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From:	Angie Evans
To:	Pavel Sirotin
Cc:	Council, City; Victor Tsaran; Mistie Cohen; Jeff Selzer; Nancy Coupal; Clerk, City
Subject:	Re: Presentation from the Community
Date:	Monday, September 13, 2021 11:39:07 AM

#### Adding the City Clerk.

On Mon, Sep 13, 2021, 11:21 AM Pavel Sirotin <<u>pavel@bevri.com</u>> wrote: | Hello,

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- Jeff Selzer
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Here are the slides.

Thank you!

Best, Pavel

Mayor Dubois and City Council Members,

For help with retail slump(s), at least for the long haul, how about allowing/encouraging more people to live in Palo Alto?

Just a thought on housing, Linnea Wickstrom Monroe Drive Palo Alto

From:	Iris Zhang
To:	Council, City
Subject:	Re: Agenda Item 6, September 13, 2020
Date:	Monday, September 13, 2021 11:31:37 AM
Attachments:	Re Agenda Item 6 September 13 2020.msg

Dear Mayor DuBois and Council Members:

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Instead please make sure that the current zoning is upheld and that the site be used for new housing which is a top priority for the city.

As you should be well aware, our region faces a desperate housing crisis. No one has been using offices, leaving them abandoned for the better part of 2020 and 2021 while there has ironically only been a dramatic increase in the population that is unhoused. It doesn't make any sense to transform that valuable land into more office spaces that will likely sit empty until the country has gotten the COVID situation under control.

The RM-30 zoning provides such valuable opportunity for our city to move forward with providing much-needed housing. As a Palo City resident, more housing is what I want to see, not more empty offices.

Best, Iris Zhang (College Terrace)

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Iris Zhang | Stanford Sociology ihzhang@stanford.edu

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By discontinuing non-conforming uses at the Fry's site, there will be room not only for housing, but for parkland and community amenities that will make this new neighborhood a vibrant addition to Ventura, and ultimately to the city.

Thank you.

Katie Hammerson Evergreen Park

From:	Pavel Sirotin
То:	Council, City; Victor Tsaran; AngieBEvans@gmail.com; Mistie Cohen; Jeff Selzer; Nancy Coupal
Subject:	Presentation from the Community
Date:	Monday, September 13, 2021 11:21:48 AM

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From:	Melanie Grondel
То:	Council, City
Cc:	Melanie Grondel
Subject:	In support of Closed Streets with Parklets to back Retail and Restaurants as they fight for survival during the delta pandemic.
Date:	Monday, September 13, 2021 11:12:39 AM

Dear Mr.Major and City Council Members,

Once more I would like to make the case that what attracts business, out of town visitors and us, residents, alike is the magic appeal of Palo Alto that depends on its atmosphere. As do the Silicon Valley Business sector and the crowds of young professionals affiliated with the famed Silicon Valley firms, large and small, so do the restaurant, retail and small business sector make essential contributions to that atmosphere and fame that allows Palo Alto business to flourish to the great heights we have gotten accustomed to.

Palo Alto is growing from a town into a city. Great Cities have great centers, that gives them the edge over spread out neighborhood communities.

Retail and Restaurants are a key part of that. The Parklets have helped to create a lively atmosphere that has allowed these businesses to start to flourish again after the Pandemic slow down. Nevertleless these businesses have incurred great costs and loans in order to stay afloat. They are starting to recover even as the delta virus exacts cautionary measures. They need every opportunity to continue in order to pay off the financial obligations incurred for survival. These obligations stretch into the future as loans typically do. Retail and restaurants form the heart of our community and deserve our full support. A thriving business community in the heart of the City and in its thriving neighborhood centers, returns the support given by the City

- such as parklets at minimum cost, no lease for street space used by restaurants or retail displays -, by paying the taxes to the City as their business picks up and flourishes.

With additional financial burden to the losses already incurred from the Pandemic, these businesses will have great trouble to meet their financial obligations in this fight for survival as the delta virus complicates the business recovery. More fees will tip the balance too deep into the danger zone for many establishments and will cause them to give up the battle.

A net loss for all around. Not only for the business owners and for the public as a downward spiral results, but especially for the City as the sales tax revenue dips as well. The negative spiral downward from a once vibrant city to a lacklustre or even crippled economic center, is a longterm loss for the city coffers.

I support the contracting of a specialist to report on, advise and implement strategies to create the most effective mix of retail, small business and restaurants in our centers, University Ave and Cal Ave, as well as in the neighborhoods, to optimize their synergy to realise the uptick in business across the sectors.

A Consulting/ Contractor position allows the flexibility to assess effectiveness along the way, and offers the option to consider different approaches. After a substantial period of time a more fixed position of an employee might be considered. Such an employee will have a compensation package around 300K as I understand. Such a substantial compensation package

brings with it a very substantial burden on longterm pension obligations, an area where the City of Palo Alto is already heavily burdened. I am in favor of contracting specialist expertise for a specified period of time only.

The Cities of Redwood City and Mountview have been remarkably successful in reviving their business picture.

From several surveys it has been shown that palo Alto in particular has been hit harder than surrounding cities by a slump in retail and miscellaneous economic activity. This has been attributed to the circumstance that office workers at all levels come to Palo Alto for their work as relatively few live in the City. The Pandemic has caused these people to work from home and not in the office, forcing Palo Alto retail and restaurants to do without their economic activity generated by their weekday presence. Palo Alto has suffered this phenomenon in a greater measure than the surrounding cities. The out of towners make a critical difference.

We need to support our retail, restaurants and small businesses in every way we can by keeping the center streets accomodating pedestrian plaza blocks with parklets and amenities, and by working together with small businesses to create strategies that work well together in bringing more people and businesses activity to Palo Alto in a safe way, and to optimize the return of the out of towner business population as soon as it is safely possible.

Thank you for your consideration, Melanie Grondel College Terrace Palo Alto

Dear Mayor Du Bois&Council

Please vote against office space at Fry's property and urge more housing at the current zoning spec of RM-30,30units per acre.

Palo Alto is woefully underfunded for middle class housing and insisting on housing at this site would relive that over site as well as meet state-mandated requirements. Thank you for serving, Eleanor Schooley

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From:	Rebecca Sanders
To:	Council, City
Subject:	Re: Agenda Item 6, September 13, 2021
Date:	Monday, September 13, 2021 10:25:25 AM

Dear Mayor DuBois and Council Members:

I strongly urge the Council discontinue the non-conforming use for offices by the Sorbrato Corporation at the Fry's site. Instead please make sure that the current zoning is affirmed and that the site be used for new housing which is a top priority for the city.

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Thank you.

Becky Sanders Ventura Neighborhood

From:	Nancy Coupal
To:	Council, City
Subject:	Downtown Pedestrian Friendly Streets
Date:	Monday, September 13, 2021 9:58:28 AM

#### To the Mayor and Honorable Members of the Palo Alto City Council:

On the cusp of your votes to decide the fate of our downtown businesses, I would like to bring to your attention a study done by the Downtown Businesses for Pedestrian Friendly Streets to define the composition of downtown locations. The results\* demonstrate the number of currently open restaurants compared with retail, services and vacancies.

# locations	%
94	43%
49	23%
44	20%
30	14%
217	100%
	94 49 44 30

\*the details of these results are available

here: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15aAnjzAO9v0Obu8TscQLuCKd1YsL04BduGLHveXhrxI/edit#gid=0

These results clearly demonstrate that restaurants are a majority compared with other business occupants downtown. This information is vital while the Council considers the impact of discontinuing the Uplift or Closed streets program and would have a negative impact on the majority of downtown occupants in the case of a negative outcome. Not only is it important to consider the current Covid 19 variants and impact on consumers, but it is also important to understand that our lives have been impacted for many years to come. We will all have to learn to live in a Covid world, but we are fortunate to live in a state with wonderful weather and temperatures conducive to dining outdoors most of the year. Diners have no choice but to take off their masks while eating, unlike retail shoppers who can keep their masks on while shopping.

Deciding on extending the current program for an extra month or two will not be a solution to a long term problem. We need to be realistic and come to terms with permanent changes in our lifestyles that protect our families and elderly, as well as people with disabilities in order to live as normal a life as possible. As you all know, office workers are not going back to the office before the end of January, 2022, and that is yet to be seen. Office vacancies have definitely had a severe negative economic impact on all downtown businesses. We began the new Covid world in March of 2020, never imagining the amount of time we would have to face a change in how we do business nor the collapse of the financial structure of our businesses.

Today we are again in your hands to decide our fate and we look to you for empathy and vision. It is the moment of opportunity for the City Council of Palo Alto to take a stand for a City defined by the community, environmental priorities and a progressive vision of the urban landscape. Make the choice for a City defined by social dynamics and not by cars and parking. No one drives through the Stanford Shopping Center; shoppers and diners park outside in lots and walk to their favorite places.

Over <u>5000 supporters to date have signed the change.org petition</u> in favor of making downtown Palo Alto permanently pedestrian friendly. Please

reflect on the changing sentiment of the community which you represent. The community elected you to represent them for a better, secure, environmentally conscious and healthy

lifestyle in their city. Take this opportunity to do the right thing for the majority and not only the vocal minority or landlords.

# From the Downtown Team for Pedestrian Friendly Streets:

As members of Palo Alto's business community, we are writing to express our support for a sustainable, clear plan for walkable streets in both of our downtowns. We are motivated both by urgent economic need and a desire to create a more welcoming, human-centered urban environment for our community.

## The need for walkable streets:

The most obvious need for a sustainable pedestrian and bike-friendly plan for our downtown is an economic one. With the deep losses from the pandemic, most businesses will need all of 2021 to recover losses from 2020 and 2021. These losses have also meant a significant drop in City tax revenue. A recent report for the City created by Avenu Insights noted that in downtown Palo Alto in particular there were more severe losses from 2019 to 2020 (27% in sales tax loss) than in neighboring towns. In order to recover these losses, and create a more sustainable, attractive downtown environment, we should make full use of our public spaces. This shift will help us draw in the young demographics we need to build back our businesses, make our city's finances more sustainable, and keep us competitive amongst neighboring towns who have already pushed ahead on pedestrianization plans.

