net; grinellelake@yahoo.com; George.Rutherford@ucsf.edu; Gabriel.Ramirez@fresno.gov; hidentalsanmateo; hennessy; Irv Weissman; jerry ruopoli; Joel Stiner; kfsndesk; kwalsh@kmaxtv.com; leager; margaret-sasaki@live.com; Mark Standriff; Mayor; newsdesk; news@fresnobee.com; nick yovino; russ@topperjewelers.com; Steve Wayne; tsheehan; terry; vallesR1969@att.net; sanchezphilip21@gmail.com
Subject: Fwd: IMPORTANT: KCBS In Depth 6-5-21. Origin of Covid19. All News outlets listen.

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From: Loran Harding <loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org>
Date: Mon, Jun 7, 2021 at 2:14 AM
Subject: Fwd: IMPORTANT: KCBS In Depth 6-5-21. Origin of Covid19. All News outlets listen.
To: Loran Harding <loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org>

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From: Loran Harding <loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org>
Date: Sun, Jun 6, 2021 at 5:30 PM
Subject: IMPORTANT: KCBS In Depth 6-5-21. Origin of Covid19. All News outlets listen.
To: Loran Harding <loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org>

Late Sunday night, June 6, 2021

IMPORTANT- I hope all news media will listen to this. Explosive stuff. NYT, BBC, DW will want to hear this and follow up. The US networks act as jockstraps for the WH, so not sure how they will react to this. This ran this morning on KCBS-AM 740 SF. Program is "In Depth" Title of the segment is "Reexamining the "Lab Leak" theory". Congress and the WH will want to hear this. Trump will too.

<https://www.audacy.com/kcbsradio/podcasts/kcbs-in-depth-288>

They interview Dr. David Relman, professor of medicine and microbiology and immunology at Stanford. He and some colleagues sent a letter recently asking for a more intense investigation of the origin of Covid19. Then they interview Josh Rogin, a Washington Post columnist. He says:

The Chinese government blackmailed the United States. Shut up about Covid maybe escaping from a lab there or they would deny us the masks and PPE we needed. The threat was by Xi in a phone call to Trump.

US scientists downplayed the escape from a Chinese lab idea because they had been working so closely with Chinese scientists on viruses and providing them vast amounts of money. If escape from a lab theory flew, the idea that US scientists were involved became more credible. So they lied and covered up to favor the nature as a source theory. BTW, the Chinese do this work in several labs, Beijing, e.g. So do we do it in several labs in the US.

The US intelligence community was asked once already to identify the source of Covid 19. So this is the second time. They found evidence of a Chinese lab source, but they lied about it to prevent Trump from using it to get re-elected. Trump has to hear this too.

Really explosive stuff. Rogin goes on at the end about how the US government cannot just let this lie. It has killed 600,000 Americans and we cannot just let it pass. Our government has to apply serious measures to the Chinese Communist government. Not sure what he has in mind. A war? Surely not. We both have reliable ICBMs with reliable hydrogen warheads on them. He says WE, the American people, have to push our government to react to this with China. Shell-shocked Americans are going to compel our government to take on the Chinese here. I can't get Biden to release the Astrazeneca vaccine and Congress won't even ask him about it.

Sixty Minutes had a good piece about this tonight too.

L. William Harding
Fresno, Ca.

Baumb, Nelly

From: Judith Fields <judith2468@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 6, 2021 7:37 PM
To: letters@paweeekly.com; Council, City
Subject: Proposed Development Grant Street

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My name is Judith Fields and I live in Palo Alto Central with just a small single story building separating me from the proposed development on Grant and Park. Full disclosure: I am a board member for the HOA, but I write on behalf of myself only,

Today I drove through several neighborhoods with new construction of three to four stories. All of these areas have wide streets which lessens the impact of building height. Grant and Sherman are small streets.

There have been many ongoing discussions among our residents. I want to share an excerpt of an email I received. I do this because it expresses what I feel, but from a person who writes better than I do,

"I thought it was rude and tone deaf that two former mayors dismissed your concerns because construction was "temporary." I invite them to come live in our homes while all this construction is going on - probably for the next few YEARS. See how they like it. People are always happy to inconvenience others, just as long as they are not inconvenienced themselves. Also, as you wisely suggested, we have to live with the impacts of this long-term. If they think this will make our neighborhood better, I would again invite them to live here after it's done. They can even buy our homes and relocate here so we can leave. Let them fight for limited parking space. Let them fight with the added traffic congestion in some of the most degraded intersections on the Peninsula. Let them deal with cars pulling out into cyclists on the Park Blvd bicycle lane. Or vehicles speeding off the Oregon Expressway and smashing into cars leaving or entering the development's Birch Street exit. Let them deal with all those new households and zero greenspace or other amenities. I'll bet they wouldn't be so thrilled about it then! We are turning into a neighborhood with all the hardships of big city life with none of the culture or other benefits. I loved Palo Alto when I first moved here. But I am becoming increasingly disgusted with it."

Congratulations on a well designed and needed apartment complex. It is crucial that you keep faith with the present neighbors as well as the future ones. Please hear us and help us.

Thank you for your time. Judith Fields

Judith Fields

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From: CeCi Kettendorf <cecihome@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 6, 2021 1:19 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Neighborhood Associations

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Dear Council Members,

I am trying to understand why the neighborhood associations are not referenced on the City website. Surely it is wise to include them since the neighborhood association's BPCs are integral to emergency preparedness as first responders. I am also perplexed as to why there is little to no funding for the neighborhood associations. Again, neighbor to neighbor communication and bonding is integral to the health of any city; Councilmember Cormack paid homage recently to fostering the latter. I hope such outreach will be in way of funding the neighborhood associations. The neighborhood associations, manned by volunteers, have operated on shoestring budgets yet have persevered for as long as fifty years in Palo Alto. If you intend to fund community outreach, I hope you will look to the neighborhoods rather than resurrect CoolBlock.

Respectful submitted,

CeCi Kettendorf
3719 Grove Avenue
Palo Alto, Ca. 94303

Baumb, Nelly

From: Allan Seid <allanseid734@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 6, 2021 9:43 AM
To: Channing House Bulletin Board; CHOpinion@googlegroups.com
Subject: Fwd: Arrest made in hate crime on 2 Sikh Teens in Long Island – AsAmNews

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From: **Allan Seid** <allanseid734@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Jun 6, 2021 at 9:32 AM
Subject: Arrest made in hate crime on 2 Sikh Teens in Long Island
Source: NBC NY; AsAmNews

* This crime is the 5th reported hate assault against AAPI people in the last 7 days reported to the local police. For those especially attending religious services today--let's all of us pray that love will overcome hate soon in our land !

<https://asamnews.com/2021/06/06/other-teens-watched-and-are-accused-the-taunting-the-victims-while-recording-the-incident/>

Arrest made in hate crime on 2 Sikh Teens in Long Island

June 6, 2021



Google Maps

A 13-year-old boy faces a hate crime charge in the attack on two Sikh teenagers at a mall in Long Island, [reports NBC NY](#).

“Hey, Mohammed, come here. I’ll knock that ball off your head,” Yuvraj Bindra, 13, recalls being told. He says the assailant then punched his friend Chaz Bedi in the face. He escaped serious injury.

Other teens taunted the two and recorded the assault on their phone, according to Bindra.

[ABC7 reports](#) the boys identified the group of teens on surveillance video. Mall security located them and were told by the group the two Sikh boys were going to blow up the mall.

“Are you kidding me?” one of the boy’s father said. “You’re going to stereotype them and say like now we’re terrorists!”

The case is being investigated by the Suffolk County Police Hate Crimes Unit.

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“We are relieved that this child was not seriously injured and welcome the Suffolk County Police investigation of this deplorable act of violence as a hate crime, Afaf

Nasher, Executive Director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations – New York, said. “We applaud the young boy’s and his family’s courage to speak out about this hate incident. Too often, our Sikh brothers and sisters are targeted in hate crimes and other forms of discrimination.”

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Baumb, Nelly

From: Palo Alto Recreation Foundation <parecfoundation@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 6, 2021 9:38 AM
To: akcooper@pacbell.net; Annie Aronson; formicable.handicrafts@gmail.com; apryllemusic@gmail.com; franpancheta@yahoo.com; gcastromusic@gmail.com; gary@breitbard.com; Jack Ghiselli; Jef Ochoa; singing-wood@sbcglobal.net; Mark Wong-VanHaren; masako4music@gmail.com; mlb; Mike Annuzzi; nuge84@aol.com; ritmoso415@gmail.com; Peter Ross; remyfelsch@gmail.com; guitarrichie@yahoo.com; Telecasterock@gmail.com; rouin.farshchi@gmail.com; lospanaderosdesc@gmail.com; siddhartha2k5@gmail.com; Steve Bellamy; steviedale@comcast.net; thautau@anamatangi.org; hotkugel@hotmail.com; Tal Katsir; ryannbarnesmusic@gmail.com
Cc: Camille Townsend; Tom DuBois; Howard, Adam; Jess; Charlie Weidanz; O'Kane, Kristen; Shikada, Ed; Gaines, Chantal; Council, City; The Christophersons; judy.severson@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Details for Musicians- Palo Alto World Music Month!

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Hello Friends,

Thank you to Rocky (and his friends), Aprylle, Gaby and Gary (and his team of musicians and dancers) for performing yesterday and for Steve for helping out with an amp! Please send us feedback on your experience and any recommendations. Thank you!!

[Here is a folder](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/12-Yd1vHR8N5Hx65XYQQKB9ZdVHmaYZFM?usp=sharing), please feel free to add to this folder as well: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/12-Yd1vHR8N5Hx65XYQQKB9ZdVHmaYZFM?usp=sharing>

Looking forward to today's performances:

Sunday, June 6, 5-7pm

California Avenue

[Camacu](#)

La Honda Highs

University Avenue

[Michael Bechler](#)

Warm regards,
Mora

On Fri, Jun 4, 2021 at 12:38 AM Palo Alto Recreation Foundation <parecfoundation@gmail.com> wrote:
Dear Palo Alto World Music Month 2021 Musicians,

We are so thrilled to welcome you to Palo Alto World Music Month June 2021! This email is to all the musicians who have confirmed that they will be performing. Please take a minute to review [this slide presentation](#) with details about set up, marketing materials etc! Attached is a PDF of the current Event Program.

If you would like to send me short video clips/photographs/social media posts, we'd love to share them on our social media channels. Please respond to this email with the materials to share.

Here is the line-up for our first weekend:

Saturday, June 5, 5-7pm

Fete Musique Ensemble- set up near [414 California Ave](#) (Bank of the West)

Gary Breitbard, www.gybmusic.com

Aprylle Dawn- set up near [261 University Ave](#) (Oren's Hummus)

Aprylle Gilbert, www.aprylle.com

Gaby Castro- set up near [353 University Ave](#) (Medallion Rug Gallery)

Gabriela Castro, www.gaby-castro.com

Sunday, June 6, 5-7pm

Camacu- set up near [414 California Ave](#) (Bank of the West)

Mark Wong-VanHaren, <https://www.facebook.com/wongvanharen/>

La Honda Highs- set up near [340 California Ave](#) (Peri Peri Chicken)

Richard Corny

Michael Bechler- set up near [261 University Ave](#) (Oren's Hummus)

www.onlinelinks.net

Here are marketing materials to share with your fans and networks:

Link to [Program](#)

Link to [Website](#)

Link to [Facebook Event Page](#)

Link to [Poster](#)

Link to [Social Media Graphic](#)

Link to [Press Release](#)

Link to [PA Weekly Article](#)

Suggested Hashtags: #paworldmusicmonth2021 #June2021worldmusicmonth #paloalto lovesmusic #livemusicisback #bayareamusicians #paloaltolive #paloaltomusic #worldmusicday #welovelocal #supportthearts #keepmusiclocal #supportlivemusic #parecfoundation

If you have any questions or recommendations, please reach out to us, you can text me at 650-644-5354 for the fastest response. Please note that we are all volunteers putting on this event so it might take a little bit for us to get back to you!

Thank you to all the volunteers who worked on the planning committee to make this event happen! A huge thanks to Adam Howard and his team at the Palo Alto Community Service Department!

Thank you!

Mora, volunteer PARF Board

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

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From: Allan Seid <allanseid734@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 6, 2021 9:27 AM
To: Channing House Bulletin Board; CHOpinion@googlegroups.com
Subject: Fwd: Video shows Asian female police officer attacked by man in San Francisco's Chinatown

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Date: Sun, Jun 6, 2021 at 5:30 AM
Subject: Video shows Asian female police officer attacked by man in San Francisco's Chinatown
To: Allan Seid <allanseid734@gmail.com>

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/video-shows-asian-female-police-officer-attacked-man-san-francisco-n1269469>

Video shows Asian female police officer attacked by man in San Francisco's Chinatown

Gerardo Contreras, 33, faces hate crime, assault and false imprisonment charges, San Francisco police said.

Wilson Wong is a breaking news reporter with NBC News.
June 3, 2021, 9:43 AM PDT

A man was arrested after video captured him attacking an Asian female police officer in San Francisco's Chinatown on Friday, authorities said.

Gerardo Contreras, 33, faces hate crime, assault, resisting a police officer and false imprisonment charges, according to the San Francisco Police Department.

The officer, who authorities identified as an Asian woman, responded to a report of a man making threats towards other people in San Francisco's Chinatown at about 6:45 p.m. PT on Friday, police said.

After she tried to confront him, surveillance video showed the man attacking her, pushing her and pinning her to the ground. The video was released by the police union on Sunday.

The footage showed several bystanders rushing to the officer's aid and trying to pull the man off of her before backup officers arrived at the scene.

The woman's identity was not released by authorities, but police said she was taken to the hospital with injuries that were not life threatening, police said.

In a statement posted with the surveillance [video](#), the police union said: "We are deeply grateful to these citizens who rushed to our officer's aide."

It was unclear if Contreras had an attorney.

The incident was the latest act of violence against Asian Americans across the country this year.

An [analysis of hate crime data](#) in April revealed that the increase in anti-Asian attacks has remained consistent.

The research, released by the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism at California State University, San Bernardino, found that hate crimes surged 169 percent when comparing the first quarter of 2021 to the same time period in 2020 across 15 major cities.

A report from the center in March showed that hate crimes increased by nearly 150 percent in major cities last year.

Baumb, Nelly

From: Allan Seid <allanseid734@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 6, 2021 9:24 AM
To: Channing House Bulletin Board; CHOpinion@googlegroups.com
Subject: Fwd: Arrest made in assault of Asian store owner in DC; police investigating as possible hate crime

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From: **Allan Seid** <allanseid734@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Jun 6, 2021 at 8:38 AM
Subject: Fwd: Arrest made in assault of Asian store owner in DC; police investigating as possible hate crime
Source: Fox 5 News, D.C.

<https://www.fox5dc.com/news/arrest-made-in-assault-of-asian-store-owner-in-dc-police-investigating-as-possible-hate-crime>

Arrest made in assault of Asian store owner in DC; police investigating as possible hate crime

[FOX 5 DC](#) 2 days ago

Video shows attack on Asian shop owner in DC

D.C. police are looking for suspects after an attack on an Asian shop owner was caught on camera.

WASHINGTON (FOX 5 DC) - D.C. police have made an arrest in connection to an assault where the suspect allegedly shouted, "F* the Chinese. I hate the Chinese" at a store owner before punching him in the face.

[VIDEO: Suspect reportedly said 'I hate the Chinese' before assaulting DC shop owner](#)

Police say 30-year-old Samuel Delwyn Thomas of Cockeysville, MD has been arrested and charged with aggravated assault.

MPD says the incident happened on Tuesday, May 4 at approximately 1:46 pm when the suspect entered a business in the 1300 block of 4th Street NE.

When the man reportedly asked the shop owner, Chuong Hu Lu, to open a jewelry case, Hu Lu said no due to his store policy.

[PREVIOUS COVERAGE: Store owner assault in northeast DC could have been motivated by hate, bias: police](#)

Surveillance video then shows the man punching Hu Lu twice, once in the head and the other in the mouth while yelling and cursing at him.

Hu Lu was taken to the hospital where he received over a dozen stitches.

Attack on DC Asian shop owner caught on camera

DC police are investigating a possible hate crime after an attack on an Asian shop owner was caught on camera.

D.C. police are investigating this as a possible hate crime.

[Download the FOX 5 DC News App for Local Breaking News and Weather](#)

If you can help police in their investigation, call (202) 727-9099, or text 50411.

Baumb, Nelly

From: Allan Seid <allanseid734@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 6, 2021 9:12 AM
To: Channing House Bulletin Board; CHOpinion@googlegroups.com
Subject: Fwd: A Video Shows A Man Suddenly Hitting An Asian Woman In NYC's Chinatown : NPR

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IT HAS BEEN A TRAJECT AND HORRIBLE WEEK IN WHICH AT LEAST 4 VIDEO RECORDED HATE CRIMES AGAINST ASIAN DESCENT PEOPLE WERE PERPETRATED IN FOUR CITIES .- ALL WERE REPORTED TO THE LOCAL POLICE.

- 1) A 61 Y/O WOMAN IN NEW YORK CITY ON MONDAY;
- 2) A 75 Y/O WOMAN IN QUEENS ON TUESDAY
- 3) A WOMAN OFFICER SAN FRANCISCO ON THURSDAY;
- 4) A MALE STORE OWNERIN WASHINGTON, D.C. ON FRIDAY.

RECORDED VIDEO FOLLOWS IN THIS AND THREE ADDITIONAL ONES.

FROM: Allan Seid allanseid734@gmail.com
Date: 6/6/21

<https://www.npr.org/2021/06/01/1002170719/unprovoked-a-man-hits-an-asian-woman-in-new-york-city>

Baumb, Nelly

From: Allan Seid <allanseid734@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 5, 2021 6:52 PM
To: Channing House Bulletin Board; CHOpinion@googlegroups.com
Subject: Fwd: FW: Lunchbox Moments Event Recording

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From: Lunchbox Moments <lunchbox.moments.zine@gmail.com>
Date: 6/5/21 4:20 PM (GMT-08:00)
Subject: Lunchbox Moments Event Recording

Hello everyone, here is the recording of a reading with the City of Palo Alto.

The readers each did an incredible job, and it's worth hearing the emotion behind these pieces when read aloud. Hope you check it out.

<https://youtu.be/EXKsTywuPOg>

Thanks,
Diann, Anthony, and Shirley
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From: Peter Jon Shuler <peterjon@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 5, 2021 6:00 PM
To: Planning Commission
Cc: Council, City; City Mgr
Subject: PTC 6/9/21 Item 2 Discriminates against RM-40 residents

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Dear Commissioners,

I am a resident and board of directors member of the 141-unit Palo Alto Central Condominium Complex next to the California Avenue Caltrain station. My wife, Jamie Beckett, and I are writing to express our strong opposition to the planning staff's proposed zoning changes on this week's agenda. We will be out of town on June 9th and not available to attend online, so we are sending this letter. Otherwise we would be there at the meeting to address our concerns in person.

We recently noticed with horror that what the staff is trying to pass off as a minor matter of housecleaning and standardizing of city zoning code will have a potentially disastrous impact on RM-40 zoned neighborhoods like ours.

I find it especially alarming that residents directly affected by this change (us) were given zero notification from the city about it. Apparently, staff doesn't consider residents stakeholders. Apparently staff thinks consulting with architects and developers constitutes sufficient public outreach. I also find it suspicious that these changes are being railroaded through at the same time a major monster project proposed next to our community (123 Sherman) is in the works that would benefit from the changes, to our detriment.

The entire staff report labeled "PTC Review of Objective Design Standards" is riddled with changes that will only increase the inequity in the 2-tiered system the city has created between people in multifamily dwellings and everybody else. And it's being rushed through the ARB and PTC without any true public outreach so residents can understand the impacts on their homes. This obscure process is not an appropriate way to change what's a hugely important issue to many, many residents.

The huge data-dump of new material in this report seems like an elaborate game of three-card Monte where the planning staff appears to be trying to hide what it's really up to and the havoc it will wreak on existing communities like ours.

RM-40 developments are required to have a 35 foot height limit. But in this proposed document, developers building projects next to us are encouraged to "shoot for the moon" and build oversized, under-parked monstrosities that reach 50 or 60 feet or even higher. How is this fair? Why are you punishing those of us who already live in RM-40 zoned communities?

In this new report, staff has practically BURIED one of the most toxic aspects of their presentation to the ARB on height transitions. But just because they didn't mention the change explicitly here doesn't mean they've dropped it from their agenda.

In a nutshell, the change is designed to take away the LAST VESTIGE of protection we have from MONSTER PROJECTS like the one proposed at 123 Sherman (our LITERAL BACKYARD).

If you read the Palo Alto zoning code carefully – which of course you have – it becomes evident that the deck is stacked against those of us living in high-density zones known as RM-40, which are earmarked for multi-family developments like ours.

Current zoning requires developers of most projects to limit the height of their buildings to no taller than 35 feet next to EVERY residential zone in Palo Alto – EXCEPT for RM-40. Commercially-zoned buildings next to us in Palo Alto Central are allowed to be 50 feet high – or possibly even taller.

There is one exception. Under the current code, developers of Planned Community or PC projects face a 35-foot height limit next to every residential zone in Palo Alto -- including RM-40.

The staff had been seeking to close what they probably see as a mere loophole and raise the height limit to 50 feet for RM-40 (and RM-30). But to us, it means stripping us of the last meager protection we have.

Earlier staff reports (see ARB Staff Report ID # 12197, dated 4/15/21 - Attachment A: Height Transition Memo) spelled this change out in detail, but the new PTC 6/9/21 Staff Report attempts to sweep it under the rug and pretend it never existed. Rather than even mention it as a change in the current code, the staff report to the PTC simply sneaks it into the proposed changes as if it was always there. You have to hunt for it, but tucked away in tiny type, you can find it at the top of packet page 75 (page 68 in the pdf):

(5) For sites abutting an RM-40 zoned residential district or a residential Planned Community (PC) district, maximum height may be increased to 50 feet.

But it doesn't stop there. The report goes on to push for more Housing Incentive Programs and other developer welfare that opens the door to denser, taller, more obtrusive developments practically on top of us. In this new version, apparently, "the sky's the limit" when building next to existing RM-40 communities. Even "context" doesn't seem to matter anymore. The elimination of context-based standards just gives more leeway for the staff to let developers do whatever they want.

The architectural flourishes described as examples in this report for new developments do not change the fact that these overbearing, Soviet-era monoliths will be towering over us, blocking our sunlight and invading our privacy.

If these proposals go through, as city staff seems to hope, the proposed development at 123 Sherman could be an aggressive and intrusive high rise that would tower over our modest community -- depriving us of light and air. We are not the only RM-40 residents in Palo Alto that this would affect. But ours is the case we know best.

And why is this happening to RM-40 zones like ours? Why indeed? We are the "missing middle" that local agencies and officials claim to be trying to keep from migrating out of the Bay Area. We are the people who moved to these multi-family dwellings and transit-oriented developments years ago before it was fashionable to do so. As pioneers moving into places nobody else wanted, we should be the heroes of this story. But instead we are the disposable ones who are expected to put up with more construction, more traffic congestion, more ugly "fortress-style" developments and dog-eat-dog competition for street parking.

We are treated like the slums of Palo Alto -- where the city comes to dump everything nobody else wants. And WHY? Because the city has FAILED. For many years, the city has approved one massive office building after another -- especially near us on Park Blvd. And now -- because of state mandates and threats -- the city has found religion and wants to build housing. But since it's already allowed the development of acres of office buildings (many of which now sit empty) Palo Alto wants to solve its housing problems and the poor planning decisions of the past ON OUR BACKS!

This is a basic fairness and equity issue. Why don't we have the same rights to sunlight and air as everyone else in Palo Alto? Instead of trying to axe the one protection RM-40 folks like us have, the city should be striving to ensure that RM-40 residents enjoy the same protections enjoyed by all other residential districts in the city. To repeat, you should be

ESTABLISHING reasonable height limits for developments next to existing RM-40 zoned neighborhoods --NOT doing away with them.

Finally, let us leave you with this ominous quote from page 3 of the pdf (packet page 10) of the staff's report:

The PTC and City Council typically review projects that include legislative changes (e.g., zoning text or map amendments) and subdivision maps. As such, proposed changes to the AH and WH Overlay Districts, and the expansion of the Housing Incentive Program as an alternative to the PTOD overlay, would reduce PTC and City Council's involvement in these projects.

This is bad policy -- and bad politics. It gives the staff too much discretion in planning decisions that could adversely affect neighborhoods. It seems like this whole thing is designed to take the PTC and Council -- and the public -- out of the review process so developers can do more with less consideration for those in surrounding properties.

Who is calling the shots in Palo Alto City Hall -- the developers and large landowners? It seems like the city works for the rich and the powerful -- not for city residents.

Please prove us wrong and reject this proposal. Or at least give it more time for a public airing. Please prove us wrong and change the code to remove discrimination against people living in RM-40 and provide us with the same protections enjoyed by all other Palo Alto residents.

Sincerely,

Peter Jon Shuler
Jamie M. Beckett
2577 Park Blvd. Unit V203
Palo Alto, CA 94306

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From: Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 5, 2021 3:09 PM
To: city.council@menlopark.org; citycouncil@mountainview.gov; Council, City; Planning Commission; Human Relations Commission; chuck.jagoda; CA18AEima@mail.house.gov; Josh Becker; Jeff Moore; Roberta Ahlquist; Greer Stone; DuBois, Tom; Jeff Rosen; ParkRec Commission; Joe Simitian; wilpf.peninsula.paloalto@gmail.com; winter.dellenbach; Shikada, Ed; Tanaka, Greg
Subject: : Announcement: The ZIM-Chartered Volans left Port of Oakland without unloading!

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FYI: From extraordinary activist Donna Wallach

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

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

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

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

in solidarity

Donna

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

Assata Shakur

Free Palestine!

Right of Return to Palestine for all Palestinians!

Free all political prisoners!

Leonard Peltier www.WhoIsLeonardPeltier.info

Mumia Abu-Jamal www.FreeMumia.com

Ruchell Cinque Magee <http://denverabc.wordpress.com/prisoners-dabc-supports/political-prisoners-database/ruchell-cinque-magee/>

Russell Maroon Shoatz <https://russellmaroonshoatz.wordpress.com/>

Mutulu Shakur <http://mutulushakur.com/site/>

The Holy Land Five:

Shukri Abu Baker

Ghassan Elashi

Mufid Abdulqader

Abdulrahman Odeh

Mohammad Elmezain

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

End Solitary Confinement

<https://prisonerhungerstrikesolidarity.wordpress.com>

California Prison Focus http://newest.prisons.org/our_story

End United States of Amerikkka invasions and occupations

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

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

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Subject: Fwd: Dr. Campbell on US. Vaccine trends and also, long covid. June 4, 2021

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From: Loran Harding <loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org>
Date: Sat, Jun 5, 2021 at 2:40 AM
Subject: Dr. Campbell on US. Vaccine trends and also, long covid. June 4, 2021
To: Loran Harding <loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org>

Friday, June 4, 2021

To all- Dr. Campbell today:

Who is reporting long covid? How long? Which age groups? That might surprise people outside of the medical profession. It will be a significant health problem in the US for a long time. Depends on what was damaged: lungs, heart, kidneys, brain. If those, it can be LT damage.

Maybe if we publicized what long Covid can do, more people would get vaccinated. Want eye damage and lung damage and heart damage for the rest of your life? Then skip the shot. You're a tough 25 year old. Head out and party hard. How can the virus live in alcohol and loud music?

I suggest that we run ads on TV showing the effects of long covid. Show five people who are living with them. Different people in different ads with different long-term impacts. Also, show the adolescents now in ICUs on ventilators. It's touch and go and that point. The CDC and/or FDA should run those. The network last night showed a teen tennis player, a girl, who lost a leg to a clot while hospitalized with Covid.

[Vaccine trends and Long covid - YouTube](#)

L. William Harding
Fresno, Ca.

Baumb, Nelly

From: mark weiss <earwopa@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 5, 2021 12:32 PM
To: Stump, Molly
Cc: Shikada, Ed; Council, City
Subject: Church at City Hall

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Dear Molly, Ed and leaders:

I am still wondering about what was bothering me so last Saturday (May 22, 2021) about a church service being held at City Hall.

Here is the sign that was posted. (Picture)

Is this a permit? Did City Of Palo Alto give a permit to hold a church service at City Hall?

Is directly in front of City Hall — in other photos the words CITY HALL make this obvious — the same as in City Hall?

Would the same event be more appropriate at a park, like at Lytton Plaza, two blocks away? (Or the Farmers' Market grounds, adjacent?)

Did City Attorney **Molly Stump** rule or not on whether this violates the separation of church and state?

Did City Manager **Ed Shikada** rule or not on whether this violates the separation of church and state?

I saw the Chief of Police **Robert Jonsen** at the event — he did not speak; did he issue the permit?

If the same [300 or so Christians](#) and [10 or so](#) speakers appeared at 250 Hamilton and made the same speeches or prayers, sang the same songs and hymns but did not seek a permit per se, is that less a challenge to the First Amendment (First Amendment reads "Congress shall make no law regarding the establishment of a religion" — it is freedom of religion and here freedom from religion)?

Would the same event with one Jewish speaker be more in compliance with the First Amendment?

If **Reverend Bruce Reyes Chow**, or **Reverend Kaloma Smith** had included the two words "Shabbat Shalom" — "good sabbath" — in their respective presentations, as I suggested they do, would that be more in compliance with the First Amendment?

Should we agree that we will not rent City Hall for future church services, prayer vigils or prayer services?

Was Kaloma Smith the only member of leadership involved in the event? What was his role (besides being a speaker)?

What is the significance of the fact that the plaza and building were built in 1970 and then in 2008 we put up a plaque dedicating the Plaza per se to "King Plaza" in honor of **Martin Luther King** and **Coretta Scott King**?

Does making the same space next week available for a Jewish vigil make the whole thing ok, equal time, equal access?

Why doesn't government — leadership — conduct government at City Hall? (Covid is ending, when will government reconvene? Similar: is a government by mediation and electronic media the same as government in person? Can **Tom Dubois** and Ed Shikada hold meetings of council outside, in front of City Hall, as the Vineyard just did)?

Could the Vineyard et al hold the same event and the same production value and same permits but sing not "Everlasting Love of Jesus" but "We Shall Overcome"?

Could they produce the same event without advertising it? I.e, especially in Covid time, with state and county health protocols, could they produce an event, sing, make prayers but not advertise and have no attendees, and then film it and show it later, for example on the internet?

Does referencing **George Floyd** and Black Lives Matter make it okay to defy the First Amendment regarding Church and state? Is there an expediency to the George Floyd case or anniversary that makes us ignore the First Amendment issue?

Peace.

—Mark Weiss
Earthwise Productions
Plastic Alto blog
Lions with Wings label
former City Council candidate — 8,000 votes

former candidate for arts, library, human relations, architectural review board and planning commissions
student of **Vincent Starzinger** at Dartmouth College, 1984 ("History of the US Constitution and The Supreme Court" —
although I got a C)

Sent from my iPhone

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From: **Loran Harding** <loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org>

Date: Fri, Jun 4, 2021 at 2:45 AM

Subject: Dr. John Campbell-UK for Wed. June 2, 2021 Internat. vaccine implications

To: Loran Harding <loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org>

Friday, Freitag, Viernes, June 4, 2021

To all- Very much worth seeing, especially for those at the top of the US government. He discusses the push to get Covid vaccines out all over the world now. The US will have to step up production a lot to meet our role in that, Dr. Campbell says here. The UK will produce 700 million doses next year. They have three production facilities coming on line. **They are building a vaccine super-factory, and the US should build several. We are going to need them as more pandemics come along. We got caught short this time, so we now have 600,000 dead in the US from Covid.** About what we lost in the Civil War, our costliest war.

Then he turns to a dark subject: Creating viruses in the lab, **weaponizing viruses.** Around 2010 there was news about the **synthesis** of DNA, and a start-up in San Francisco was doing that. You'd email him your requirements, or your design for a stretch of DNA, and his equipment would make it up and mail it to you in a vial of liquid. In one video he said "You can see each base pair being added to the strip of DNA" There were companies making big machines to synthesize DNA at that time. Probably still are. I do not know when that technology was developed.

That start-up had financial trouble and the founder committed suicide. That is well remembered in the SF Bay Area. It was said at the time that that happens with start-ups if they cannot get off the ground.

Reading the order of base-pairs in DNA is called **sequencing**. Human genome project, e.g. Or doing genomic sequencing of a new variant of Covid. The Danes have been very good at that during this pandemic. The US, hardly at all. **Making DNA by adding on base pairs is called synthesis.** Dr. Johnson mentions here that many countries now have the equipment and the know-how to make or modify a virus by synthesizing its DNA. So is that not a happy thought? It's not enough to have dangerous viruses in the environment. You now have people, governments, modifying them to make them more deadly and transmissible.

All of the big players, US, UK, Russia, China can do that.

Dr. Fauci told Congress yesterday "I do not believe that the Chinese created a virus that could kill them".

Our vaccine super-factory should be at the top of the list of infrastructure projects. Dr. Campbell has said that we were lucky this time. We could get a virus that is 10X more transmissible, like measles, and 50X as deadly, like ebola.

Dr. Campbell mentions that a virus could kill 3.5 billion people, in case you've run out of things to worry about.

[International vaccine implications - YouTube](#)

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From: b. beekman <cranberrysauce23@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 4:31 PM
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Subject: Blair Beekman. Thursday June 3, 2021. __Speech to VTA & sj Smart Cities committee.

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Dear community,

It is our good ideas, ideals & practices, that can help bring, an openness, peace, and good thought, for each other, in the difficult events, around the VTA, at this time

And that, can eventually help us, better return to, our regular schedules, patterns, & practices, of a community.

Our current state of mourning, should not necessarily have to exclude, the open public process. Or the ending of govt. services.

For example, ideas of reimagine, equity,, and open public policies, are actually, some of, our better human ideals, of peace, community sustainability,, mental health, and health and human services ideas.

This can be a time, of healing. We should make it pont, to try to make it safe, and to continue, to openly talk about & work towards -the well- established, idealistic concepts, of re-imagine & equity, that can help the community process.

A good luck to ourselves, at this time, in considering, what may be, our fears & failures, in the alone time of mourning. And to then, bring this back, into the sunlight, of individual good thought, positiveness, & community openness.

I hope, there can be, open dialogue, in how to return, at least, the VTA light rail Bus Bridge service, to the everyday public, within the next week, instead of, the next month.

And I hope, we can continue, the good work & efforts, of everyday community, VTA staff, and VTA BoD/committee persons, that have been simply talking, more about, the good practices of the ATU, in the open, public meeting space, for the past several months, now.

A reminder, that open public policies, with technology, can offer good help, for both , local govt., and everyday community.

It can build, a positiveness, & sustainability. It can work well, with ideas of equity & reimagine. And, it can also work, to address, disgruntlement, in good, neutral terms, for all sides, in this new Covid-19 era, we have entered.

sincerely,
blair beekman

With a total, of about 150 email addresses, I have sent this letter, in two parts, today, It can help avoid, email sending issues.

People of local Bay area govt,, are first. Community advocacy, in a separate, yet same letter, sent today, at bottom.

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"..... as those who live with us, are our brothers, then surely, we can work, a little harder, to bind up the wounds among us. And to become in our hearts, brothers and countrymen, once again."

- Robert F. Kennedy,
April 5, 1968.

Baumb, Nelly

From: Hamilton Hitchings <hitchingsh@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 3:42 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Rebecca Sanders
Subject: NVCAP - Too much office space

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For Monday's Council Meeting - Agenda #9 NVCAP

Looking at the staff proposal to add 126,600 square feet of office space for the NVCAP Alternative 3B seems overly excessive. It is 4 times the amount in Alternative 2 and almost 15 times that in Alternative 1. In the most conservative estimate it would add 500 more office workers to Palo Alto. Increased office space creates additional housing demand, drives up housing and rental prices and increases commuter traffic. Our biggest planning mistake over the last two decades has been allowing too much office development without commensurate housing growth. Let's not continue to make this mistake. Let's not repeat the short-sighted mistakes Redwood City is currently by building too much office to support their housing development. In addition, this plan was not endorsed by the NVCAP working group and staff was not able to converge on an alternative that met staff's objectives and the local neighborhoods desires. I think local support, like that received by Wilton Court, is crucial.

Hamilton Hitchings

Baumb, Nelly

From: Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 9:11 AM
To: Council, City; Human Relations Commission; Rebecca Eisenberg; chuck jagoda; ParkRec Commission; Roberta Ahlquist; wilpf.peninsula.paloalto@gmail.com; winter dellenbach; Joe Simitian; Planning Commission; DuBois, Tom; Greer Stone; Tanaka, Greg; Shikada, Ed; Cormack, Alison; city.council@menlopark.org
Subject: Fremont approve Safe Parking Program sets aside \$340,000 in federal CARES Act money

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Sent from my iPhone

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From: Jean Lythcott <jlythcott@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 6:57 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Teacher Housing

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Dear City Council,

Is some of the construction underway in Palo Alto to become housing for PAUSD teachers?

Thank you

Jeannie

Baumb, Nelly

From: Matthieu Bonnard <mpbnyc@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 2:07 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Water preservation

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Dear Council Members,

Walking around residential PA, it is clear that keeping a plush front lawn is more important to many residents than saving water, even though the state is facing another [epic drought](#).

It begs the question: Is the city doing enough to limit water consumption?

The city's water rebates may be enough in good times, when water is abundant. In times of drought, the city should shift gears, add a stick to the carrot. It could for instance emulate Las Vegas, that recently banned [ornamental grass](#)

It would be great to see the city take **prompt and forceful** actions to reduce water consumption in Palo Alto.

Best regards,

Matthieu Bonnard

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From: Mj Wolf <mimi.wolf@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 9:35 AM
To: Council, City
Cc: Furman, Sheri; Louise Yeung Furutsuki; Steven D. Lee; glee650@gmail.com; Sylvia Gartner; Alison Cormack; mjlevy612@gmail.com; Lynne Chiapella; Glanckopf, Annette
Subject: Re: Reminder: Tomorrow Midtown Shopping Center side clean up

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The midtown trash receptacle at 2775 Middlefield Road is always overflowing with garbage. I just spoke with the VTA and GreenWaste and neither one of these services claims responsibility for pickup. The VTA only cleans out receptacles designated with a blue top but the can at 2775 Middlefield has a gray top.

Midtown is infested with rats and other vermin, please investigate who is responsible for cleanup in the midtown shopping area.

On Fri, Jan 22, 2021 at 4:21 PM Louise Yeung Furutsuki <loufurut@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi All,

Thank you so much for having signed up to volunteer at the first ever residents' Midtown Shopping Center Clean Up event tomorrow.

It is expected to be cloudy with not much chance of rain, so we are on.

Attached are a few pictures taken this morning, showing sample areas with debris, dead leaves and tall weeds for each of the three areas A, B, C selected for this event.

The landlord for this part of the shopping center has cited the City's deferred code enforcement due to Covid 19 and financial hardship from deferred rent collection, so they appreciate residents helping out.

I will set up a station next to the blue PA Weekly vending box on the Middlefield sidewalk facing PA Cafe. I will place 55 gallon black trash bags&ties, 8 grocery paper bags, 1 hand sanitizer, disposable nitrile gloves (M), disposable masks, disinfecting wipes (for wiping handles of shared tools, if any), hand held plastic leaf scoopers etc. Any gardening tools you want to share, please lean them against the station as well. We do have at least one rake, 2 sets of leaf grabbers, a shuffle. But the best is to bring your own tools. A broom is much needed.

Also, a large box lined with a 55 gallon trash bag is for anyone to dump the debris and dead leaves. Please bring the tied up trash bags to the back where the trash stations are (next to the ex-community garden behind Baskin Robbins). The landlord agreed to this.

As I will be going around doing clean up as well, if you need to contact me, please text me at 6505754668.

Please check this link to see the details and your signed up times.

<http://bit.ly/3rXxmSe>

As of now, we got:

Area A: 8:30-9:00am Louise, 9:00-9:30am Steven, 9:30-10:00am Sheri

Area B: 8:30-9:00am Alison, 9:00-9:30am Mimi, 9:30-10am Grace

Area C: 9:00-9:30am Sylvia, 9:30-10am Mary Jo

Thanks so much and see you tomorrow morning,

Louise Y Furutsuki

Business Community Liaison

650 575 44668

Palo Alto Midtown Residents Association

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M. Wolf

650.245.6434

"It seems to me that the good lord in his Infinite wisdom gave us three things to make life bearable- hope, jokes, and **dogs**. But the greatest of these was **dogs**."

---Robyn Davidson

Baumb, Nelly

From: Allan Seid <allanseid734@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 7:24 AM
To: Allan Seid
Subject: Fwd: Nuclear 'spy' scientist Wen Ho Lee freed as controversial case collapses | The Independent | The Independent

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From: **Allan Seid** <allanseid734@gmail.com>
Date: Thur. Jun 3, 2021
Subject: Nuclear 'spy' scientist Wen Ho Lee freed as controversial case collapses
Source: The Independent

Dear Friends,

This is a repeat article sent 2 days ago and is sent again today at the request of some of you. Allan

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/nuclear-spy-scientist-wen-ho-lee-freed-as-controversial-case-collapses-699410.html>

Nuclear 'spy' scientist Wen Ho Lee freed as controversial case

[Mary Dejevsky](#) Thursday 22 September 2011 10:31

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Mr Lee, 60, arrested in December on suspicion of betraying nuclear secrets to China, had been in solitary confinement in a New Mexico prison. Family and friends who put up the \$1m (£724,000) bail initially demanded were on hand to cheer him to the family home near Los Alamos and the National Laboratory where he worked.

Two weeks ago the judge, professing misgivings about government evidence, agreed to bail Mr Lee on conditions tantamount to house arrest. Government lawyers appealed and Mr Lee remained in prison pending a bail hearing scheduled for yesterday. As late as last week prosecutors said he was too big a threat to national security to be released, even on the conditions proposed.

By Sunday, however, they settled for the only compromise on offer. Mr Lee agreed to plead guilty to one charge of improperly downloading classified material on to an unsecure computer and would be sentenced to "time served". Yesterday's bail appeal hearing was cancelled.

In recent weeks the government case suffered a number of setbacks. Mr Lee, it emerged, passed a lie-detector test federal agents said he failed; documents showed he complied with regulations in disclosing meetings with Chinese scientists; and an FBI officer retracted a charge that he had been "deceptive" about the downloading of data. A colleague also cast doubt on the value of the material he downloaded, saying 99 per cent, if not all of it, was already in the public domain.

Mr Lee's supporters said he was singled out because of his Asian origins. There was evidence that others at Los Alamos and elsewhere, including John Deutch, a former CIA head, had exchanged data between secure and non-secure computers with impunity.

Whether Mr Lee's ethnicity played a role in the government's decision to prosecute will be just one of many questions that will be asked in the far-reaching inquest that has already begun.

Baumb, Nelly

From: Allan Seid <allanseid734@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 6:23 AM
To: Channing House Bulletin Board; CHOpinion@googlegroups.com
Subject: Fwd: Cleared of Spying for China, She Still Doesn't Have Her Job Back - The New York Times

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Dear Neighbors and Friends,

This mailing is the second of five articles on American patriotic citizens holding top academic scientific positions or high diplomatic posts wrongfully investigated and discriminated against based on their ethnic background by our government's misguided policies and unwarranted actions especially over the last five years. Allan Seid

From: **Allan Seid** <allanseid734@gmail.com>
Date: Thur. Jun 3, 2021
Subject: Cleared of Spying for China, She Still Doesn't Have Her Job Back
Source:: The New York Times 5/17/21

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/05/17/technology/sherry-chen-national-weather-service.html>

Cleared of Spying for China, She Still Doesn't Have Her Job Back

May 17, 2018



An independent board ruled that the Commerce Department must reinstate Sherry Chen to her job at the National Weather Service, after a judge suggested that officials had buried exculpatory evidence. Maddie McGarvey for The New York Times

It is the case that the government simply will not let die.

Three years ago, the Justice Department dropped [espionage-related charges against Sherry Chen](#), a Chinese-American hydrologist at the National Weather Service, clearing her of accusations that she had used a stolen password to download

information about the nation's dams and lied about a meeting with a high-ranking Chinese official.

But Ms. Chen still can't get back to work. Even though her name was cleared, her employers at the Commerce Department — which oversees the National Weather Service — continue to press their case that Ms. Chen be fired for many of the same charges she was exonerated of, according to two people familiar with the case but not authorized to speak about it publicly.

The Commerce Department said it [planned to fire Ms. Chen](#) in 2015. She appealed to the federal Merit Systems Protection Board, an independent, bipartisan board charged with safeguarding the rights of civil servants. Last month — in an unusually strong-worded statement — the board ruled that the Commerce Department must reinstate her, give her back pay and cover her legal fees.

In the ruling, the judge overseeing the case, Michele Szary Schroeder, suggested that Commerce officials had buried exculpatory evidence that would have cleared Ms. Chen. She also wrote that the two officials who had decided to fire Ms. Chen appeared “more concerned about being right than doing the right thing.”

“Based on the unyielding nature of their testimony, I would not have been surprised if they rejected that $2 + 2 = 4$,” Judge Schroeder wrote of the two Commerce Department officials who advocated for Ms. Chen's dismissal.

Despite that ruling, the Commerce Department plans to appeal the ruling and press ahead with Ms. Chen's dismissal, according to the people familiar with the case.

Congressional officials say the case against Ms. Chen and separate charges that were brought and then dropped against a Chinese-American professor at Temple University [continue to raise concerns](#) that Chinese-Americans have become targets for prosecution and workplace discrimination.

“I am dumbfounded,” said Representative Ted Lieu, a Democrat from Los Angeles, who, along with other members of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, has been following Ms. Chen's case closely. “The appropriate reaction is for the Department of Commerce to apologize to Sherry Chen. Instead, they're going to jack up her already large legal costs and trauma, and only continue to drag this story out and highlight for the American public that this termination should never have happened in the first place.”

Mr. Lieu, who as a lawyer brought cases before the Merit Systems Protection Board, and others say that an appellate court is unlikely to reverse the board's decision, especially given new findings that Commerce officials may have hid evidence that would have exonerated Ms. Chen.

Among other findings, the case revealed that Commerce Department officials buried a dozen sworn statements from Ms. Chen's co-workers at the National Weather Service. Those statements suggested that she had work-related reasons to access a national dams database, and the password she used was not stolen — it was a shared "office password."

Investigators also failed to include findings that the information Ms. Chen had shared with her former colleague in China was publicly available and not a secret.

"I can discern no reason how the agency could have reached the conclusion that these materials were not relevant," Judge Schroeder wrote in her ruling, adding that the agency's decision to exclude that exculpatory evidence "defied logic."

As part of her initial appeal to the Merit Systems Protection Board, Ms. Chen said she was a "victim of gross injustice." The judge agreed. "After reviewing the evidence and testimony in this matter, I believe Ms. Chen's assertion is correct."

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To: Loran Harding <loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org>

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Subject: Studies of Ivermectin in Mexico and Peru- Convincing evidence.Why not use it??
To: Loran Harding <loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org>

Tues. June 1, 2021

Dr. Campbell today. Discusses good but not full blown studies, not perfectly randomized studies, of Ivermectin in Mexico and Peru. Still, the results are impressive and convincing to Dr. Campbell. No doubt it is a good therapeutic.

Keeps people out of the hospital. "Why would we not give it to people while they are waiting to be vaccinated?". He is a big fan of Ivermectin. It is a prophylactic for Covid19 too.

Another tool in the arsenal to fight Covid19 but we do not use it. We still have not approved the Oxford-Astrazeneca vaccine in the US. I predict that somebody in Congress is going to start an investigation of that.

[Tuesday update - YouTube](#)

L. William Harding
Fresno, Ca.

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From: Allan Seid <allanseid734@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 12:09 PM
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Subject: Fwd: INVITATION TO PRESENTATION BY ALLAN SEID
Attachments: Seid Talk Invitation.docx

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From: **Allan Seid** <allanseid734@gmail.com>
Date: Tue. Jun 8, 2021
Subject: INVITATION TO PRESENTATION BY ALLAN SEID

Dear Friends,

The Channing House Speakers and Racial Justice Committes jointly are sponsoring a free virtual presentation by me (8 days from now)) on June 16th, Wednesday, 3-4 pm. The topic will be "Reflections on the 21st Century Anti-AAPI Hate Crimes."

The regular announcement is forthcoming from Channing House with a meeting link for easy access. However, the Presentation ID number and Passcode as listed in the poster invitation works well also.

My talk will focus on the root causes and manifestations of the current surge of anti- AAPI hate crimes as well as factors sustaining anti-AAPI bigotry through over 170 years since the first Asians (Filipino and Chinese) set foot on American soil. I will conclude the presentation with an emphasis on practical suggestions for individual and collective remedies to address the current crisis.

Please join me at the virtual presentation.

Warm regards,

Allan Seid

Dr. Allan Seid
REFLECTIONS on ANTI-ASIAN DISCRIMINATION and VIOLENCE:
1850s TO THE PRESENT
Wednesday, June 16, 3:00 PM
Zoom ID: 872 0817 2815 Pass Code: 850



Among the many contributions to our community by Allan and Mary Seid, residents on the 7th Floor, is the founding in 1973 of the Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI). This vital organization is even more pertinent today.

Co-sponsored by the Channing House Speakers' and Racial & Social Justice Committees

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From: Menachem Mevashir <mevashir@aol.com>
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From: Rhoda Fry <fryhouse@earthlink.net>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 4:50 PM
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Subject: Oral Communications Monday June 7 2021 Palo Alto City Council
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Dear Palo Alto City Council,

I'm here tonight to talk about an aspect of Lehigh's expansion proposal that is unique to Palo Alto. Part of the quarry property is in fact in the City of Palo Alto's jurisdiction. As you gaze up to the hills, you'll see a brown line and that is the edge of a 218-acre mining-waste pile called the West Materials Storage Area (WMSA). Lehigh hopes to raise its height by 160 feet, impacting views from the valley floor. Lehigh also hopes to lower the protected ridgeline adjacent to Rancho San Antonio by 100 feet. The MidPeninsula Regional Open Space District has written a letter that speaks specifically to the land in Palo Alto as the quarry's proposal could impact the future planned extension of the Black Mountain Trail.

Enclosed please find 2 letters from the Open Space District, a map showing the rare plant on that land called the Arcuate Bush-Mallow, another map showing the Long-Eared Owl's habitat, a map showing Lehigh's property within City of Palo Alto limits, and a map showing Lehigh's expansion proposal.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that the quarry's limestone, which is very high in harmful contaminants, and other materials are used to manufacture cement in a giant kiln that is fueled by petroleum coke. Lehigh is one of our State's biggest polluters, ranking #4 in Particulate Matter, with only three petroleum refineries ahead of it. Air pollution impacts everyone and the City of Palo Alto cannot avoid its impacts. Neither can Palo Alto avoid impacts from Lehigh's proposed increase in truck traffic.

Lehigh has not operated its cement kiln for over a year and so the myth that the Bay Area needs a cement plant has been busted. the parent company's CEO has stated that mothballing the plant has in fact improved the bottom line. Read more in the Los Altos Town Crier: https://www.losaltosonline.com/news/questions-arise-on-status-of-idle-cement-plant-and-quarry/article_48797bf0-ea9f-5627-b044-694021b5244c.html

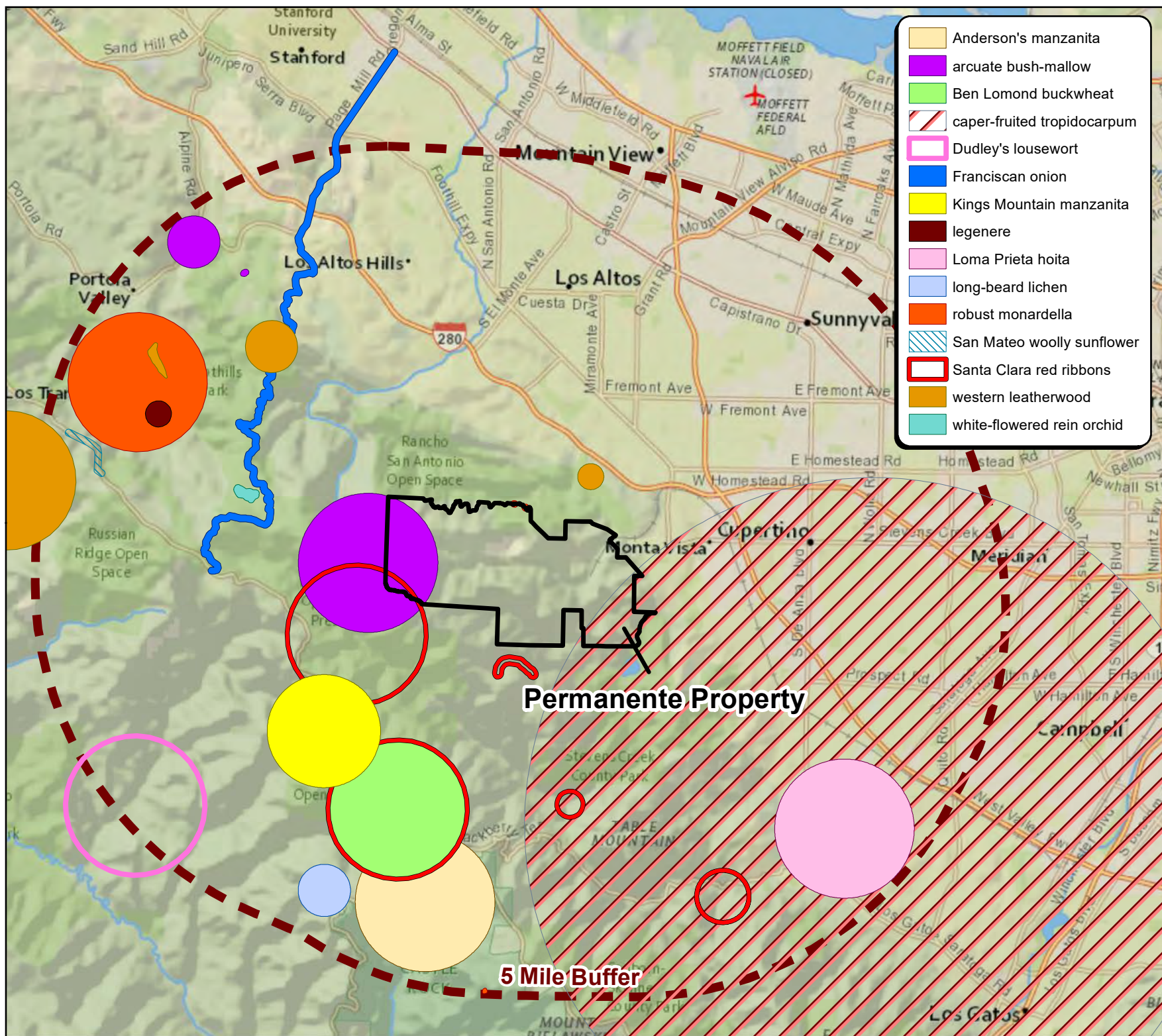
Thank You Very Much,
Rhoda Fry, Cupertino Resident

Lehigh Permanente
Quarry
Santa Clara County, CA

Figure 4.

Special Status Plant
Occurrences within
Five Miles of the
Permanente Property
Boundary

(Based on CNDDDB
2010 Data)



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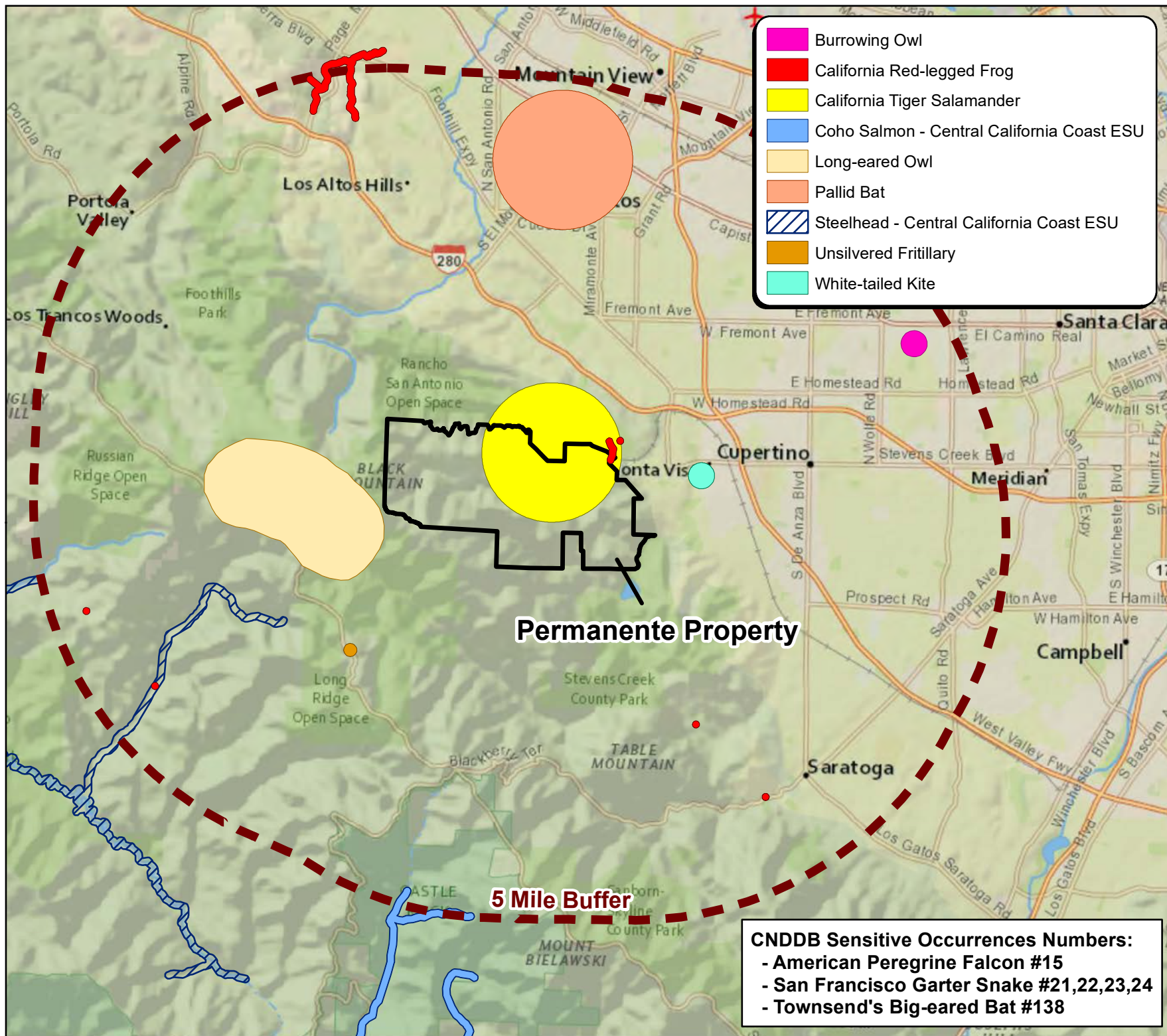
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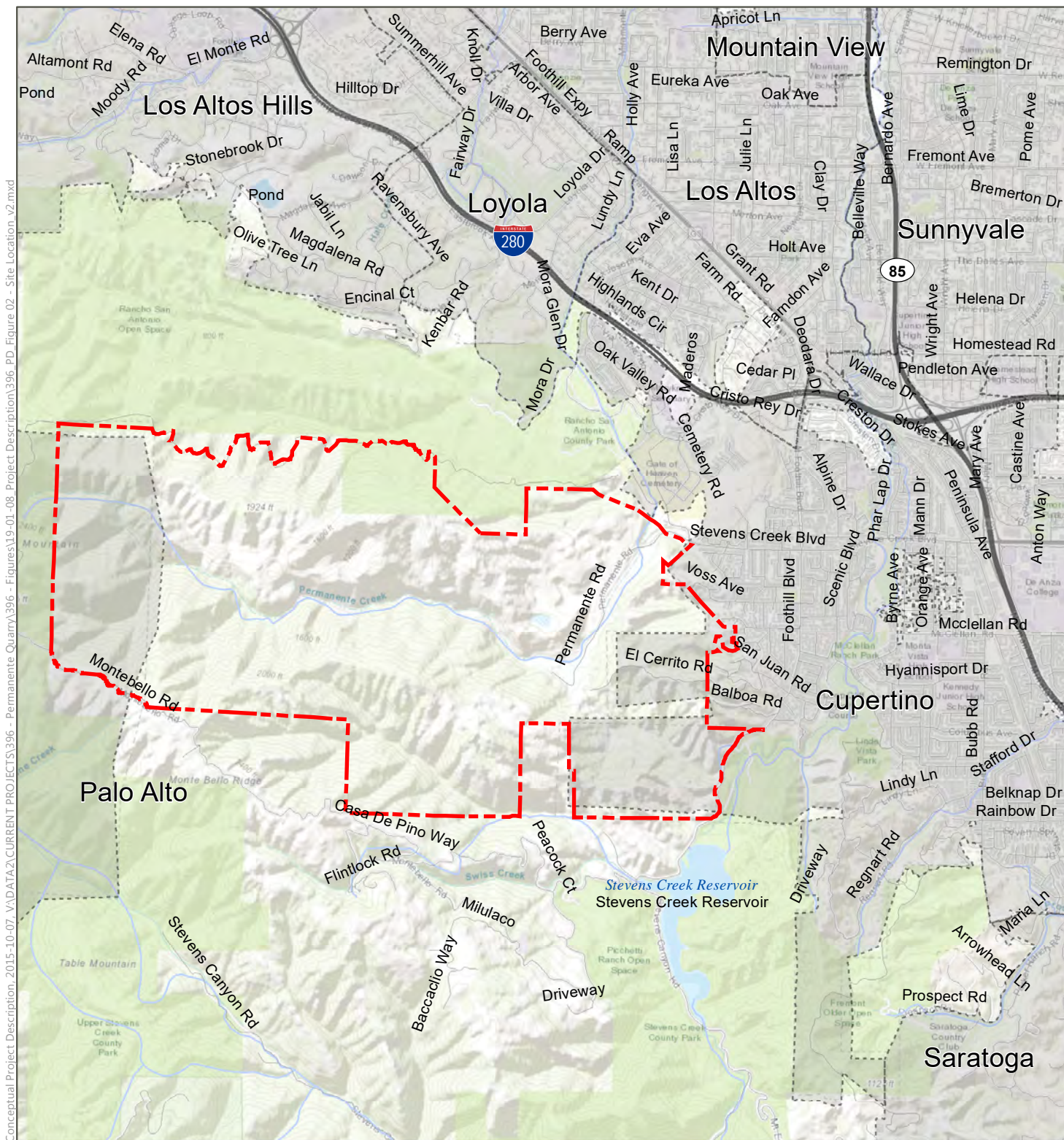
Special Status Wildlife
Occurrences within
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(Based on CNDDDB
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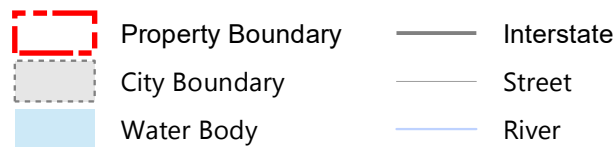
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SOURCES: ESRI World Shaded Relief accessed Jan.1 2019, ESRI World Topographic Map accessed Jan 2019; ESRI World Streetmap, 2009; adapted by Benchmark Resources in 2019

NOTES: This figure was prepared for land use planning and informational purposes only. The information shown and its accuracy are relative of the date the data was accessed or produced.



Site Location

PERMANENTE QUARRY RECLAMATION PLAN AMENDMENT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Figure 2



Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

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March 23, 2021

Lehigh Southwest Cement Company
Attn: Erika Guerra, Environmental and Land Management Director
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Cupertino, CA, 95014

Dear Ms. Guerra,

Thank you for providing tours to the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (Midpen) Board of Directors (Board) on the Lehigh Quarry (Quarry) property. We appreciated Lehigh's proactive outreach to discuss the proposed 2019 Reclamation Plan amendment. As you know, the Quarry is adjacent to our most popular preserve, Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve (Rancho Preserve) and Rancho San Antonio County Park (Rancho County Park) (collectively Rancho). Rancho County Park is managed by Midpen through a management agreement with Santa Clara County. Rancho receives nearly 800,000 visitors annually, a number that is likely over 1 Million since COVID-19. Along with being the most visited site, Rancho Preserve is also home to our Foothills Field Office, where approximately 30 employees report to work.

We expect a long future as neighbors and provide the following comments to uphold the public's interest and Midpen's mission to protect scenic and open space values in perpetuity. Midpen's mission is "to acquire and preserve a regional greenbelt of open space land in perpetuity, protect and restore the natural environment, and provide opportunities for ecologically sensitive public enjoyment and education." In June, Midpen's Board of Directors formed the Lehigh Quarry Review Ad Hoc committee to focus on the 2019 Reclamation Plan Amendment Application. We have identified a number of critical issues and concerns that we wish to share with you now so that Lehigh has the opportunity to respond and to modify the proposed 2019 Reclamation Plan as the environmental review process gets underway.

The proposed modification of the Ridgeline Easement and the ridgeline in general are concerning for several reasons. The scenic, aesthetic, and ecological impacts of the proposed project are significant and irreversible. County residents, the Board of Supervisors, and Kaiser sought to protect those values of the ridgeline when the easement was conveyed to the County in 1972. That easement was a promise to the public that the ridgeline would forever be protected and held intact, limiting the expansion of the Quarry in the highest reaches of the ridgeline and minimizing visual impacts as seen from surrounding communities. Since then, landslides caused by mining that was conducted under previous ownership have literally removed sections of the ridgeline that were supposed to be protected by the easement. The focus should be on protecting and restoring the ridgeline, rather than degrading it. The District strongly urges Lehigh to identify an alternative that does not further compromise the existing ridgeline, to strengthen the easement to protect the entire ridgeline, and to include enforcement mechanisms to ensure that the easement is not violated in the future. Midpen worked with Lehigh in the recent past to rectify the undermining and loss of a portion of Rancho Preserve, due to over steepened slopes

created by mining, through a land exchange and a modern easement that protects lands that are now under Lehigh ownership. Midpen supports a similar strengthening of the existing easement held by the County.

In addition, the two parcels owned by Lehigh within the jurisdiction of the City of Palo Alto are crucial to protecting habitat surrounding the Quarry operations. The West Materials Storage Area now extends right to the boundary of those parcels and has buried natural habitat under waste rock. Midpen and Lehigh have a history of working on public access in these parcels. Lehigh has granted a trail easement to Midpen for public access for the existing Quarry Trail and on another parcel for a future planned extension of the Black Mountain Trail. Now is the time to protect these parcels. Midpen requests that Lehigh, as part of its application process, grant through easement or ownership an assurance to the public that these lands will be protected in perpetuity.

The West Materials Storage Area (WMSA) continues to be a large environmental issue for Midpen and the surrounding communities. The aesthetic impacts from the materials are significant, as viewed from many Rancho trails and from the District's Fremont Older Open Space Preserve. The 2012 Reclamation Plan committed to the removal of the WMSA and Midpen wishes to hold Lehigh accountable to that commitment. The District's preferred alternative is for the material in the WMSA to be returned to the quarry pit, as approved in the 2012 Reclamation Plan. The District opposes importing fill from outside the Quarry.

The proposed revegetation plan is not adequate to leave the property in an ecologically functional condition that will support biodiversity and climate resiliency in the lands surrounding Rancho. The District desires to see a focus on habitat connectivity in the revegetation plan. We are developing a conceptual plan as a guide and will submit this shortly in hopes of encouraging Lehigh to be more proactive and thorough on this issue.

Fugitive dust is a chronic issue in the area and is likely worsened by the proposed 2019 Reclamation Plan. Quarry dust coats District vehicles and everything in Rancho with a scale only removable with a vinegar solution. The District has received complaints from visitors who are only parked for several hours in Rancho that their car was coated in this dust, requiring a car wash. The expansion of mining, as well as the truck traffic from the import of fill, represent a new and significant dust source, on top of the already ongoing sources of dust emissions. Lowering the ridgeline will only increase dust in Rancho. We understand the Bay Area Air Quality Management District has issued a permit regulating the dust emissions for the property. Adherence to the terms of the permit is important to Midpen. As a good neighbor, Midpen requests that Lehigh go beyond permit conditions and work to control dust entering Rancho. We would appreciate a more detailed discussion with Lehigh on this topic.

The protection of Permanente creek and its habitats is very important to Midpen's mission protecting the natural environment. This creek and many environmental issues extend beyond the Quarry boundary and affect surrounding habitats in Rancho and downstream. Natural waterways like this provide invaluable ecosystem benefits and connect our visitors with the natural environment. The full realization and completion of the Permanente Creek Restoration project that Lehigh has already committed to (but has not yet implemented) is of the utmost importance because it will provide important benefits to the impacted watershed. We recognize the work Lehigh has done to treat selenium containing waters and to manage the discharge with the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The potential for selenium discharge is an issue that may outlast the mining operations on the property. Continued vigilance by Lehigh and the Water


Board to monitor and manage water quality is critical to a healthy ecosystem and safe drinking water.

Midpen is also interested in public access to Rancho off of Stevens Creek Boulevard. Midpen requests that Lehigh work with Union Pacific to grant a trail easement either via Lehigh's existing easement or on a new right of way to either the county or Midpen to provide public access to Rancho from Stevens Creek Boulevard. This potential trail connection is highlighted in the *Joint Cities Coordinated Stevens Creek Trail Feasibility Study*.¹

Midpen acknowledges that Lehigh conducts important activities that support our local economy and avoids the impacts of importing cement. Minimizing the significant local environmental effects of mining while expanding the scope of activities on Lehigh's property is a challenge and we hope that Lehigh will work with us to ensure that its activities are done responsibly. Midpen's mission requires a vision into 'perpetuity' for recreation and ecosystem resilience in the Permanente Creek area. We appreciate Lehigh's consideration of these issues.

One of the commitments Lehigh and Midpen made to each other was to for Midpen to host Lehigh at a Midpen Board meeting for an annual presentation. The last annual update was in November 2018. The Board would welcome Lehigh making a presentation to the Board on current operations and the proposed reclamation plan amendments in the next few months.

Sincerely,


Ana Ruiz (Mar 13, 2020 3:41 PDT)

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General Manager

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¹ Currently available at: <https://sunnyvale.ca.gov/business/projects/stevens.htm>



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RE: Lehigh Southwest Cement Company Proposed Permanente Quarry Reclamation Plan Amendment Application

Dear Mr. Salisbury,

The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) submits the following preliminary comments on the May 2019 application from Lehigh Southwest Cement Company (Lehigh) for a proposed Reclamation Plan Amendment (2019 Amendment). Our comments raise concerns regarding the proposed expansion of the quarry operations into the protected Scenic Easement area. These concerns are focused on four main issues: inadequate geotechnical solutions to stabilize the existing quarry walls; continued water quality impacts of both groundwater and Permanente Creek; visual impacts resulting from the increased height of the West Materials Storage Area (WMSA) and lowering of the ridgeline; and the potential for increased air quality impacts. Additionally, the District is concerned that the proposed amendment would also result in continued implementation delays to fulfill current stream restoration obligations along Permanente Creek.