In the case of restaurants, because of the concerns surrounding the Delta variant (and ongoing uncertainty related to emerging variants), customers are still overwhelmingly choosing to dine outdoors. For Palo Alto restaurants, we need to maintain our parklets and outdoor dining spaces as much as possible in order to continue to maintain viability. We also need final guidance from the City on parklets so that we can create realistic plans for the rest of 2021 and 2022.

With the plans for technology workers to return to offices pushed back until 2022 (and with that, a hybrid model in which workers will likely spend 40% less time in the physical offices than prior to the pandemic), we need to act urgently to create other streams of income in order for our businesses to survive. Developing a longer-term vision for walkable streets in our downtown, combined with cultural and artistic events for families and young people from the surrounding areas, is exactly what we need to encourage people to come spend time, shop, and dine. (There is no doubt that Stanford Shopping Center's relatively smaller losses during the last 18 months can be attributed in part to its relaxed, pedestrian and family-friendly landscape.)

## Benefits of this plan:

As should be clear after over a year of the successful UpLift Streets program, car-free streets encourage greater foot traffic and draws in visitors from surrounding communities, which has a direct economic impact on Palo Alto's businesses and City tax revenue. From a community perspective, our residents have also already demonstrated that they want walkable streets: surveys over the last year showed about 94% support amongst citizens, and to date there are almost 5,000 signatures for the online Car-free Streets petition.

Residents also recognize the clear environmental and health benefits to this form of urban landscape: recent studies have linked greater pollution from vehicles to depression and asthma, and creating pedestrian and cycling corridors saves lives thanks to a decrease in car accidents. Developing the urban infrastructure to encourage walking and cycling in town has clear health benefits, by encouraging a more active lifestyle. And as anyone who has spent time in a European city knows, it also encourages the kinds of spontaneous encounters that develop stronger bonds and sense of belonging within a community. These social and community benefits would create an overall boost to the quality of life here. There is also no doubt that a city plan which encourages walking and cycling is more environmentally sustainable, and will reduce our overall CO2 emissions.

## How we can make this happen:

We have the unique opportunity to act now in order to create longer-term economic and quality of life benefits for our city. Here are some ways we envisage that the City can make this happen in the context of a walkable streets plan:

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## Balanced use of spaces

Increase the diversity in our downtown by having a better mix of dining/shopping, residences, offices, and public institutions

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Infrastructure: safety and comfort

Improve bicycle infrastructure (re-striping of streets) and pedestrian safety details

Provide public transport within Downtown area and potentially make University Avenue narrower to make the space more quaint, and so public and businesses can benefit from wider sidewalks

Creative and interactive events

Develop innovative cultural and artistic events to draw in residents and visitors, and encourage social mixing

Consider adding public art to create visual interest

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Focus on green spaces and parks

For mental and physical health, and for environmental appreciation and education

This is a choice which is in line with the progressive, forward-thinking values that Palo Alto has at its core. Let's evolve away from a car-oriented and towards a humanoriented urban model which can benefit both our businesses and the quality of life for our community. We have the chance here to learn a lesson about some of the most challenging aspects about the pandemic — the social isolation and economic losses — and create long-term change with clear economic, environmental, and health benefits. Let's make our Palo Alto downtowns walkable -- permanently!

Sincerely,

Nancy Coupal President/CEO Coupa Cafe

From:	Carol Scott
To:	Council, City
Subject:	Agenda Item 6 - September 13, 2021
Date:	Monday, September 13, 2021 9:42:32 AM

Dear City Council Members,

I strongly urge you to build housing -- not offices -- on the site formerly occupied by Fry's.

Palo Alto has plenty of office space, and we are facing an uphill battle to build quality housing for families. Quality housing means housing that is not a shoebox, and a community that includes open park space (not a 'rooftop garden' that does not serve children or the community), and other amenities that create a neighborhood with strong community ties.

Fry's was a non-conforming use. The site should be returned to its original intent -- housing.

Thank you.

Carol Scott Evergreen Park

Carol Scott

From:	Michael Eager
To:	Council, City
Subject:	Re: Agenda Item 6, September 13, 2020
Date:	Monday, September 13, 2021 9:16:08 AM

Dear Mayor and City Council --

I urge the Council to terminate the non-conforming use of the Fry's site. For very many years, this area has been zoned for housing. Fry's and the property owner, Sobrato, has been aware that the non-conforming use was temporary. Do not change the zoning to make this non-conforming use permanent.

Palo Alto needs housing, not offices. Rezoning residential areas to office use goes against this.

Michael Eager

From:	<u>Kim</u>
To:	Council, City
Subject:	Keep California Ave Closed and add more parking on Cambridge
Date:	Monday, September 13, 2021 9:15:57 AM

I live in College Terrace and visit California Ave frequently. Currently I eat at the restaurants 2-4 times a month on weekends or weekday evenings. It's been great having spacious outdoor restaurant seating with no cars and no car exhaust next to you. I eat at those restaurants more frequently than I did prior to closing the street because of addition of outdoor seating.

I think keeping California Ave closed to cars will benefit the residents of Palo Alto and the restaurants.

Please work directly with the neighborhood about changes in traffic. They should get as much or more consideration as the business owners. I think they should all be notified and actively brought to the table by the city.

I think the related change in traffic and parking on Cambridge Ave and Sherman Ave will absolutely require adding more parking, especially on the Cambridge side. The street parking on Cambridge as well as its garage and lots were often full on weekdays before COVID.

Before COVID I would visit a doctor, hairdresser, the Massage Therapy Center and Country Sun Market which all required parking on Cambridge.

I shop at Mollie Stones a couple of times a week and that experience of accessing the store and parking has not changed since COVID.

I have no opinion on University Ave. I rarely go there because it is usually very crowded and parking is difficult and I have great restaurants down the street from me.

Thanks, Kim Lemmer 2282 Amherst Street Palo Alto

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<u>City</u>
p our car(e)free space!
September 13, 2021 9:10:13 AM

I urge you to make University Avenue and Ramona Street open for pedestrians and bicycles, and closed to automobiles, PERMANENTLY. It's a matter of quality of life! Sincerely, A resident of Palo Alto

Sent from my iPhone

From:	ashtonannette@gmail.com
To:	Council, City; Clerk, City
Subject:	Agenda Item 6, September 13, 2021
Date:	Monday, September 13, 2021 8:58:06 AM

Dear Mayor DuBois and Council Members:

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Thank you.

Annette Glanckopf - Midtown Resident

From:	Kim Murray
То:	Council, City
Subject:	Zoning for Frys site
Date:	Monday, September 13, 2021 8:51:01 AM

Hello:

I live in the Ventura neighborhood on Park Blvd. and I am urging you to not continue nonconfirming zoning and also to stop building office space. This neighborhood is taking its unfair share of large developments and instead should have single family homes and more open space. I think it is a very short-sighted decision by PA to allow Sobrato to add more office space which is not needed... Please think more long term.

Thank you, Kim

Kim Murray Director of Administrative Services

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Our office has moved! Please note our new address below. Our other contact information remains the same.

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From:	Jeffrey Lu
To:	Council, City
Subject:	comment on University+California Ave Uplift Local changes
Date:	Monday, September 13, 2021 8:38:36 AM

City Council,

I am writing to urge that California Ave and University Ave become permanent pedestrian streets. Residents have overwhelmingly enjoyed the street changes instituted in the past year, and making them permanent will ensure the continued success and vibrancy of these public spaces, improve road safety for all users, and send a strong message in support of reducing car use.

Further, I support exploring a permanent parklet program. While the staff report floats charging a fee for parklets (due to using public space for private means), the report makes no mention of this same public space being used for private car parking. Clearly, a parklet serves many more people than when used for private car parking. A comprehensive study of fees -- including car parking fees -- should be pursued before parklet fees are considered.

Please do not miss this opportunity to promote better, cleaner, and more sustainable living in Palo Alto.

Thank you,

Jeffrey Lu Midtown

From:	Cherry LeBrun
То:	Council, City
Subject:	Please Open the Streets on October 1st
Date:	Monday, September 13, 2021 8:37:37 AM

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

I am and have been a resident of Palo Alto for over 40 years and have owned my business, De Novo Fine Contemporary Jewelry, on Ramona Street for over 30 years. As you saw in the recently published sales tax figures retail businesses on the closed streets are being hurt by lack of visibility and access by cars. Retail businesses are a vital part of the economy and add to the vibrancy of our town and provide a livelihood for many Palo Alto citizens. Please open the streets on October 1st to allow vehicle access to retail businesses again.

Sincerely,

Cherry LeBrun

Palo Alto resident and Retail Business Owner

From:	Lauren Wye
To:	Council, City
Subject:	Let"s keep our car(e)free space!
Date:	Monday, September 13, 2021 8:36:21 AM

I urge you to make University Avenue and Ramona Street open for pedestrians and bicycles, and closed to automobiles, PERMANENTLY. It's a matter of quality of life! Sincerely, A resident of Palo Alto

-Lauren

From:	Elaine Uang
To:	Council, City
Subject:	Please keep University and Cal Ave OPEN for people
Date:	Monday, September 13, 2021 7:55:50 AM

Dear City Council,

Five years ago, a couple friends and I, with help of the former City Manager, organized a parklet outside of Cream and received a lot of great positive feedback. The following year, we did it again by Oren's, again to echoes of support. It took a pandemic for local governments to do it more broadly and I'm very glad you opened up University Ave and Cal Ave to foot traffic and outdoor dining. That decision has turned our downtowns into such delightful and safe public spaces for many to enjoy during this crazy pandemic period.

Please do not end this program. This decision is probably improving access to many local businesses, and allowing them more financial success than if the roads were designated exclusively to car use.

While there is no denying that Palo Alto tax revenues have been down, the decrease likely is not due to the conversion of our downtown streets to ped/bike access and outdoor dining, but due to the sharp decrease of daytime workers (over 50,000) who used to flock to Palo Alto offices and support our local businesses. San Francisco is reporting similar concerns and forecasting that work from home policies will continue to diminish their tax base.

Ending Uplift Local and taking away outdoor dining and pedestrian access all along University and California Avenues will make Palo Alto a far less desirable destination. Other peninsula cities, San Carlos, Mountain View are choosing to make their downtowns permanently open to people. If we let cars back on our main downtown roads, we won't encourage more people to come. Instead, we will lose business to the other more pedestrian friendly cities and continue to lose even more revenue.

Please keep University and California Avenues open to people, bikes, outdoor dining! It's been fantastic and so popular!

Elaine Uang Downtown North resident

From:	Loran Harding
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Subject:	Fwd: Dr. Campbell in UK: Zinc nutrition as we enter endemic phase. Sat. 9-11-21.
Date:	Monday, September 13, 2021 1:30:21 AM

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Sunday, September 12, 2021

To all-

Here is Dr. Campbell on Sat. Sept. 11, 2021 discussing much of the evidence about zinc. **It is vital for a well functioning immune system.** Watch this and you may want to consider a zinc supplement. He says, for him, early 60s, maybe 15 mg. three times per week. I've been taking 50 mg per DAY for a while, and I'll now make that per WEEK. Maybe that explains some of my emails. But he discusses Zn almost exclusively here and it is amazing what it does. He offers convincing evidence here that **you do not want a Zn deficiency, especially during this pandemic**.

Zinc nutrition as we enter endemic phase - YouTube This vid is well worth watching. You'll not soon forget it.

Here is much more infomation about Zn and health. It indicates that <u>40 mg. per day</u> <u>of Zn should be the maximum</u>, unless a doctor tells you to take more than that.

Zinc: Benefits, Deficiency, Food Sources and Side Effects (healthline.com)

Changing subjects, here is his vid for Friday, Sept. 10, 2021. Covid cases not rising as expected in the UK, except in Scotland,.: Symptom change and waning protection. One idea, maybe to become policy in the UK, is to let people catch Covid, and they will then have enhanced immunity. The other idea is to go with boosters in the late fall or in winter. But what about the unvaccinated who are exposed to Covid, and we now know that ALL will be exposed to it? Everyone will now be exposed to it. The doubly vaccinated may get sick, but not so sick as to be hospitalized. A third shot- the booster- will vastly improve immunity. One tiny note about that: **Dr. Campbell says that the vaccine makers have NOT tweeked their vaccines to better fight the Delta variant. We thought they would, but no. So your booster will be the same vaccine you received in Jan. Feb. etc.** President Biden in his speech re Covid this week did not mention that. BUT you want that booster, tweeked or untweeked! Dr. Fauci says they are testing a third shot now to see if it is safe, and it almost certainly will be safe. I'd much rather have an untweeked booster in October than wait for a tweeked booster, for Delta, in February. Untill you, the fully vaccinated, get a booster shot, you are vulnerable to a break through infection with Delta.

I expect them to give the booster first to health care workers and to the very old. Recall that they did that with the initial vaccinations.

Re vaccines for children- the hospitals are seeing a lot of children admitted with Covid. They can go to the ICU, can go under a ventilator, and can die, said one doctor. Pfizer will seek an EUA for kids 5 through 11 in Oct. or Nov. and could get approval before the end of the year, said Dr. Gottlieb. Then millions of parents, many with a 10th grade education, will protest long and loud: "Not my kid, you don't". Read two lines above again.

Symptom change and waning protection - YouTube

L. William Harding Fresno, Ca,.

Tiny other note, KCBS says tonight that millions of Californians will soon receive a \$600 stimulus check from the State. People will kids can get more. You must have filed a TY2020 State tax return by Oct. 15 to get the money.

It's time to open up University Avenue to traffic.

If restaurants want to continue offering outdoor dining then the city can offer "parkletts" like in Los Gatos.

But if the city does keep University Avenue closed to traffic, the restaurants need to pay a service fee for using public property. And that money should go to non-profits that make the majority of their income at art festivals and other events that COVID has canceled.

Restaurants are not charities and need to pay for the publicly owned square footage they are using.

Jim Wissick

Sent from my iPad

From:	James Currier
To:	<u>K Currier</u>
Cc:	Council, City; Cormack, Alison; DuBois, Tom; Filseth, Eric (Internal); Kou, Lydia; Tanaka, Greg; Stone, Greer;
	Burt, Patrick; Shikada, Ed
Subject:	Re: Keep Downtown Roads closed to traffic
Date:	Sunday, September 12, 2021 11:39:03 PM

I feel as if we've tripled our \$ spend downtown since the closures, and we've 5X our time walking around down there.

James

On Sun, Sep 12, 2021 at 10:06 PM K Currier <<u>katrinacurrier@gmail.com</u>> wrote:

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We hope you vote to keep the streets closed on a more permanent basis.

Thank you!

Katrina and James Currier

558 Hawthorne Ave, Palo Alto, CA 94301

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Council, City
Let"s keep our car(e)free space!
Sunday, September 12, 2021 10:54:22 PM

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Sent from my iPhone

From:	Aram James
To:	michael.gennaco@oirgroup.com; Stump, Molly; Council, City; Winter Dellenbach
Subject:	Independent police auditor function implemented in Los Gatos
Date:	Sunday, September 12, 2021 10:12:17 PM

https://patch.com/california/losgatos/independent-police-auditor-function-implemented-losgatos

Shared via the <u>Google app</u>

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From:	Frank Viggiano
To:	Council, City
Subject:	Make University Ave. and California Ave. permanent pedestrian zones
Date:	Sunday, September 12, 2021 10:09:36 PM

Dear Members of the City Council:

I strongly urge you to make the business district portions of California Ave. and University Ave. permanent pedestrian zones. Spending time on those streets is now so much nicer without the noise of cars and the smell of their exhaust. And the additional outdoor space for dining and consuming our favorite beverage has been wonderful. Making the zones permanent will allow us to optimize the pavement configuration for this purpose (removing curbs, etc.).

The downtown stretch of University was always a terrible place to drive a car, even when it was open to cars. It was an exercise in frustration, with the traffic barely moving as cars waited for pedestrians crossing the street, or for other cars pulling out of diagonal parking spots. Trying to combine a shopping district and a through arterial in the same street results in a street which is not very good for either purpose.

I have lived in other places with permanent pedestrian zones, and those areas were by far the most lucrative for local businesses to set up shop. They were where everyone went to dine out or shop.

I'm aware that "brick and mortar" stores are hurting during the pandemic as people have shifted to buying things online in order to reduce the risk of indoor exposure to the virus. But, one way or another, the pandemic will gradually subside, and people will go back to shopping in person. And when they do, I believe the pedestrian shopping zones will be the place of choice for people to go. I know it will be for me.

Thank you for your consideration.

Frank Viggiano Palo Alto, CA
From:	<u>K Currier</u>
To:	Council, City; Cormack, Alison; DuBois, Tom; Filseth, Eric (Internal); Kou, Lydia; Tanaka, Greg; Stone, Greer;
	Burt, Patrick; Shikada, Ed
Cc:	James Currier
Subject:	Keep Downtown Roads closed to traffic
Date:	Sunday, September 12, 2021 10:07:05 PM

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558 Hawthorne Ave, Palo Alto, CA 94301

From:	rsnicholls@mindspring.com
To:	Council, City
Subject:	Street Closure Mistep
Date:	Sunday, September 12, 2021 9:04:58 PM

Dear City Council Members & City Manager,

As a long-time Palo Alto resident, I follow the news and happenings concerning the city I call home. Since the pandemic began, I've been following with great interest the street closures as I live within walking distance to both University Avenue and California Avenue. While on the surface closing the streets seemed like a great idea, I would argue it was done without much thought or evidence to support whether it has been successful or not. Citing public outcry or public letters/emails supporting the closures is not evidence that it should continue, especially since the letters I just looked at online are clearly "form" style letters/emails that are suspiciously similar in wording. Stating that you received 400 responses to keep the streets closed in a city of nearly 64,000 citizens (less than 1% of the population) is not convincing.

Do not get me wrong, I love al fresco dining in a safe space free from traffic, but this has come at the expense of our businesses. It is utterly baffling how you can vote to keep the streets closed without doing any kind of survey as to what is actually happening during any given time of day. I've walked downtown at all different times of day, here are some of my anecdotal observations (done 8/3 between Noon and 2:00 p.m.):

\*Between Cowper and Kipling the street is closed for 1 restaurant (Rooh), which is open for dinner only during the week (lunch & dinner on weekends).

\*Between Florence and Bryant the street is closed for restaurants on one side (Slider Bar, Burma Ruby, Curry Pizza, Kung Fu tea, Siam Royal) while La Strada and Joya on the other side are not even open at all.

\*Between Bryant and Waverly you have 7+ businesses: Keen, Restoration Hardware, a business, Fidelity, Shade Store, and Blue Mercury while 2 restaurants (Orens & Union Local 271) with parklets use a huge portion of the street.

\* From Ramona to High street University Ave. is open to traffic with blinking traffic lights, which helps no one. Please, turn them back on.

\* Ramona to Hamilton is closed for dining in the street (and most have parklets) while other side streets downtown are open to traffic. This has also led to partially opening sections of University Ave. in an awkward, circuitous manner.