Protection of the Permanent Ridge Scenic Easement

The Permanente Ridge Scenic Easement owned by Santa Clara County (County) is extremely important to the District, our visitors, neighbors, and all County residents who value the scenic views of the prominent hillside. This easement protects the views looking to the north towards Lehigh Quarry. Even though the massive quarry is located just over the ridgeline from Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve, the scenic easement ensures that the viewshed remains one of natural splendor to be enjoyed by preserve visitors, neighbors and everyone in the Santa Clara Valley region. The scenic easement explicitly prohibits the mining activities proposed in the 2019 Amendment. To conform with existing legal requirements and uphold the intent of the scenic easement, the District urges that the County require Lehigh to amend its 2019 Amendment application to ensure compliance with County rules and regulations, and with the land use restrictions that apply to this important scenic easement. At a minimum, Lehigh should be required to provide an alternative in their application that complies with the scenic easement before the application is deemed complete.

Geotechnical Stability

The District raises significant concerns that recent mining activities remain out of compliance with the County-approved 2012 Reclamation Plan. These activities have created over-steepened quarry wall

slopes with insufficient benches, resulting in a less stable hillside that is prone to erosion and landslides. These over-steepened slopes are not properly mitigated in the 2019 Amendment, and should be reviewed by the County Geologist, State Office of Mine Reclamation, and State Mining and Geology Board immediately.

The District also has concerns regarding Lehigh's proposal to mine the ridge that is protected by the Permanente Ridge Scenic Easement. The 2019 Amendment cites the need to address potential erosion and stability issues created by mining the northern quarry slope. However, the proposal to mine the ridge that lies within the Scenic Easement in reality does little to lessen the slope steepness. To sufficiently address the stability issues, Lehigh should be required to follow the approved 2012 Amendment that calls for buttressing the mined slope with material from the WMSA. Expanding the mining area into the area protected by the Scenic Easement is not an acceptable approach to rectifying a condition created by past mining practices. It appears that the main driving benefit in mining this protected ridge protected is to extract additional product for additional profit by the quarry.

Water Quality

In the application, Lehigh cites water quality concerns associated with backfilling the quarry pit and buttressing the north quarry slope with the material stockpiled in the WMSA. However, the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) developed and issued their recent 2018 Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR's) based upon the existing 2012 Reclamation Plan, which included relocating the WMSA into the quarry pit and buttressing the steeply mined quarry walls, indicating that water quality objectives are achievable using this approach. Lehigh does not provide material evidence to support their position, except for their desire to stop treating the groundwater they have intercepted through mining activities. Again, one has to assume that increasing the profit of the quarry through reductions in operating costs are the main driver for this proposal.

Important to a successful reclamation will be the non-limestone materials used to backfill the lowermost elevations of the quarry pit (including elevations below the water table that have been mined since the 2012 Amendment approval). Lehigh's proposed 2019 Amendment estimates that 80% of the total volume in the WMSA contains non-limestone rock. Lehigh has also stockpiled substantial volumes of non-limestone rock (primarily greenstone) elsewhere in the quarry. Given the volume of non-limestone material needed to backfill the large mining pit, it is critical to retain all existing non-limestone material onsite to use as backfill. This material should not be sold or hauled off site. Using existing onsite material avoids the added environmental impacts related to greenhouse gas emissions, traffic, and diesel exhaust that would otherwise occur if the County accepts Lehigh's proposal to sell and off-haul existing material for profit and import and in-haul outside fill for an additional profit. The trucking of this material is substantial – with an estimate given of up to one-million cubic yards of construction soil imported annually to the site from throughout the South San Francisco Bay Area. The application fails to describe the environmental impacts to Cupertino, surrounding communities, and Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve related to the off-haul and in-haul of this material. Moreover, the proposed use of imported soil (rather than onsite material) to fill in the mining pit is anticipated to extend the current 5-year reclamation timeline by an additional 25-30 years. The resulting extensive delay is unacceptable.

Visual Impacts

Lehigh's proposed 2019 Amendment would raise the WMSA an additional 160 feet in elevation. This proposal runs fully contrary to the prior approved 2012 Amendment, which requires removal of the WMSA. As part of the 2012 Amendment, the County recognized the visual impact of the expanded WMSA and allowed Lehigh to temporarily retain the WMSA during mining activities with the requirement that the WMSA be removed as part of reclamation activities. Adding 160 feet of additional

elevation would clearly result in greater visual impacts than the current 2012 Amendment and negate the original agreements made between the County and Lehigh.

Air Quality Impacts

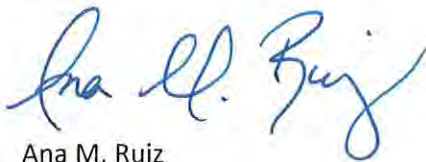
The proposed mining of the scenic easement and additional storage at the WMSA are ridgetop construction activities subject to wind erosion. The District conducted an extensive air monitoring study in 2013-2014 at Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve (Winegar Air Sciences, October 2104). The study noted a correlation in the increase of particulate matter with proximity to the Lehigh quarry. The air was clearly degraded by particulate matter at a sample point located closest to Lehigh when compared with up-wind monitoring locations. Concentrations of particulate matter 10 micrometers or less in diameter (PM10) exceeded the California Standard at the monitoring site closest to Lehigh. The proposed mining activities pose a significant new air quality concern to the District and should be sufficiently addressed in the application

Delays in Completing the Permanente Creek Restoration Area

The ongoing delay in completing the Permanente Creek Restoration Area (PCRA) is of continued concern to the District. The 2019 Amendment states that "The proposed reclamation plan amendment would not change the reclamation approach or requirements for the PCRA". What appears to change is the timeline. Under the existing 2012 Amendment, PCRA restoration is to be completed by 2030. Per the 2019 Amendment, the timeframe for restoration is 10-20 years from approval, an extension of up to an additional 10 years – out to potentially 2040. Lehigh's existing slow pace for submitting necessary items requested by the County to comply with the 2012 Amendment raises serious concerns that the same slow approach and resulting delays would occur if the proposed 2019 Amendment is approved. Our concerns for the creek were recently justified and heightened by recent landslides from the Yeager Yard area into Permanente Creek. The PCRA restoration should be completed as soon as possible, and should not be delayed for another decade. The 2019 application should also be deemed incomplete because it lacks specificity in describing the timeframe for restoration of the PCRA.

The County holds the authority to uphold its commitment to the surrounding communities by protecting the Permanente Ridge Scenic Easement and requiring the timely implementation of the approved 2012 Amendment. It is clear that the existing 2012 Reclamation Plan is far superior to the Proposed 2019 Amendment by remaining much more protective of human health, the surrounding environment, and scenic vistas. The County is asked to deem Lehigh's 2019 Reclamation Plan Amendment application as incomplete until all the issues discussed above are adequately addressed.

Sincerely,



Ana M. Ruiz

General Manager

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

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Subject: Details for Musicians- Palo Alto World Music Month!
Attachments: 2021 Palo Alto World Music Month Program Sheet (1).pdf

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Dear Palo Alto World Music Month 2021 Musicians,

We are so thrilled to welcome you to Palo Alto World Music Month June 2021! This email is to all the musicians who have confirmed that they will be performing. Please take a minute to review [this slide presentation](#) with details about set up, marketing materials etc! Attached is a PDF of the current Event Program.

If you would like to send me short video clips/photographs/social media posts, we'd love to share them on our social media channels. Please respond to this email with the materials to share.

Here is the line-up for our first weekend:

Saturday, June 5, 5-7pm

Fete Musique Ensemble- set up near [414 California Ave](#) (Bank of the West)

Gary Breitbard, www.gybmusic.com

Aprylle Dawn- set up near [261 University Ave](#) (Oren's Hummus)

Aprylle Gilbert, www.aprylle.com

Gaby Castro- set up near [353 University Ave](#) (Medallion Rug Gallery)

Gabriela Castro, www.gaby-castro.com

Sunday, June 6, 5-7pm

Camacu- set up near [414 California Ave](#) (Bank of the West)

Mark Wong-VanHaren, <https://www.facebook.com/wongvanharen/>

La Honda Highs- set up near [340 California Ave](#) (Peri Peri Chicken)

Richard Corny

Michael Bechler- set up near [261 University Ave](#) (Oren's Hummus)

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Here are marketing materials to share with your fans and networks:

Link to [Program](#)
Link to [Website](#)
Link to [Facebook Event Page](#)
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Suggested Hashtags: #paworldmusicmonth2021 #June2021worldmusicmonth #paloalto lovesmusic
#livemusicisback #bayareamusicians #paloaltolive #paloaltomusic #worldmusicday #welovelocal
#supportthearts #keepmusiclocal #supportlivemusic #parecfoundation

If you have any questions or recommendations, please reach out to us, you can text me at 650-644-5354 for the fastest response. Please note that we are all volunteers putting on this event so it might take a little bit for us to get back to you!

Thank you to all the volunteers who worked on the planning committee to make this event happen! A huge thanks to Adam Howard and his team at the Palo Alto Community Service Department!

Thank you!
Mora, volunteer PARF Board

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

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Program Sheet

June 2021 Weekends

Featuring local musicians!

On California Ave & University Ave*

www.PARecFoundation.org

This free event is made possible thanks to the partnership between the City of Palo Alto, The Palo Alto Recreation Foundation (PARF), local business and restaurants and musicians!

*Our musicians on California Ave will be performing in the vicinity of 414 California Ave and 340 California Ave and on University Ave on the corners of Ramona and Kipling.
This schedule is subject to change. Please check back for updates, this document was last updated on 6/2/21.

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Historically, Palo Alto World Music Day is a wonderful celebration of music and community. Last year we had to cancel Palo Alto World Music Day because of the pandemic. This year we are thrilled to work with our musicians, local businesses, The City of Palo Alto and the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce and our many partners to bring back this event in a way that is safe for all. This year, the focus is on supporting local business and inviting live music back in our community!

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As a nonprofit, PARF depends on donations from residents, sponsorships from local companies, and grants to make these programs a reality. The foundation is a 501c3 (our tax identification number is 77-0187810). Please consider making a donation today. Thank you!

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Please see below and attached from LAFCO.

Thanks and stay healthy.



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The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, City/Town Clerks and Special District Clerks:

Please distribute to the members of your governing bodies this Notice – Approved LAFCO Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (attached). Thank you so much.

NOTE: In light of COVID-19 response measures from the Governor of the State of California and the Santa Clara County Public Health Department, commencing March 17, all staff of Santa Clara LAFCO are under a "Shelter in Place" directive, working remotely from home. If you have an inquiry, we encourage you to contact us by email at LAFCO@ceo.sccgov.org.

Thank you,

Emmanuel Abello

Commission Clerk

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June 3, 2021

TO: County Executive, Santa Clara County
City Managers, Cities in Santa Clara County
District Managers, Independent Special Districts in Santa Clara County

FROM: Neelima Palacherla, LAFCO Executive Officer

SUBJECT: LAFCO BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

At its June 2, 2021 meeting, LAFCO adopted its Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. The adopted Final Budget and the staff report are attached for your information.

Pursuant to the apportionment method specified in Government Code §56381 and §56381.6, the County Auditor-Controller will apportion LAFCO's net operating expenses to the cities, the County and the independent special districts based on the Final Budget adopted by LAFCO. Please expect to receive an invoice from the County Controller's Office in the next few days.

Should you have any questions regarding the LAFCO budget or cost apportionment, do not hesitate to contact me at (408) 993-4713 / neelima.palacherla@ceo.sccgov.org.

Thank you.

Attachments: Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget approved by LAFCO on June 2, 2021
Staff Report on June 2, 2021 re. Final LAFCO Budget for FY 2021-2022

cc: Board of Supervisors, Santa Clara County
City Council Members, Cities in Santa Clara County
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FINAL LAFCO BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2021- 2022

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ITEM # 6

LAFCO MEETING: June 2, 2021

TO: LAFCO

FROM: Neelima Palacherla, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: FINAL BUDGET FOR FY 2022

FINANCE COMMITTEE / STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Adopt the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.
2. Find that the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 is expected to be adequate to allow the Commission to fulfill its statutory responsibilities.
3. Authorize staff to transmit the Final Budget adopted by the Commission including the estimated agency costs to the cities, the special districts, the County, the Cities Association of Santa Clara County and the Santa Clara County Special Districts Association.
4. Direct the County Auditor-Controller to apportion LAFCO costs to the cities; to the special districts; and to the County; and to collect payment pursuant to Government Code §56381.

NO CHANGES TO THE DRAFT/PRELIMINARY BUDGET

On April 7, 2021, the Commission adopted its preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. No changes are recommended to the preliminary budget adopted by the commission.

LAFCO ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS REQUIREMENTS

The Cortese Knox Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (CKH Act) which became effective on January 1, 2001, requires LAFCO, as an independent agency, to annually adopt a draft budget by May 1 and a final budget by June 15 at noticed public hearings. Both the draft and the final budgets are required to be transmitted to the cities, the special districts and the County. Government Code §56381(a) establishes that at a minimum, the budget must be equal to that of the previous year unless the Commission finds that reduced staffing or program costs will nevertheless allow it to fulfill its statutory responsibilities. Any unspent funds at the end of the year may be rolled over into the next fiscal year budget. After adoption of the final budget by LAFCO, the County Auditor is required to apportion

the net operating expenses of the Commission to the agencies represented on LAFCO.

LAFCO and the County of Santa Clara entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (effective since July 2001), under the terms of which, the County provides staffing, facilities, and services to LAFCO. The associated costs are reflected in the LAFCO budget. LAFCO is a stand-alone, separate fund within the County's accounting and budget system and the LAFCO budget information is formatted using the County's account descriptions/codes.

COST APPORTIONMENT TO CITIES, DISTRICTS AND THE COUNTY

The CKH Act requires LAFCO costs to be split in proportion to the percentage of an agency's representation (excluding the public member) on the Commission. Santa Clara LAFCO is composed of a public member, two County board members, two city council members, and since January 2013 – two special district members. Government Code §56381(b)(1)(A) provides that when independent special districts are seated on LAFCO, the county, cities and districts must each provide a one-third share of LAFCO's operational budget.

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The estimated apportionment of LAFCO's FY 2022 costs to the individual cities and districts is included as Attachment B. The final costs will be calculated and invoiced to the individual agencies by the County Controller's Office after LAFCO adopts the final budget.

ATTACHMENTS

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| Attachment A: | Final LAFCO Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 |
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FINAL LAFCO BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2021- 2022

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June 2, 2021

LAFCO COST APPORTIONMENT: COUNTY, CITIES, SPECIAL DISTRICTS
Estimated Costs to Agencies Based on the Final FY 2022 LAFCO Budget

Net Operating Expenses for FY 2022				\$886,330
JURISDICTION	REVENUE PER 2018/2019 REPORT	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL REVENUE	ALLOCATION PERCENTAGES	ALLOCATED COSTS
County	N / A	N / A	33.3333333%	\$295,443.33
Cities Total Share			33.3333333%	\$295,443.33
San Jose	N / A	N / A	50.0000000%	\$147,721.67
Other cities share			50.0000000%	\$147,721.66
Campbell	\$64,536,222	1.7980522%		\$2,656.11
Cupertino	\$108,060,680	3.0106928%		\$4,447.45
Gilroy	\$125,345,516	3.4922679%		\$5,158.84
Los Altos	\$57,463,937	1.6010103%		\$2,365.04
Los Altos Hills	\$16,800,340	0.4680765%		\$691.45
Los Gatos	\$51,214,203	1.4268856%		\$2,107.82
Milpitas	\$216,026,300	6.0187372%		\$8,890.98
Monte Sereno	\$3,758,600	0.1047188%		\$154.69
Morgan Hill	\$110,550,245	3.0800549%		\$4,549.91
Mountain View	\$407,506,157	11.3535827%		\$16,771.70
Palo Alto	\$701,560,301	19.5462638%		\$28,874.07
Santa Clara	\$1,078,173,133	30.0391235%		\$44,374.28
Saratoga	\$34,095,585	0.9499416%		\$1,403.27
Sunnyvale	\$614,138,449	17.1105921%		\$25,276.05
Total Cities (excluding San Jose)	\$3,589,229,668	100.0000000%		\$147,721.66
Total Cities (including San Jose)				\$295,443.33
Special Districts Total Share		(Fixed %)	33.3333333%	\$295,443.34
Aldercroft Heights County Water District		0.06233%		\$184.15
Burbank Sanitary District		0.15593%		\$460.68
Cupertino Sanitary District		2.64110%		\$7,802.95
El Camino Healthcare District		4.90738%		\$14,498.53
Guadalupe Coyote Resource Conservation District		0.04860%		\$143.59
Lake Canyon Community Services District		0.02206%		\$65.17
Lion's Gate Community Services District		0.22053%		\$651.54
Loma Prieta Resource Conservation District		0.02020%		\$59.68
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District		5.76378%		\$17,028.70
Purissima Hills Water District		1.35427%		\$4,001.10
Rancho Rinconada Recreation and Park District		0.15988%		\$472.35
San Martin County Water District		0.04431%		\$130.91
Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority		1.27051%		\$3,753.64
Santa Clara Valley Water District		81.44126%		\$240,612.80
Saratoga Cemetery District		0.32078%		\$947.72
Saratoga Fire Protection District		1.52956%		\$4,518.98
South Santa Clara Valley Memorial District		0.03752%		\$110.85
Total Special Districts		100.00000%		\$295,443.34
Total Allocated Costs				\$886,330.00

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From: Steve Raney <steve@paloaltotma.org>
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Dear Council,

PATMA's Annual Report will be provided as an Informational Item on your 6/21/21 Council meeting agenda. We also provide the Annual Report (attached) today, in case it may be needed sooner for your budget deliberations.

Regards,

PATMA Board of Directors:

- Brad Ehikian, Premier Properties;
- Philip Kamhi, City of Palo Alto;
- Matthew Weinberg, Amazon/A9;
- Jessica Roth, The Cobblery;
- Rob George (ex-officio member), Joint Venture Silicon Valley;

and PATMA Staff:

- Steve Raney
- Kruti Ladani

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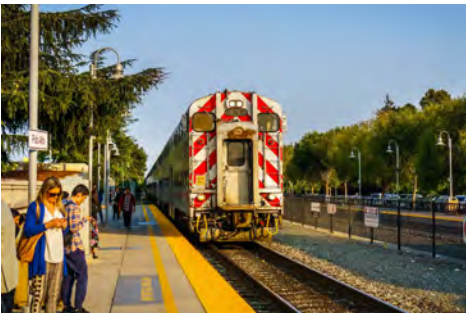
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1. Funding Request by PATMA to COPA, 5/11/21

May 11, 2021

To: Sylvia Star-Lack, Transportation Manager, City of Palo Alto

From: PATMA Board of Directors: Brad Ehikian, Premier Properties; Philip Kamhi, City of Palo Alto; Matthew Weinberg, Amazon/A9; Jessica Roth, The Cobblery; Rob George (ex-officio member), Joint Venture Silicon Valley; and PATMA Staff: Steve Raney and Kruti Ladani

Subject: FY22 request for funding

- For 5/12 City Council Finance Committee item #3.c: Planning and Transportation / Parking Special Revenue Funds

1. BACKGROUND: PATMA programs support three of four 2021 City Council Priorities:

- **Economic Recovery** - PATMA's transit pass program accelerates economic recovery by providing PA businesses with a competitive hiring advantage that doubles employee retention.
- **Social Justice** - PATMA's transit pass program tops the entire nation in improving social equity for service workers' transportation.
- **Climate Change** - PATMA's programs reduce GHG, and PATMA's [Bike Love Commuter Incentives Project](#) aligns uniquely with The City's S/CAP goal to increase biking.

2. ACCOMPLISHMENT: Council has asked PATMA to “graduate,” meaning to develop revenue beyond City of Palo Alto (COPA) funding and to collaborate sub-regionally to increase cost-efficacy. In response,

- PATMA won a \$100,000 federal grant for the [Bike Love Commuter Incentives Project](#).
- PATMA will provide fee-for-TDM-service to the new Marriotts at 744 San Antonio. At 75% hotel occupancy, the Marriotts will generate \$141,600 fee-for-TDM-service revenue per year to the TMA.
- We have verbal agreements for two additional fee-for-TDM-service workstreams.
- PATMA and MVgo formed a cost-saving collaboration to bring free public transit Caltrain shuttle service to San Antonio Road by the Marriotts. This represents the first sub-regional collaboration between two TMAs.

3. COUNCIL ADVOCACY REQUEST: At the May 4 Finance Committee meeting, Mayor DuBois floated the idea of freezing the transit pass program. PATMA counterproposes as follows:

- PATMA has purchased \$582,000 in Caltrain passes over the past three years. We request that Council help advocate at the June 3 Caltrain Board meeting for [Caltrain to donate \\$582,000 worth of new passes back to PATMA](#). Council leadership has been assumed in reducing PATMA's funding request.

4. FUNDING REQUEST: The **TMA requests a \$240,000** FY22 (July 2021 - June 2022) COPA budget allocation @ \$80,000 for the first three quarters, \$0 in the final.

- \$750,000 was allocated in FY20. \$453,000 was allocated in FY21, but PATMA subsequently made an updated request for only \$350,000. We're asking for \$240,000 in FY22.

4A. CALCULATIONS for the \$240,000 Funding request:

- The Nov/Dec 2020 pandemic surge brought economic performance below COPA's adopted FY21 economic scenario/forecast. PATMA's FY21 funding request reflected that scenario, resulting in PATMA accumulating a CY21 savings of \$248,464.
- To build our funding needs forecast, we have developed a granular [FY22 Commute Level Forecast](#) of the number of commuters leaving the house each weekday. We have reached out to the Finance Committee in hopes of syncing this forecast with COPA's adopted Long Range Financial Forecast. We believe that on 5/1/22, the number of commuters leaving the house each weekday will be 80% of 2019:

FORECAST	Jul-Sep 21	Oct-Dec 21	Jan-Mar 22	Apr-June 22
% commute activity vs. 2019, WFH-enabled jobs (50% of jobs)	25%	40%	54%	70%
% commute activity vs. 2019, other jobs (retail, etc.)	50%	63%	76%	90%
Combined	38%	52%	65%	80%

Table 1: Commute Level Forecast

- Given commute level, we can project expenses to determine the amount of funds to request. A "small" COVID-reduced month of 2020 PATMA expenses was \$27,000, for a quarterly expense of \$80,000. A "large" PATMA "downtown-only" month is \$70,000 in expenses, for a quarterly expense of \$210,000.
- In May 2020, Council authorized PATMA to serve the Cal Ave area. Our numbers show that 80% commute level for Downtown combined with 80% for Cal Ave equates to 100% of large "downtown-only" month.
- Further, with Council's assistance, we expect that Caltrain's Go Pass Donation Program will commence in Jan 2022, yielding \$120,000 worth of budget savings for PATMA from Jan-June 2022. Caltrain transit pass subsidies typically take up two-thirds of PATMA transit passes.
- In the table below, we extrapolate quarterly expenses from "small" to "large." We subtract expected Caltrain donations. We then start with a July 2020 balance, add in payments, saving from COVID-reduced demand, \$240,000 funding request. Then we subtract expenses to yield a small Oct 22 balance:

	Jul-Sep 21	Oct-Dec 21	Jan-Mar 22	Apr-Jun 22	Jul-Sep 22
Expenses	\$80,000	\$120,000	\$170,000	\$210,000	\$210,000
Less Caltrain discount			-\$50,000	-\$70,000	-\$70,000
total	\$80,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$140,000	\$140,000
July 2020 PATMA checking balance	\$25,000				
+ 4th COPA FY21 funding pymt	\$87,500				
+ savings due to COVID-reduced demand	\$248,464				
+ FY22 Funding request	\$240,000				
total revenue	\$600,964				
Less July 21 - Sept 22 expenses	-\$600,000				
Net PATMA balance 10/1/22	\$964				

Table 2: Projected Quarterly expenses, FY2022

5. COUNCIL PROCESS REQUEST: As far as COPA's "adapt with recovery" strategy, PATMA would like to **return to Council Finance Committee in Feb 2022** with an update and potentially a request for an additional FY22 allocation.

- Vice Mayor Burt expects stronger growth than LRFF Scenario B, possibly the strongest growth in decades.
- Mayor DuBois is bullish on the economic recovery.
- Councilmember Filseth is also bullish, believing we need to plan for fiscal upside contingency.
- The \$8.4M Utilities Transfer Legislation issue may resolve favorably.
- Additional stimulus funding may be applicable to the FY22 budget.

6. COUNCIL ADVOCACY REQUEST: As far as is allowable during entitlements, COPA staff should help PATMA "graduate" by **ensuring that new developments join PATMA** and use PATMA's expert fee-for-TDM-services. In the past, COPA entitlements have required 611 Cowper, the Marriotts, and Hotel Parmani to join the TMA. The City's TDM Ordinance Update should recommend PATMA because PATMA's city-wide scale provides more cost-effective TDM than individual projects can achieve. Santa Monica and Carlsbad provide examples of cities advantaging their TMA.

7. COUNCIL ADVOCACY REQUEST: To further accelerate economic recovery, we request that COPA analyze and remove any substantial hurdles to **leasing vacant space in the Cal Ave** area.

- Reactivation of the Parking Assessment District might be warranted.
- Increased ability to change uses may help.

Thanks for your consideration,
PATMA

2. About PATMA & PATMA Strategy

- Palo Alto Transportation Management Association (PATMA) is a transportation demand management (TDM) innovator and multiple times federal grant winner. PATMA maintains a 501c3 nonprofit status. Established in 2016, PATMA is responsible for reducing single-occupant vehicle trips, reducing congestion and demand for parking, and improving the quality of life in Palo Alto by mitigating transportation-related emissions.
- PATMA is a TDM social equity leader, undertaking three unique-in-the-U.S. activities:
 - Buying and managing monthly transit passes for 290 low-income commuters (pre-COVID)
 - Providing "after hours" Lyft subsidy for low-income commuters before 6am and after 8pm
 - Undertaking door-to-door, in-person outreach to 800 Palo Alto businesses.
- PATMA also provides Palo Alto in-commuters with subsidized Waze Carpool rides, without income restriction.
- PATMA also provides TDM services to multi-family residential, major employers, mixed-use projects, hotels, schools, and medical facilities.

Our fee-for-TDM service portfolio includes:

- TDM Implementation Plans for office/employers, residential, hotels, schools, mixed-use, medical centers, etc.
- For project entitlements, TDM analysis using a flexible VMT/GHG/trip reduction model based on quantified real-world results, enabling collaborative what-if scenario planning to maximize cost-efficacy.
- TDM compliance monitoring and reporting by properties to the public sector.
- Shuttle operation, including quality assurance monitoring and customer support.
- Transit pass program for Caltrain, SamTrans, VTA, and Dumbarton Express, including discounts for low-income / below-market-rate commuters.
- Bike commute incentive program.
- Waze Carpooling discount.
- Lyft discount
- Emergency Ride Home
- Commute surveys that increase TDM program utilization by 30% (another unique-in-the-U.S. activity) and improve COPA's Business Registry.
- New employee/student commuting orientation and one-on-one commuting assistance for employees and students.

Our programs have the largest scale in Palo Alto. We pool resources across projects to provide TDM cost-effectively beyond the capabilities of a single, isolated project.

- PATMA has reduced demand for more than 300 parking spaces, equivalent to a \$20M parking structure.
- PATMA enjoys a strong relationship with the City of Palo Alto, which provides a Board member and a staff liaison. The majority of our funding comes from City of Palo Alto parking permit revenue.
- Out of approximately 40 proposals, PATMA was one of only two winners of a \$100,000 federal Transportation Research Board "Transit IDEA" grant to increase bike commuting. For this project, PATMA's unique entrepreneurship and software development expertise enable the development of the technologically-intensive location-tracking fintech mobile app. PATMA is pioneering this nationally visible bike program with 20 partners.
- PATMA also enjoys a unique position among U.S. TMAs in "COVID-safe return-to-work," pioneering safe protocols and developing the most accurate forecasting methodology for post-COVID commute mode share.
- ALTRANS TMA Inc. provides staffing services to PATMA. ALTRANS is a 29-year-old Bay Area firm providing TDM services to TMAs and employers, including shuttle bus operation and analytics.

2.1 PATMA CY 2021-2023 Strategic Plan Strategies

(in priority order)

1. Collaborate with City Council to define "self-sustaining," also known as "graduation." Part of this notion is to develop revenue beyond COPA funding and to collaborate sub-regionally to increase cost-efficacy.

- Currently, the main funding source for PATMA is the University Avenue Parking Fund, where out-of-town commuters and employers pay in. The commute behavior nexus of SOV commuters paying for the TMA's trip reduction is more direct than other funding mechanisms. Through this mechanism, residents pay nothing for the TMA. The TMA will develop an understanding of why Council prefers to move away from the Parking Fund.
 - In the past, Council has expressed interest in providing funding for the TMA via a business tax. The TMA will explain U.S. TMA funding precedents (please see [Appendix C: TMA Funding Precedents](#)) and will develop an understanding of Council's thinking about funding.
 - Understand Council's reaction to the TMA's graduation progress {\$100,000 federal Bike Love grant, \$141,600/year Marriotts TDM, two additional fee-for-TDM-service workstreams, cost-saving collaboration with MVgo}. Collaborate with Council to balance Board meeting transparency (open-to-the-public-meetings) against the need to maintain sensitive client relationships.
 - Advocate for COPA's 2021 TDM Ordinance Update to honor Council's "self-sustaining" definition. Once the definition of "self-sustaining" is set, define annual progress goals.
2. Cost-efficacy: Decrease cost per SOV reduced by 60%. We expect to lower costs via the Caltrain Go Pass Donation Program and via Bike Love.
 3. Increase cars removed back to 118% of pre-pandemic levels (456 cars) in June '22.
 - Pre-pandemic in Feb '20, cars removed was 387. The lowest point in the pandemic was 36 cars removed in May of '20.
 4. Organization Growth. Appoint a new Board Chair. Add one or more Board members.
 5. Cash Flow Management. In anticipation of tight funding combined with significant program growth, expertly manage cash flow by throttling back programs as needed in Dec '21, Mar '22, and June '22.
 - Using PATMA's advanced methodology, a Spring 2022 commute survey can be expected to increase program uptake by 30%. Before embarking on the survey, PATMA will ensure there is financial capability for this increase. The survey could be tightly coupled with improving COPA's Business Registry. As an alternative, PATMA can forego the opportunity to increase program uptake by administering a less innovative commute survey.

3. FAQ for Citizen Watchdogs

We encourage scrutiny of our operations by COPA and citizen watchdogs, including pointed questions asking us to justify our existence. Previously, we benefited from a "nonprofit audit" undertaken by the City Auditor. Some watchdog questions are repetitious, to the point where we can provide this FAQ that can help inform subsequent questions/issues that are submitted:

3.1 ROI, metrics, management & administrative overhead

WATCHDOG ISSUE: PATMA is a small, one-city TMA focused on two commercial cores. Due to Covid, the potential for PATMA success has been significantly reduced by clinical precautions and preference for

WFH. The duration of these factors is unknown but easing steadily. Palo Alto's ambition for TDM and TMA potential also is severely limited by the higher ROI programs operated by Stanford University, Stanford Medical Center/School, and Stanford Research Park's SRPgo.

TDM is expensive. The claim that PATMA has low ROI is false. PATMA is the national leader in creating advanced TDM metrics, having invented the apples-to-apples comparison metric: "Annual cost of a single non-SOV commute." Thanks to City Councilmembers, including Eric Filseth, for urging PATMA to move from touchy-feely "effort-based" TDM metrics to MBA-style "performance-based" metrics. By the apples-to-apples measure, PATMA operates programs that are cost-competitive with major employer TDM programs and SRPgo. Unlike major employers, Stanford Campus TDM is more cost-effective. Motivated partly by the 1980's General Use Permit I ("add buildings with no new net peak hour trips"), Stanford Campus TDM has a \$0 "Annual cost of a single non-SOV commute." The Gates Foundation has a negative \$432 cost of a year's worth of trip reduction:

Row #	For comparison: TDM Program efficacy	Annual cost of non-SOV commute
1	Gates Foundation TDM: \$12 SOV fee yields 32% SOV	-\$432
2	"Stanford-like" TDM: \$3 SOV fee yields 50% SOV	\$0
3	Self-motivated bike or carpool	\$0
4	Go Pass for downtown TechCo at 35% Caltrain mode	\$814
5	Go Pass for Stanford campus @ 17% mode share	\$1,676
6	Go Pass for an employer with 10% mode share	\$2,850
7	Private express bus service from SF, 25 riders	\$3,508
8	New structured parking space (SOV commute)	\$3,908
9	Employer housing stipend to live close to work	\$10,000

Table 3: from PATMA's CY2018 Annual Report. Explanations and calculations for each row are provided.

Compared to typical US TDM program efficacy, PATMA is cost-effective:

PATMA Program Efficacy	Annual cost of non-SOV commute
Waze Carpool	\$1,224
Transit Pass Subsidy - pass outlay	\$1,572
Transit pass subsidy including staff time: \$2,072	
Lyft Program	\$1,855
Scoop Program	\$2,729

Table 4: from PATMA's CY2018 Annual Report.

PATMA's management and administrative overhead is low compared to other TMAs. During COVID, PATMA developed the Bike Love program and built a fee-for-TDM-services business, building two new PATMA programs. Pre-COVID, the TMA:

- Lowered hourly labor costs to one-half of other Bay Area TMAs.

- Decreased management overhead percentage-of-expense to 10.5%.

In comparison, larger TMAs have higher management overhead:

- Chester County TMA (\$1.6M annual revenue) 15%
- Greater Valley Forge TMA (\$1.2M) 22%
- St. Paul TMO (\$1.2M) 16%
- Washington Park (Portland) (\$1.1M) 14%

Our well-researched insights into WFH are covered in Appendix B.

3.2 Fold PATMA into COPA's Office of Transportation?

WATCHDOG COMMENT: Please consider folding PATMA into the COPA OOT (Office of Transportation), bringing the work in-house.

PATMA staff (Steve Raney & Kruti Ladani) combine for more than 40 hours per week of labor, so the TMA's work cannot be added to the duties of an existing COPA staffer. A new Full-Time-Equivalent (FTE) COPA staff member would be required. PATMA's annual labor cost is 38% less than the average annual \$241K burdened cost of a COPA employee.

PATMA's work requires a unique skill set. It will be challenging for COPA to hire an FTE with the necessary skillset:

Unique PATMA staff capabilities:

- Bizdev: Ranked #1 out of 79 proposals to win a \$1.1M FTA Mobility on Demand Sandbox grant.
- Bizdev: Ranked #2 out of 40 proposals to win a \$346K TRB Transit IDEA grant.
- Operate U.S.'s largest equity- and employee-retention-increasing transit pass program. Data-scraping backend. Bilingual rider support.
- U.S.'s first Apple/Google Wallet (fintech) bike commute incentive program.
- Mobile app software product development and project management.
- Commute surveys that increase TDM program utilization by 30%. 3X higher response rate with 40% lower cost than the previous vendor. Provide better data for COPA Business Registry.
- Inventor: MBA-style TDM metrics including "cost per year per SOV de-generated."
- Inventor: Mobility on Demand-based regional 50% SOV Cap, including state bill.
- Inventor: Rapid ranking of eight regional congestion pricing policies on {political viability, equity, cost-efficacy, ease-of-implementation, congestion reduction, GHG reduction}, in collaboration with MTC, Bay Area Council, FWHA, and WSDOT.
- MBA-style post-COVID forecast of commute traffic level and lunchtime retail foot traffic.
- COVID-safe return-to-office planning, mode split forecasting, and confidence-boosting messaging.
- Authored 18 peer-reviewed TDM and transportation research papers.
- From an operations and customer support standpoint, it matters that PATMA staff reside in PA and San Mateo, closer than other staffing options.