The street closures don't add up to what is perceived as a way to help restaurants. How many of those 400 people go downtown or to Cal Ave to dine during lunchtime on a weekday? How many dine out regularly during weeknights? I would argue very few as evidenced by the sparse numbers I observe every time I venture to either location. Please, do some research that can guide your decision-making with evidence. Parklets have been a great solution and perhaps can become a permanent solution. Summer evening street closures on the weekends might be an option, but the idea of rubber-stamping street closures indefinitely based on perceived public opinion is a huge misstep in your role to serve this city in a fair and equitable manner.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Nicholls

cc: all city council personal emails.

From:	Alexei aNDREEV
To:	Council, City; Cormack, Alison; DuBois, Tom; Filseth, Eric (Internal); Kou, Lydia; Tanaka, Greg; Stone, Greer;
	Burt, Patrick; Shikada, Ed
Subject:	Let's keep our Car(e)free Streets!
Date:	Sunday, September 12, 2021 7:55:02 PM

Dear Palo Alto council members,

Please keep downtown carfree.

In the last years blocking DT for car traffic was the only positive change for regular people walking the streets. I have not seen that many happy and relaxed people on University Ave since the last street fair!

Let's take advantage of our natural resources (weather) and bring more revenue to the city and stress relief to Palo Altans and neighbors. Restaurants are definitely doing better. I also see more customers than pre-COVID in many stores. If stores like Jos. A. Bank are not doing well now, I don't think it's because of street closure. It's COVID work from home, sorry! They should have switched to selling pijamas.

Remember the previous council's attempts to bring families to downtown? All that "put the egg here", "change the benches", "remove the egg", etc. etc.? So finally you did something that worked. Please keep it.

Best regards, Alexei Andreev and Vita Gorbunova, Palo Altans

From:	Colleen Wang
То:	Council, City
Subject:	Interview request for Palo Alto High School"s Campanile
Date:	Sunday, September 12, 2021 6:52:14 PM

Hello,

I am a senior at Palo Alto High School, and I am doing a news story for the student newspaper Campanile about how Palo Alto is struggling economically with less tax revenue from businesses.

It would be great if I could do a quick 30-minute or less interview with someone from the City Council this week, on Zoom or in person.

Please let me know your availability.

Thank you, Colleen Wang

From:	Matt Bryant
To:	Council, City
Subject:	Streets full of citizens bring our community together!
Date:	Sunday, September 12, 2021 5:44:13 PM

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

Thank you for continuing to uplift us and bring our community together by providing safe places for us to enjoy our City of Palo Alto.

By opening the California Ave and University Ave to people, you've provided us a safe place to enjoy our neighborhoods, shop, eat, play, and meet with neighbors, friends, and family. I bring my family to eat at local restaurants, shop at businesses, or just take a long stroll. I love seeing so many happy faces enjoying life out on these streets.

There are many benefits to closing the streets to cars, including physical health, pedestrian safety, limiting automobile/motorcycle noise, reducing emissions pollution, outdoor ventilation during the pandemic, and increasing opportunities to socialize, to name a few. Please let me know which benefits of the street closures are most important to you.

I hope you will consider how much of a positive impact you are making on our community by by bringing everyone together to enjoy and support the California Ave and University Ave community promenades.

Best regards, Matt 471 Pepper Avenue

Matthew D. Bryant, PharmD 415-846-1239 DrMattBryant@gmail.com LinkedIn.com/in/DrMattBryant

From:	Matthew Forrester
То:	Council, City
Subject:	Written Comment for Item 8 on 9.13.21 Agenda: Cal ave and University Ave Street Closures
Date:	Sunday, September 12, 2021 4:57:59 PM
Attachments:	Cal Ave Parking.pdf
	City parking for 9.13.21 City council meeting.docx

Hi there,

I would like to submit written comment on agenda item 8 for 9.13.21 on the topic of the Cal Ave and University street closures. The attached Word file has my comment and the PDF is a presentation with data supporting my argument. I will also paste the content of the letter below in case that makes life easier on your end.

Also, should there be any questions about the data itself I would be happy for folks to put in contact with me and we can walk the streets of California Avenue counting parking places.

Sincerely, Matthew Forrester

> Matthew Forrester 425 Grant Avenue Palo Alto CA, 94306

#### September 12, 2021

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# Keep California Avenue Car Free

September 13, 2021



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- 2.Parking is under-used, **especially** the new parking garage
- 3.Retail was already dying and **lack of parking** did not kill it

# California Avenue Parking

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Cal Ave	Street	56
Ash Street	Street	32
Sherman Ave	Street	35
Cambridge Ave	Street	54
Park Blvd	Street	55
Birch Street	Street	39
Grant Ave	Street	56
El Camino	Street	60
Behind Cal Ave	Street	67
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Chipotle	Business	37
Citibank	Business	8
Bank of the West	Business	18
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The 53 spaces removed from Cal Ave represent 3% of the total parking available within a short walk of the street itself

# The \$50M Parking Garage is Empty











Fri 9/10 at 7PM s 480 Empty spaces



Sat 9/11 at 7PM <mark>496</mark> Empty spaces



Sun 9/12 at 10AM SUNDAY FARMER'S MARKET <mark>492</mark> Empty spaces

# Retail Closures

# **Pre-Pandemic Retail Closures**

- •Village Stationers
- •Art Supply Store
- •Keeble & Suchet Photography
- •Flower Shop
- •Thrift Store
- •Radio Shack
- •Frys

The Internet was already negatively impacting retail NOT the lack of parking on California Avenue

From:	David Coale
To:	<u>Council, City;</u> <u>Shikada, Ed</u>
Subject:	University Ave & California Ave pedestrians streets (Uplift local)
Date:	Sunday, September 12, 2021 4:26:19 PM

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing you to support the continued closure of University and California Avenues to car traffic. Furthermore, I would like to see Council direct Staff to study how to make these changes permanent.

While the Staff has given the Council many options to consider with various street closures, this only sends the message of uncertainty for these areas to really thrive in a pedestrian only environment. I think the experiment has been done and the results are conclusive; so far this program has proven to be very popular with Palo Alto residents. Unfortunately for those businesses that might not be doing as well since Covid, we can't tease out what the cause of this might be, street closure or Covid. To help all businesses, the RFP for University Ave should be to see how to make this area thrive with the continued closures to cars.

As far as any fees for Parklets are concerned, the City needs to look at this very closely. The staff report says that the parklet program allows the public space to be used for private enterprise, but makes no mention of this same public space being used for private automobile parking. It can be clearly seen that when this public space is used as a parklet, it serves many more people than when used for private car parking. A comprehensive study of fees including parking fees, must be done before any reasonable assessment of parklet fees is considered.

If we are going to meet our 80 by 30 GHG reductions goals, we need to take every opportunity to reduce car use, which accounts for some 60% of GHG emissions. The current aggressive SCAP program has us falling short of our goals by about 10%. In order to meet these goals, we need to take every opportunity to seek reductions in GHGs for all programs/moneys spent by the City.

Making these street closures permanent is a no-brainer. This sends the right message. This is how we Build Back Better and this is how we Uplift Local. Please don't miss this great opportunity to move us forward at this critical moment.

Sincerely,

David Coale

Dear esteemed city council members,

In advance of the agenda for your meeting on 9/13/2021, I wanted to share my perspective on the current status of California Ave and University Ave.

My family of four (which includes our two young children) has cherished the carfree blocks of these business districts. It has given us an added feeling of safety and freedom. I know there has been some concern from retail businesses about a loss of street parking, but I've seen incredible examples of places where this type of environment can thrive and be a boon for retail as well. For example, in my native (and infamously car-centric) Southern California, the third street promenade in Santa Monica is closed to cars and is one of the most sought-after tourist and business destinations. If an area of greater Los Angeles can make this a permanent change (dating back to 1963), I'm sure our much more active pedestrian and cycling community can consider this as well.

Thank you so much for your consideration,

Neera Narang Ventura Neighborhood

Dear City Council Members,

I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting California Ave while it has been closed to cars! Everyone I know in Palo Alto has loved this pleasing change. It is festive, fun, safe and much more pleasant to visit now. We would like the city to keep those few blocks closed to cars.

Contrary to outdated ways of thinking, keeping the road closed to cars will <u>not</u> harm the businesses there. Many, many cities around the world and in the United States have found that <u>closing their streets to cars has increased the foot traffic from which retail and</u> <u>restaurants thrive</u>.

California Ave shops and restaurants are lucky enough to have <u>plenty of parking on</u> <u>Sherman and Cambridge</u>. The loss of a few parking spaces on the street is more than made up for by the increased foot traffic and the space for expansion into the street itself.

Please support businesses and residents by keeping those blocks of Cal Ave closed to cars permanently.

Thank you, Angela Dellaporta

From:	Aram James
То:	Sajid Khan; Jeff Moore; Jeff Rosen; Jay Boyarsky; Raj; Council, City; Human Relations Commission; Planning Commission; Winter Dellenbach; Rebecca Eisenberg; chuck jagoda; Roberta Ahlquist;
	cindy.chavez@bos.sccgov.org; Joe Simitian; supervisor.ellenberg@bos.sccgov.org;
	mike.wasserman@bos.sccgov.org; Binder, Andrew; Greer Stone; DuBois, Tom
Subject:	The Forever Trial at Guantánamo   The New Yorker (Another stain against the concept of the right to trial in America -for who does the right really exist?)
Date:	Sunday, September 12, 2021 3:19:22 PM

https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2021/09/20/the-forever-trial-at-guantanamo

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Allan Seid
To:	Channing House Bulletin Board; CHOpinion@googlegroups.com
Subject:	Fwd: Frontrunner Michelle Wu poised for Boston mayoral primary – AsAmNews
Date:	Sunday, September 12, 2021 3:03:17 PM

https://asamnews.com/2021/09/12/wu-leads-in-one-poll-by-15-over-the-next-challenger/

# Frontrunner Michelle Wu poised for Boston mayoral primary

September 12, 2021



Michelle Wu campaign photo

Tuesday could pave the way for Bostonians to elect their first women and first person of color to be mayor of Boston. <u>Politico reports</u> all four leading candidates in Tuesday's primary are women.

The MassINC Polling Group poll released September 3 found Michelle Wu, leading the pack with 30% of those polled favoring the city councilwoman. She would be the first Asian American to be ever elected Boston mayor.

She's followed by acting Mayor Kim Janey, who as president of the city council<u>was elevated to mayor</u> when congress confirmed Marty Walsh for Secretary of Labor in the Biden Administration.

15% favor Janey, the first Black women to serve as mayor of Boston.13% named Councilor Annissa Essaibi George as their choice,followed by Black city councilwoman Andrea Campbell with 11%.The other Black candidate, John Barros, trails with 4%.

According to NBC News, out of the 100 largest cities in the United States, just five have Asian American mayors and all five are in California-Fremont Mayor Lily Mei; Irvine Mayor Farrah Khan; Bakersfield Mayor Karen Goh; Anaheim Mayor Harry Sidhu; and San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria.

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"We are often perpetuating a very limited sense of what's possible for our city because we're only leaning into a narrow definition of who can lead," Wu said to NBC News.

She recently spoke out about how frustration with government lead her to a career in politics and how her mother's mental health crisis spurred that decision. "I got fed up with government," she admitted.

Wu's parents immigrated from Taiwan before she was born. The Harvard grad is just 36. She speaks three languages, including Mandarin and Spanish. She lives with her husband, two sons and her mother in a two-family house. She has made climate change central to her platform.

Progressives say the race features an embarrassment of riches for diversity and progressive politics.

"We're having a very tough choice amongst these five candidates," said State Rep. Russell Holmes, who is Black and represents the city's most predominantly Black neighborhoods.

If Wu makes it past the primary, it will then be up to her to go after the support of those who lost the primary race. How well she does with that will likely determine the next mayor of Boston.

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Dear City Council,

Given the Delta Variants is delaying our recovery, please at least extend the existing street closures for Cal Ave, University Ave and Ramona Street.

In addition, please evaluate permanent weekend closures, especially for University Ave on Sunday's to move the farmer's market there so businesses and restaurants can enjoy spillover foot traffic.

Parklets can be good but consider the loss of parking, especially since there are already plans in consideration to put housing over public parking so it may not be possible to recover that lost parking. In addition, beneficiaries should pay something reasonable to the city starting in 2022. I'm not opposed to Parklets, just think they should be limited and are also not a substitute for street closures.

Lastly, the idea of forcing folks to walk on the sidewalks and not in the streets when there are no cars allowed in order to boost retail during the pandemic, prevents them from social distancing and seems like a bad idea that not only increases the risk of spreading covid, but also will make many folks feel very uncomfortable thus reduce folks coming to downtown. I implore you not to pursue it.

This input is my own and not on behalf of any committee or working group. Thank you.

Hamilton Hitchings

Honorable City Council folks -

The one good thing that has come out of the Covid-19 pandemic in my view is the closing of California Avenue to cars.

Given that California Ave doesn't cross the railroad tracks, it has always seemed like the perfect setting for being a pedestrian oriented place like I first enjoyed in European settings. Making it car free has enable the area to develop a "culture" that numerous folks might never have known of before. The whole area seems more alive, and inviting, than it ever has in the 38+ years I've been visiting it and the 25+ years I've lived near by.

If there was a commitment to keeping California Avenue car free I'm sure the all business along it would invest even more in improving their outdoor presence.

Please keep California Ave car free.

;;peter - Peter Broadwell - 2325 Cornell Street, CA 94306 (College Terrace area)

From:	Hamilton Hitchings
To:	Council, City
Cc:	Lait, Jonathan
Subject:	Fry"s Site - Maximize Housing
Date:	Sunday, September 12, 2021 2:24:36 PM

When you discuss the Fry's site, please try and maximize future multi-unit housing that can and will be built on that site. I realize you are being asked to decide on a very narrow set of criteria but encourage you to think more expansively about that future of that site. Given the Fry's site is within walking distance of Cal Ave & the Caltrain station as well as Stanford Research Park, it is an ideal site for lots of housing. With our upcoming RHNA cycle housing at over 6,000 we need to maximize the yield of this site. Thus I encourage you to think about how it can be set to exclusively multi-unit housing (except directly along El Camino) and get to at least RM-50 with inclusionary housing. I'd also recommend relaxing the height so you can go to 60 to 70 feet at this site. Thank you for your consideration.

Note: this are my own suggestions and not on the behalf of any committee or working group.

Hamilton Hitchings

From:	Susanne Kovacs
То:	Council, City
Subject:	Let"s keep our car(e)free space!
Date:	Sunday, September 12, 2021 2:14:22 PM

I urge you to make University Avenue and Ramona Street open for pedestrians and bicycles, and closed to automobiles, PERMANENTLY. It's a matter of quality of life! Sincerely, A resident of Palo Alto

Sendt fra min iPhone

From:	osteria palo alto
To:	Council, City
Subject:	Letter asking to extend Sept 30th outdoor dining/street closures
Date:	Sunday, September 12, 2021 2:09:21 PM

Dear Palo Alto City Council Members,

As we approach the Sept 30th extension to the Downtown Palo Alto Street closure, we write to urge the council to further extend the UPLIFT program that has allowed the street closures to remain, and outdoor dining to be a safe space for our community. As a community we are still faced with the same concerns that we addressed back in June of this year. How do we protect the unvaccinated members of our community? How do we stay the course to limit the emergence of variants and the spread of the even more contagious versions of Covid? The effort to keep case numbers in our community as low as possible is a layered approach, outdoor dining still plays a critical role in one of the options to allow people to gather and dine safely. This is not just about eating. We all know the toll on peoples' mental health, caused during this long and tiring pandemic. By removing outdoor dining spaces (reopening streets), we would also be removing an important piece that contributes to the well-being of our community members, and especially for our families with children under 12. Where would families with unvaccinated children eat safely without these outdoor options? Locals would be forced to spend their money and support businesses in neighboring cities with more outdoor options. This would send valued business away from Palo Alto. Many people are simply not comfortable or willing to take the risk associated with dining indoors. Let's remember a basic fact, unlike the protocols to engage in other businesses, you simply can't eat or drink with a mask on!

When the September 30th deadline was decided on we were on a different playing field. Delta hadn't yet emerged AND we were optimistic that vaccinations offered guaranteed protection. So much has changed in such a short time. As the Covid landscape continues to evolve there is no sound reason to take away any of the layers of protection we have in place. This is not just about diners "preferring" or "enjoying" these outdoor spaces, this is about public health measures and public safety. The council should vote to extend the street closures for the foreseeable future, until a longer term solution can be planned.

It would be premature to send an increased number of diners back indoors and unmasked. Unlike with retail, diners have no option to keep their masks on. To lose sight of the most pressing issue (Covid) is to lose sight of why outdoor dining was approved in the first place. The next steps that would be most productive for the council to look at is how do we further support retail business to increase revenue for those businesses? How can we adopt practices used in neighboring cities that promote events and other creative solutions to boost retail within their downtowns? In addition, we need to consider all the additional jobs that these outdoor dining spaces have been providing. Should we as restaurant owners lose the space provided by the street closures, we would be forced to lay-off countless employees and risk the viability of staying in business. This would impact many families who work in our community, furthering the labor shortage problem, when we again scramble to rehire and find employees in the future (if our doors are still open).

Because Covid and it's variants are likely to be around for a long time, Palo Alto needs to adapt to this new normal and adopt a forward thinking model. The evolution of the plan should include the expansion of outdoor spaces in downtown Palo Alto to include all restaurants, not one that considers anything that would limit it. Expanding on plans to

permanently close off streets and to make them more walkable and environmentally friendly, would make Palo Alto a leader in this effort. We encourage the council to consider the permanent closure of streets and to be a model for other cities, and to lead the way of the progressive solutions that Palo Alto is known for.

Giuseppe Carrubba (owner) Osteria Toscana Palo Alto since 1986

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From:	Adelle Button-Bell
To:	Council, City
Cc:	DuBois, Tom; Burt, Patrick; Cormack, Alison; Filseth, Eric (Internal); Kou, Lydia; Stone, Greer; Tanaka, Greg
Subject:	2021 Veterans Day Parade
Date:	Sunday, September 12, 2021 1:51:51 PM

Hello Mayor Tom Dubois, Vice Mayor Patrick Burt, Councilmember Alison Cormak, Councilmember Erik Filseth, Councilmember Lydia Kou, Councilmember Greer Stone, Councilmember Greg Tanaka:

The United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County is happy to announce we will be having an in-person Veterans Day Parade on Thursday, November 11, 2021. The Theme is "Heroes in Motion". We hope to have the City of Palo Alto represented in the Veterans Day Parade

Below, I am including the invitation to ride as a guest in the Veterans Day Parade. The UVC hopes you will join us in the parade.

Warm Regards, Adelle Button-Bell United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County Proud Blue Star Mother of USMC Veteran Cpl. Gregory Bell

### INVITATION FOR THE 2021 VETERANS DAY PARADE

The United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County Cordially requests your attendance as an Honored Guest for the Annual Veterans Day Parade in San Jose, California

The Theme is "Heroes in Motion"

Ceremonies will begin promptly at 11:00 am Thursday, November 11, 2021 Address for the ceremony to follow The Veterans Day Parade begins at noon, Following the Ceremony in the Staging area At Santa Clara and Delmas Streets

RSVP by October 20, 2021

FOR THE VETERANS DAY PARADE ON Thursday NOVEMBER 11, 2021

Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_

<u>YES / NO</u> I will be participating in the Veterans Day Parade

NOTE: The UVC may be assigning participants to group transport vehicles verses individual cars.