3.3 Single-city, small employer TMA

WATCHDOG ISSUE: I continue to question PATMA's potential for success as a single-city, small employer TMA. I can support TMA and city staff to search for proven small-employer model TMA in comparable

regions anywhere in the US. If best practices exist, let's understand their success before, during, and after Covid 19.

PATMA has no peers. We are unique. You are experiencing best practices in Palo Alto. See Section 2 above, "About PATMA," for five PATMA activities that are unique-in-the-U.S.

PATMA bylaws have been changed to encourage PATMA to provide fee-for-TDM-services to nearby cities, as part of helping to accelerate sub-regional TDM collaborations. PATMA and MVgo formed a cost-saving collaboration to bring free public transit Caltrain shuttle service to San Antonio Road by the Marriotts. This represents the first sub-regional collaboration between two TMAs.

3.4 Scenario planning for slower/faster recovery?

WATCHDOG COMMENT: For FY22, COPA has contingency planning to address slower recovery. Rather than selecting a "most likely" scenario, Caltrain developed four "plausible and divergent" future scenarios, with preparations to adapt to reality as it evolves.

Palo Alto depends heavily on inbound office/retail/restaurant customers, employees, and tenants. It has been nearly impossible to project return-to-normal. The City is developing scenarios to anticipate tenant and sales tax metrics. Integrating these scenarios into PATMA operations will be a challenge.

Garage occupancy and foot traffic are a proxy for local economic recovery, although the citizen car count method may not be as accurate as a traffic engineer. It's been observed that streets are filled up while the garages are empty. Typically, Thur/Fri are the busiest at noon. As the City's parking enforcement changes, these observations will change accordingly. Saturdays have more garage usage throughout the day rather than typical lunch/dinner peak times.

I ask that PATMA devote significant time to disclose how PATMA revenues and expenses will flex to uncertain expectations of the employees and employers served by the PATMA.

Twice in the past, PATMA has throttled back our overly-popular programs to prevent bankruptcy. We have a proven track record of expert cash flow management and nimbly reacting as future scenarios become a reality.

In the case of a slower economic recovery scenario, our financial levers include:

- reducing labor costs.
- reducing program costs via throttling.
- in Section 1, we ask the COPA to assist in lowering our Caltrain transit pass costs.
- PATMA's unique, persuasive commute survey increases program participation by 30% and provides improved data for COPA's Business Registry. If there isn't a way to fund 30% program growth, we won't undertake the commute survey (or we'll neuter the survey).
- increasing grant writing and philanthropic fundraising.
- growing our fee-for-TDM-service business. We have verbal agreements for two new projects. In Section 1, we ask the Finance Committee for assistance in this.
- pursuing short-term loans.

In the case of a faster economic recovery scenario where program demand will outstrip our financial resources, our financial levers include:

- in Section 1, we ask to return to the Finance Committee in Feb 2022 to potentially make a mid-fiscal-year request for additional funds.
- reducing program costs via throttling.
- increasing grant writing and philanthropic fundraising.
- expanding our fee-for-TDM-service business.
- pursuing short-term loans.

At the 4/20/21 Finance Committee meeting, PATMA asked to contribute to a City-operated economic recovery dashboard with longitudinal tracking of the following monthly indicators:

- Clipboard patron, bike, pedestrian counts of downtown & Cal Ave (PATMA assists these)
- Parking garage occupancy (residents have been taking counts already)
- Parking permit revenue
- Monthly tax receipts (Kiely Nose indicated COPA is putting a focus on this)
- PATMA's monthly "cars removed" metric
- Commercial leasing status. PATMA has provided (and has offered to continue to) a CoStar commercial leasing report on 600 Palo Alto buildings encompassing 4M square feet in Downtown and Cal Ave.

4. 16-month Income Statement & Metrics

For COPA FY 2021 (July '21-June '22), City Council allowed the use of City funds to apply to both Downtown and California Avenue Business District TDM.

Due to the shelter-in-place public health order, April-June 2020 saw an 87% drop in demand for TMA transit fare subsidies and carpool app subsidies. During this time, VTA, SamTrans, and the AC Transit Dumbarton Express stopped collecting fares on their services, and the City suspended parking enforcement in the Downtown and California Avenue Business Districts. However, July-December 2020 showed increasing demand for TMA services as fare collection resumed by VTA on 8/1/20 and SamTrans on 8/16/20. Once fare collection resumed, the TMA saw demand for its services rise by 50%. September 2020 transit subsidy demand equaled 29% of the pre-pandemic peak.

February 2020 brought peak demand for TMA activity in Calendar Year 2020, with 387 cars removed from Downtown due to TMA programs. 82 cars were removed from the Downtown and California Avenue Business Districts during September 2020, and cars removed per month grew by 12 cars per month. The direct subsidy cost per car removed remained stable at \$135 per car per month. The third COVID spike around the Thanksgiving and December 2020 holidays set the economic recovery back considerably, and impacted demand for TMA programs.

Demand for TMA services is expected to follow the public health orders. For example, more permissive public health orders allowing additional retail and business activity are likely to see a rise in demand for TMA services. Demand for these programs is also impacted by the City resuming residential permit and commercial parking restrictions.

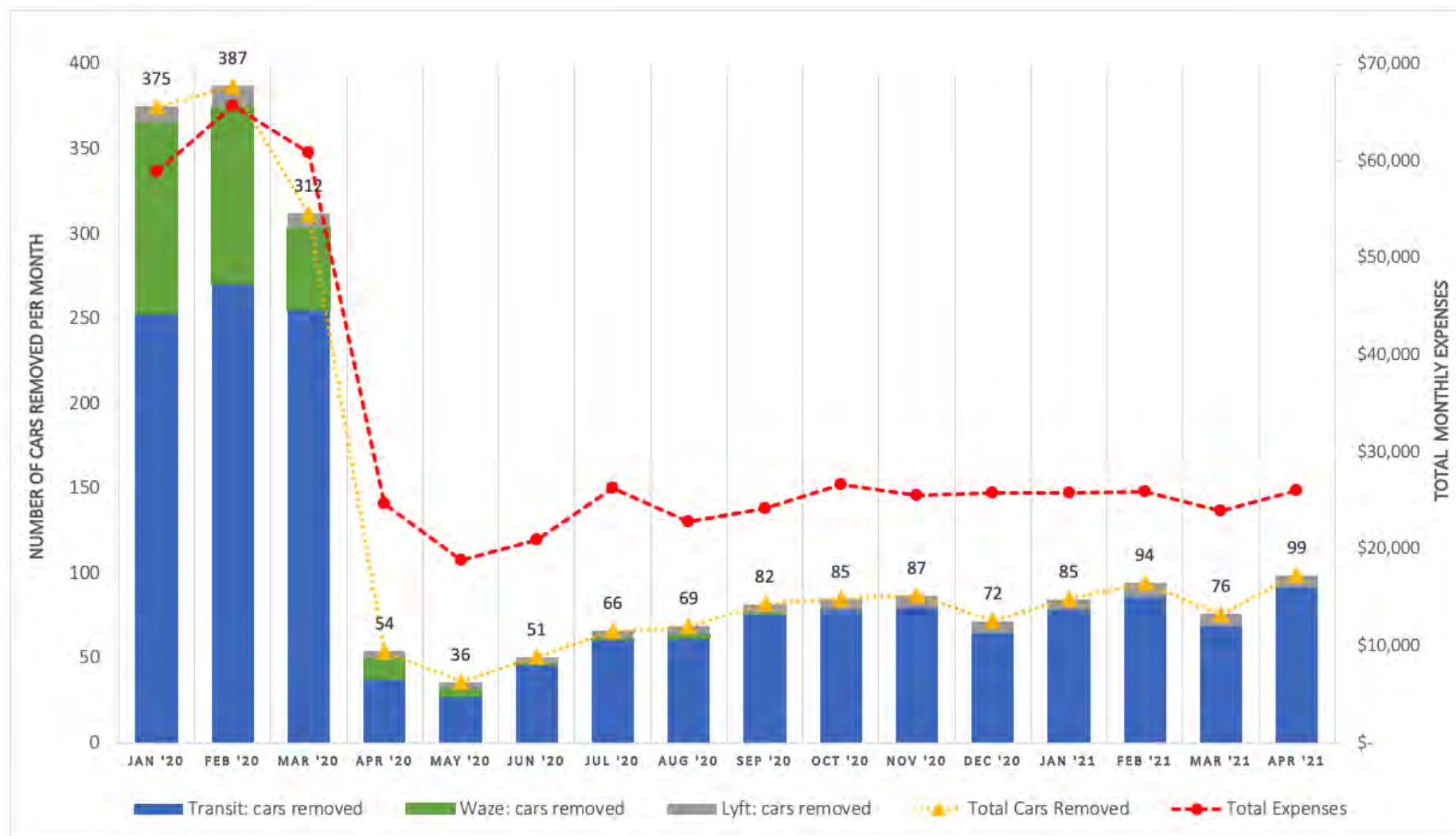


Figure: Graph showing the monthly cars removed and the total monthly expenses.

Category	Jan '20	Feb '20	Mar '20	Apr '20	May '20	Jun '20	Jul '20	Aug '20	Sep '20	Oct '20	Nov '20	Dec '20	totals	Jan '21	Feb '21	Mar '21	Apr '21
COPA FUNDS RECEIVED	\$187,500			\$187,500			\$187,500			\$87,500			\$650,000	\$87,500			\$87,500
EXPENSES																	
Administrative expense																	
Management Labor	\$6,140	\$6,140	\$6,324	\$6,324	\$6,324	\$6,324	\$6,324	\$6,324	\$6,324	\$6,324	\$6,324	\$6,324	\$86,832	\$6,324	\$6,324	\$6,324	\$6,324
Biz (rent, office, ins, etc)	\$1,019	\$1,480	\$1,042	\$1,414	\$1,075	\$1,268	\$1,053	\$339	\$317	\$1,247	\$169	\$193	\$10,619	\$42	\$64	\$42	\$654
Program expense																	
Transit subsidy	\$35,276	\$36,737	\$33,955	\$4,892	\$3,313	\$6,012	\$7,451	\$8,817	\$10,015	\$11,597	\$11,255	\$11,585	\$180,904	\$11,592	\$11,698	\$9,576	\$11,214
Program Operation Labor	\$10,420	\$6,140	\$6,324	\$6,324	\$6,324	\$6,324	\$6,324	\$6,324	\$6,324	\$6,324	\$6,324	\$6,324	\$68,492	\$6,324	\$6,324	\$6,324	\$6,324
Waze Carpool (Google)	\$4,500	\$13,482	\$11,147	\$4,068	\$1,101	\$261	\$93	\$120	\$126	\$90		\$3	\$34,991			\$9	
Lyft	\$1,590	\$1,754	\$2,092	\$1,705	\$757	\$739	\$821	\$959	\$1,095	\$1,136	\$1,426	\$1,425	\$15,498	\$1,474	\$1,526	\$1,672	\$1,589
Bike Love							\$4,200						\$4,200				
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$58,944	\$65,733	\$60,885	\$24,728	\$18,895	\$20,929	\$26,266	\$22,884	\$24,201	\$26,718	\$25,499	\$25,854	\$401,536	\$25,757	\$25,936	\$23,948	\$26,106
Savings due to COVID													\$248,464				

Metric	Jan '20	Feb '20	Mar '20	Apr '20	May '20	Jun '20	Jul '20	Aug '20	Sep '20	Oct '20	Nov '20	Dec '20		Jan '21	Feb '21	Mar '21	Apr '21
Transit: cars removed	253	271	255	37	28	46	61	62	76	78	80	65		78	86	69	92
Waze: cars removed	113	104	49	13	4	1	1	2	1	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Lyft: cars removed	9	12	8	4	4	4	4	5	5	7	7	7		7	8	8	8
TOTAL CARS REMOVED	375	387	312	54	35	51	66	68	82	85	87	72		85	95	77	100

Table 5: Monthly expenses and number of cars removed.

5. Funding Request “Commute Level” Forecast

PATMA has developed a forecast of 2022 Commute Level and lunchtime retail foot traffic. The forecast covers Summer 2021 - Summer 2022 for the “most likely scenario” of:

- downtown & Cal Ave Palo Alto commute traffic level
- and lunchtime retail foot traffic level

relative to 2019. In contrast, Caltrain is developing four “plausible and divergent” future scenarios and is planning to respond to whichever occurs flexibly.¹

We have accessed some unique data sources:

- CoStar commercial leasing report on 600 Palo Alto buildings encompassing 4M square feet
- Property manager insights on “zombie leases”
- Smith Travel Research hotel "RevPAR" forecast
- PATMA’s COVID transportation trends and confidence-in-travel-modes analysis
- Updated work-from-home predictions by Stanford Prof. Nicholas Bloom
- UCLA Anderson’s "Roaring Twenties" economic forecast

Forecast: On 5/1/22, the number of commuters leaving the house each weekday will be 80% of 2019:

FORECAST	Jul-Sep 21	Oct-Dec 21	Jan-Mar 22	Apr-June 22
% commute activity vs. 2019, WFH-enabled jobs (50% of jobs)	25%	40%	54%	70%
% commute activity vs. 2019, other jobs (retail, etc.)	50%	63%	76%	90%
Combined	38%	52%	65%	80%

Table 6: Commute Forecast for spring 2022.

We split our commute analysis in two:

- Work From Home (WFH)-enabled commuters, where workers will gradually Return to Office (RTO). Employment has been stable in this sector. Employees in offices will strengthen retail performance.
- And non-WFH-enabled workers, where employment has been less stable.

In Santa Clara County, we have a 50/50 split between WFH-enabled and non-WFH-enabled.

WFH-enabled commute level =

- function of {office leasing decrease, COVID anxiety, telework increase, % students in classroom}

Other jobs commute level =

- Function of {WFH-enabled commute level, Palo Alto WFH resident retail trips, federal stimuli, employment decrease, leasing decrease, COVID anxiety}

¹ The Caltrain scenarios are combinations of two factors: {high/modest Work From Home (WFH) increase} and {high/low public support for Caltrain funding}. [Caltrain Biz Strategy: Scenario Planning](#), Feb 2021

Some of our data sources are economically optimistic and some are economically pessimistic. Our forecast leans optimistic. We have undertaken stepwise refinement, subjecting the forecast to critique by subject matter experts.²

Our analysis detail (below) includes: assumptions, inputs, sources, WFH, and transportation.

Assumptions

- Any substantial hurdles to leasing vacant space in Palo Alto's second downtown, Cal Ave, will be reduced. (Reactivation of the Parking Assessment District might be warranted. Increased ability to change uses may help.)
- All schools will be safe and open in the Fall, eliminating the need for parents to stay home.
- Silicon Valley will avoid a fourth COVID wave.
- A federal infrastructure program, The American Jobs Plan, will be enacted.
- Overall COVID anxiety levels among people will gradually decrease. First-movers will prove out the return to the new normal, making followers sufficiently confident to jump in. Some Work From Home (WFH) survey research incorrectly forecasts based on the current (rather than future) anxiety level.
- We make no assumption about requiring vaccination passports to re-enter buildings. Some Universities are already mandating passports. We are watching to see if influential first-mover employers will create a tipping point for mandatory vaccination - will interpretation of liability motivate this? This will accelerate confidence and economic recovery.

Forecast Inputs Table

INPUTS	Jul-Sep 21	Oct-Dec 21	Jan-Mar 22	Apr-June 22
% Bay Area eligible vaccinated	80%	85%	90%	90%
% office bldgs re-opened	65%	80%	90%	95%
% Office workers in the office each day	40%	50%	60%	70%
% hotel \$ per avail rm vs. 2019	62%	66%	70%	74%
% occupied comm. space vs. 2019.	85%	88%	91%	94%
% comm. lease \$/sf vs. 2019. (estimated forgiveness added to CoStar)	70%	77%	84%	91%
% days week HS students physically in school	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 7: Commute forecast inputs

² Thanks to Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce and Premier Properties for March review & improvements.

Economically Optimistic Sources

UCLA Forecast:

- There will be a "Roaring Twenties" economic snapback
- [3/10/21: UCLA Anderson is bullish](#)
- 12/9/20: [booming 6% growth in Apr-June 2021](#), followed by 3% growth each Q into 2023.
- The tourist-dependent hospitality sector will remain 20% below peak until 12/2023. Travelers are concerned about safety. Consumers feel pinched by lost income.
- "It has permanently eliminated many service and retail sector jobs and made the economy more unequal."
- "If WFH & online shopping persists, we'll be over-supplied on office and retail space."

Vaccinations

- California Governor Newsom expects that the state will be [fully re-opened on 6/15/21](#).
- 4/6/21: Santa Clara County Public Health (SCCPH) expects that 80% of eligible people will be vaccinated by August 2021.
- U.S. willingness to vaccinate has been growing with the number of vaccines given. Now only 17% of eligible people are anti-vax. Bay Area has fewer Republican and evangelical refuseniks, so it will have a higher vaccination rate than the U.S. average. 3/30/21: <https://www.yahoo.com/news/only-17-percent-americans-now-151200713.html>.

Jobs

- As of February 2021, the U.S. economy was down 10M jobs since Dec 2019, from 152M to 142M. 4.3 million left the labor force, with the rest becoming unemployed. The "realistic unemployment rate" is 8.3%, not the reported 6.3%. Leisure/hospitality is down 4M jobs.
- The [March 2021 U.S. jobs report](#) was encouraging, adding 916K jobs.
- On 4/16/21, Joint Venture reports: [Silicon Valley Unemployment Falls To 5.1%](#). Rate is less than half of the April high of 11.6% and higher than 3.2% mid-March last year. As the lockdown eases amid declining coronavirus case rates, Silicon Valley's unemployment rate is back to where it was in November 2020. Late 2020 economic restrictions, along with a wave of COVID-19 cases, contributed to an unemployment rate reaching nearly 6% in December. Since then, the region has experienced a gradual decline to 5.1% as of March. The March data reflect month-over-month employment upticks in retail, social assistance and ambulatory health care services, and restaurants and food services.

Return to Workplace

- [Google joins tech's reopening wave with April return to office](#), 3/31/21. Google: some U.S. employees back this month (April). Workers can voluntarily return or continue working remotely until September. Plans to have employees back in the office three days a week in the fall as it tests a hybrid work model.
- [3/31/21 article: Facebook's phased reopening starts in May for 10% of regl workforce](#).
- 3/31/21 by The Information. Re Amazon Return to Workplace: "Our plan is to return to an office-centric culture as our baseline." Amazon employees in the U.S. "will start coming into the office through the summer, with most back in the office by early fall."
- [3/31/21 article](#): Uber re-opened its SF offices on Mar 29th, at 20% occupancy and on a voluntary basis.

- Salesforce Tower reopens in May.
<https://www.cnbc.com/2021/04/12/salesforce-will-reopen-san-francisco-tower-in-may.html>
- [A study led by the Greater Washington \(DC\) Partnership](#) (3/31/21, WaPo) - An alliance of the region's top chief executives, found employers expect 75 percent of their workforce to return by the end of fall.

Economically Pessimistic Sources

Commercial Leasing

- [CBRE 2021 Outlook](#). Expect a gradual improvement, no Roaring 20s. Bioscience demand for space in Silicon Valley will continue to increase.
- Premier Properties (large local property manager): As of Mar '21, commercial leasing revenue is off by a vast, hidden amount. Some "leased" offices have gone into "storage mode" - empty with a 60% rent discount - sort of a Zombie Lease. For retail, some rent has been forgiven. Some new retail lease offers expect a gradual recovery - for example: first six months free, 30% of 2019 rate for next 12 mo, 70% of 2019 rate for months 19-30.
- CoStar downtown PA commercial leasing report (3.7M sf, 447 bldgs). a) "Vacancy" up from 6% in Apr '20 to 12% Mar '21 (does not include "storage mode"). b) Asking rent/sf down: \$8.20 in 4/2020 to \$6.80 in 3/2021.
- CoStar Cal Ave commercial leasing report (117 bldgs, 1.1M sf). a) "Vacancy" up from 6% in Apr '20 to 12% Mar '21, b) Median months to lease a space: 18 mo.

[California Restaurant Association](#)

- Up to 900,000 out of 1,400,000 California restaurant jobs have been lost.
- Nationwide, 110,000 restaurants – or 1 in 6 – closed
- "The economic losses to restaurants, our workforce, and their communities have been disproportionately enormous. The road to true recovery will be long."

Hotels

- [Smith Travel Research \(STR\) is one of the best sources](#). They expect 2024 for a full Bay Area hotel recovery. RevPAR is revenue per available room:

STR Hotel fcast (inputs)	2019 actual	2020	2021	2022	2023
% Rev per avail room (RevPAR) vs. 2019	100%	51%	66%	83%	89%
Average Daily Rate	\$131	\$104	\$109		
Occupancy	66%	42%	52%		
RevPAR in \$	\$87	\$43	\$75		

Table 8: Smith Travel Research hotel recovery forecasts

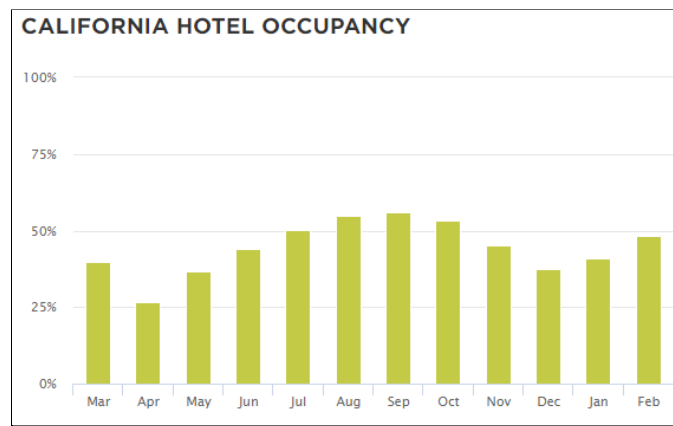


Figure: Mar 2020 - Feb 2021

Work From Home (WFH) Analyses

Work from Home (WFH) - Stanford Professor Nicholas Bloom

- expects about 1.5 WFH days per week post-COVID, for workers who can work from home (50% in Silicon Valley). Workers desire 40% of working days from home. Firms are planning on 20 to 25% of working days from home. Better educated and higher-income workers will WFH more than others.
- Broadly speaking, I would say Palo Alto will be similar or faster than the national recovery in terms of jobs and income because of the outperformance of tech, plus the relatively higher rates of vaccinations. With Stanford returning to campus gradually, this should also help retail spending a bit.
- Longer run as I mentioned, I think WFH is net neutral probably for PA as I suspect we are about net neutral on commuting (probably more people commute in than out, but higher earners live here so having them stay locally for 2/5 days a week will boost local spending to offset the reduction in local commuting in).
- [Why working from home will stick](#), 1/21/21: [How WFH works out, June 2020](#).

Work from Home (WFH) - Glassdoor

- Most employees Prefer a Hybrid/WFH Model, Even After Offices Reopen. 86% say they would prefer to WFH at least part of the time after offices reopen.
<https://www.glassdoor.com/blog/covid-19-return-to-work-survey/>

Work from Home (WFH): [Remote Work in the Bay Area](#): Preliminary Findings

- By Bay Area Council's Economic Institute, 9/25/20
- Bay Area has the highest % of remote eligible workers in the state.
- Within the region, San Francisco and Santa Clara counties (both 51 percent) have the highest share of their workforce able to work from home.
- As average income increases, the share of workers eligible to work from home rises.
- Among those employed in the Bay Area in occupations with an average annual income below \$40,000, only 6 percent are eligible to work from home.
- Among those employed in an occupation with an average annual income over \$150,000, 76 percent are eligible for remote work.
- There are racial and ethnic inequities in the share of workers eligible to work from home:
- 51 percent of the white workforce is eligible to work remotely, while only 33 percent of Black individuals and 30 percent of Latinx individuals employed in the region are remote work eligible.

Transportation Info

[PATMA's COVID transport & confidence-in-travel-modes - Appendix B, 3/8/21](#)

- PATMA's COVID transportation trends and confidence-in-travel-modes analysis
- SJSU MTI is bullish re transit bouncing back.
- Bay Area Healthy Transit (BART, AC Transit are leaders) provides confidence-boosting messaging for safe return-to-transit

[Federal transit stimulus for the Bay Area is providing more \\$ than expected losses from Mar '20 thru June '21. Caltrain & VTA to get \\$39M, SamTrans \\$16M](#)

- Bay Area transit received \$2.2B from the first stimulus, covering expected losses. The Bay Area is likely to receive an additional \$1.7B.

[BART ridership and revenue likely to lag.](#)

- Budget officials say both will be behind pre-pandemic levels for most of the decade. But even with greater access to coronavirus vaccines over the coming months and the Bay Area workforce's eventual return in some form to office buildings, agency officials don't expect ridership to return even to 80% of pre-pandemic levels until the end of the decade. BART Financial Planning Director Michael Eiseman told the agency's Board of Directors that BART's ridership growth in recent years has been inextricably linked to the economic growth of downtown San Francisco. "Before the pandemic, two-thirds of our trips had an origin or destination at Market Street station," Eiseman said. "So if those regional travel trends do shift away from downtown, our recovery may depend on our ability to adapt and serve other markets."

Cars Removed and Cost per SOV Removed Forecast

PATMA removed 387 cars from the downtown area in Feb 2020, just before the pandemic hit. Based on our Commute Level Forecast, in Spring 2020, we expect to be at 80% commute level for downtown and for Cal Ave, equaling 100% of a large "downtown-only" month. In addition to recovering PATMA cars removed to pre-pandemic levels with our current programs in June 2022, we add in the Bike Love program that grows to an additional 60 cars removed. To fit our funding request, we froze growth at the June 2022 level for the next three months. PATMA has the ability to throttle back programs to meet cash flow requirements. The table below provides our Feb 2020 pre-pandemic month, and then shows program growth from June 2021 through June 2022, with Bike Love initiating in July 2021:

Metric	Feb '20	Jun '21	Jul '21	Aug '21	Sep '21	Oct '21	Nov '21	Dec '21	Jan '22	Feb '22	Mar '22	Apr '22	May '22	Jun '22	Jul '22	Aug '21	Sep '21
Caltrain: cars removed	182	73	82	91	100	109	118	127	136	145	154	163	173	182	182	182	182
Bus: cars removed	89	36	40	45	49	54	58	63	67	72	76	81	85	89	89	89	89
Waze: cars removed	104	0	9	19	28	38	47	57	66	75	85	94	104	113	113	113	113
Lyft: cars removed	12	7	7	8	8	9	9	10	10	10	11	11	12	12	12	12	12
Bike Love: cars removed		0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	60	60	60
TOTAL CARS REMOVED	387	116	144	173	201	229	258	286	314	343	371	399	428	456	456	456	456

We forecast a 60% reduction in monthly subsidy per car removed from

- \$141/month in June 2021 to \$56/month in June 2022. (\$1,698/year to \$676/year.)

This will represent one of the lowest TDM costs in the U.S. The primary driver of this cost reduction will be the initiation of Caltrain's Go Pass Donation Program, which we expect to launch in January 2022. In Dec 2021, Caltrain will represent 58% of our program subsidy, going straight to zero in the next month. Our new Bike Love program also projects to be substantially more cost-effective than bus, Waze Carpool, or Lyft subsidies. The graph below shows projected cars removed growth on the left-hand axis, with average monthly subsidy on the right-hand axis. Our first data point shows the pre-pandemic Feb 2020 level.

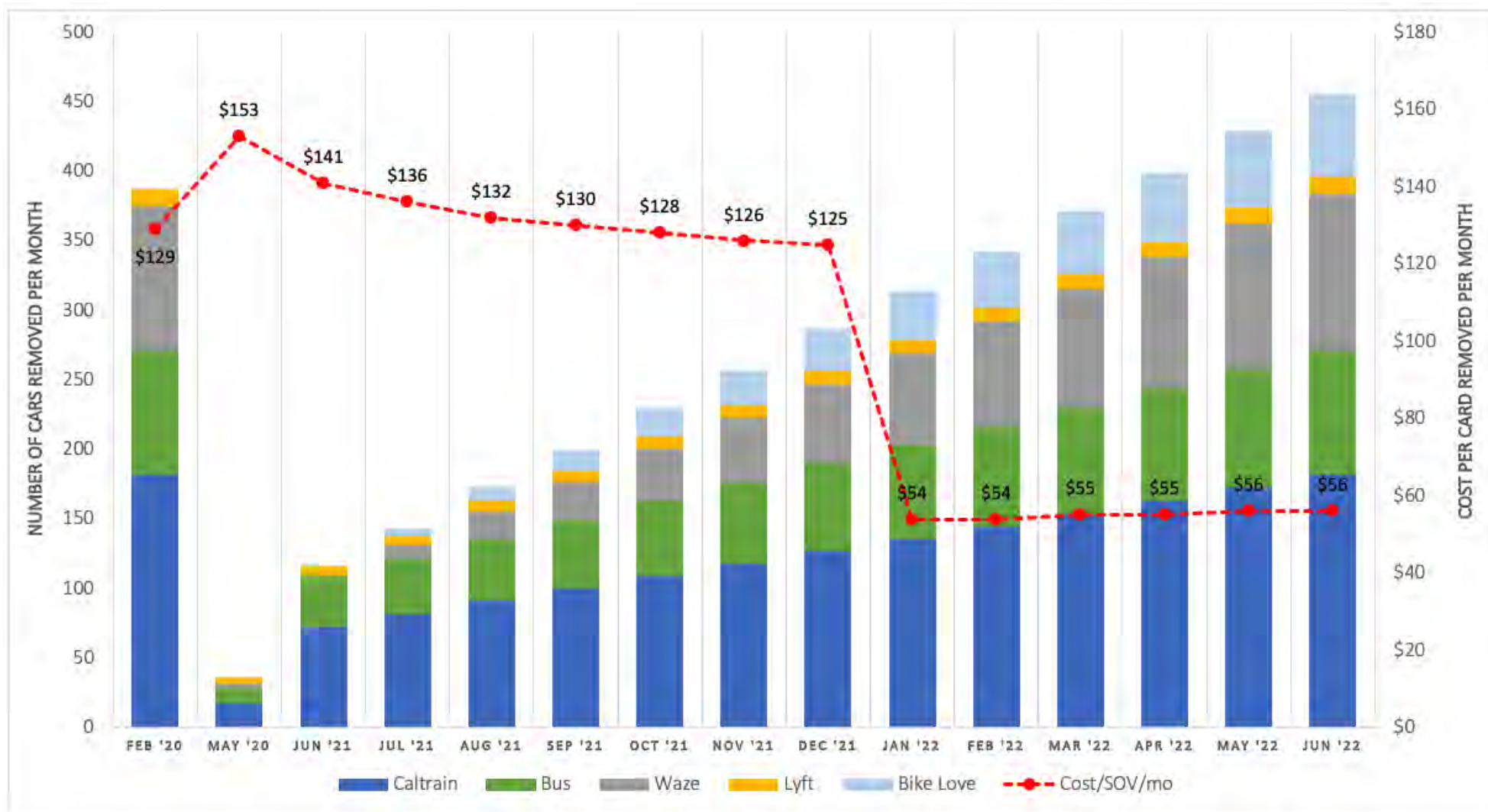


Figure: Graph showing the monthly cars removed forecast, FY22

6. Bike Love Commuter Incentives Project

Who, What, When, Where

- **CONCEPT SUMMARY:** Palo Alto TMA is developing a first-in-the-world “Bike Love” pilot with software partner ByCycling. We will provide daily incentives for verifiable active mode first-mile commute trips to transit and active mode commutes from home to work, up to \$600 per year per commuter. Geofenced location tracking will confirm bike, e-bike, e-scooter, and e-skateboard trips. Within 60 seconds, incentive dollars may be redeemed at local merchants via Apple/Google Wallet e-debit cards. By restricting transaction authorization to local merchants, program funds are recycled back into the local economy, multiplying program impact. Bike Love scales to other cities and major employer commute programs, increasing transit ridership at no cost to transit operators.
- [Bike Love Summary in 60 seconds \(video\)](#)
- Our 15-month project, funded by a \$100,000 TRB Transit IDEA grant, commenced Feb 2021. We will develop and implement Bike Love for commuting to Palo Alto job sites, measuring program efficacy and scalability. Total budget, including partner matching, is \$346,000. Our project begins with a five-month software development and validation phase, followed by a ten-month deployment phase.
- Not to brag, but we estimate that about 40 TRB Transit IDEA grant proposals were submitted and two awards were made. So that’s approximately a 5% chance of winning.
- 20 research partners include federal Transportation Research Board, American Public Transit Association, public transit operators (Caltrain, VTA, LA Metro, City of Palo Alto, Commute.org, Austin Capital Metro Transit), Bay Area MTC, Caltrain’s secure bike storage vendors (BikeHub, eLock BikeLink), City of Menlo Park, City of Redwood City, bike shop (Palo Alto Bicycles), regional planning advocates (Silicon Valley Leadership Group), fintech industry leaders (Virtual Incentives, Marqeta, Sutton Bank), Silicon Valley Bike Coalition, & Altrans TMA Inc.
- About the federal Transportation Research Board’s “[Transit IDEA](#)” grant program: “The Transit IDEA Program (started in 1992) is a part of the Transit Cooperative Research Program and is designed to foster innovative concepts that have the potential to enhance security, increase ridership, improve efficiency for transit agencies, and protect the environment. IDEA programs differ from traditional research programs in two ways: IDEA projects are initiated by researchers rather than by a request for proposals, and funding can support initial testing of unproven concepts.”
- Our fintech software stack: Sutton Bank issues reloadable, digital VISA cards for our commuters’ Apple/Google Wallets. Virtual Incentives, a Marqeta white labeler, provides access/APIs for the cards. ByCycling authorizes transactions, constrained by merchant location and by each commuter’s incentive balance. We are pushing the edge of digital incentive wallets, bypassing physical gift cards.
- Bike Love addresses the public transit First-Mile problem, which consists of: 1) Transit agencies have difficulty increasing ridership. According to Cato, San Jose-area transit ridership declined by 23% from 2008 to 2017. 2) Most commuters are “comfortable” walking less than a quarter mile to or from public transit stops. Problematically, the vast majority of Americans live outside the

comfortable walking distance. Hence, to increase transit ridership, there is a need to provide compelling options for potential transit riders to travel from home to transit. In addition, the City of Palo Alto's Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan calls for a doubling of biking and the Sustainability/Climate Action Plan calls for increased biking and transit use.

Selected Quotes

- “We find PATMA to be very innovative. We view them as a leader in the TDM field. We have referenced their pioneering annual cost of reducing one single-occupancy vehicle (SOV) commute metric that provides an apples-to-apples comparison between alternative modes.” - Avital Shavit, LA Metro Office of Extraordinary Innovation
- “.....the City is excited to learn from the innovative projects that the Palo Alto TMA is leading.” - Nicholas Yee, TDM Coordinator, City of Menlo Park
- “The Leadership Group applauds the potential to scale Bike Love to other cities.” - Silicon Valley Leadership Group
- (regarding FIRST MILE) “VTA supports active modes and recognizes the importance of bicycles as a way to extend the reach of transit. One of the greatest challenges we face as a transit operator is the low density of our suburban county and long distances to transit stops.”
- (regarding FIRST MILE) “Caltrain encourages passengers to use sustainable transportation modes, including bicycling, to get to and from stations.”
- Silicon Valley should be America's biking capital. According to SFMTA Executive Director Jeff Tumlin's keynote presentation at Joint Venture Silicon Valley's 2017 State of the Valley Conference,³ “American visitors to Amsterdam, Copenhagen and other European cities are startled to learn the bicycle is the dominant mode of commuting, despite the cold weather and challenging terrain. Why not Silicon Valley? We have a Mediterranean climate, a flat landscape, and a health-conscious population that cares about the environment.” Joint Venture and the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition produced the Silicon Valley Bike Vision report, providing a vision for Silicon Valley becoming the national bike commuting leader and a roadmap for getting there.⁴
- MTC expects that biking will win the most mode shift away from SOV commuting. From the MTC Horizon Futures Final Report presentation, slide 18: “When it comes to achieving mode shift to address traffic congestion across the future planning scenarios, strategies that prioritized active transportation saw the most pronounced shifts in the regional model. Given the low cost relative to other investments studied, the benefit-cost ratio is greater than one in all three Futures and the equity scores suggested that lower-income individuals received a larger share of accessibility benefits than higher-income individuals, meaning this strategy advances equity outcomes too.”
- Founded in 2017, we are ByCycling, a technology company that has developed a platform to help organizations change commuters' behavior towards active micromobility transport modes in a very easy and effective way. We aim to deliver meaningful change to organizations and communities, whether in reducing their carbon footprint or embracing a culture of wellness. We are an aggressively growing company that is focused on the very specific area of implementing Commuter Programs for organizations around the world. Backed by years of experience, we have learned that designing Commuter Programs needs to take into account the real needs and desires of the commuters themselves, who in many cases are not athletes or even dedicated riders. Commuters are making trips for the primary reason of getting to and from work (or school,

³ JVSU 2017 State of the Valley Conference, <https://youtu.be/V8rVOZUNRvE>.