Adelle Button-Bell At 408-505-3617 or <u>adellebb@yahoo.com</u>

Welcome Reception Continental Breakfast Information to follow

September 7th, 2021

To the Mayor and Honorable Members of the Palo Alto City Council:

As members of Palo Alto's business community, we are writing to express our support for a sustainable, clear plan for walkable streets in both of our downtowns. We are motivated both by urgent economic need and a desire to create a more welcoming, human-centered urban environment for our community.

#### The need for walkable streets:

The most obvious need for a sustainable pedestrian and bike-friendly plan for our downtown is an economic one. With the deep losses from the pandemic, most businesses will need all of 2021 to recover losses from 2020 and 2021. These losses have also meant a significant drop in City tax revenue. A recent report for the City created by Avenu Insights noted that in downtown Palo Alto in particular there were more severe losses from 2019 to 2020 (27% in sales tax loss) than in neighboring towns. In order to recover these losses, and create a more sustainable, attractive downtown environment, we should make full use of our public spaces. This shift will help us draw in the young demographics we need to build back our businesses, make our city's finances more sustainable, and keep us competitive amongst neighboring towns who have already pushed ahead on pedestrianization plans.

In the case of restaurants, because of the concerns surrounding the Delta variant (and ongoing uncertainty related to emerging variants), customers are still overwhelmingly choosing to dine outdoors. For Palo Alto restaurants, we need to maintain our parklets and outdoor dining spaces as much as possible in order to continue to maintain viability. We also need final guidance from the City on parklets so that we can create realistic plans for the rest of 2021 and 2022.

With the plans for technology workers to return to offices pushed back until 2022 (and with that, a hybrid model in which workers will likely spend 40% less time in the physical offices than prior to the pandemic), we need to act urgently to create other streams of income in order for our businesses to survive. Developing a longer-term vision for walkable streets in our downtown, combined with cultural and artistic events for families and young people from the surrounding areas, is exactly what we need to encourage people to come spend time, shop, and dine. (There is no doubt that Stanford Shopping Center's relatively smaller losses during the last 18 months can be attributed in part to its relaxed, pedestrian and family-friendly landscape.)

#### Benefits of this plan:

As should be clear after over a year of the successful UpLift Streets program, car-free streets encourage greater foot traffic and draws in visitors from surrounding communities, which has a direct economic impact on Palo Alto's businesses and City tax revenue. From a community perspective, our residents have also already demonstrated that they want walkable streets: surveys over the last year showed about 94% support amongst citizens, and to date there are almost 5,000 signatures for the online Car-free

Streets petition.

Residents also recognize the clear environmental and health benefits to this form of urban landscape: recent studies have linked greater pollution from vehicles to depression and asthma, and creating pedestrian and cycling corridors saves lives thanks to a decrease in car accidents. Developing the urban infrastructure to encourage walking and cycling in town has clear health benefits, by encouraging a more active lifestyle. And as anyone who has spent time in a European city knows, it also encourages the kinds of spontaneous encounters that develop stronger bonds and sense of belonging within a community. These social and community benefits would create an overall boost to the quality of life here. There is also no doubt that a city plan which encourages walking and cycling is more environmentally sustainable, and will reduce our overall CO2 emissions.

#### How we can make this happen:

We have the unique opportunity to act now in order to create longer-term economic and quality of life benefits for our city. Here are some ways we envisage that the City can make this happen in the context of a walkable streets plan:

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Balanced use of spaces

Increase the diversity in our downtown by having a better mix of dining/shopping, residences, offices, and public institutions

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Infrastructure: safety and comfort

Improve bicycle infrastructure (re-striping of streets) and pedestrian safety details

Provide public transport within Downtown area and potentially make University Avenue narrower to make the space more quaint, and so public and businesses can benefit from wider sidewalks

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Creative and interactive events

Develop innovative cultural and artistic events to draw in residents and visitors, and encourage social mixing

Consider adding public art to create visual interest

Focus on green spaces and parks

For mental and physical health, and for environmental appreciation and education

This is a choice which is in line with the progressive, forward-thinking values that Palo Alto has at its core. Let's evolve away from a car-oriented and towards a human-oriented urban model which can benefit both our businesses and the quality of life for our community. We have the chance here to learn a lesson about some of the most challenging aspects about the pandemic — the social isolation and economic losses — and create long-term change with clear economic, environmental, and health benefits. Let's make our Palo Alto downtowns walkable -- permanently!

Sincerely, Osteria Palo Alto

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I walk downtown 2 or 3 times every day.

I see restaurants with good patronage but few inside as yet.

These patrons can obviously find parking and I note every day there are close by empty parking spaces in the surface lots on Gilman and om streets.

So I support keeping Univ Ave open thru at least Nov 22 and then reassessing.

I support permanent parklets with self financing and fees if appropriate.

We also have many days in winter suitable for outdoor dining.

I sympathize with the retailers though not their appeal here.

There are permanent shrinkage of traditional store retail nationwide and pre pandemic.

I think the City and residents would be better served by expanding legal population serving retail uses.

I note that Stanford Shopping Center that has brought in new uses and where parkers must walk much further than in downtown to get to a destination is coming back and T&C that has really near parking is struggling.

The City would benefit from studying retail trends and being realistic about what is feasible.

Stephen Levy

From:	Jeff
To:	Council, City
Subject:	Re-opening California Ave to motor traffic
Date:	Sunday, September 12, 2021 12:53:29 PM

I don't have a strong viewpoint regarding University Ave...as I live in College Terrace

However, regarding California Ave, I'm strongly in favor of turning it into a public/private space with dining, etc...from El Camino to Birch...permanently

Rationale:

1. The Farmer's market closes down Cal Ave once a week, and doesn't seem to be a big disruption

2. Parking is no longer in short supply since the garage opened on Sherman

3. Dining 'al fresco' seems quite popular, and the restaurants are adapting well

4. It is much more friendly to shop and dine without cars!

5. It is clear that Covid will be with us through this winter and into next summer...particularly if nationwide vaccination continues to be stalled and more variants emerge.

6. It is much friendlier for the foot and bike traffic to and from the train station. The sidewalks are not very pedestrian friendly when crowded due to the arrangements of trees, poles etc...

7. This could/would be "aided and abetted" by improved crosswalk signals at the El Camino / California Ave intersection. Re-timing the lights for better pedestrian opportunities, adding countdown timers (like the ones at Stanford Ave).

Jeff Rosner 1235 College Ave, 94306

From:	Danielle Wood
To:	Council, City
Subject:	Please keep outdoor eating space!
Date:	Sunday, September 12, 2021 11:43:11 AM

If there's one good thing about COVID, it's the transformation of downtown into a European feeling community. I urge you to make University Avenue and Ramona Street open for pedestrians and bicycles, and closed to automobiles, PERMANENTLY. It's so pleasant to eat outside. Sincerely,

Danielle Wood





Sent from my iPhone

From:	Rachel Lotan
To:	Council, City
Subject:	California Ave
Date:	Sunday, September 12, 2021 10:26:43 AM
Attachments:	image001.png

Please keep closed to traffic as long as possible. Maybe even forever....

Rachel Lotan, PhD Professor (Teaching) Emerita Stanford EDUCATION
From:	Aram James
To:	Shikada, Ed; Council, City; Binder, Andrew; Greer Stone
Subject:	San Jose lack of code enforcement re unregulated massage parlors
Date:	Sunday, September 12, 2021 9:20:37 AM

Follow the link below to view the article.

Problems in oversight procedures found https://mercurynews-ca-app.newsmemory.com/?publink=1b0d5f7e7\_1345f04

Sent from my iPhone

Hi City Council,

Please keep University Ave and California as pedestrian only, indefinitely.

- 1. It is safer! Don't mix cars and people
- 2. It is better for business! This is California. Let's do it outdoors.
- 3. COVID is not going away for a long time (sadly)
- 4. It gives a cool European feel to PA. An altstadt ... the downtown where we walk freely, socialize, and have fun without cars.

Thank you for considering

Michael Zeineh, M.D.-Ph.D. Associate Professor, Dept. of Radiology Associate Chief of Neuroradiology for Operations and IT Stanford University, Lucas Center for Imaging

From:	Dilma Coleman
To:	Council, City; 60amw.actionline@us.af.mil
Cc:	attorneygeneral@agc.gov.jm; chiefdavis@youngstownohio.gov
Subject:	Fwd: With all the other things to accomplishThe Vigilantes of San Jose,CA thru Oakland CA have visited these regionsthey boasted about their body temperature and their own complaints against the wickedness in California's fires.
Date:	Saturday, September 11, 2021 9:35:51 PM
Attachments:	<u>Screenshot_20210911-210350.png</u>
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	<u>Screenshot_20210911-204929.png</u>
	<u>Screenshot_20210911-213310.png</u>
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From: Dilma Coleman <<u>dhappinessforever@gmail.com</u>>

Date: Sat, Sep 11, 2021, 9:16 PM

Subject: With all the other things to accomplish..The Vigilantes of San Jose,CA thru Oakland CA have visited these regions..they boasted about their body temperature and their own complaints against the wickedness in California's fires.

To: <<u>info@lastprisonerproject.org</u>>, <<u>information@royaljaipur.in</u>> Cc: <<u>3549@sanjoseca.gov</u>>, <<u>chiefdavis@youngstownohio.gov</u>>

Argue it. As a graduate of Palo Alto Highschool in Palo Alto CA. There were geologist who had the chance to get to the bottom of questions whereas the environmental scientific research of minerals were repeatedly asked..think about it..what do you think about the greed of individuals who spread their own stories of good things as their abusers explained their stories in front of their families as if they were from ur country but they never been there doing good things whereas their observations which were printed in magazines like the National Enquirer or weather or not the National Geographic magazines went thru the worst..stage make-up and charectistics of the arts of Photoshop. Best regards Dilma Coleman aka Diva Lee

Julia Lawrence
Council, City
Let"s keep our car(e)free space!
Saturday, September 11, 2021 7:13:48 PM

I urge you to make University Avenue and Ramona Street open for pedestrians and bicycles, and closed to automobiles, PERMANENTLY. It's a matter of quality of life! Sincerely, A resident of Palo Alto

From:	<u>phil hobson</u>
To:	Council, City
Subject:	Let"s keep our car(e)free space!
Date:	Saturday, September 11, 2021 5:34:42 PM

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From:	Steve Orens
То:	Council, City
Subject:	Let"s keep our car(e)free space!
Date:	Saturday, September 11, 2021 2:33:47 PM

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steve orens <u>http://orens.com/key.txt</u> steve@orens.com

From:	Bill York
To:	Council, City
Subject:	Let"s keep our car(e)free space!
Date:	Saturday, September 11, 2021 2:07:46 PM

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Sent from my iPhone

On the agenda for your 13 September 2021 meeting is an item regarding the status of University Ave and California Ave.

I relish the ability to walk and dine in our main business districts without the presence of motor vehicles.

I hope that you vote to have those few blocks remain as they have been for portions of 2020 and 2021. This has been a huge benefit to the community.

thank you for your service, Ken Joye Ventura neighborhood

From:	nerb
To:	Council, City; Clerk, City
Subject:	September 13, 2021 Council Meeting, Item #8: Downtown and California Avenue Street Closure, Fees, Parklet
Date:	Saturday, September 11, 2021 10:57:43 AM

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

September 11, 2021

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

#### SEPTMBER 13, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING, AGENDA ITEM #8 DOWNTOWN AND CALIFORNIA AVENUE STREET CLOSURE, FEES, PARKLET

Dear City Council:

The continued closure of streets in the Downtown and California Avenue Business Districts is not exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), because the closures adversely affect the business property owners' obligation to mitigate the loss of required parking; because the closures adversely affect the traffic on other streets in Palo Alto that are impacted by the traffic that would otherwise use University Avenue and California Avenue; and because the closures create the conditions to eliminate the Residential Preference Parking programs in the residential neighborhoods adjacent to the business districts.

Each parklet removes one or more parking spaces that could be used by employees and customers of the property owners' tenants.

The property owner should pay the in-lieu parking fee of \$111,861.77 (Fiscal Year 2021 Municipal Fee Schedule) for each parking space removed by a parklet.

When business properties were first allowed to obtain encroachment permits for using the public sidewalk for eating and drinking purposes, they were required to pay an in-lieu parking fee if the sidewalk seating was in addition to, instead of replacing, the indoor seating capacity. The in-lieu parking fee would be calculated as one additional parking space for each four seats that were in addition to the seating indoors, if the property could also use the indoor seating.

Removing the parking spaces with parklets and increasing the total number of seated customers would overwhelm the parking available in the business districts to such an extent that a future Council could decide to eliminate the adjacent Residential Preference Parking districts. Traffic is already being diverted from the closed University Avenue to Embarcadero Road and Oregon Expressway. In addition, come commercial delivery trucks are using neighborhood streets such as Lincoln Avenue and Waverley Street due to the street closures and the added congestion on alternative routes.

The environmental review required by CEQA must use the prepandemic baseline traffic numbers for the closed streets.

It is difficult to believe that the most recent pre-pandemic traffic counts are from as far back as 2016, but even the selected intersection counts indicate that there are over 10,000 vehicle trips a day during normal times, before the growth contemplated by the 2030 Comprehensive Plan, that must be accounted for in any CEQA analysis.

All of the above demonstrate that there are unmitigated significant effects that must be mitigated based on Environmental Impact Report prepared for this project as required by CEQA.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Herb Borock

Dear Palo Alto City Council,

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Wildfires and smoke from the climate crisis are threatening our health and way of life in Palo Alto. We must be climate change mitigation leaders. Focusing our downtown on pedestrian and bicycle traffic is a concrete and positive step in the right direction. Encouraging people to walk and bike is not only good for their health, it is imperative for the health of the planet and to reduce the risk of climate change impacts on the city.

Downtown is so much more pleasant when I can walk around without car noise and pollution. I love eating and shopping downtown much more when it is a pedestrian and bicycle area.

Pedestrian areas are the heart of placemaking. People gravitate to plazas that do not include cars, and are much more likely to stay, play, shop, and dine, in pedestrian areas.

As a parent of a small child, I am much more likely to take my kid downtown to eat, shop, and play when there is safe space for them to roam without vehicle traffic.

Thank you, llene Cartright~ --Ilene~

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As a parent of a toddler, I am much more likely to take my child downtown to eat, shop, and play when there is safe space for her to roam without vehicle traffic.

Thank you,

Ahna Serendren Morrey

#### Ahna Serendren

Visual Artist m: (858) 525-5298 w: <u>www.ahnaserendren.com</u> e: <u>ahna.serendren@gmail.com</u>



From:	Annie Chan
To:	Council, City
Subject:	Please vote to keep University and Cal Ave closed to vehicles
Date:	Friday, September 10, 2021 9:56:53 PM

Dear Palo Alto City Council members,

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As a parent of three young active boys, I am much more likely to take my kids downtown to eat, shop, and play when there is safe space for them to roam without vehicle traffic. I also enjoy having date night in downtown with my husband and going for a stroll before and after dinner.

Thank you, Annie

From:	Arnout Boelens
То:	Council, City
Cc:	Zoeller-Boelens, Nicole
Subject:	Please turn California Ave and University Ave into pedestrian streets permanently.
Date:	Friday, September 10, 2021 8:38:26 PM

Dear City Council,

We are writing to urge you to turn California Ave and University Ave into pedestrian streets permanently. There is overwhelming **support from residents**, all the **ingredients** to make these streets **successful** public spaces are present in Palo Alto, and it would significantly improve **road safety**.

**Residents:** As mentioned in the staff report, this city has received many letters from residents in support of making University Ave and California Ave permanent pedestrian streets, This includes ourselves. Our daughter Ava started walking recently, and it is lovely to be able to let Ava walk around when we go shopping or dining without having to worry she'll run into the road and get hit by a car.

**Ingredients for success:** While no conclusions could be drawn on the economic impact of turning California Ave and University Ave into pedestrian streets from the sales tax evaluation, there is literature on this. Sztabinski (2009) and Haubold (2016) find that pedestrians and bicyclists spend more than drivers at local businesses. They don't buy as much, but come back more frequently. Amos (2020) analyzed 140 pedestrian malls built between 1959 and 1985 and found that warm weather, nearby college or university campuses, and growing populations, are contributing factors to ensuring the critical mass of people necessary for a thriving, successful public space. These factors are all present in Palo Alto. In addition, successful pedestrian streets are programmed to encourage vitality and attract pedestrians. e.g. the farmers market and summer concerts on University Ave.

**Road safety**: From a road safety perspective, the old configuration of University Ave as a through street did not make sense (SWOV 2018). University Ave is a destination which attracts many people for shopping and dining. All these people drive slowly to find parking, pull in and out of parking lots, and then walk around and cross the street regularly. All these things make for very slow moving traffic with lots of potential conflicts between drivers and pedestrians. This does not mix well with the objective of a thoroughfare, which is to move as many cars as possible. This contributes to the University Ave District having the highest density of pedestrian crashes according to the Transportation Injury Mapping System (TIMS) from the University of California, Berkeley. This can be seen in the attached figure which shows the density of pedestrian crashes in Palo Alto 2010-2019. Turning University Ave into a pedestrians.

In summary, there are many good reasons to turn California Ave and University Ave into pedestrian streets permanently, and we are looking forward to continuing to be able to walk there without having to worry about car traffic.

Kind regards,

Nicole, Arnout, and Ava Zoeller Boelens

P.S. If you decide to charge restaurants for parklets it is only fair that you charge drivers for parking as well. The price should be such that there are always enough open parking spaces.

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From:	Janis Stevenson
То:	Council, City
Subject:	Let"s keep our car(e)free space!
Date:	Friday, September 10, 2021 8:26:25 PM

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To:	Lait, Jonathan
Cc:	<u>City Attorney; Yang, Albert; Tanner, Rachael; Raybould, Claire; tsteele@sobrato.com; rtersini@sobrato.com; semslie@gmail.com; rhackmann@lh-pa.com; tamsen.plume@hklaw.com; Genna.Yarkin@hklaw.com; Council.</u> <u>City</u>
Subject:	Public Letter for Agenda Item #6 - September 13, 2021 City Council Special Meeting
Date:	Friday, September 10, 2021 5:03:47 PM
Attachments:	Sobrato Letter to Palo Alto 9 13 21 City Council Item 6.pdf
	Sobrato Attachment A Chronology 9 13 21 City Council Item 6.pdf
	Sobrato Attachment B Nonconforming Uses & Structures Chart for Santa Clara County.docx
	Sobrato Attachment C Nonconforming Uses & Structures Chart for San Mateo County.docx

Hello,

Attached please find correspondence related to Agenda Item # 6 for consideration at the September 13, 2021 City Council Special Meeting.

Best, Deborah

#### Deborah Brundy | Holland & Knight

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September 10, 2021

Via email to Jonathan.Lait@CityofPaloAlto.org

Jonathan Lait Director, Planning and Development City of Palo Alto

> Re: Potential exposure to litigation regarding the interpretation of Palo Alto Municipal Code section 18.70.070(b)(2)(E) with respect to nonconforming uses at 3200 Park/340 Portage/Olive Avenue for consideration at the City Council meeting on September 13, 2021.