⁴ Silicon Valley Bike Vision report, by JVSU and SVBC, <https://jointventure.org/publications/joint-venture-publications/1522-silicon-valley-bike-vision>

childcare, etc.) and need tools that respect and reward that specific behavior. We are sensitive to the fact that our “threshold users” (users whose behavior may not be strongly oriented toward either cars or bicycles) can actually be put off by barriers “to entry” for a Program or by the public display of too much information. - José Díaz, Founder and Director, ByCycling

Appendix A: COPA, Council, & PATMA Advocacy to Caltrain

4/12/21

TO:

- Vice Mayor Pat Burt, Caltrain Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG)
- Councilmember Lydia Kou, Council Liaison to PATMA

CC:

- Sylvia Star-Lack, COPA Staff Liaison to PATMA

Subject: Request re Caltrain Go Pass Donation Program

Dear Vice Mayor Burt and Councilmember Kou,

Over the past three years, PATMA has purchased \$582,000 in Caltrain monthly passes for low-income workers with median annual income of \$31,200.

Caltrain’s Board has agreed to an Employer Go Pass Donation Program. Caltrain staff are preparing an implementation plan that they indicate will come to Caltrain’s Board on June 3.

We expect the Donation Program to be something on the order of:

- Major employers buy Go Passes for all employees. More than 50% of Passes go unused.
- Employers distribute unused Go Passes to their part-time and contract workers
- Leftover Passes are donated to Caltrain, creating a pool of Passes
- Nonprofits submit applications for the unused Passes

OUR REQUEST: PATMA requests Council advocate to Caltrain to ensure that Caltrain prioritizes

- nonprofits that have previously purchased Caltrain transit passes for low-income commuters over
- nonprofits that have not previously purchased passes for low-income commuters.

For financial fairness, PATMA should receive \$582,000 worth of donated Caltrain passes before other nonprofits can obtain any donated passes.

In a year where COPA faces a budget shortfall and as PATMA accelerates Palo Alto economic recovery, forceful advocacy by Council to Caltrain will maximize PATMA program cost-efficacy.

DETAILS FOLLOW BELOW:

1. Our program changes lives, increases employee retention, and increases Palo Alto’s competitiveness.

Testimonials

- “Without this program, I wouldn’t be able to work here. **This is instrumental in helping people have a job out here.**”
- “Our hardest thing is hiring people. Alleviating an employee's cost of traveling to work by \$150/month is like **getting a \$1/hour raise.**”
- “Being able to offer potential employees the TMA transit pass gives us a **leg up to hire new employees.** For some people, it's a deciding point about whether they will work here or not.”
- “I love when my employees take the train because then they’re **on time for their shifts.** When they drive they’re often late because they’re stuck in traffic.”



The program changes lives and improves hiring

For program participants, the median income is \$31,200 while the mean income is \$31,440:

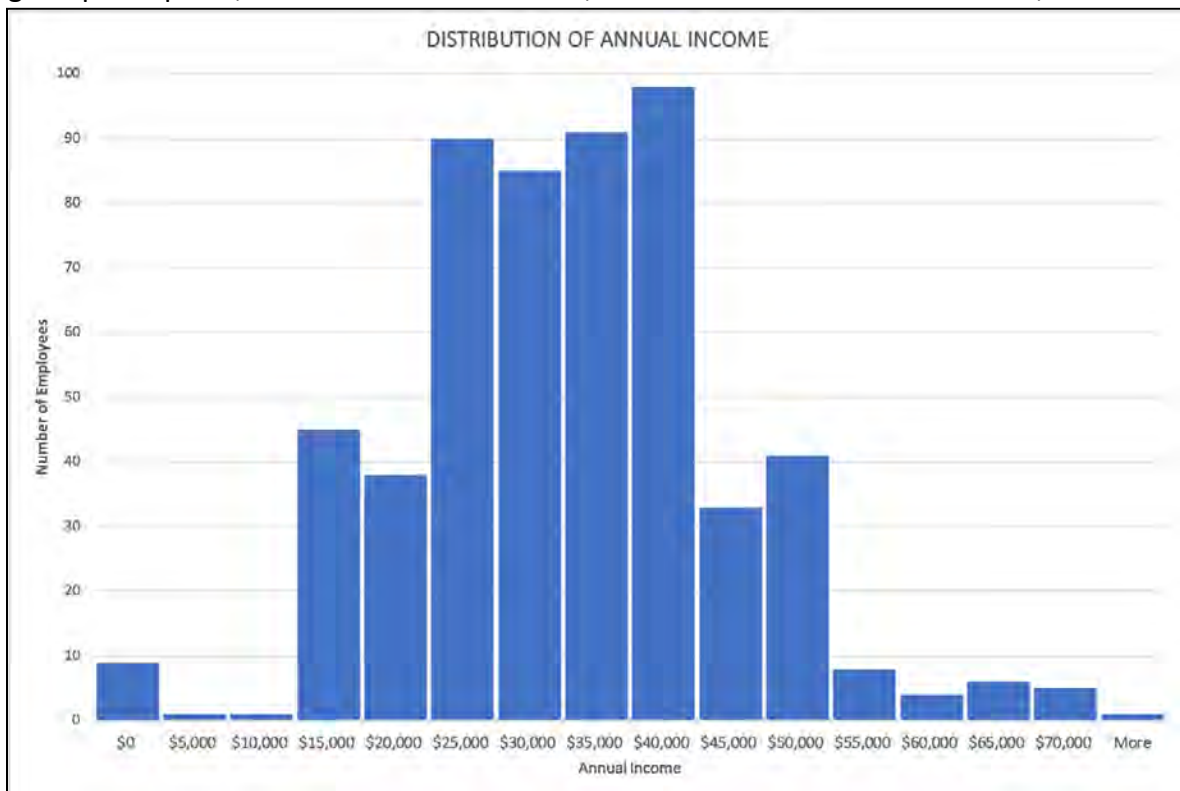


Figure: Annual income distribution of transit pass program participants

Downtown businesses have a 200% annual turnover (16% monthly turnover) of employees. The TMA's transit pass program reduces turnover to about half as much. A lower turnover rate means that the transit pass full subsidy also helps employers retain their employees by giving them a sustainable commute.

TRANSIT PASSES	Aug '18	Sep '18	Oct '18	Nov '18	Dec '18	Jan '19	Feb '19	Mar '19	Apr '19	May '19	Jun '19
Passes Activated	117	149	214	227	241	240	245	229	214	198	187
New applications	36	49	74	33	40	22	28	0	0	0	0
Turnover		17	9	20	26	23	23	16	15	16	11
Percent turnover		11.4%	4.2%	8.8%	10.8%	9.6%	9.4%	7.0%	7.0%	8.1%	5.9%

Table 9: Monthly turnover rate of transit pass program participants

The Federal Transit Administration highlighted this unique-in-the-U.S. program, in PATMA's peer-reviewed Social Equity and Accessibility: Low-income Transit Pass Program, for City of Palo Alto's Fair Value Commuting Project, Part of the Federal Transit Administration's Mobility on Demand Sandbox: <http://bit.ly/FVCequitySummary>

2. In the U.S., equity-increasing TDM programs are rare

A query on the national TDM professionals listserv (transp-tdm) produced only 11 additional equity-increasing programs, with none as generous as the PATMA Transit Subsidy Program.⁵

3. [Caltrain's equity analysis](#) motivated the creation of the Go Pass Donation Program

The analysis found lower prices for technology workers than for low-income commuters.

The finding that justifies the Donation Program:

- Caltrain shall prioritize the needs of riders/communities who depend on transit for essential travel. Caltrain will work to enhance equity in its system, making its services more accessible and relevant to lower income people and members of racial groups and communities who have historically been marginalized and overlooked in planning and government processes.
- [1/12/21 Friends of Caltrain article](#)

4. Past PATMA advocacy on this issue:

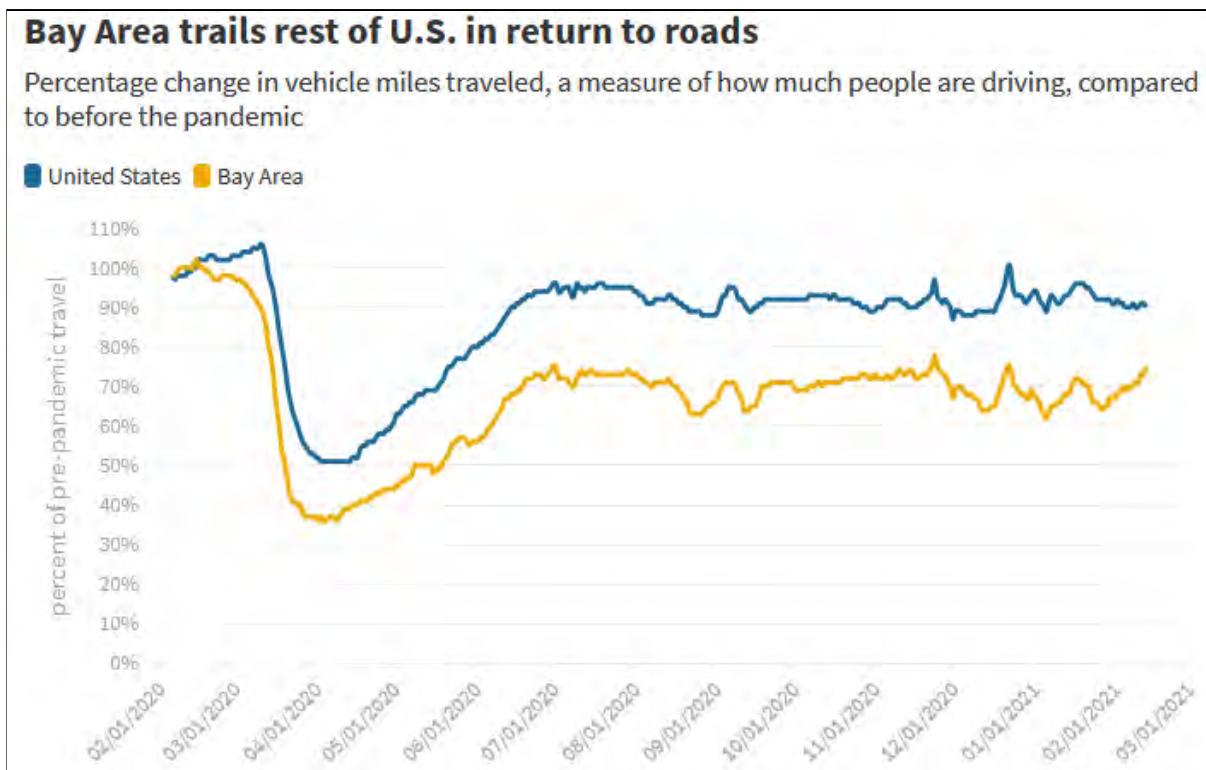
- Advocacy: [June 2017 memo](#) to Caltrain BOD requesting cost reduction.
- Advocacy: May 2018 PATMA letter to MTC in support of [Proposed Means-Based Fare Discount Program](#)
- [Support letter](#) for Caltrain means-based fare pilot for [Caltrain Jan 10, 2019 BOD mtng](#), item #9.

Thanks in advance for your consideration,
Palo Alto TMA

⁵ PATMA CY 2018 Annual Report: <http://bit.ly/PATMA2018report>, Section 2

Appendix B: May 2021 COVID Transportation Trends

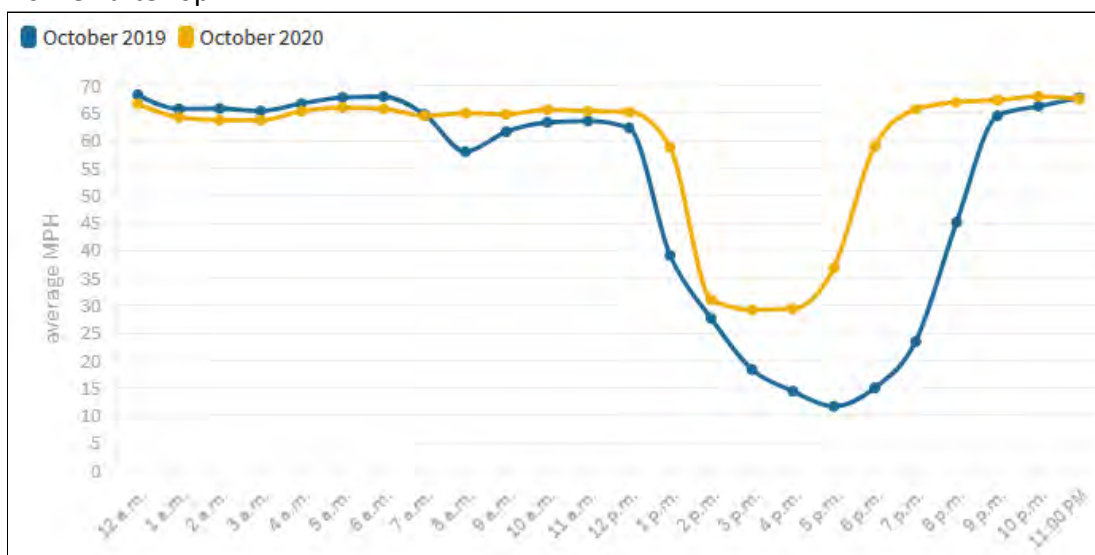
Recent Bay Area VMT & Congestion



[Source: Mercury News, 3/8/21](#)

Shorter and less severe Bay Area rush hour:

- Highway 101 from Sunnyvale to N. SJ. Pre-COVID: average speeds once dipped as low as 12 mph. Cars averaged less than 35 miles per hour each weekday, from 2-8pm. Current: 29 mph, traffic flows well after 6pm:



[Passenger vehicle travel rebounding to pre-pandemic levels](#), AP, 3/29/21

- In San Francisco, Inrix data shows that passenger vehicle miles traveled reached 88% of their pre-pandemic levels over the weekend of March 20-21, their highest mark since March 11, 2020.
- While higher traffic volumes show “there is more economic activity happening,” they also reflect a shift away from mass transit, said Jeff Bellisario, executive director of the Bay Area Council Economic Institute. In February, ridership on the Bay Area Rapid Transit rail system remained at just 12.5% of pre-pandemic levels, he said.

Summary: COVID Impacts on TDM Programs

Twelve months into the COVID-19 pandemic, driving mileage has recovered while other modes have maintained lowered utilization. Caltrain ridership is down by 95%. Uber and Lyft ridership is down 75%, with both laying off 25% of their workforce. Waze Carpool ridership is down by 99%.

As far as COVID-safe commuting while in the “substantial cases” Red Tier in March 2021, public transit is working hard to implement best practice safety measures while also developing confidence-boosting messaging to lure more riders back. The current thinking on safe carpooling is one driver, one rider, two opposing windows open halfway. As we progress from Red to Orange to Yellow COVID tiers, we envision a gradual return to transit and carpooling, with a gradual increase in capacity. Biking holds the potential to gain share at the expense of other modes.

Travel changes from COVID-19

For driving, a graph from the Bureau of Transportation Statistics shows the U.S. bounce back to about 90% of March 2020 Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT):

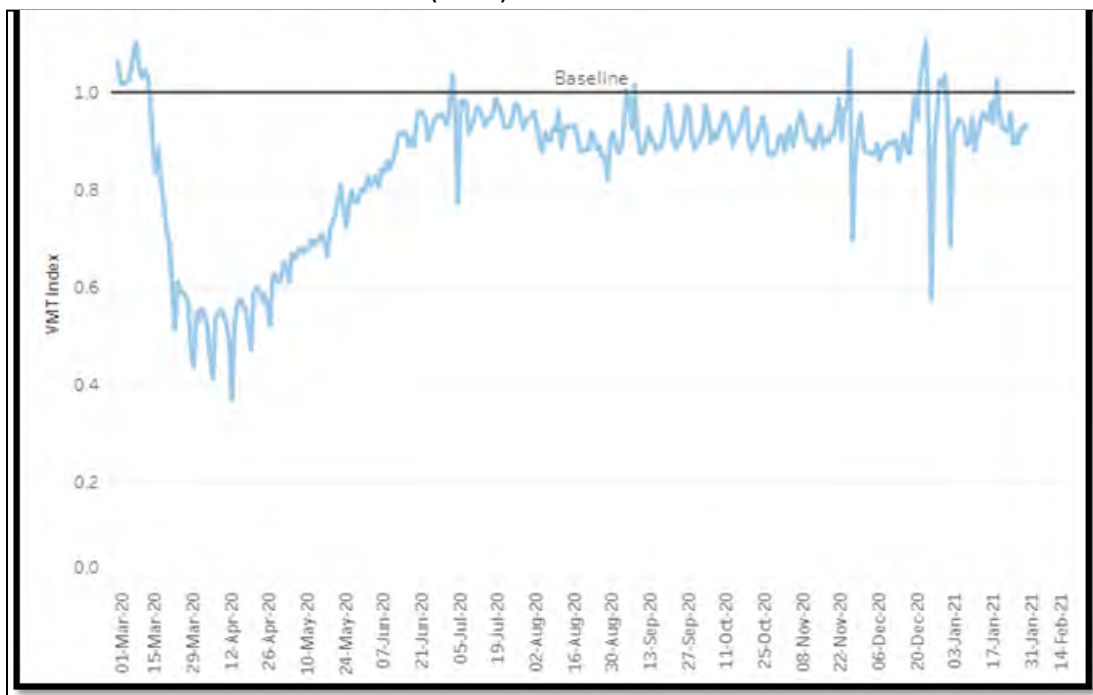


Figure: Vehicle Travel Trends Compiled by Bureau of Transportation Statistics

The Santa Clara County driving bounce back is less because 51% of the county's jobs can be worked from home, the highest percentage in the U.S. This yields a much-lower commute VMT.

Our partners at Waze Carpool provided us with the following San Francisco VMT dashboard. Given a Feb 2020 pre-pandemic baseline, VMT declined by 80% on 3/29/20, recovering to a 36% decline by 5/22/21.

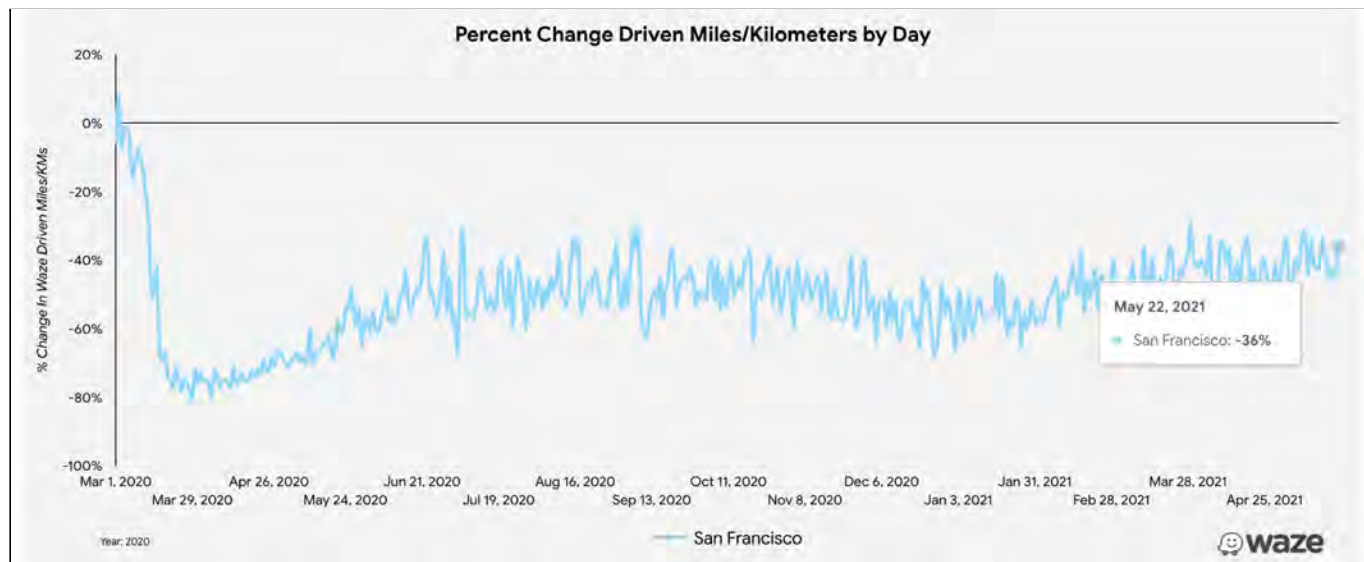


Figure: Waze's COVID-19 VMT trend for San Francisco

Biking is a very COVID-safe mode; thus, biking has increased during the pandemic.

Bay Area public transit ridership is experiencing small increases in ridership as the vaccinated population increases and businesses reopen in the orange tier. Caltrain ridership is down 92% from normal, with March 2021 Average Weekday Ridership down from 65,057 in March 2019 to 3,952. For Samtrans, Average Weekday Ridership fell by 68% in March 2021, compared to pre-pandemic levels in March 2019. Although BART ridership in May is 84% less than the pre-pandemic levels, Friday, May 5th, was the highest ridership day since the start of the pandemic.

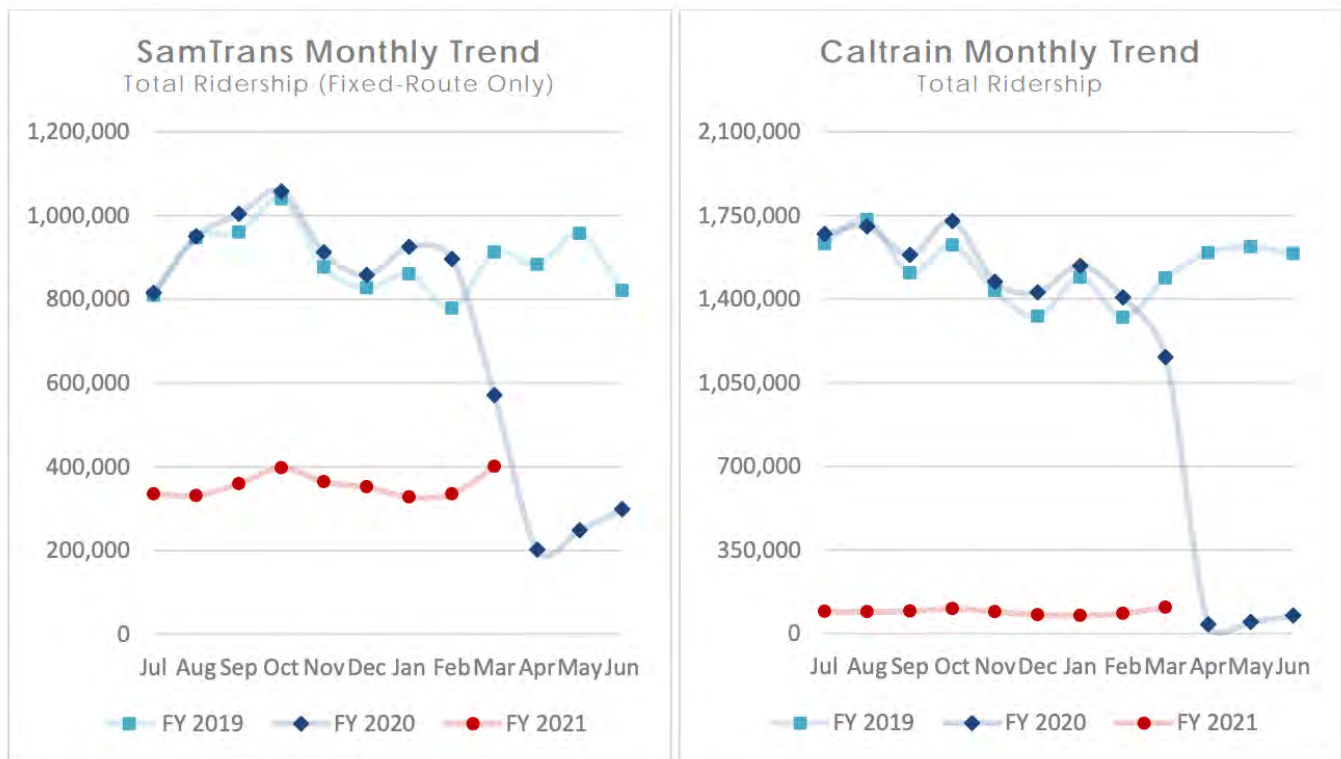


Figure: Small increases in SamTrans and Caltrain Ridership.

Caltrain first-mile shuttle ridership is down an equivalent amount, and service levels have been adjusted. City of Palo Alto Embarcadero and Crosstown shuttle service was suspended in July of 2020. MVgo shuttle service has been suspended.

[BART ridership and revenue is likely to lag](#) by Eli Walsh San Mateo Daily Journal, Feb 25, 2021.

Budget officials say both will be behind pre-pandemic levels for most of the decade. But even with greater access to coronavirus vaccines over the coming months and the Bay Area workforce's eventual return in some form to office buildings, agency officials don't expect ridership to return even to 80% of pre-pandemic levels until the end of the decade. BART Financial Planning Director Michael Eiseman told the agency's Board of Directors that BART's ridership growth in recent years has been inextricably linked to the economic growth of downtown San Francisco. "Before the pandemic, two-thirds of our trips had an origin or destination at Market Street station," Eiseman said. "So if those regional travel trends do shift away from downtown, our recovery may depend on our ability to adapt and serve other markets."

Monthly bookings for Uber and Lyft in March were the highest since March 2020. Both companies report an upward trend in ridership as vaccines are more widely distributed.

As far as apps that match carpools between commuters, Waze Carpool trips to/from downtown Palo Alto dropped 99% from 2,500 in February 2020 to 30 in June 2020.

As far as post-COVID, Mineta Transportation Institute's Frances Edwards predicts that transit ridership in congested corridors will quickly spring back to 75% of pre-COVID and 100% within a year. Stanford Professor Nicholas Bloom undertook survey research about permanent increases in working from home. For workers with the ability to work from home, he predicts between 20% to 40% of working days from home, with employers inclined towards fewer and employees desiring more.

How to Make Travel COVID-Safe

Biking is very COVID-safe and should be encouraged. Return-from-COVID creates a psychological “fresh start,” where new commuting habits may be formed.

Different travel modes' perceived safety will impact their utilization, requiring confidence-boosting marketing to persuade riders to come back. There is a psychological and educational component that cannot be overlooked in these uncharted waters.

The leading edge of transportation COVID safety is focused on improved ventilation. This focus stemmed from the National Academy of Science's 8/26/20 workshop entitled *Airborne Transmission of SARS-CoV-2: A NASEM Virtual Workshop*, hosted by Dr. Fauci and CDC's Deputy Director. The workshop concluded that the primary driver of superspreading is small airborne virus particles (aerosols) that travel farther than six feet, resulting in the need to prevent stagnant indoor air. On 2/24/21, Santa Clara County Public Health Officer Dr. Sara Cody stated, “We now know much of COVID transmission is AEROSOL or airborne, a bit of it is droplets, and very little on surface.”

- Depending on where you live, the scientific understanding of COVID transmission varies. For Santa Clara County, Dr. Cody's statement implies that previous health orders resulted in over-spending on cleaning and under-spending on ventilation.

BART and AC Transit are national public transit ventilation research leaders.

- The ventilation on BART cars is 80% recycled and 20% fresh. The recirculated air is filtered before being dispersed through the window frame. The air in each rail car is entirely replaced fifty times per hour. **BART is installing MERV 14 filters in all train vehicles.** BART combines their ventilation effort with 14 other safety measures, including mandatory masking, “quiet ride” (no talking to reduce the number of virus particles exhaled into the railcar air), maximum occupancy to ensure social distancing, and thorough cleaning. Caltrain is following BART's lead, and we are in communication with Caltrain about both Caltrain and their shuttles.
- Using a consumer fog machine that is more typically used for Halloween Haunted Houses, AC Transit ran smoke tests for multiple air safety scenarios. Opening bus windows created counterproductive turbulence. For maximum safety, bus HVAC is set to provide fresh air, and the ceiling hatch in the back is opened, creating positive pressure to exhaust stale in-vehicle air every 70 seconds. Quiet ride, markings for open and closed seats, and thorough cleaning are also part of every bus's COVID safety protocol.

Both BART and AC Transit participate in the Bay Area Healthy Transit coalition of transit agencies that have developed confidence-boosting messaging for return-to-transit. Best practices for VTA, COPA Crosstown Shuttle, and MVgo buses: (Marguerite?)

- Apply regional best COVID-safety practices to each bus
- Communicate confidence-boosting messaging to travelers

- Optionally audit the buses' air safety by measuring for stagnant indoor air with an NDIR CO2 meter.

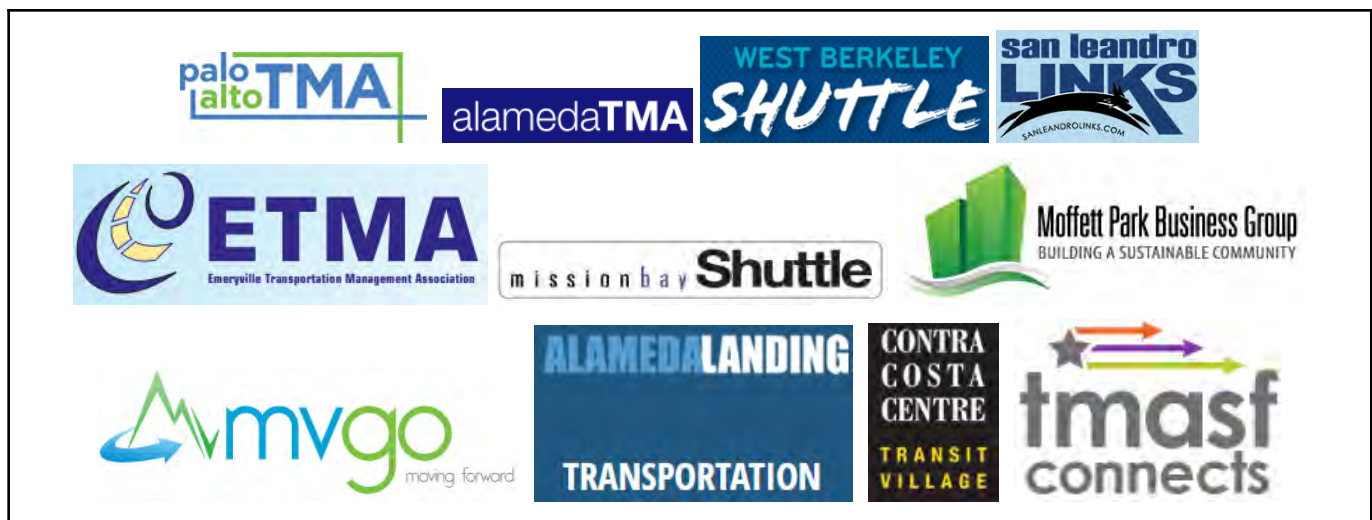
As far as COVID-safe carpooling in cold weather, two-person carpools following a best practices protocol will be safest (three-person carpools should be avoided until Yellow COVID Tier). Travelers will need to wear extra clothing layers. A quiet ride (no talking) with the non-driver sitting in the back on the right (far away from the driver) with two opposite windows open halfway will be safest. This protocol follows computational fluid dynamics analysis by UMass Professor Varghese Mathai. It is also informed by work by Professor Richard Corsi and Stanford Professor Wayne Ott. Best safety practices from carpooling apps Scoop and Waze Carpool are also given consideration. Safe three-person carpool protocols will be designed and available in the future. Within-pod three-person carpools can also be permitted during Red COVID Tier.

Organizations can optionally require completion of brief carpool safety training before allowing that commute mode.

We envision a stair-step return to the new normal, with gradual increases in transit and carpool utilization, accompanied by updated public health orders that increase maximum occupancy. In a few other countries, public transit social distancing has already been reduced from 6' to 3'. Not all Caltrain shuttles are currently running. They will ramp back up over time, improving first-mile commute options to Caltrain.

Appendix C: TMA Funding Precedents

C1. Comparison of 11 Bay Area TMAs on programs and funding



Not all TMAs are the same. There are different types of TMAs with different emphasis:

- operating buses
- coordinating TDM efforts across employers
- reducing suburban downtown traffic
- residential trip reduction
- etc.

TMA	rev/yr	% bus	TMA scale	staff cost	Formation & funding
Emeryville TMA	\$4.2M	82%	yes	\$417K	\$3.4M Business Improvement District (BID)
Mission Bay TMA	\$1.7M	91%	yes	\$95K	\$1.5M property assessments
Mtn View TMA	\$1.4M	65%	yes	\$190K	Employers: transit service agreement funds
San Leandro TMO	\$1.3M	77%		\$50K	\$780K BID
Berkeley Gateway TMA	\$296K	91%	yes	\$0K	Bayer HealthCare & Wareham Devt fund it
West Alameda TMA	\$224K	60%	yes	\$46K	Property assessments fund
TMASF	\$799K		yes	\$516K	SF TDM reqt => 82 bldgs formed & fund.
Palo Alto TMA	\$569K			\$115K	Council formed. Parking permits fund.
Contra Costa Centre (estimate)	\$309K	31%	yes		14 property owners formed. TDM District.
Moffett Park Biz Group	\$168K		yes	\$96K	Formed by employers. Member dues fund.
Alameda (Point) TMA	\$98K		yes	\$31K	Property assessment funds

Table 10: Comparison of Bay Area TMAs using 2019 data

Of these 11 TMAs:

- Six are “bus-centered,” with 60% or more of the budget dedicated to running shuttles.
- Nine have local fee-generating real-estate scale to motivate TMA formation, such as Mountain View TMA has major employers with large buildings in the North Bayshore area and TMASF has an agglomeration of tall buildings in downtown. The two exceptions are San Leandro and Palo Alto - neither has typical TMA real-estate scale.
- Four TMAs are privately funded: Berkeley Gateway, TMASF, Contra Costa, and Moffett. TMASF’s formation was motivated as a direct response to San Francisco enacting TDM Ordinance 163.
- Public sector TMAs are typically organized as 501c3 nonprofits and funded by property assessments or business improvement districts. Mountain View TMA funds similarly via a “transit service agreement.” Palo Alto TMA has the strongest TDM behavior change nexus, as it is funded by out-of-town in-commuters buying parking permits for downtown garages (The University Avenue Parking Fund). The eleven TMAs do NOT draw funding from their city’s General Fund.

Berkeley Gateway is an “empty organization” that contracts operations through Emeryville TMA. The San Mateo Rail Corridor TMA (SMRCTMA) was left off this list because of lack of TMA-level activity and small budget. Properties in the SMRCTMA area undertake strong individual TDM efforts but have not seen fit to develop programs that cross property lines. Commute.org is contracted to manage this TMA.

Most Bay Area TMAs are staffed by contractors, with service provided by ALTRANS, Wendy Silvani, Commute.org, or Gray Bowen Scott. The three exceptions are Moffett, Contra Costa, and TMASF. Moffett and TMASF have full-time Executive Directors. TMASF has four staff members, Moffett has one.

For hourly rates, Emeryville TMA pays contractor Gray Bowen Scott's Executive Director \$225/hour, Operations Administrator \$165/hour, and Executive Assistant \$89/hour. On the low end, Palo Alto TMA pays contractor ALTRANS' Executive Director \$85/hour and TDM Project Manager \$52/hour. (2019 rates)

East Palo Alto (EPA) and Menlo Park have undertaken recent TMA analyses. EPA may approve a Ravenswood Business District / Four Corners Specific Plan for about 1.7M square feet of new development, with new entitlement fees providing the scale to fund TMA. Menlo Park has a less clear path towards funding a TMA, hindered by a small development pipeline.

C2. Santa Monica TMA's best practices

Santa Monica TMA best practices from a presentation at the 2019 ACT Conference by Colleen Stoll, TDM Program Manager, City of Santa Monica. Santa Monica TMA is called [GoSaMo](#)

- There is no free parking in Santa Monica commercial centers.
- Charges \$15 per employee to review TDM compliance reports from parcels. This funds three employees for TDM
- Santa Monica is under [TDM Rule 2202 from the Air District](#) (from 1995), requiring mandatory TDM for employers w 250 jobs. Employers may pay a per-employee fee to buy out of mandatory TDM. 80% of SoCal employers take it.
- Rule 2202 has AVR (average vehicle ridership) targets. This has increased to 2.2 or about 60% non-SOV mode share.
- In 2016, Santa Monica modified their implementation of Rule 2202 to apply to employers with 30+ employees. Rather than the buy-out, Santa Monica has 80% of employers implementing TDM.
- In terms of compliance, employers submit a trip reduction plan. If California's Parking Cashout law applies, then Santa Monica requires implementation
- QUESTION: Where do you get # of employees? ANSWER: From the Santa Monica Business License database
- The CA state parking cash out law only applies in rare instances when building leases have unbundled parking. Santa Monica changed local cashout law to encourage unbundling. Santa Monica has consistently gone beyond state and regional TDM law. Santa Monica is attempting to convert employers to daily cashout rather than monthly cashout, but employers are pushing back. Employers complain that they need help on days when it rains and SOV increases and The City is considering dedicating public parking garage spaces for this.
- GoSAMo requires residential TDM on new bldgs. Requires \$110 per month transport allowance (only spendable on certain non-SOV modes stuff) for residents who shed cars. Colleen checks leases for compliance.

C3. Carlsbad's TDM best practices

(From a presentation at the 2019 ACT Conference.)

Carlsbad has a preferred consultant that helps employers and developers with TDM plan preparation and implementation.

- They make it easy. COPA should refer parcels to PATMA and encourage TMA membership.
- Driven both by their adopted climate plan and mobility plan, they passed their TDM ordinance six months ago. Applies to building changes for building with 30+ employees. Requires a

transportation coordinator. Mandated commute alternative training for new employee on-boarding (new hire flyer).

- Attempt is to “make TDM a way of life.”
- Carlsbad has 82K jobs (Palo Alto-sized)

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From: Terùn Pizza <info@terunpizza.com>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 11:33 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: California Ave Shopping Center

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Dear City Council Memebers

Thank you again for all you do for the Cal Ave business district. We are now thriving again but can't hide the fact that I am a little worried about the possible changes happening to the Avenue in the near future.

The first time I drove to California Ave I was following the sign "Shopping Center" but never found it! Looks like the Pandemic gave us an opportunity to "keep" that sign up on Page Mill.

I am aware of the retail stores complaining about loosing business but I strongly feel like the loss is not about the street closure.

Unfortunately the combination of having growing presence of on line stores and working remotely did not help those type of businesses.

Must say though that my restaurants ITALICO was also down 70% in 2020 and down 40% as of now nad Terun was down 40% in 2020 and still down 10%. Can't imagine what numbers would have been and will be with the street open.

I would love to keep California Ave closed to traffic and make it look more appealing to all the visitors and new coming businesses. We all hate seeing empty spaces.

100% of my guests wants Cal Ave to remain closed to traffic. I am a home owner and resident of Palo Alto and all my neighbors are in favor of the permanent closure and expressed concern about the possible reopening.

We do not have to look at Italy or Europe to see the benefits of street closures, many other "domestic" situations have revealed to be extremely successful .

The opportunity is big and appears like the legislators are favoring that :

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/04/us/outdoor-dining-covid-california.html>

Thank you for reading

Maico Campilongo

Owner

Terun & Italico

Baumb, Nelly

From: Lisa Nissim <lisa.nissim@nissimspace.com>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 1:41 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Keep University, Ramona & Downtown Streets Closed

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Please keep the downtown streets closed to traffic and our restaurants open indefinitely. As a longtime resident I have never been inconvenienced by these street closures and thoroughly enjoyed the look and feel of the outdoor dining vibe. It's so Palo Alto!

Without the option of sitting outside in the street or in a parklet, I won't be dining downtown on California Avenue. Currently, my husband and I dine at a downtown or California Avenue restaurant approximately five times a week. We won't be doing this if the outdoor spaces are closed.

Please preserve our wonderful Palo Alto restaurants. One of my favorites, Tea Time, just told me his revenue in 2019 was 20 percent of 2018, but has risen to 75 percent in the last two months. A small business like this will spend years trying to pay their debt from COVID. They have no chance of surviving if you take away their outdoor space.

Restaurants like Tea Time help define what I like best about Palo Alto. Please don't take this away from me and my fellow residents.

Please extend the street closures indefinitely.

Sincerely,

Lisa Nissim
1645 Escobita Avenue

Baumb, Nelly

From: Chris Robell <chris_robell@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 8:42 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Minor, Beth
Subject: Re: Jan 7 consent item #9

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Apologies, I meant June (not July) 7th.

(Beth, thanks for catching this).

Chris

> On Jun 3, 2021, at 8:34 PM, Chris Robell <chris_robell@yahoo.com> wrote:

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Baumb, Nelly

From: becca Younkman <beccawhy@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 5:34 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: I'm Voting to keep Ramona St Closed

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Thank you

Baumb, Nelly

From: Teresa Flagg <teresa.flagg@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 3:17 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Extend the Uplift Local Streets Program!

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I support our local restaurants and encourage you to vote for an extension of the Uplift Local Streets Program and the temporary parklet program in Palo Alto to support our community in recovering from the Pandemic.

Teresa Flagg
Boyce Ave.

Baumb, Nelly

From: Carol Scott <cscott@crossfieldllc.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 1:23 PM
To: Council, City; Shikada, Ed; Kamhi, Philip; Baird, Nathan
Subject: June 7 Consent Calendar: Staff Report ID #12302

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Dear City Council and City Manager,

I am writing to ask you to remove an item from the Consent Calendar for your meeting on Monday, June 7, 2021 unless it is amended.

Specifically, the Staff has submitted a report and recommendations in its report ID #12302:
Summary Title: Adopt Legislation Continuing Temporary Regulations for Outdoor Dining, Retail, and Personal Services. Although this appears to be a simple continuation of activities already in the works surrounding Uplift Local efforts on California Avenue and University Avenue, it contains and perpetuates a serious omission.

Specifically, under Stakeholder Engagement on page 5, the Staff write:
"The City Manager's Office has continued to lead bi-weekly meetings with local businesses. More recently, and in light of diminished attendance due to the improving business climate, the meetings have become monthly."

Notably missing is any outreach to the residents of the neighborhoods surrounding California Ave or University Ave. even though residents of these communities will be affected by whatever decisions are made. Residents of adjacent neighborhoods should be included in any plans to deal with increased spill-over traffic to residential streets, additional demands for parking from property owners who claim they cannot lease their commercial buildings unless they are able to offer unlimited free parking to their prospective tenants that they failed to include in their developments,* and the elimination of some parking spaces due to parklets and other areas given primarily to property owners whose current tenants are restaurants. In the California Avenue area, these resident neighborhoods include Old Palo Alto, College Terrace as well as Evergreen Park and Mayfield.

I ask you to direct the City Manager and the City Staff to include residents in the planning process before approving this item. It is frankly astonishing that residents have been systematically excluded from discussions regarding matter which have a direct impact on the quality of life where they live. I ask that you heed the directive in the City's Comprehensive Plan that "encourages commercial enterprise, but not at the expense of the City's residential neighborhoods" (pp. 4-5). Residents should be a part of the group providing ideas and solutions so that business can flourish, but not at the expense of their quality of life.

Thank you.

Carol Scott
Evergreen Park

Baumb, Nelly

From: Christopher A Kantarjiev <cak@dimebank.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 8:34 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please keep California Avenue closed

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Dear Mr. Mayor and Council Members:

I've lived in Palo Alto for more than 30 years, most of them near the "Mayfield" community - I've lived in Southgate since 1996. I chose Southgate because it is easy to walk from there to California Avenue, and have watched with interest and pleasure as that area has been transformed over the years (admittedly with some hiccups).

One of the best things to happen to Cal Ave was when the sidewalks were widened and the street was narrowed. Yes, it made parking a little more challenging, but it encouraged more people to walk. It turned a relatively busy street into a more pleasant boulevard.

The traffic has never flowed well on Cal Ave - there are too many stop signs. Anyone that is in a hurry, or has a destination other than something directly on Cal Ave, turns at the light on Cambridge, which has better access to parking and fewer stops and pedestrian crossings.

(Now that the Sherman Ave garage is complete, that has changed the parking equation - but it's easier to get there from Ash Street, anyway

- from Southgate, I now drive down Alma to Oregon if I want to park there! It's much faster than trying to make a left turn from El Camino.)

The Sunday farmer's market was a great step forward and an excellent example of how pleasant those blocks are as a pedestrian area. I was thrilled when this became a more-permanent arrangement during the pandemic.

So you can imagine my disappointment when I heard that you are planning to open this back up to automobile traffic. I think that's a terrible idea. Now that we are emerging from the strict social distancing tiers, the area is packed and vibrant with diners all day long. Take a walk and see for yourself how lovely it is.

Please, keep Cal Ave closed. At the very least, do an experiment after our restrictions are lifted - but I urge you to make it permanent.

Thank you,
Christopher A Kantarjiev

Baumb, Nelly

From: Hana Kay <hanakay25@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 7:40 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: I'm Voting to keep Ramona St Closed

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Thank you

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Baumb, Nelly

From: William Roth <williamroth100@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 5, 2021 7:17 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: I'm Voting to keep Ramona St Closed

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From: Surabhi Gopal Mundada <surabhim@stanford.edu>
Sent: Sunday, June 6, 2021 2:04 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: I'm Voting to keep Ramona St Closed

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From: Manan Shah <manan.shah.777@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 6, 2021 2:04 PM
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From: Abdullah Alhlou <hilou123@icloud.com>
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Baumb, Nelly

From: herb <herb_borock@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 6, 2021 7:24 PM
To: Council, City; Clerk, City
Subject: June 7, 2021 Council Meeting, Item #9: Use of Public Property for Outdoor Dining

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Herb Borock
P. O. Box 632
Palo Alto, CA 94302

June 6, 2021

Palo Alto City Council
250 Hamilton Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94301

**JUNE 7, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING, AGENDA ITEM #9
USE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY FOR OUTDOOR DINING**

Dear City Council:

The public property directly opposite City Hall (Lane "L", otherwise known as Centennial Walk) that connects Hamilton Avenue with Bryant Street is occupied by tables and chairs that seem to be for outdoor dining use in violation of the existing and proposed Ordinances regulating such use that require a separate Ordinance or Resolution to authorize such use, and in violation of Planned Community Zone District Ordinance 3872 (PC 3872) that requires that the public space be permanently restricted to pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

Amendment of PC 3872 requires an Ordinance and environmental review subject to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Planned Community Zone Ordinance 3872.

Section 3(d) Parking and Loading Requirements.

5) The alley "L" connecting Bryant Street and Hamilton Avenue shall remain accessible to emergency vehicles at all times, including during construction.

8) Between 11:00 a.m. and 3.00 a.m., Monday through Friday, and all day Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays, use of the alley "L" connecting Hamilton Avenue and Bryant Street shall be permanently restricted to pedestrian and bicycle traffic, exclusive of vehicles using the subsurface loading dock at 545 Ramona Street,

emergency vehicles, and refuse collection trucks. At all other times the alley "L" shall be open to vehicle traffic, with the portion from Bryant Street to the University Art underground garage ramp restricted to one-way, entering on Bryant Street and exiting on Hamilton Avenue. The portion from the University Art ramp to Hamilton Avenue shall be two-way at all times.

9) Use of the alley "L" connecting Ramona Street and University Avenue shall be permanently restricted to pedestrian traffic, exclusive of emergency vehicles.

The public space being used in violation of PC 3872 is adjacent to the Development Center and another building occupied by Planning Department staff.

Please direct staff to remove the illegal use of this public space.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Herb Borock

Baumb, Nelly

From: Melanie Grondel <mel.grondel@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 12:16 AM
To: Council, City
Cc: Melanie Grondel
Subject: Retail in Palo Alto. Open Streets and Town & Country.

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Dear Mayor Dubois and City Council Members,

I am writing you to emphasize the importance of the Open Streets program that is proven such a big success. Let's support when things are finally looking up, rather wringing our hands with yet another complication or demand. This success is hard won, thanks to monumental efforts of the retailers who invested hard work and precious last dollars to survive. Building parklets and setting up umbrellas and heaters are only some examples of those big efforts. The merchants were promised time to realize a return on their investment. The community has embraced the Open Streets. Both merchants and the public were told that serious consideration would be given to options to extend the programs beyond the dates set.

It would be unheard of and unreasonable now to cut back on agreements approved by the City Council just a few months ago. That is no way to do business with small merchants, who have invested so much to provide life and joy to our community.

Mr. Shikada, do not kill the Joy, wherever you can find it.

Let's help our merchants succeed and give them a leg up, now and in the near future as well. For example by NOT charging for the street space they are using. Help them continue music programs outside. The Joy translates into sales tax revenue to the City's coffers, besides all the other good it brings.

Pedestrian zones have proven to be exceptionally worthwhile for economic activity in prosperous destination areas in the US and all over the world. University Ave and Cal Ave are already proven to be a success. These are very small pedestrian zones as pedestrian zones go, and the public can learn to modify their route a little for the benefit of success and pleasure of most. In every change, even the most positive ones, there will be a few complaints for a mix of reasons.

I live in College Terrace and I have stopped going to Molly Stone's because of their sour demeanor and high prices, there are better options around, nearby. For fine groceries I drive to the Edgewood Market for high quality and a fair price delivered with a smile. It is not accessibility that is the matter with Molly Stone's it is their style of doing business. Many people just do not want to bother any more to go.

As far as banking goes, most people use ATM's for modest amounts of money. One can go inside to cash larger amounts and put it away safely before leaving the bank. Palo Alto is quite a safe city. Cash is no longer the major form of payment; it is more the exception.

I think complaints can be mitigated in most cases. Sometimes the greater good of success and Joy for many, achieved at considerable efforts, may have to win out in the long run. Pedestrian zones enjoyed over time, once had a few issues to deal with at their beginning.

Town & Country is doing very well, it is packed !! Several days now, I had to go way into the back lot to find a parking space. It is a retailers dream, a packed shopping center of high end stores and restaurants in a prosperous city. No doubt, merchants can be found soon for the open spaces, to add even more variety, provided that the Mr. Ellis offers favorable terms.

This is not something Mr. Ellis is wellknown for, despite his self promotion. The wellknown clothing store Patrick James closed its doors because they could not agree on a favorable lease agreement after decades of businesses there, at their

flagship location; although affected by the pandemic, Patrick James did not close other stores. This is just one example, there are more.

Retail is a finicky business. This is a shopping center, and it takes effort to run it well with the right mix of establishments. Mr.Ellis has done very well, until he was hit by the pandemic as most businesses.

It is more convenient to set up medical offices right next to a wellknown Medical Center, since once built-out for medical services with a 10 year lease, the spaces will never be converted back to retail at another expense. That means longterm stability for leases to very well paying occupants.

However, medical treatment offices kill retail and send foot traffic into a death spiral. That would result in more medical offices and retail will be gone from Town & Country Shopping Center before long, leaving all of us in Palo Alto poorer, but Mr.Ellis alone, a lot more wealthy.

These proposals by Mr.Ellis, favoring medical offices over retail, stem from a wish for higher profits for less effort, it is a money gambit rather than a cry for help to save a popular shopping center.

Town & Country is a thriving shopping center, beloved in the area, it is zoned as a shopping center and needs to remain so with retail that supports foot traffic on the ground floor.

Thank you much for your consideration.
Melanie Grondel
Palo Alto

Baumb, Nelly

From: Palo Alto Forward <palo.alto.fwd@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 12:52 PM
To: DuBois, Tom; Burt, Patrick; Filseth, Eric (Internal); Stone, Greer; Tanaka, Greg; Council, City; Kou, Lydia; Cormack, Alison
Subject: Open Streets/UpLift Local
Attachments: June 2021 Open Streets letter.pdf

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June 7, 2021
RE: Open Streets

To: Mayor DuBois, and City Council Members
Cc: Ed Shikada

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Thank you for focusing on helping Palo Alto move forward in this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Angie Evans
Palo Alto Forward



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Sincerely,
Angie Evans
Palo Alto Forward Board

Baumb, Nelly

From: Kamran Tahamtanzadeh <kamran@epicelona.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 1:34 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Shikada, Ed
Subject: Ramona Street

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Dear Ed, (City of Palo Alto),

My name is Kamran Tahamtanzadeh a local biotech executive. I regularly meet with numerous clients, colleagues, friends and family at Coupa cafe on Ramona street for so many years.

All of my colleagues, friends and clients have unanimously expressed to me how delightful and relaxing it is now that the space in front of Coupa cafe has been sectioned off to the noisy and often times dangerous drivers ignoring the safety of people relaxing outside the cafe.

I hope and urge you to keep the street space in front of Coupa cafe as it is now, a safe, pleasurable, delightful piece of heaven in the city of Palo Alto.

Best regards,
Kamran Tahamtanzadeh
Mobile: 925-518-3658

Sent from my iPhone

Baumb, Nelly

From: Jeff Levinsky <jeff@levinsky.org>
Sent: Saturday, June 5, 2021 10:03 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: No Medical Offices at Town & Country

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Dear Councilmembers:

Please do not change the zoning at Town & Country to allow new medical offices of any sort. There will always be great stores and restaurants who want to rent there and who generate sales tax. You've no doubt heard of retailers who regret being priced out of the center, which underscores that demand there is strong.

Worse, if you allow this change for Town & Country, expect other retail areas and individual building owners to demand the same privileges. After all, Town & Country is perhaps our best location for shopping. It not only serves immediate neighbors and Palo Alto High School students, but is at the literal crossroads of the city and adjacent to a football stadium. It was so busy as to need valet parking prior to the pandemic and has become crowded again now that normal life is returning. I shop there several times every week (including today) and it seems like the least likely place in the city to need assistance in securing tenants. Here are some pictures from today showing how busy it is:



So please concur with Planning Commissioners Chang, Lauing, and Summa and decline to change the zoning at the center.

Thank you,

Jeff Levinsky

Baumb, Nelly

From: Jieming Robinson <lin.jieming@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 10:24 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: No medical office on ground-floor / town and country

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- Palo Alto needs its retail. Watering down a retail center by ground floor medical uses will take away an amenity that we need in light of falling retail elsewhere in the city.
- Keeping it retail will keep one stop shoppers coming.
- Medical uses are already allowed upstairs.
- There are plenty of commercial vacancies in and around Palo Alto where medical is better suited.
- For the owner to say they “need” this to survive financially is clearly not true in light of the fact that TandC is packed
- Adding medical will encourage the owner to push out even more popular destinations to get higher rents, cf The Cheese Shop and Mayfield Bakery.
- We don’t need more medical offices. There are some right next door.
- Just because the owner wants the zone changed is not a reason to change the zoning. We are not responsible for making more money for the landlord.

Jieming Robinson PA residence

Sent from my iPhone

Baumb, Nelly

From: Ann Balin <alafargue@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 9:55 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Fwd: Item #12: Town & Country

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CORRECTION: The doctor who was pushed out of T&C from her second floor space is an optometrist and not a dermatologist as I had stated earlier.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ann Balin <alafargue@mac.com>
Date: 6 June 2021 at 20:19:30 GMT-7
To: Palo Alto City Council <city.council@cityofpaloalto.org>
Subject: Item #12: Town & Country

— Resending with corrected subject line ---

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Respectfully yours,

Ann Lafargue Balin

Baumb, Nelly

From: barbara elspas <elspas@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 5:40 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Agenda - Town and Country

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Please don't change town and country look and feel by turning it into a medical center.

Medical offices can still be on the second floor.

I speak for many, and will not waste your time with supporting info, of which I suspect you are aware.

Thank you.

Palo Alto born and raised,
Barbara Elspas
Walnut Grove

Sent from my iPhone

Baumb, Nelly

From: Jo Ann Mandinach <joann@needtoknow.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 6, 2021 9:37 PM
To: Council, City; DuBois, Tom; Tanaka, Greg; Stone, Greer; Burt, Patrick; Cormack, Alison; Lydia Kou; Filseth, Eric (Internal)
Subject: Please Keep Town & Country All Retail and Do NOT change the zoning to allow more medical

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Dear Mayor DuBois, Vice Mayor Burt and City Council Members,

Please keep Town & Country Shopping Center zoned for resident-serving **sales-tax-generating** retail businesses at a time when retail and restaurant businesses are just starting to recover.

Why rush this change through when the recovery is just getting started and when people are **FINALLY** going shopping and out for dinner and to host and visit friends at home? People are finally shopping and buying clothes, housewares and hostess gifts **AGAIN**.

Don't make it tougher for residents to **SHOP** and generate the sales tax revenues on which PA depends!

We've lost too many resident-serving businesses this past year and there's no reason for the city to help this landlord kill off more of them. I could list all the sad stories about thriving local businesses Ellis has pushed out over the decades, leaving Palo Alto residents the poorer for it. They claim to want thriving medical retail yet just a few months ago pushing out a thriving respected optician who's now located near Cal Ave.

If you must consider this request, direct the city's business development people to interview the Town & Country tenants to see how you can help them survive and thrive. We don't pay the big bucks to live in soul-less

office parks! Also survey the residents/taxpayers on what WE want and need!

Most sincerely,
Jo Ann Mandinch

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From: Ann Balin <alafargue@mac.com>
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From: Kristen Johnson <ohloneartcamp@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 6, 2021 8:12 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Town & Country Village

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I urge council members NOT to allow medical offices on the first floor of Town & Country Village. We need more retail, not less.

Sincerely,
Kristen Johnson

Baumb, Nelly

From: Ann Balin <alafargue@mac.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 6, 2021 8:10 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: hi

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From: herb <herb_borock@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 6, 2021 7:00 PM
To: Council, City; Clerk, City
Subject: June 7, 2021 Council Meeting, Item #12: 855 El Camino Real

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Herb Borock
P. O. Box 632
Palo Alto, CA 94302

June 6, 2021

Palo Alto City Council
250 Hamilton Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94301

**JUNE 7, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING, AGENDA ITEM #12
855 EL CAMINO REAL**

Dear City Council:

The staff report for this agenda item (ID #12274) at Page 8 says,
"Attachment D of this report also provides all the public comments
received for this application as of the writing of this report.

Not so.

Attachment D does not include my May 9, 2021 letter to the Planning and
Transportation Commission and does not include an earlier letter from the
applicant.

You also have not been provided with a copy of the staff report to the
Commission or the minutes of the Commission meeting.

The staff report for the May 12, 2021 Planning and Transportation
Commission meeting at Packet Page 37 for that meeting agenda shows an
example of how 15,000 square feet currently vacant at the subject site can
be allocated for medical uses.

If you allow the proposed change of use, you should limit the new
allowable use to store fronts vacant at the time the property owner first
applied for the change to the language of the Zoning Ordinance.

Otherwise, the property owner can simply raise the rent for Trader Joe's, for example, to force that grocery store to leave and then replace all but a small portion of Trader Joe's facing Embarcadero Road with medical uses.

The staff report alleges that the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Regulation Section 15301 (Existing Facilities).

CEQA Regulation 15301 says,

"15301. EXISTING FACILITIES Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, *involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.*" (Emphasis Added)

I urge you to ask the City Attorney in open session whether I have accurately quoted the text of CEQA Regulation 15301.

The last two pages attached to the staff report for your March 22, 2021 agenda item for 855 El Camino Real show the floor area of each occupied use at Town and Country Village.

Only one leased space at Town and Country Village in location 82 (Dr. Berkowitz at For Eyes) is a medical office consisting of only 720 square feet.

The thousands of square feet of additional medical offices recommended is not a "negligible" expansion of an existing use as required by CEQA Regulation 15301.

Proceeding with your scheduled hearing on the basis of staff's proposed CEQA exemption is a violation of CEQA and a prejudicial abuse of discretion.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Herb Borock

Baumb, Nelly

From: Susan Usman <susanlusman@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 6, 2021 4:56 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: No Medical Offices In Town & Country

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Dear Council Members,

In this semi - post covid reality we are living where so many retail businesses have been forced to close it is crazy to open up retail properties to medical offices just so landlords can reap the benefits of high rent. Commercial or retail landlords have made so much money for so long, it's time to support struggling businesses that provide services to our community that make it nice to live in Palo Alto. Allowing medical offices to take over Town and Country would drastically reduce the number of people who go to T & C to shop at multiple stores all located close together. These retail businesses need each other to bring in business. I guarantee that more retail businesses will close as soon as medical offices start taking over the first floor properties. You have to see what a bad idea this is. Please vote NO!!

Thank you,

Susan Usman
965 Elsinore Dr.
Palo Alto

Baumb, Nelly

From: Annette Glanckopf <annette_g@att.net>
Sent: Sunday, June 6, 2021 4:42 PM
To: Council, City; Clerk, City
Subject: NO ON MEDICAL OFFICES IN TOWN AND COUNTRY

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The city of Palo Alto should **not** allow medical offices in a retail shopping area. Not in Midtown, Charleston Center, Edgewood and not on the ground floor at Town and Country.

This is the way retail in Palo Alto is diluted. Medical Office customers are not retail shoppers for the most part. This use is traffic intensive. Parking can be difficult to find most days..Medical offices can pay more rent than retail, Overall rents will rise pushing out the smaller retail.

There are other locations for medical. The medical building at the corner of Middlefield and Loma Verde has been vacant for several years. There are frequent rental signs for the medical office building in Midtown next to Safeway. Surely those are better locations.

Finally I do not support changing zoning (or what is a permitted use) any time a property owner claims, s/he can't rent their property. I do support bringing in a retail czar (staff or consultant) to help Palo Alto recruit the right retail in the right location,

Other thoughts include:

and some more comments:

- Palo Alto needs its retail. Watering down a retail center by ground floor medical uses will take away an amenity that we need in light of falling retail elsewhere in the city.
- Keeping it retail will keep one stop shoppers coming.
- Medical uses are already allowed upstairs.
- There are plenty of commercial vacancies in and around Palo Alto where medical is better suited.
- For the owner to say they "need" this to survive financially is clearly not true in light of the fact that TandC is packed
- Adding medical will encourage the owner to push out even more popular destinations to get higher rents, cf The Cheese Shop and Mayfield Bakery.
- Just because the owner wants the zone changed is not a reason to change the zoning. We are not responsible for making more money for the landlord.

thank you in advance for saying no to this zone change and this usage,
Annette

Baumb, Nelly

From: Larry & Francine Geller <frannylarry@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 6, 2021 4:37 PM
To: Council, City; Larry Francine Geller
Subject: Please keep Town and Country Village Retail

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Hello -

With the plethora of medical offices near T&C and at Stanford, please keep the spaces for retail only. So many SMBs have gone out of business. We owe it to them and our community to have a flourishing retail space, and this one is it.

Without appropriate retail space at a critical location, Palo Alto will begin to lose the value it provides its residents today.

Thank you,
The Geller Family

Baumb, Nelly

From: mary gallagher <marygallagher88@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 28, 2021 6:04 PM
To: Jo Ann Mandinach
Cc: Council, City; Lydia Kou; Tanaka, Greg; Cormack, Alison; DuBois, Tom; Burt, Patrick; Stone, Greer; Filseth, Eric (Internal)
Subject: Re: #12 Keep Retail at Town & Country. We need the sales tax revenue!

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Great letter Jo Ann.

Ellis knows the formula for creating thriving shopping centers. They've done it many times in the past.

What they're not stating and attempting to camouflage is that THEY have changed their priorities for T&C. They want to morph it into something completely different from what it is meant to be - a town shopping village.

MG

On May 28, 2021, at 10:03 AM, Jo Ann Mandinach <joann@needtoknow.com> wrote:

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Are you trying to encourage us to drive more to get to Menlo Park and Los Altos while you preach conservation to us?

Just say NO to yet another soulless office park. There are plenty of empty offices for medical; let them go there.

Jo Ann Mandinach

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From: Rebecca Sanders <rebsanders@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 8:23 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: No Medical at T&C Ground Floor

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Dear City Councilmembers:

I am adding my voice to the throngs that ask that T&C stay retail on the ground floor. I know you know all the reasons and I won't belabor them here. For me, this is one more example of property owners trying to wag the dog. I urge you to send a message to all property owners that the City is not in the business of making money for them. Please keep T&C a potential one stop shopping center by disallowing medical on the ground floor. We don't need more retail erosion in the city,

Thank you,

Becky Sanders
Ventura

Baumb, Nelly

From: Peter Drekmeier <peter@tuolumne.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 8:09 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Item 13: UWMP
Attachments: TRT Request Re- UWMP.pdf

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Dear Mayor Dubois and Council Members:

Please see my attached request regarding Palo Alto's Urban Water Management Plan.

Thank you.

-Peter

Peter Drekmeier
Policy Director
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June 3, 2021

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Mayor Tom Dubois and City Council Members
City of Palo Alto
250 Hamilton Ave.
Palo Alto, CA 94301
Via Email

Re: Item 13, Urban Water Management Plan

Dear Mayor Dubois and Council Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Palo Alto's draft 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP). Actually, this letter is more of a request than comments, but I would like to associate myself with Dave Warner's excellent letter, and will not repeat his points. I've worked closely with Dave on water issues for years, and know him to be incredibly competent and insightful. It would behoove you to consider the points he raised.

I would like to request that the City send a letter to the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) encouraging them to include an appendix in their 2020 Urban Water Management Plan that can be incorporated into Palo Alto's Plan that analyzes the impact on water supply should the Commission decide in the future to reduce the length of the Design Drought by one year.

What is the Design Drought?

As you know, the SFPUC operates under an extremely conservative drought planning scenario called the Design Drought. The Design Drought arbitrarily combines two of the worst droughts from the last century – the 6-year drought of record (1987-92) and the driest 2-year period (1976/77) – to create an artificial 8.5-year drought for planning purposes. The Design Drought shifts some of the rationing that would be required in the later years into the earlier years, making rationing appear much more severe than it needs to be.

You might recall me mentioning in the past that during the last drought, unimpaired flow on the Tuolumne average only 12% for five years between 2012 and 2016, and then 79% in 2017. The River experienced one exceptional year at the expense of five terrible years. This was a direct result of the Design Drought.

Analysis of the recorded hydrology, as well as tree ring data, shows there were only four 8-year sequences in the past 1,100 years that encroached into Year 7 of the Design Drought. Looking forward, there are legitimate questions about the potential impacts of climate change on our water supply. The SFPUC will be releasing a Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment this summer, and based on those findings, the Commission might consider amending the Design Drought in the fall.

A recent, simple change reduced rationing dramatically.

An interesting thing happened over the past few months. In January, the SFPUC provided information to Palo Alto and the other BAWSCA agencies to help you prepare your UWMPs. These original calculations used contractual obligations to represent water demand rather than actual projections, inflating demand by more than 30%. The SFPUC has a long history of manipulating numbers to sow fear about the Bay Delta Plan, but this time they were caught and were forced to use actual demand figures for 2020 and demand projections moving forward. This simple change reduced potential rationing in your UWMP by more than 25%.

Menlo Park and several other BAWSCA member agencies had joined us in calling for the change, and when Menlo Park approved their final UWMP, they also voted to send a letter to the SFPUC requesting the appendix mentioned above. We hope Palo Alto will join in this effort.

More on the appendix.

Adding an appendix to the UWMP would not change the document. It would simply add flexibility for the future. Several SFPUC Commissioners have indicated they might consider reducing the length of the Design Drought, but a decision won't be made until after the UWMP deadline of July 1. By including the appendix, cities like Palo Alto could simply refer to it should the length of the Design Drought be reduced. This would be helpful for Palo Alto in its preparation of Water Supply Assessments and other planning documents.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,



Peter Drekmeier
Policy Director

Baumb, Nelly

From: Dave Warner <dwar11@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 1:05 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Dailey, Karla; Bilir, Lisa
Subject: June 7 Council Meeting Agenda Item 13 regarding the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan
Attachments: Letter to city council 2021-06-01 re June 7 agenda item 13.pdf

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Dear Mayor Dubois and Council Members,

Thank you for your service!

For June 7th item 13: Please review the attached letter requesting you to ask the utilities department to reduce its water demand projection in the proposed 2020 Urban Water Management Plan. There are significant downsides to overestimating demand.

Sincerely,

Dave Warner

May 25, 2021

Mayor and Honorable City Council Members,

The Parks and Recreation Commission is writing in support of the proposed new \$10 entry fee for the Junior Museum and Zoo (JMZ). We are glad to see the Finance Committee has recommended to reduce admission from \$18 per entry to the \$10, and we support the associated lower annual pass rates ranging from \$110 to \$245. We recognize the serious financial challenges faced by our City as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic to a “new normal”.

We also request that the entrance fee schedule be reviewed on a periodic basis. When the local economy recovers, we encourage reducing fees to a level that is more affordable for all families and individuals.

We appreciate and commend the partnership between the Friends of the JMZ, City staff and private donors that has transformed this extraordinary facility. We want to ensure the JMZ continues to serve the broader community engaging and delighting children’s curiosity for science and nature.

Thank you for your consideration.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Baumb, Nelly

From: Raphael Semeria <raphael.semeria@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 10:03 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Art center budget cuts

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Dear Alison Cormack, Eric Filseth, Lydia Kou, Greg Tanaka, and Greer Stone,

Hello, my name is Raphael Semeria and I am writing to you Palo Alto City Council members today regarding the significant budget cuts made this year, and more specifically why you should reconsider the most recent ones regarding Palo Alto's Art Center. Throughout the course of this year, we have all seen the immense consequences the pandemic has had on virtually every aspect of everyday life. Following the crash of the economy, it is understandable why so many cities like Palo Alto have implemented severe budget cuts. One of the many departments who has seen and continues to see significant cuts to their budget in Palo Alto, is the department of community services.

Although it is justifiable why the city has made this decision, you should reconsider the severity of the cuts made to the Art Center's budget due to its significance in the community. If the city were to continue reducing the funds allocated to the Art Center, the negative repercussions will be seen on its employees, students, programs, as well as its overall future.

Since the beginning of 2020, I have been taking wheel throwing pottery classes at the Art Center. Because of the pandemic and the shift to online classes, I was given the unique opportunity to keep a pottery wheel at my home whilst taking the classes virtually. Having a wheel at home enabled me to spend more time practicing, thus resulting in significant progress. Throughout the many uncertainties of the pandemic, having the option to sit down, express myself, and destress, meant the world to me and helped me get through a big portion of the year. I am extremely grateful for all the amazing people at the Art Center who made that possible for me, as well as for all the other students who participated in the program.

However, having this opportunity also came with a flipped side: Seeing the full extent of the budget cuts and how it affected those affiliated with the Art Center. Following the start of Covid-19, the Art Center has had to let go a majority of its incredible staff. Now, their numbers are the smallest in history. This, combined with the \$572,000 less in city funding compared to previous years, hinders survival of many courses held at the Art Center. Despite the fact that the programs are supported by numerous sources of funding, they still can not function without the city's aid. Losing these courses (like the one I am currently enrolled in) could have a plethora of negative consequences on both staff members as well as many students enrolled in them.

Firstly, the loss of these programs would increase the uncertainties many instructors already have relating to their employment status during the pandemic. Secondly, it could have numerous consequences on students: limiting the possibility for them to express themselves and the risk of negatively affecting youth mental health during a pandemic, to name a few. According to the American Art Therapy Association, artistic expression is shown to decrease anxiety, feelings of anger, and depression. Already, in the past year, I have seen firsthand a decrease in resources available for students due to the inadequate funds designated to the Art Center. As a consequence, this has significantly reduced the variety of art us students can create, overall limiting the expanse of our artistic expression.

If the decrease in funds were to continue, it would lead to the definite loss of many programs, further impacting youth mental health. The pandemic and its stressors have amplified the necessity to provide teenagers with adequate mental support and has emphasized the importance of activities tied to relieving stress. As many rely on artistic expression as a source to help maintain mental wellness, the absence of the Art Center's programs could have significant consequences on the community, in particular, younger populations.

As summer camps, group activities, and other events resume this summer, we are reminded of the importance and necessity community services, especially the Art Center, have in Palo Alto. If the city continues to neglect their presence by inadequately funding these services, we will no longer have access to them and to their countless benefits.

Sincerely,

Raphael Semeria

Baumb, Nelly

From: Kim Raftery <rafterykim@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 3:10 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Fire station #2

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Dear City Council Members,

I have owned a house in the College Terrace neighborhood for 31 years. It has come to my attention that our local Fire Station #2 might be closed. This seems very short sighted given the increase in forest fires in CA and the fact that this station is the closest station to the Palo Alto foothills, where the danger of forest and brush fires is the most prevalent.

Also, why would you eliminate the ability of EMTs to respond quickly to the needs of the residents in College Terrace, the Palo Alto Foothills, and nearby neighborhoods? Isn't this the most important use of our tax dollars, to save lives and property?

I hope you will reconsider closing Station # 2 and the elimination of services on nights and weekends that has already happened.

Thank you!
Kim

*Kim Raftery
2290 Harvard Street
Palo Alto, CA 94306
650-776-1885*

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From: President LWVPaloAlto <president.lwvpaloalto@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 12:09 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Agenda LWV Palo Alto Responsible Gun ownership request
Attachments: LWVPA Responsible Gun storage request.docx

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Dear Council Members,

Attached is a follow up letter regarding the policy initiative on Responsible Gun Ownership.

Thank you for your attention to this.

Liz Kniss
President



May 25, 2021

Dear Mayor DuBois, Vice Mayor Burt and Council Members:

The League of Women Voters of Palo Alto thanks the City Council for directing the city staff in December 2020 to draft an ordinance requiring the safe storage of firearms at home. This is an urgent matter of public safety. A safe storage ordinance would require firearms at home to be stored unloaded and locked when unattended. California law does not currently require these specific steps. Many California cities and counties have enacted safe storage laws.

Children and teens are disproportionately victims of suicides, accidental, and intentional shootings from unsecured firearms. Safe storage laws have reduced injuries and deaths from these types of shootings, especially suicides.

The COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown have worsened mental health for many people, heightening the risk of injuries or death by firearms in our communities.

It has been nearly six months since the City Council directed the writing of the ordinance. We acknowledge the council has many important issues to deal with. We write today to urge you to make the adoption of a safe storage of firearms ordinance a priority.

Thank you for your work on this issue so far.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Liz Kniss". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Liz Kniss
President

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From: Yahoo Mail.® <honkystar@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 6, 2021 5:37 AM
To: Honky
Subject: Mom in Carmel NY fights back against teaching critical race theory as board tries to tone police her

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From: Allan Seid <allanseid734@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 6:42 AM
To: Channing House Bulletin Board; CHOpinion@googlegroups.com
Subject: Fwd: It's Wrong to Target Asian-American Scientists for Espionage Prosecution - Scientific American

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Dear Neighbors and Friends,

THIS ARTICLE AND THE ONE ON DR. WEN HO LEE TO FOLLOW IS A REPEAT FROM A DAY OR SO AGO BY REQUESTS OF SOME OF YOU. ALLAN

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From: **Allan Seid** <allanseid734@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jun 1, 2021
Subject: It's Wrong to Target Asian-American Scientists for Espionage Prosecution
Source:- Scientific American

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/prosecuting-asian-american-scientists-for-espionage-is-a-shortsighted-strategy/>

It's Wrong to Target Asian-American Scientists for Espionage Prosecution

A reckless antispying campaign against China has caused enormous damage to U.S. citizens

[Alicia Lai](#) March 22, 2021



Credit: Luyao Yan

When trying to catch spies, it is tempting to cast a broad net despite the risk of making false accusations. Recently the U.S. Department of Justice has done just that. In an effort to crack down on what it depicts as an intellectual espionage campaign

by China, it has revved up its prosecution of Asian-American citizens for scientific espionage and intellectual-property theft—from the notable case of Wen Ho Lee of Los Alamos National Laboratory in [1999](#) to Gang Chen of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology this past January.

The cycle is familiar yet somehow shocking every time: Immigrant or naturalized scientists are accused of disloyalty. Many are preemptively imprisoned and stripped of professional positions. Accusations of espionage are often found to be erroneous and ungrounded in science and are then dropped. Targeted scientists have raised plausible claims of racial profiling under the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments, and at least one such case is [currently pending](#) in federal court.

What is driving this harsh crackdown? One answer is high economic stakes. Intellectual capital sits at the heart of the U.S. economy: an analysis of data from 2014 showed that industries relying on intellectual property directly [accounted for 28 million jobs and \\$6.6 trillion in value](#). Unsurprisingly, the U.S. reacts aggressively to foreign threats to its source of wealth. And there have been real threats tied to the Chinese government—for instance, inducements offered by the Thousand Talents recruitment program, the Equifax data breach of consumers' personal information and the SolarWinds hack of U.S. government data. Because of long-standing concerns, the Obama administration heightened penalties under the Economic Espionage Act. The Trump administration began the [China Initiative](#) to fight what it portrayed as an epidemic of intellectual theft. The Biden administration has already made high-profile arrests. Politicians on both sides of the aisle struggle to avoid appearing “weak on China.” It is a persuasively simple narrative: stop foreign spies from stealing America's intellectual property.

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But there is more to it. Too often prosecutions are mistargeted, and rhetoric ignores clear exculpatory evidence, capitalizing on the perception of Asian-Americans as perpetual foreigners. The sentiment can be traced back to the 1790 Naturalization Act (forbidding Asians and other nonwhite individuals from holding U.S. citizenship) and the 1882 [Chinese Exclusion Act](#) (essentially prohibiting all Chinese immigration, initially for 10 years and later indefinitely). And it extends to the current wave of anti-Asian crimes tied to the COVID-19 pandemic. Whereas overall hate crimes in the U.S. decreased by 7 percent during 2020, anti-Asian hate crimes [increased](#) by 149 percent. Recent news cycles are studded with violence: a two-year-old toddler [stabbed](#) in a Texas wholesale store, a woman [doused with acid](#) on her front porch in Brooklyn, a man [knifed](#) in Manhattan's Chinatown, a couple [beaten](#) with a rock in a

sock in Seattle, a mother and her eight-year-old daughter [stabbed to death](#) while asleep in their California home, six women gunned down in a mass shooting in Atlanta.

Although China presents a legitimate national security concern—and genuine instances of espionage should be prosecuted—there is evidence that the U.S. is haphazardly conflating nationality with ethnicity. Representative Ted Lieu of California [states](#) that erroneous espionage prosecutions are “the latest example of our government's unfortunate inability to distinguish between American citizens and foreign adversaries.” One study found that the proportion of defendants charged under the Economic Espionage Act who were Chinese or Chinese-American rose from 17 to 52 percent between 2009 and 2015. More crucial is the rate of false positives: defendants of Chinese ethnicity [have been unjustly accused](#) at twice the rate of non-Chinese defendants. Many of these false positives—cases where the defendant is acquitted at trial, prosecutors drop all charges before trial, or the defendant pleads guilty to minor offenses and receives only probation—could be prevented by carefully examining the evidence before bringing charges, consulting a scientific expert on the merits, and avoiding biased, conclusory rhetoric.

The side effects of such a crude policy do more harm than good. Having spent my childhood in an idyllic Pennsylvania university town, I witnessed firsthand the community's reaction when a family friend—a Chinese-American physics professor who was a U.S. citizen—was erroneously accused, arrested and hustled away at gunpoint. Months later the Justice Department realized it had entirely misinterpreted the situation: it had accused him of sending schematics for sophisticated “pocket heater” technology to a colleague in China, but experts later clarified that the confiscated blueprints did not depict a pocket heater at all. The charges were dropped. But the professional, financial and reputational damage was done. The Asian-American community at the university buzzed with apprehension, fearing that no one was safe from unfounded accusations.

The current approach sweeps broadly and baselessly. Not only do rash prosecutions subject U.S. citizens to potential civil rights violations, but this climate causes a “brain drain” of intellectual capital. According to the World Intellectual Property Organization, immigrants make up a [significant proportion](#) of U.S.-based inventors and have won a third of the Nobel Prizes given to Americans. But now many immigrant scientists and inventors are [choosing to leave](#) the U.S. for other countries on the promise of higher pay, prestigious positions, looser regulatory schemes and—most notably—no federal prosecutions for legitimate research activity. Brian Sun, a renowned litigator who successfully represented Lee in his civil lawsuit,

explains: “If you're criminally prosecuted and disgraced in this way ... it's an academic death penalty: What are you left to do but go back to China?”

The long-term effect is rather perverse. As Princeton University molecular biologist Yibin Kang [notes](#), “What's happening is doing a great service for the Chinese government. If you turn this into a toxic environment, you're actually helping the Chinese government to then recruit back to China.”

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The U.S. loses in this situation any way you look at it. The country stifles its own innovation ecosystem by discouraging international partnerships, obstructing access to nonclassified federally funded research, renouncing immigrant intellectual capital and rejecting investments in innovations from certain other countries. On the international stage, it compromises its diplomatic standing by failing to recognize the diverse legal needs of other countries and forcing the [harmonization](#) of patent law.

But these harms have gone largely unrecognized. In 2018 the National Institutes of Health—the main source of funding for many academic labs—[instructed](#) around 10,000 U.S. research institutions to continue cracking down. Sun calls these “gotcha” cases: they apply disproportionately heavy criminal penalties for mere administrative missteps. Several institutions, such as [Emory University](#) in Atlanta and [MD Anderson Cancer Center](#) in Houston, subsequently fired a number of their Asian-American researchers.

The myopia is astounding. Tensions and violence are escalating every day in courtrooms and on city streets. But at least in the scientific community, prosecutors, legislators, agencies and directors of research institutions have the power to slow down and consider the hard facts of each case. Jumping to conclusory prosecutions and terminations does no good for anyone.



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By treating Asian-American citizens as perpetual foreigners and prosecuting them without merit or nuance, the U.S. will continue down a self-destructive path, harming its own citizens, innovation and economy.

Baumb, Nelly

From: Susie MacLean <susiem333@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 1:41 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Palo Alto Safe Firearm Storage ordinance

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

I am a physician and a volunteer with Scrubs Addressing the Firearm Epidemic (SAFE). SAFE is a nonprofit organization of physicians, nurses and medical students dedicated to reducing firearm injury through education, research and evidence-based policies. SAFE was founded at Stanford University School of Medicine in 2018 and we now have chapters at over 50 medical centers nationwide. Our website is at www.standsafe.org

I understand that Palo Alto is planning to draft a city ordinance requiring firearm owners to store their firearms secured with a locking device or in a safe to prevent unauthorized access. The benefits of safe firearm storage are demonstrated in several studies showing safe storage reduces unintentional childhood injury and adolescent suicide. At the end of this letter I have provided citations and links to three articles about these studies in *JAMA* (Journal of the American Medical Association) and *JAMA Pediatrics*.

California state law is considered fairly strict with respect to firearms. However, it fails to adequately define safe firearm storage, and local ordinances can help clarify what people should do to store their firearms safely. Penal Code Section 25100(c) states, in relevant part:

[A] person commits the crime of “criminal storage of a firearm in the third degree” if the person keeps any firearm within any premises that are under the person’s custody or control and negligently stores or leaves a firearm in a location where the person knows, or reasonably should know, that a child is likely to gain access to the firearm without the permission of the child’s parent or legal guardian, unless reasonable action is taken by the person to secure the firearm against access by the child.

What does this mean? If I am a firearm owner and I keep my firearm hidden in the top shelf of my closet, is that a location I “reasonably should know” that a child is likely to gain access? What about my bedside table? The attic? Should I reasonably know that my 10-year-old son and his cousin will go up in the attic to play and find my firearm?

Studies show children often know where the firearms are hidden. It would be better to give clear direction about what is considered safe firearm storage. A local ordinance can provide that clarity.

Consider California law for child car restraints in Vehicle Code Sections 27360-27368. The law does not state a person must restrain a child in a manner the person “reasonably should know” would restrain the child in the event of a sudden stop. The law gives specific direction and detail about the car seats that should be used for child restraint. For example, Section 27360(b) defines the type of seat suitable for children under a certain weight and height, incorporating federal motor vehicle safety standards, and Section 27363 provides specifics as to how a child is to be transported in various circumstances, how seats are to be placed and secured, among other things, taking into account the age, height, and weight of the child.

The California firearm storage law, by contrast, lacks such particular guidance on what firearm owners should do. We need more specificity to help the public understand what constitutes safe firearm storage to prevent unauthorized access.

Thank you for your attention. I look forward to working with you to reduce firearm injury and death in our communities through improved safe firearm storage.

Sincerely,

Susie MacLean, MD
SAFE Board Member and Legislative Affairs Director

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From: Stephen Rock <ser84@caa.columbia.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 12:10 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Safe Firearm Storage

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I heard that you will consider an ordinance to require the safe storage of firearms. I think this is a good idea to make accidental usage much less likely.

I have a relative in another state who is a very enthusiastic proponent of owning guns. He keeps his many weapons in a very substantial safe.

I have another relative who is mentally disturbed who lives with his parents who own guns which are not locked up. He once took a gun outside the house and was firing it until the police came.

Thus, at least for some gun owners, safe storage is important. Leaving guns in draws can result in potential deadly consequences.

Please make Palo Alto a safer place by requiring safe storage of guns.

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Stephen Rock
3872 Nathan Way, Palo Alto, CA 94303

Baumb, Nelly

From: Jim Fox <jimafox@pacbell.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 9:16 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Safe Guns - please act on it!

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Dear Mayor DuBois, Vice Mayor Burt and Council Members:

Gun safety is a vital interest to all in Palo Alto, with special importance to children living in homes with firearms - many of which are not stored safely, putting children and others at risk.

In addition to children, safe storage laws protect adults, by reducing suicide, accidental injuries, and other deaths and injuries from guns.

City staff were directed to draft an ordinance requiring the safe storage of firearms. This is a very important issue, affecting the lives and health of our children and of adults as well.

Please follow up - review the draft, perfect its language if necessary - but act on this vital matter.

Thanks,
Jim Fox, Palo Alto voter

Baumb, Nelly

From: Elisabeth B <elizart4all@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 7:42 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Safe Gun Storage

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Dear Mayor DuBois and Council members:

I understand the City Council directed the city staff in December 2020 to draft an ordinance requiring the safe storage of firearms at home. This is an urgent matter of public safety. A safe storage ordinance would require firearms at home to be stored unloaded and locked when unattended. California law does not currently require these specific steps. Many California cities and counties have enacted safe storage laws.

Children and teens are disproportionately victims of suicides, accidental, and intentional shootings from unsecured firearms. Safe storage laws have reduced injuries and deaths from these types of shootings, especially suicides.

The COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown have worsened mental health for many people, heightening the risk of injuries or death by firearms in our communities. It has been nearly six months since the City Council directed the writing of the ordinance. We acknowledge the council has many important issues to deal with. We write today to urge you to make the adoption of a safe storage of firearms ordinance a priority.

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Best regards,
Elisabeth Bonnet
729 Florales Drive
Palo Alto 94306

Baumb, Nelly

From: Colleen Gormley <colgormley@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 3:02 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Gun Safety

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Dear Mayor DuBois and Council members:

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Colleen Gormley (415.218.3432)
2361 Byron Street
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Baumb, Nelly

From: Yiyi Zeng <yiyi.zengs@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 1:42 PM
To: hongyi shi
Cc: Council, City; Chunhui Shi
Subject: Re: Park Trash

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Dear City Council staff,

The park my son mentioned is Cornelis Bol Park. It is located near Gunn High School, where my son is a rising 9th grader. We live in the neighborhood and would like to know what we can do to contribute to the solution.

Best wishes
Yiyi

On Tue, Jun 8, 2021 at 1:26 PM hongyi shi <chris.h.shi@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear City of Palo Alto,

I live next to a fairly popular park (next to one of the high schools in Palo Alto), and I have noticed that the trashcans there are either too small or not serviced often enough, which causes trash to litter the ground once all the trashcans are full. Not only is this a problem of littering, but the people responsible for this problem have also resorted to stuffing the trash into cans that aren't responsible for that type of trash (e.g compost in recycling). This problem was brought to my attention by a lady that was cleaning up the trash by putting it in her own trash bags that she brought, where she informed me of this problem.

Can anything be done about this problem and/or what can I do to change this?

Best,
Chris

Baumb, Nelly

From: Loran Harding <loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 1:35 PM
To: Loran Harding; alumnipresident@stanford.edu; antonia.tinoco@hsr.ca.gov; David Balakian; bballpod; fred beyerlein; beachrides; Leodies Buchanan; bearwithme1016@att.net; boardmembers; Council, City; Chris Field; Cathy Lewis; dennisbalakian; Doug Vagim; Daniel Zack; Dan Richard; david pomaville; esmeralda.soria@fresno.gov; eappel@stanford.edu; francis.collins@nih.gov; Steven Feinstein; fmerlo@wildelectric.net; grinellelake@yahoo.com; George.Rutherford@ucsf.edu; Gabriel.Ramirez@fresno.gov; huidentalsanmateo; hennessy; Irv Weissman; jerry ruopoli; Joel Stiner; kfsndesk; kwalsh@kmaxtv.com; leager; margaret-sasaki@live.com; Mark Standriff; Mayor; newsdesk; news@fresnobee.com; nick yovino; russ@topperjewelers.com; Steve Wayte; tsheehan; terry; vallesR1969@att.net
Subject: Fwd: Dr. John Campbell in UK, Mon. June 7, 2021. Some improv. in India. Ivermectin??

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From: Loran Harding <loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org>
Date: Tue, Jun 8, 2021 at 3:51 AM
Subject: Fwd: Dr. John Campbell in UK, Mon. June 7, 2021. Some improv. in India. Ivermectin??
To: Loran Harding <loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org>

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From: Loran Harding <loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org>
Date: Tue, Jun 8, 2021 at 3:43 AM
Subject: Dr. John Campbell in UK, Mon. June 7, 2021. Some improv. in India. Ivermectin??
To: Loran Harding <loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org>

Monday, June 7, 2021 really late.

To all- Dr. John Campbell for Monday, June 7, 2021: The number of cases is down in India.

The number of vaccinations in India is way too small to account for the drop in the number of cases. **Ivermectin is in widespread use there.**

He thinks the reduction of cases in India is due to vaccination, and some immunity from infection and recovery. But something else is at work. He thinks it may well be the use of Ivermectin. **It has been kept away from the, uh, taxpayers in the US.** Ivermectin is a prophylaxis to prevent Covid19, and it works as a treatment in the early stages of the disease, say its believers.

[India, infections reduce - YouTube](#)

It is a temporal correlation in India, not a huge, randomized study. BUT, Dr.Campbell says, the WHO should investigate and see if Ivermectin has been a factor. If they don't "I don't know why they are there" says Dr. Campbell, twice.

He shows graphs for Cambodia and Viet Nam.

He runs a vid. from a doctor in Australia discussing the side effects--- Thrombocytopenia and blood clots from Astrazeneca and J&J vaccines, and the myocarditis from the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. All sumamente rare. Raro. Doctors know what to look for wrt to them by now and how to treat them. You are far better off getting the vaccines, despite these rare side effects, says Australia.

If platelets are what makes blood clots, how can it be that a huge reduction in blood clots, the thrombocytopenia, is associated with blood clots? That has always had me wondering. The doctor above in Australia says that the clots, as they form, use up the platelets!. That is why they are so low. Also, the immune system, when it sees the vaccine, destroys platelets- in very rare cases. Adding to that theory, "It is an immune response", said a big-gun health official in the UK, from India I think, during a panel discussion in the UK about six weeks ago.

L. William Harding
Fresno, Ca.

Baumb, Nelly

From: Kelly Traver <kellytraver@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 10:16 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: safe storage

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Dear Council,

I know this has been a difficult year and there have been many things that have been in need of your attention, however, I really beg you to get the safe storage ordinance on the books.

There was an incident in Palo Alto a couple months ago with a small child accessing an unsecured firearm (fortunately this was caught before a tragedy happened) that could have been prevented with a safe storage law. With the surge in gun violence we are seeing in this country, this is one small but important step that local towns can take to prevent local gun violence. Speaking for the 842 Moms Demand Action supporters in Palo Alto, we were thrilled the council moved unanimously to draft a safe storage ordinance last December. Please let's get this law on the books. Thank you for all you do for Palo Alto.

Warmly,

Kelly Traver

Moms Demand Action Volunteer

California Lead for Local Legislation

Baumb, Nelly

From: Yvonne Murray <parter4safecommunity@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 7:28 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please Pass Safe Storage Ordinance

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Dear Mayor DuBois and Councilmembers,

Last December, the City Council directed city staff to draft an ordinance requiring the safe storage of firearms at home. I appreciated your recognition of the importance of safe storage and your action in directing staff to draft an ordinance. I urge you to follow up on this first step and pass a safe storage ordinance.

A safe storage ordinance would require firearms at home to be stored unloaded and locked when unattended. California law does not currently require these specific steps. Many California cities and counties have enacted safe storage laws. Palo Alto has a chance to join these cities in showing that keeping their communities safe from gun violence is a priority.

This is very important to me personally. My daughter, Rachel, struggled with issues of self-worth as a teenager. We know that many of our teens struggle with these issues in the hyper-competitive environment of the bay area. One day, everything seemed too hard and Rachel attempted suicide. Because guns are stored safely in our home, Rachel chose another method for her suicide attempt. Firearm suicide is fatal 85% of the time, whereas attempts by other methods are fatal 5% of the time. Rachel is alive today because our firearms are safely stored and she was able to get the help she needed to work through her issues. Studies show that when there are unlocked firearms in the home, teens know where they are and are at increased risk of harming themselves or others. There is also increased risk that a small child unintentionally shoot someone else, causing tragedy to everyone involved.

Please take action for Rachel and others like her.

Thank-you,
Yvonne Murray
Suicide Prevention Advocate & Concerned Citizen

Better IS Possible Together

[Why safe storage/gun safety is important to you]

It has been nearly six months since the City Council directed the writing of the ordinance. Our community cannot wait any longer for change. I write today to urge you to make the adoption of a safe storage of firearms ordinance a priority and pass the safe storage ordinance immediately.

Thank you for your work on this issue so far.

Sincerely,

[Your name]

Baumb, Nelly

From: Robyn Reiss <robyn.reiss@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 1:40 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Safe gun storage

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Dear Mayor DuBois and Council members:

I was alerted to this issue by a friend. Is there anything more important than the safety of our community?

I understand the City Council directed the city staff in December 2020 to draft an ordinance requiring the safe storage of firearms at home. This is an urgent matter of public safety. A safe storage ordinance would require firearms at home to be stored unloaded and locked when unattended. California law does not currently require these specific steps. Many California cities and counties have enacted safe storage laws.

Children and teens are disproportionately victims of suicides, accidental, and intentional shootings from unsecured firearms. Safe storage laws have reduced injuries and deaths from these types of shootings, especially suicides.

The COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown have worsened mental health for many people, heightening the risk of injuries or death by firearms in our communities. It has been nearly six months since the City Council directed the writing of the ordinance. We acknowledge the council has many important issues to deal with. We write today to urge you to make the adoption of a safe storage of firearms ordinance a priority.

Thank you,
Robyn Reiss

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Robyn Reiss Cell: 650-678-7160

Baumb, Nelly

From: Geoff Ainscow <gbainscow@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 12:19 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Gun Save Storage Ordinance

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Dear Mayor DuBois and Councilmembers:

I am writing to urge you to pass a safe storage ordinance. As we recover from the recent mass shooting in San Jose, and the mass shootings that have been occurring all over our country, the time for action on gun violence prevention is now. We cannot afford to wait to pass common sense gun policies that keep our communities safe.

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I live in Sunnyvale and have worked in Palo Alto for 35 years. We in Sunnyvale passed a similar ordinance in 2013. It won overwhelmingly by 66% of the voters. I encourage PA to do the same.

Sincerely,

Geoff Ainscow

Baumb, Nelly

From: Yael Pasternak Valek <yaelcow@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 9:08 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Safe Gun Storage

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Dear Mayor DuBois and Council members:

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Thank you,
Yael Valek
Ross Rd

Sent from my iPhone

Baumb, Nelly

From: Emily Jaquette <ebreuner@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 7:25 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please act on the safe gun storage ordinance

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Once the ordinance is in place, it will be easier for PAUSD to communicate about these issues with parents which is so important as we come out of COVID and teens deal with yet more change and uncertainty, increased pressure and anxiety.

Thanks for your time.

Emily Jaquette
Palo Alto Resident

Baumb, Nelly

From: Allan Seid <allanseid734@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 12:35 AM
To: Channing House Bulletin Board; CHOpinion@googlegroups.com
Subject: Fwd: State-sanctioned anti-Asian violence by American government

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Dear Neighbors and Friends,

This is the third in my series of top level American citizen scientists of Chinese heritage wrongfully discriminated against and whose career was destroyed by unjustified actions of our government.

From: **Allan Seid** <allanseid734@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Jun 4, 2021
Subject: State-sanctioned anti-Asian violence by American government
Source: USA Today 4/27/21

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/voices/2021/04/27/chinese-american-professor-bias-fbi-attacks-government-column/7385996002/>

The FBI wrongly accused my father of spying for China. Government has a role in anti-Asian violence.

My dad's wrongful prosecution is emblematic of anti-Asian violence by the U.S. government.

In response to horrific attacks against Asian Americans across the country, the Biden administration has announced a [new initiative to combat anti-Asian violence](#), xenophobia and bias. Days later, [a federal court denied my family](#) recourse for the anti-Asian violence and xenophobia the Obama-Biden administration subjected us to several years ago, when the Justice Department and FBI falsely accused my father of sending sensitive technology to China and treated him as a Chinese spy.

Mainstream narratives around anti-Asian violence have often overlooked a simple fact: The same federal government that recently expressed sympathy for Asian

American communities has long perpetuated harm against our communities, and continues to do so.

As the country moves from righteous outrage toward the longer-term work of protecting our communities, we must also look at the bigger picture. Truly combating anti-Asian racism will require addressing the government's role in it.

An ongoing nightmare

In 2015, the FBI raided my family's home one morning, woke us up at gunpoint and dragged my dad, Xiaoxing Xi, away in handcuffs in front of my mom, sister and me. We were confused and terrified. Later, we found out that the Justice Department was accusing my father of illegally sending sensitive technology to China. They [threatened him](#) with 80 years in prison and \$1 million in fines.

After the Justice Department publicized its charges against my father, newscasters surrounded our home and tried to film through windows to get a glimpse of our family. The FBI rummaged through all our belongings and carried off electronics and documents containing many private details of our lives. For months, we lived in fear of FBI intimidation and surveillance. We worried about our safety in public, given that my dad's face was plastered all over the news. My dad was unable to work, and his reputation was shattered.

The government's accusations were entirely false, and based on emails about academic collaboration between my dad and his colleagues that had nothing to do with the technology the government claimed. Eventually, [the Justice Department dropped the case](#), but not before leaving us traumatized and saddled with enormous legal fees. To this day, we carry many scars from our experience. The government has never explained why it got things so wrong.

These were anti-Asian acts at the hands of the U.S. government. My dad, an American physics professor, is nothing close to a spy. He does not even work on sensitive research. Yet prosecutors recklessly charged him with crimes based on his Chinese heritage, as part of a broader effort to crack down on China and its supposed spies. Without legitimate evidence, the government was able to deploy its powerful national security apparatus against us, including intrusive and secretive surveillance under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. In the process, it upended a family. We pursued a civil rights lawsuit to seek some semblance of justice, but now our [legal claims for damages have been dismissed](#).

History of racial profiling

The unjust prosecution of my father was not an isolated incident, but one of several targeting Chinese American scientists. People like [Wen Ho Lee](#) and [Sherry Chen](#), among others, have been painted as spies and had their lives turned upside down, only to have their cases dropped by the government.

Under Donald Trump, this problem grew more pernicious. FBI Director Christopher Wray publicly doubled down, casting students and researchers of Chinese descent as potential spies and stating that the FBI views China “[not just a whole-of-government threat but a whole-of-society threat](#),” requiring a “whole-of-society response.” Trump’s Justice Department launched the [China Initiative in 2018](#) to target these supposed spies. Many more individuals and families have already been impacted.

The Biden administration has continued this initiative, despite [civil rights groups’ calls](#) to end it.

Beijing's oppression: [Why is Chinese leader Xi Jinping so afraid of Hong Kong and Jimmy Lai?](#)

While there are legitimate concerns regarding the Chinese government, there is a major human cost to casting suspicion on entire communities based on national origin. The FBI’s record of racial, ethnic and religious profiling has left a devastating trail, including in [Muslim](#), [Black](#) and [Indigenous](#) communities. As anti-Asian — [particularly anti-China](#) — sentiment and bias continue to grow, I fear the U.S. government will cause many more people to experience what my family did, especially if there is no opportunity to challenge the government’s wrongdoing in court.

The government’s scapegoating of people like my father is part of a broader history of anti-Asian violence and xenophobia. Asian communities in America have long been viewed as perpetual foreigners and national security threats, dating to the [Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882](#) and the [Immigration Act of 1917](#), which barred people from China and the Asia-Pacific region from immigrating to the United States for decades.

During World War II, the government infamously [incarcerated 120,000 Japanese Americans](#) in the name of national security. The United States has promoted wars and militarization in places like the Philippines, Korea, Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos

that have dehumanized Asian people in the public imagination, and that have killed, traumatized and displaced many.

Now, the [U.S. government is deporting Southeast Asian refugees](#) who fled these wars. After 9/11, law enforcement vastly expanded its surveillance, harassment and criminalization of Muslim, Arab and South Asian communities, discriminating against them in the name of national security. And when COVID-19 hit, Trump resorted to blatant racism, calling it the “China virus” and “kung flu.”

Against this backdrop, countless Asians in America have been subject to violence and vitriol. The recent anti-Asian attacks have various causes, but with the government’s own xenophobic actions and rhetoric, it is no surprise these assaults on our communities have been widespread.

Like many, I worry for myself, friends and family amidst these hyper-visible attacks. But I take no comfort in the federal government saying it will protect Asian Americans by increasing the power of the very agencies that helped create conditions for violence. To meaningfully address anti-Asian violence, the U.S. government must end its own racist policies and account for past wrongdoing. And my family will be appealing the court’s dismissal of our claims. We will continue to fight to end racialized targeting of our communities.

Joyce Xi is the daughter of Xiaoxing Xi, a Chinese American scientist who was wrongfully prosecuted by the U.S. government.

Baumb, Nelly

From: Minor, Beth
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 11:39 AM
To: Amy Keohane; Council, City
Cc: Batchelor, Dean
Subject: RE: Time to open up city hall

Thank you Amy for taking my call. I understand your aunt took a copy of a voided check and her bill and put it in the mail slot in front of City Hall, and staff is to enter her information into the computer system so she can have auto pay. The other issue you are going to follow up on is to see if she and her renters are both getting billed for the utilities, mainly gas, when it should be your aunt. If you need anything further please feel free to contact me at (408)893-8588.

Thanks and stay healthy.



BETH MINOR

City Clerk

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From: Amy Keohane <amykeohane@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 11:10 AM
To: Council, City <city.council@cityofpaloalto.org>
Subject: Time to open up city hall

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Hi Council,

There are been ongoing complaints that no one can get a hold of anyone via the phone. We have more or less figured out the virus how the virus working and people are vaccinated, time to bring people back to the office so they can help the people of Palo Alto.

My 84 year old Aunt needed help and could not get anyone to help her, so she asked me to go down and see if I could talk to anyone, much to my surprise things are still shut down. No one to talk to so I stuck the info in the utility box. I hope they can figure it out. You have the libraries open, time for city hall to open and get back to business

Amy Keohane
650-346-5306

Baumb, Nelly

From: Minor, Beth
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 11:12 AM
To: Amy Keohane; Council, City
Subject: RE: Time to open up city hall

Hi Amy,

Are you available for a phone call to see if I can assist you and your Aunt, or at least point you in the right direction?

Thanks and stay healthy.



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From: Amy Keohane <amykeohane@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 11:10 AM
To: Council, City <city.council@cityofpaloalto.org>
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Baumb, Nelly

From: Rice, Danille
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 12:45 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Nose, Kiely; Minor, Beth; Gaines, Chantal; Shikada, Ed; Stump, Molly
Subject: Upcoming Council Consent Questions submittal timeline

Good afternoon Mayor and Council Members,
I am emailing on behalf of City Manager Ed Shikada to provide the upcoming deadlines for the submission Consent Questions for the last couple meetings before your summer break below:

- Monday, June 21 Council Meeting Consent Question submittal deadline is on **Wednesday, June 16th** end of business day
- Tuesday, June 22 Special Council Meeting Consent Question submittal deadline is on **Thursday, June 17** end of business day

Thank you,
Danille



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Baumb, Nelly

From: Allan Seid <allanseid734@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 6, 2021 9:17 AM
To: Channing House Bulletin Board; CHOpinion@googlegroups.com
Subject: Fwd: Suspect in attack on 75-year-old Asian woman in Queens wanted linked to separate assault nearby, sources say - ABC7 New York

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From: **Allan Seid** <allanseid734@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Jun 6, 2021
Subject: Suspect in attack on 75-year-old Asian woman in Queens wanted linked to separate assault nearby, sources say
Source: - ABC7 New York

<https://abc7ny.com/assault-suspect-75-year-old-asian-woman-wanted-in-separate-punched-face/10714126/>

Suspect in attack on 75-year-old Asian woman in Queens linked to separate assault, sources say

CORONA, Queens (WABC) -- A suspect in a random attack on a 75-year-old Asian woman in Queens Wednesday has been tied to another unprovoked assault, sources say.

Sources tell Eyewitness News, the man police are investigating assaulted a Hispanic woman shortly after the initial attack.

His identity has not been released, but according to sources, he is currently awaiting apprehension.

He is not expected to be charged with a hate crime.

Authorities say the victim was walking on 57th Avenue near 97th Place in Corona on her way to a nearby supermarket when she was struck in the face.

Police released video showing the moment the suspect attacked.

In the video, you see the man, sitting on the curb at 97th Place, get up and walk towards the market and punch her in the face.

The attack left her bruised and fractured a bone near one of her eyes.

She was taken to Elmhurst Hospital.

Police believe the suspect is a man in his 20s who fled in an unknown direction. Thursday afternoon, police released an image of the man that they were looking for.



The search for him continues despite an earlier report that police had the man in custody.

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From: Shikada, Ed
Sent: Saturday, June 5, 2021 1:15 PM
To: Tom DuBois; Eggleston, Brad
Cc: Council, City
Subject: Re: Garbage on Middlefield at Tastebuds Kitchen

Yes, we see them all! Brad has staff following up.

From: Tom DuBois <tomforcouncil@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 5, 2021 3:06:14 PM
To: Shikada, Ed <Ed.Shikada@CityofPaloAlto.org>; Eggleston, Brad <Brad.Eggleston@CityofPaloAlto.org>
Cc: Council, City <city.council@cityofpaloalto.org>
Subject: Fwd: Garbage on Middlefield at Tastebuds Kitchen

Adding Brad and Ed to make sure they see this one

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From: Mj Wolf <mimi.wolf@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Jun 5, 2021 at 10:40 AM
Subject: Re: Garbage on Middlefield at Tastebuds Kitchen
To: TBK Palo Alto <paloalto@tastebudskitchen.com>, <City.Council@cityofpaloalto.org>, <pwd@cityofpaloalto.org>
Cc: Lynne Chiapella <lchiapella@juno.com>, Sheri Furman <sher11@earthlink.net>, Tim Foy <tim@midtownpaloalto.com>

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Hi Scott,

I appreciate your efforts in trying to resolve this ongoing issue and thank you to TasteBuds and Tom Foy for maintaining the landscape in that corner.

Dear City Council,

I've not heard back from any of the City Council members. I have contacted the VTA about removing the trash but was told that the VTA is only responsible for receptacles with a blue top, the gray tops are supposed to be maintained by the City (Green Waste). I've contacted Green Waste and was told that they are "looking into" the situation. This is very frustrating but the trash is still there and will be until someone takes responsibility. Maintaining our streetscapes gives all the residents and visitors notice that we care about our neighborhood and that we expect everyone to do their part and pick up after ourselves.

Since the City recently renewed a contract with Green Waste shouldn't the City expect Green Waste to fulfill the duties of the contract?

I look forward to hearing from you soon on measures that you are taking to resolve this issue.

Sincerely,
Mimi Wolf
745 San Carlos Court
Palo Alto

On Sat, Jun 5, 2021 at 7:33 AM TBK Palo Alto <paloalto@tastebudskitchen.com> wrote:

Dear Mimi,

Thank you for bringing this issue to the attention of the City Council. Let us give you some additional background and clarify the actions we have taken thus far. This trash receptacle was moved to the current location about 1 month ago. We do not know who moved the receptacle from its previous location further north on Middlefield. Over two weeks ago we contacted Green Waste as we felt this could be a health hazard. Representatives did come out the day after we called and take pictures, but but no further action has been taken. We do not know why there is an issue with the city rectifying this health hazard. At Taste Buds Kitchen we have our own Green Waste provided trash, compost and recycling receptacles in a locked enclosure. Any time there has been an issue Green Waste has addressed it immediately. We are unsure as to why they are unable to take action in this instance.

We hope this information helps in resolving this issue.

Thank you,

Scott Andersen



Scott & Susie Andersen / Kitchen Owners
paloalto@tastebudskitchen.com

Taste Buds Kitchen Palo Alto
[\(650\) 709-5284](tel:6507095284)
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Palo Alto, CA 94306
tastebudskitchen.com



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From: **Mj Wolf** <mimi.wolf@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Jun 4, 2021 at 10:40 AM

Subject: Garbage on Middlefield at Tastebuds Kitchen

To: <City.Council@cityofpaloalto.org>

CC: Lynne Chiapella <lchiapella@juno.com>, Sheri Furman <sheri11@earthlink.net>, corporate@tastebudskitchen.com <corporate@tastebudskitchen.com>

Picture taken this morning, 6/4/2021, at [2775 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto](#).

Is Green Waste responsible for maintaining this receptacle? Trash overflowing for at least a month.

Mimi Wolf

[745 San Carlos Ct, Palo Alto, CA 94306](#)
6502456434



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M. Wolf
650.245.6434

"It seems to me that the good lord in his Infinite wisdom gave us three things to make life bearable- hope, jokes, and **dogs**. But the greatest of these was **dogs**."

---Robyn Davidson

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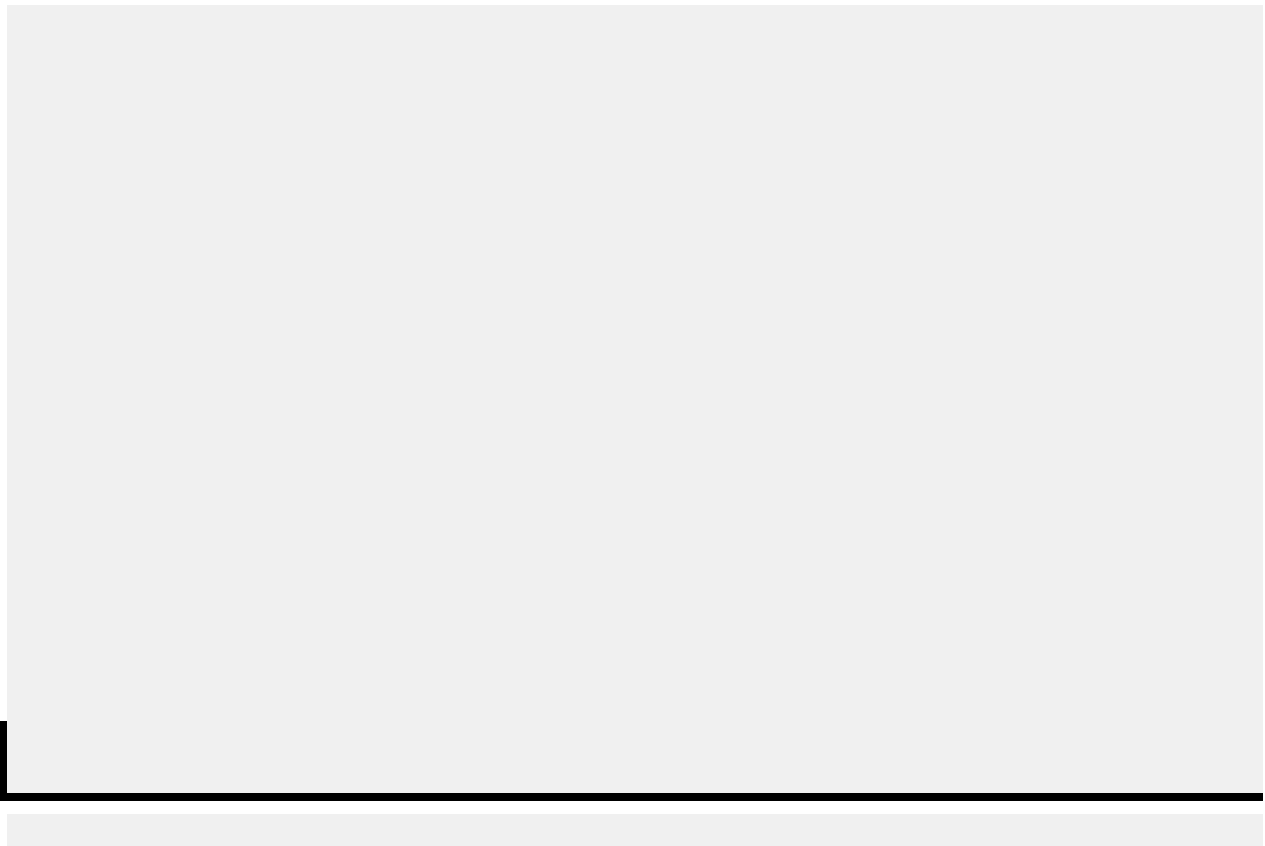
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Subject: Fwd: Chinese-American scientist's world upended after he is swept up in US national security net | South China Morning Post

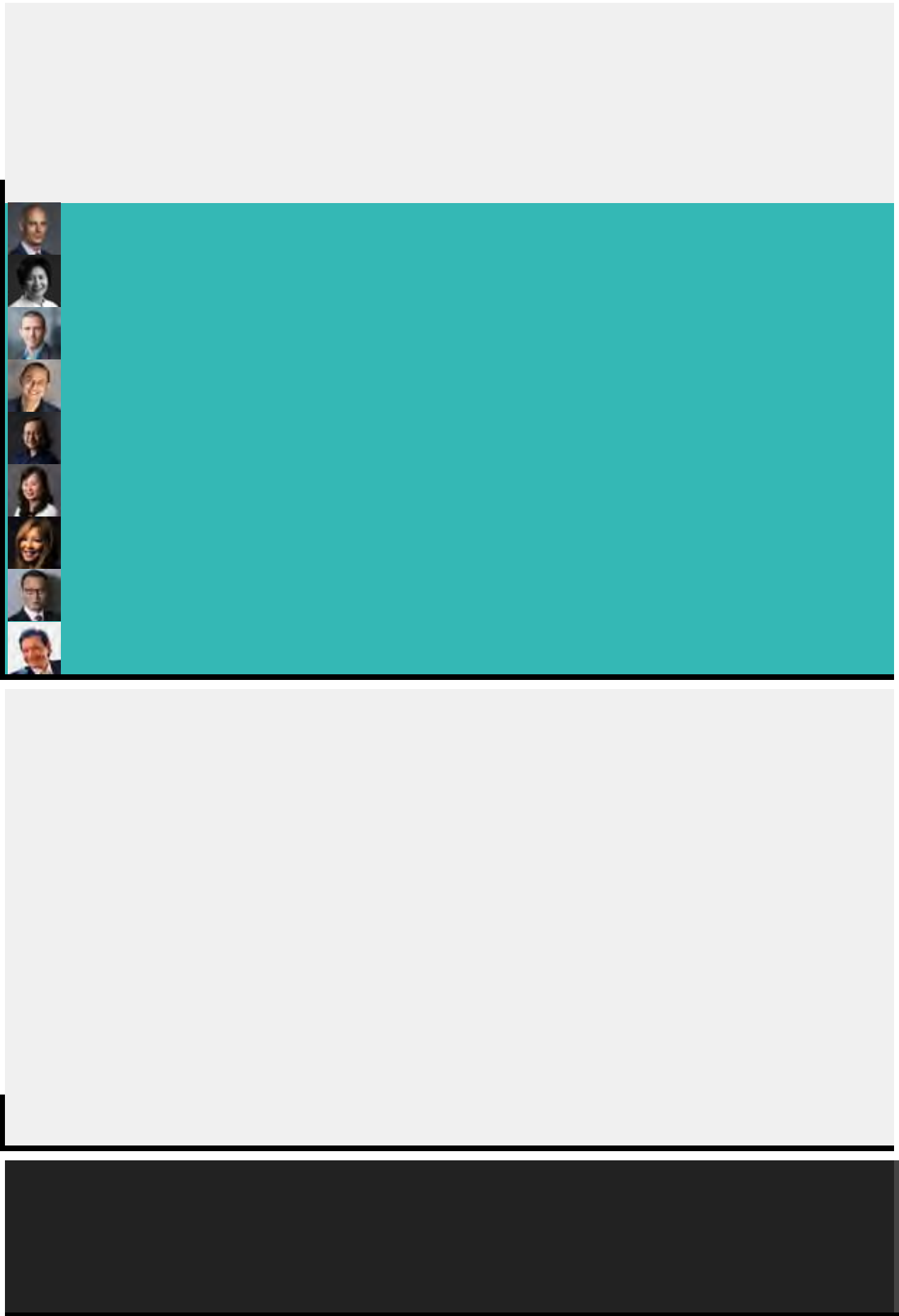
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From: **Allan Seid** <allanseid734@gmail.com>
Date: Fri. Jun 4, 2021
Subject: Fwd: Chinese-American scientist's world upended after he is swept up in US national security net Source: South China Morning Post

This article features another high ranking American citizen of Chinese descent and professor at Emory University for 23 years wrongfully investigated by our FBI under former President Trump's "China Initiative Program". The doctor's research career was unjustly destroyed and his significant contribution to America was terminated.

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From: Judith Fields <judith2468@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 11:49 AM
To: Planning Commission; Council, City
Subject: proposed zoning change

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My name is Judith Fields. I live in Palo Alto Central, basically at the corner of Grant and Park. The soon to be approved affordable housing complex. is across Park on Grant. Also across Grant (on the other side) is a site for the proposed zone change. At the rate this is going, I'll only be able to see the sun if I go to the parking lot of the Courthouse.

I understand that Palo Alto is under pressure to add more housing. Just as single family residents want to retain their zoning, so do those of use who already live in dense housing.

It seems as if staff has seized on the area around Park Boulevard as the place to solve their housing problem. The numbers may work for the staff, but they don't work for people. Are politics part of this zoning proposal?

How dare you change the density in an already dense area.! You're creating a mid level ghetto at the expense of the people who live here and who would be living here. The impact on circulation is too horrible to comprehend.

I feel I am being pushed beyond my limits. I want the city to leave zoning as it is and allow me some breathing room. Too much density is not good for children and other living things.

thank you, Judith Fields

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Judith Fields
2581 Park Boulevard, Y103
Palo Alto, CA 94306
650-283-7288

Baumb, Nelly

From: mark weiss <earwopa@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 11:39 AM
To: Shikada, Ed
Cc: Council, City
Subject: Re: PA poverty tows

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Ibid, plus:

I forgot to add my point which I have made previously that we are the only community in the bay area that would not tax a large corporation like Tesla, perhaps as a convenience to their landlord or all landlords, which has today a market cap of \$580 billion with a B, yet we tried to collect about \$1000 from 20 indigent parties.

One dollar one vote? Mark Weiss

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jun 9, 2021, at 11:34 AM, mark weiss <earwopa@yahoo.com> wrote:

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> Ed, Council-

> I am forgetting the actual numbers but I believe it is true that we identified about 500 vehicles, Cited about 20, and towed four.

> And the community is divided about whether the expediency was moral.

> Or are there other ways to address the sanity issues, public health, filth?

> I noted this article in today's Chronicle and their jargon "poverty tow".

> "Coalitions Tuesday to stop 'poverty tows'" by Lauren Hepler

> Wednesday, June 9, 2021 San Francisco Chronicle. Page B1 Mark Weiss In

> Palo Alto

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From: Maryjane Marcus <maryjane.marcus@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 8:14 AM
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Cc: Debbie Mytels; Drekmeier, Peter
Subject: S/CAP - need to make GAS more expensive than electric

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Dear City Council,

Last month, you recommitted to the 80 x 30 (80% reduction in greenhouse gases by 2030) goal in the Palo Alto Sustainability and Climate Action Plan (S/CAP).

An essential part of that is to align economics with our social and environmental goals. Gas is much cheaper than electric -- and that is a problem for our City and our future.

We remodeled our house and went entirely off gas -- getting an electric heat pump, induction stove and solar panels. We are not an excessive user of electricity. Nonetheless, our winter electricity bills have skyrocketed since we went electric relative to gas (\$200+ a month). We live in a 1300 sf home.

We need to make GAS more expensive than electric if we want to encourage the shift and also to count the externalities that fracking is costing our planet. Those extra funds could be used to subsidize electricity or to pay remediation to communities that have been hurt by fracking. This may also help those who face higher gas prices understand that there is significant harm done through gas extraction and the higher prices are trying to address that harm.

Please do what you can for our planet.

In summary:

1. Increase gas prices with our S/CAP goals (more than electric, preferably).
2. Pay remediation to those communities hurt by fracking with excess funds.
3. Offer subsidies to lower/fixed income homes if that is a challenge for them.

We cannot push for a switch off gas if gas is sold much more cheaply than electricity.

Warmly
Mary Jane Marcus
2090 Cornell St
Palo Alto

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“The heart is a
The thousand-stringed instrument

That can only be tuned with
Love.”

— شمس الدين محمد حافظ / Khwāja Šams ud-Dīn Muhammad Hāfez-e Širāzī, The Gift

Baumb, Nelly

From: Loran Harding <loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org>
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Subject: Re: IMPORTANT: KCBS In Depth 6-5-21. Origin of Covid19. All News outlets listen.

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Tues. June 8, 2021

To all- Here is Sen. Charles Grassley today in the U.S. Senate discussing his efforts in the past to determine what HHS knew about the involvement of the US government in research done in the Wuhan Institute of Virology. He did not like the answers he got, but I'll bet that is going to change. The Chinese do virology research in a lot of labs, not just in the one in Wuhan, and they use a lot of US taxpayers' money to do it. The US has about 26 National Labs, Livermore, Oak Ridge, Los Alamos among them, and some believe that some of them have been involved with virus research with the Chinese. So all of that has to be explored too. We need to know what agencies of the US government have been so involved. Sen. Grassley tears into Dr. Fauci for lack of oversight wrt what the Chinese were doing with the US taxpayer money his agency gave them to do virus research.

Oversight that comes to mind: Chinese speaking US scientists working in the Chinese labs with their scientists and reviewing their results every day. But, of course, how would that monitor what the Chinese were doing in labs we knew nothing about? It would not. Maybe if we can't trust somebody, we should not have anything to do with them.

["For Crying Out Loud": GOP Senator Tears Into Fauci Over Funding To Wuhan Institute Of Virology - YouTube](#)

I said in the email below that NYT, BBC, and DW should dig into the claims made in the KCBS program there. I add WSJ, LA Times, NHK, Fox News. PBS, Canadian and Australian TV networks, more Washington Post, and other remaining newspapers. The Biden administration, the US intelligence community, the US scientific community, and the Chinese communist party should feel the heat here. 600,000 Americans, and millions world wide, have died from a deadly virus that somehow came out of China. We need to know how it originated in China so we can take steps to prevent a repeat. We could face a virus in the future that is far deadlier than Covid19- as deadly as Ebola and 10X more transmissible, says Dr. Campbell in the UK.

I call again for the US government to build a vaccine super-lab, like the one the UK is building.

Some in the US are now saying "How can we ever, now, 18 mos. later, get any good evidence out of China as to any involvement by their virology labs in the creation and release of the Corona19 virus?" I would think that by now any incriminating evidence they had would have been destroyed and any people involved would have been silenced, probably permanently. But we can find out what was done on the US side. Subpoena documents, put people under oath and find out what our role was.

L. William Harding
Fresno, Ca.

On Mon, Jun 7, 2021 at 2:27 AM Loran Harding <loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org> wrote:

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From: **Loran Harding** <loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org>
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To: Loran Harding <loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org>

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From: **Loran Harding** <loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org>
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Subject: IMPORTANT: KCBS In Depth 6-5-21. Origin of Covid19. All News outlets listen.
To: Loran Harding <loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org>

Late Sunday night, June 6, 2021

IMPORTANT- I hope all news media will listen to this. Explosive stuff. NYT, BBC, DW will want to hear this and follow up. The US networks act as jockstraps for the WH, so not sure how they will react to this. This ran this morning on KCBS-AM 740 SF. Program is "In Depth" Title of the segment is "Reexamining the "Lab Leak" theory". Congress and the WH will want to hear this. Trump will too.

<https://www.audacy.com/kcbsradio/podcasts/kcbs-in-depth-288>

They interview Dr. David Relman, professor of medicine and microbiology and immunology at Stanford. He and some colleagues sent a letter recently asking for a more intense investigation of the origin of Covid19. Then they interview Josh Rogin, a Washington Post columnist. He says:

The Chinese government blackmailed the United States. Shut up about Covid maybe escaping from a lab there or they would deny us the masks and PPE we needed. The threat was by Xi in a phone call to Trump.

US scientists downplayed the escape from a Chinese lab idea because they had been working so closely with Chinese scientists on viruses and providing them vast amounts of money. If escape from a lab theory flew, the idea that US scientists were involved became more credible. So they lied and covered up to favor the nature as a source theory. BTW, the Chinese do this work in several labs, Beijing, e.g. So do we do it in several labs in the US.

The US intelligence community was asked once already to identify the source of Covid 19. So this is the second time. They found evidence of a Chinese lab source, but the lied about it to prevent Trump from using it to get re-elected. Trump has to hear this too.

Really explosive stuff. Rogin goes on at the end about how the US govment cannot just let this lie. It has killed 600,000 Americans and we cannot just let it pass. Our government has to apply serious measures to the Chinese Communist government. Not sure what he has in mind. A war? Surely not. We both have reliable ICBMs with reliable hydrogen warheads on them. He says WE, the American people, have to push our government to react to this with

China. Shell-shocked Americans are going to compel our government to take on the Chinese here. I can't get Biden to release the Astrazeneca vaccine and Congress won't even ask him about it.

Sixty Minutes had a good piece about this tonight too.

L. William Harding
Fresno, Ca.

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From: Arlene Goetze <photowrite67@yahoo.com>
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Subject: Shots Kill 5,165 people in US??

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Will the vaccines kill some of your family or friends . . . or voters?

VAERS has logged 5,165 deaths with Covid-19 vaccines,
more than all other vaccines combined between 1997-2013
when 25 -50 deaths would stop development of a vaccine.

Vaccine Averse Event Reporting System, part of CDC

**Are you supporting Vaccines that have killed dying elders in nursing homes,
adults of all ages, college and high school students, and 596 unborn babies?**

Will Virus Vaccines Depopulate the Earth?

Forwarded by Arlene Goetze, MA, writer/editor, No Toxins for
Children

Is the Pandemic about Vaccines??

STORY AT-A-GLANCE. from Mercola Newsletter June 7, 2021

1. Could it be that the whole COVID-19 pandemic was about a global mass vaccination campaign underway for population control purposes?

2. Vaccination **incentives** in the U.S. offer free doughnuts, french fries, pizza, free state park passes, Cincinnati Reds baseball tickets, a full scholarship and even \$1 - \$5 million giveaways

3. Meanwhile, VAERS has logged 5,165 deaths, 25,359 serious effects and 294,802 side effects between Dec. 14 and May 29.

4. Former COVID-19 patients are even pushed to get the jab, even though they already have superior immunity and studies show they have a **far higher risk of severe side effects from the vaccine than the virus,**
and **North Carolina lets children at 12 get a shot without parental consent.**

COVID-19 vaccines might perform as a “depopulation weapon” by triggering antibody-dependent immune enhancement, making you more susceptible to severe COVID-19 if exposed to the virus.

Antibodies against the spike proteins may also attack syncytin-homologous proteins essential for the formation of placenta, **which could result in infertility.**

Overall, the shots may destroy your innate immunity and set you up for rapid onset of debilitating illness and premature death.

Sub-titles in the article _____

**Unbelievable Incentives Offered
Additional Vaccination Support**

Mass Vaccination Is a Beyond Terrible Strategy
What's This Vaccine Program Really About?
Population Control Through Utilitarianism and Vaccination
The Depopulation Agenda
Will Booster Shots Be the Death Knell?
Why Have Effective Treatments Been Suppressed?
Will you Gamble your Life?

For the full story read below: Was the Pandemic about the Vaccine?

Analysis by Dr. Joseph Mercola Newsletter, June 7, 2021

(His newsletter ran 15 years before he was blocked in the pandemic)

In my opinion Dr. Peter McCullough is one of the most courageous well-credentialed academic physicians out there and I hope to interview him soon. He is vice chief of internal medicine at Baylor University Medical Center and despite his impeccable credentials, **he has been vilified for stating during the very beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, that it was about the vaccine and getting a global mass vaccination campaign underway.**

"**All roads lead to the vaccine,**" McCullough said in a recent interview (video above^{1,2}), with stakeholders banking on countries mandating the vaccine worldwide. The first video above is a 16-minute outtake from a much longer interview, which is the second video.³

McCullough points out that a number of countries are already talking about making the as-yet unlicensed COVID-19 **vaccine compulsory, meaning anyone and everyone can be forced to take it against their will.** "That's how bad stakeholders want vaccination," McCullough says. "They do want a needle in every arm. But why?" That's the million-dollar question right there.

Recent weeks have seen a significant rise in all sorts of vaccination incentives in the U.S., from free doughnuts, cake,⁴ french fries, hot dogs and pizza,⁵ to arcade tokens,⁶ 10-cent beer,⁷ free state park season passes,⁸ free Uber and Lyft rides,⁹ free marijuana¹⁰ and Cincinnati Reds baseball tickets,¹¹ a chance to win a full scholarship¹² and even \$1 million¹³ and \$5 million giveaways.

Below is a more complete list of incentives, posted on vaccines.gov.rewards after you get your vaccine additional vaccination support.

To say the vaccine push has an air of desperation about it would be a profoundly serious understatement.

Considering the U.S. Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS) has logged more deaths following COVID-19 vaccination than all available vaccines combined from mid-1997 until the end of 2013¹⁶ — a period of 15 1/2 years — **one has to wonder why our leaders are so insistent on everyone getting these experimental gene therapies.**

They're even pushing for former COVID-19 patients to get the jab, even though they already have superior permanent immunity¹⁷ and studies show they have a far higher risk of severe side effects from the COVID jab.¹⁸

If it's really about protecting the public against COVID-19, why aren't recovered COVID patients — whose protection is far superior to vaccine-induced immunity — offered some sort of immunity passport or granted access to sporting events or education that is now only granted to those

with vaccine certificates?

What's more, North Carolina has now passed legislation that allows children as young as 12 to get the COVID vaccine without parental consent. Think about that. As of May 29, 2021, 5,165 Americans had died after the COVID vaccine,²⁰ including three teenagers, and 12-year-olds are now encouraged to make a life and death decision without their parents?

As noted by McCullough, historically, the threshold at which an experimental vaccine program is shut down is 25 to 50 deaths, yet here we are, with over 5,000 deaths being reported in the U.S. and many thousands more in Europe.^{25,26}

In a recent report, the Israeli People Committee, a civilian body of health experts, similarly concluded that **"there has never been a vaccine that has harmed as many people."**²⁷

After vaccinating 45 million with the pandemic swine flu vaccine in 1976, the U.S. stopped the program after only 25 deaths. (The number of deaths reported after the 1976 inoculation program varies from three to 53, depending on the source.^{29,30,31,32}) And let's remember this too: If something goes wrong, the vaccine manufacturers are completely indemnified against lawsuits. You're on your own.

Mass Vaccination Is a Beyond Terrible Strategy

As a physician, McCullough is no longer recommending this vaccine, and other prominent virologists and physicians are calling for a stop to the program. Sadly, many are complying simply because they're desperate to get back to the "normal" they knew before, of sending their children to school, keeping their job and leading the life they had before the pandemic.

Don't do it, McCullough says — don't fall for this trap because it's only going to make things worse. By vaccinating everyone against a very narrow spectrum of immunity — **the original SARS-CoV-2 spike protein, which has since mutated in any number of ways and no longer exists — "we are setting ourselves up for a superbug that's going to wipe out populations," he says.**

As such, the COVID-19 vaccine is a bioweapon, McCullough warns, and the side **effect concerns are "far beyond anything we have ever seen ... Americans should be extraordinarily alarmed."**

What's This Vaccine Program Really About?

Why is the vaccine pushed in this way? McCollough believes **it's a global goal to "mark" people, to get you into their vaccine database, which will soon be turned into a tool for population control, courtesy of vaccine passports.**

When we're talking about population control, there are two distinct forms, and both may apply in this case. **One form of population control is about controlling people through the ideology of utilitarianism, vaccine passports and a social credit system, all of which are tied together. Another form is actual depopulation.**

Population Control Through Utilitarianism and Vaccination

Utilitarianism is based on a mathematical equation that some individuals can be sacrificed for the greater good of the majority. In other words, if some people are harmed by vaccines, it's an acceptable loss because society as a whole may or will reap gains.

This discredited pseudo-ethic has repeatedly been used to justify horrific human rights abuses. The Third Reich, for example, employed the utilitarian rationale as an excuse to demonize and eliminate minorities judged to be a threat to the health, security and well-being of the State.³³ Now, **utilitarianism** is being called upon yet again, under the false narrative that mankind as a whole is in peril unless everyone rolls the dice and gets vaccinated.

In the end, the idea is that vaccine refusers won't be allowed to freely participate in society any longer. This is the disincentive or negative incentive, which is added on top of the positive incentives previously mentioned.

While U.S. government officials realize they cannot mandate vaccination on a national level, as it would be a direct violation of the U.S. Constitution, **they are pushing for it nonetheless by encouraging private companies to mandate vaccination as a condition of employment or access to services. They're also spending billions of dollars on advertising in conventional media, paid for by U.S. taxpayers.**

In short, vaccine passports are a way to force compliance. But the vaccine database can also form the foundation for a much larger control structure, a social credit system, **where you lose points any time you behave in a way that is deemed undesirable.**

This quite literally could be anything, judging by the Chinese social credit system. **People with low social credit scores can't travel on certain kinds of public transportation, can't travel overseas, hold certain jobs, go to school or even get a loan.**

The point is, **once you're in this system, you're under someone else's control. If they say you have to get a booster shot, you have to comply — again and again — or risk losing basic human rights**, such as the ability to buy and sell, travel or get an education.

The Depopulation Agenda

The other form of population control refers to actual depopulation. A primary problem the global elite have been trying to solve for a long time is that there are too many people consuming too much of the world's perceived limited resources and polluting everything in the process. **The answer, in their mind, is to reduce the global population.**

While birth control and abortions are promoted to help with this, these strategies aren't effective, or rapid, enough. They need a less fertile population and they need people to die sooner.

I believe [COVID-19 booster shots] are going to be used to damage your health and possibly kill you. I can see no sensible interpretation other than a serious attempt at mass depopulation. ~ Michael Yeadon Ph.D.

While many may not want to believe this could possibly be true, you have to remember that the intention is not to cause suffering per se. **It's a form of self-preservation, as their end goal is to concentrate all the world's wealth into their own hands. Ultimately, that's what the Great Reset is all about.**

In the interview above, which is part of the full-length documentary "Planet Lockdown, **Michael Yeadon, Ph.D., a life science researcher and former vice-president and chief scientist of allergy and respiratory research at Pfizer, shares his views on the COVID-19 pandemic and his fears about the COVID-19 vaccines.**

"Basically, everything your government has told you about this virus, everything you need to do to stay safe, is a lie," And if they're not telling the truth, that means there's something else.

"And I'm here to tell you that there is something very, very bad happening. If you don't pay attention, you will soon lose any chance to do anything about it," Yeadon says.

Will Booster Shots Be the Death Knell

Of all the lies we've been told over the past year, the ones that worry and frighten Yeadon the most are **the lies about virus variants and booster shots. In fact, he believes not buying into these lies may be key to your survival.**

"When your government scientists tell you that a variant that's 0.3% different from SARS-CoV-2 could masquerade as a new virus and be a threat to your health, you should know, and I'm telling you, **they are lying,**" Yeadon says.

"If they're lying — and they are — why is the pharmaceutical industry making top-up [booster] vaccines? ... There's absolutely no possible justification for their manufacture. And the world's medicines regulators have said, 'Because they are quite similar to the original vaccines ... we won't be asking them to do any clinical safety studies' ...

There's no possible benign interpretation of this. I believe they're going to be used to damage your health and possibly kill you. Seriously. I can see no sensible interpretation other than a serious attempt at mass depopulation.

This will provide the tools to do it, and plausible deniability. They'll create another story about some sort of biological threat and you'll line up and get your top-up vaccines [booster shots], and a few months or a year or so later, you'll die of some peculiar inexplicable syndrome. **And they won't be able to associate it with the vaccines ...**

Given that this virus represents, at worst, a slightly bigger risk to the old and ill than influenza, and a smaller risk [than influenza] to almost everyone else ... we didn't need to do anything. [We didn't need] lockdowns, masks, mass testing, vaccines.

There are multiple therapeutic drugs that are at least as effective as the vaccines are. They're already available and cheap ... **An off-patent drug called ivermectin, one of the most widely-used drugs in the world, is able to reduce symptoms at any stage of the disease, including lethality by about 90%. So, you don't need vaccines and you don't need any of the measures that have been introduced at all."**

Why Have Effective Treatments Been Suppressed?

Like Yeadon, McCullough has raised serious questions about the need for a vaccine. Evidence clearly shows there are highly effective treatments, yet they've been near-universally suppressed in favor of these experimental shots. Why? If it's about protecting public health and saving lives, why would effective treatments be vilified?

As noted by McCullough during a roundtable discussion in the first of several U.S.-based tribunals on COVID-19,³⁷ something very unusual happened in 2020. **For the first time, doctors around the world were actively discouraged and prevented from saving their patients.** There was "an enormous, complete, pervasive, steadfast suppression of any attempts to help patients with COVID-19," he said, adding:

"We seem to somehow have developed a uniform game plan ... **to passively allow as much suffering hospitalization and death as possible, create enormous amounts of fear in our society, and then be prepared for mass vaccination.**"

Disturbingly, there's evidence suggesting the COVID-19 vaccines might indeed perform as a "depopulation weapon" of sorts. For example, there's the potential for formation of non-neutralizing antibodies that can trigger an exaggerated immune reaction (referred to as paradoxical immune enhancement or antibody-dependent immune enhancement or ADE) when the individual is exposed to the wild virus post-vaccination.^{38,39,40}

I've detailed this issue in several articles, including **"How COVID-19 Vaccine Can Destroy Your Immune System"** and **"Will Vaccinated People Be More Vulnerable to Variants?"**

Put plainly, the vaccine may increase susceptibility to the virus and make people more likely to die from the infection, and data⁴¹ now show COVID-19 deaths are spiking around the world right along with rising vaccination rates, even though countries were trending toward herd immunity and deaths were at an all-time low right before the vaccines were released.

The mRNA vaccines also trigger your body to produce antibodies against the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein, and the spike proteins in turn contain syncytin-homologous proteins that are essential for the formation of placenta.⁴² If a woman's immune system starts reacting against syncytin-1, then there is the

possibility she will miscarry if pregnant and ultimately become infertile.

Mass vaccinating children and women of childbearing age against COVID-19 is a profoundly bad idea that could cause mass infertility if the COVID jab triggers an immune reaction against syncytin-1.

We also now know that the worst symptoms of COVID-19 are created by the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein, and that is the very thing these gene-based vaccines are instructing your body to make. What's worse, the spike protein your body creates is a genetically modified version that appears far more toxic than the spike protein found in the actual virus.

This was discussed in great detail in my interview with Stephanie Seneff, Ph.D., and Judy Mikovits, Ph.D., featured in **"The Many Ways in Which COVID Vaccines May Harm Your Health."**

Like McCullough and Yeadon, Mikovits believes the COVID-19 vaccine is a **bioweapon designed to destroy your innate immunity and set you up for rapid onset of debilitating illness and premature death.** She too suspects many will die rather rapidly. "It's not going to be 'live and suffer forever.' **It's going to be suffer five years and die," she says.**

While the death toll from COVID-19 vaccines is already at a historical level, I fear it may shoot far higher as we move through fall and winter. The reason for this is ADE.

Fall and winter are the seasons in which most coronavirus infections occur, be it SARS-CoV2 or other coronaviruses responsible for the common cold, and if ADE does turn out to be a common problem, then vaccinated individuals may in fact turn out to be at significantly higher risk of severe COVID-19 and a potentially lethal immune reaction due to pathogenic priming.

Will you Gamble Your Life?

In my view, there are still so many potential avenues of harm and so many uncertainties, I would encourage everyone to do your homework, keep reading and learning, weigh the potential pros and cons, ignore all pressure tactics and take your time when deciding whether to get any of these COVID-19 gene therapies.

And, if you or someone you love has already received a COVID-19 vaccine and are experiencing side effects, be sure to report it, preferably to all three of these locations. While adverse effects and deaths have thus far been ignored, we need as much data as possible if we're to have any chance of stopping this mass vaccination campaign and push toward population control.

File a report of Injuries:

- 1. If you live in the U.S., file a report on VAERS, part of CDC**
- 2. Report the injury on VaxxTracker.com, which is a nongovernmental adverse event tracker (you can file anonymously if you like)**
- 3. Report the injury on the Children's Health Defense website
childrenshealthdefense.org**

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