Dear Mr. Lait:

As you know, we represent The Sobrato Organization ("Sobrato") on land use matters related to the 12.5-acre site referred to as 3200 Park/340 Portage/Olive Avenue (the "Property"). We were both surprised and alarmed to read that the staff report issued by the Planning and Development Services on September 2, 2021:

- advises the City Council ("Council") that it can without any further analysis or a amortization study interpret Palo Alto Municipal Code ("PAMC") section 18.70.070(b)(2)(E) to require a "rebalancing of nonconforming uses" so long as the Council allows "the property owner to rebalance the nonconforming use ratios within the building as current tenant leases expire."<sup>1</sup>
- concludes, without any formal decision, reasoned response to Sobrato's rebuttal or acknowledgement of the City Council discussion on June 14, 2021, that "staff's conclusion that the Fry's Electronics use has been discontinued in accordance with the municipal code section referenced above and in contrast to the property owner's arguments provided in Attachment D."<sup>2</sup>

Please be advised that these two interpretations expose the City to the risk of litigation to protect Sobrato's substantial Property value, in excess of \$200 Million, that they acquired in 2011 and have substantially improved since acquisition, and which is subject to existing leases. It is very

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> City Council Staff Report for the City Council Meeting on 9/13/2021 ("Staff Report"), at Packet Pg. 61.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Staff Report, at Packet Pg. 64.

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important to understand that the owner's Property value simply cannot be reasonably protected or recouped with the staff's interpretations (e.g., that the Fry's lease area has been vacated/discontinued coupled with the proposed highly unusual and atypical "re-balancing" requirement). As discussed in more detail below, the "legal risks" are <u>not</u> solved, as presented in the staff report with no reasoned legal analysis or explanation, by simply enforcing at "the termination date of existing leases, including lease options, in order to reduce impacts to operational tenants, to limit vacancies, and to reduce legal risks."<sup>3</sup>

## **Correction Needed to Property Definition.**

As a preliminary matter, the Property is often referred to as the "Fry's Site," which can cause some confusion about the Property and the applicability of PAMC section 18.70.070(b)(2)(E).<sup>4</sup> Footnote 1 of the staff report states "Although there are additional structures on the same lot as 3200 Park Boulevard/340 Portage Avenue/Olive Avenue, staff understands this language to apply only to the specific building (the Cannery) referenced." Based on our review, and as described in the attached Chronology, there is no basis for this conclusion and the Property has always been identified as the full 12.5 acre site identified as "3200 Park/340 Portage/Olive Avenue."<sup>5</sup>

In addition to the Cannery, the Property contains several ancillary buildings that contain legally nonconforming uses, including 3250 Park -11,762 sf (R&D), 3201 Ash -4,707 sf (R&D), and 270 Lambert -1,650 sf (Comcast server / switch room).

## There Has Been No Discontinuance or Abandonment of Former Fry's Space.

According to the Staff Report, per PAMC section 18.70.040(b), staff has now apparently concluded that the retail use at the site has been discontinued or abandoned for the past year. In making this conclusion, staff has not followed the City's standard practices, which require staff to issue a formal interpretation pursuant to PAMC section 18.01.025, and which would allow Sobrato to appeal the determination. Notably, the Staff Report also does not ask the City Council to make a decision about this conclusion. Instead, the Staff Report asks the City Council to just accept staff's informal determination, which confuses the legal process. As expressed in Sobrato's May 13, 2021 letter, Sobrato disagrees with the preliminary findings in the City's April 22, 2021 letter, which indicated that "*it appears that* PAMC section 18.70.040, subsection (b), *may now be relevant*."<sup>6</sup> This statement was not a formal determination, and was presented as a preliminary conclusion that required further analysis.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Staff Report, at Packet Pg. 64.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Fry's Electronics occupied approximately 80,000 square feet of the multi-use Cannery building from 1989 to 2019. <sup>5</sup> The November 13, 1995 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes ("November 13th Minutes") demonstrate that the amendment was to encompass the "property located at 3200 Park Boulevard, 340 Portage Avenue, and the adjacent former railroad right-of-way with Park Boulevard and Olive Avenue frontage" - the entire site. November 13th Minutes, at 77-237.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Staff Report, at Packet Pg. 76 (emphasis added).

This was similarly presented as a preliminary finding at the June 14, 2021 City Council meeting and no formal decision was reached at that time. We also note that the Staff Report states that the interpretation "reflects the Council's initial perspective."<sup>7</sup> It does not reflect anywhere the Council's final perspective or discussion, which was a proposed motion that would "extend by 1 year from now the period of non-occupancy of retail without a violation of the terms of the balance of the commercial use agreement for the greater Fry's site area."<sup>8</sup> The Council voted to end the item and reopen it in August in order to provide staff with time to review the implications of the proposed motion and to confer with Sobrato.<sup>9</sup>

No formal determination letter has been issued on this conclusion, providing no avenue for Sobrato to appeal and exhaust its administrative remedies, and no reasoned response has been provided to Sobrato's detailed objection letter before or since the June 14th City Council meeting. Instead, City staff has decided to seek indirect direction from the City Council that relates directly to the interpretation of PAMC section 18.70.070(b)(2)(E).<sup>10</sup> This process is unsupported and legally inadequate, given the potential impact on the owner's Property value - particularly in the context of the interpretation of the existing legal non-conforming use provision presented in the Staff Report. At minimum, the City must first provide a reasoned, supported final determination and must provide Sobrato an opportunity to respond and appeal.

## <u>City Must Consider The Unusual Implications of Multiple Legal Non-conforming Uses in a</u> <u>Single Building</u>.

It must also be noted that the Cannery building is a single building with several allowed legally nonconforming uses, which is unusual and the only such building in the City of which we are aware. Typically, nonconforming uses are in single use buildings that are easier to analyze how they are occupied over time. Based on a recent review of all nonconforming use provisions in both San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties, that has been previously shared with the City Attorney's office and is attached hereto for reference with live hyperlinks, there is no similar provision in any city or county code - and not a single one addresses the issue of multiple legally non-conforming uses in a single building and certainly none requires anything close to an on-going "rebalancing" of uses within a building. It should not be simply assumed that the internal space of any building, particularly the Cannery building, can be easily or economically changed to another use - that is just not the case.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Staff Report, at Packet Pg. 62.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> <u>City Council Meeting - June 14, 2021</u>, YouTube (3:22:57).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Staff Report, at Packet Pg. 62.

### "Re-Balancing" Does Not Represent a Plain Meaning Interpretation.

As stated in the Staff Report, the Property is subject to a site-specific exception to the restrictions requiring termination of non-conforming uses within a set period of time that was adopted in 2006, and has been subject to one formal interpretation that you issued in 2016, which is discussed below.

The site-specific exception provides:

The nonconforming uses of the property at 3200 Park Boulevard/340 Portage Avenue/Olive Avenue for retail, research and development, warehouse, and storage uses are permitted in approximately the same ratio of uses existing as of October 16, 2006, subject to the following limitations: (1) retail uses shall not exceed 60,000 square feet, and (2) truck deliveries and other noisy outdoor activities shall be limited to the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. weekdays and 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. weekends.<sup>11</sup>

In 2016, you approved an interpretation of the mix of uses at the site that allowed for a sizable increase in R&D area over the 2006 ratio without any discussion of the need for "re-balancing". Significantly, "some latitude [was] exercised in 2016 for that change."<sup>12</sup>

This new, unnecessarily rigid "plain meaning" reading of the 2006 amendment does not comport with that latitude or the intent of the City Council reflected in the Minutes of the October 16, 2006 City Council Meeting ("October 16th Minutes"). The words "at roughly the same ratio of uses that presently exist as of this date, October 16, 2006" were added, as documented in the Minutes, as an amendment to the pending motion in response to Council Member Beecham's recommendation that "the amortization language reflect that any use other than retail would not diminish the current retail provided."<sup>13</sup> The October 16th Minutes do not include any reference to "rebalancing" the existing uses, but simply state an intent not to reduce the square footage of retail provided. Sobrato, as described in its May 13, 2021 letter, has supported a reasonable interpretation that would not require an ongoing, unpredictable "re-balancing" of uses over time; and one that would allow the area of each legally non-conforming use to be approximately the same as they were - in total square footage - as of 2006 and interpreted as substantially conforming in 2016 for the current leases.

Staff presents the recommended interpretation as a "plain meaning" reading of the code. As the City Council members noted in 2006, and acknowledged at the June 14th hearing, the language of the code includes an error that renders a plain meaning interpretation ultimately infeasible because there is no way to resolve that inherent discrepancy in the code.<sup>14</sup> At the time of adoption, the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> PAMC § 18.70.070(b)(2)(E).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> June 14, 2021 Special City Council Meeting, Summary Minutes, at 11.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> October 16th Minutes, at 101-66.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> *See* statements by Mr. Lait that "there was in 2006, at the moment the motion was endorsed, an inherent conflict in what was existing in the field and what the motion stated," and Mr. Yang that PAMC section 18.70.070(b)(2)(E) contains "directly conflicting language" and that "there isn't a good way to go about resolving that conflict." <u>City</u> <u>Council Meeting - June 14, 2021</u>, YouTube (2:45:18, 2:46:28).

Fry's lease was 84,000 sf and the plain language of the code limits retail to a maximum of 60,000 sf. The October 16th Minutes indicate that Vice Mayor Kishimoto recognized that there was a discrepancy between the total square footage occupied by Fry's at that time, which was 80,000 sf of retail and warehouse space, and the fact that "the ordinance indicated retail space should not exceed 60,000 square feet."<sup>15</sup> The October 16th Minutes do not demonstrate that it was the intent of that Council that retail uses not exceed 60,000 sf or to require some type of ongoing "rebalancing". If anything, the October 16th Minutes reveal only that the discrepancy was not resolved before the motion passed.

At the June 14, 2021 Special City Council Meeting, Council members looked to the site's legislative history to resolve the discrepancy based on the intent of prior Councils. Review of the legislative history simply does not support the recommended interpretation. Rather, as detailed in the attached chronology, it demonstrates that past City Councils have intended to work with property owners of the site to retain economic value, while the City plans for development of the area and makes it clear this proposed "re-balancing" is novel. Importantly, the 1995 and 2006 City Councils emphasized the imperative to provide property owners with the requisite time to recoup their investment and a mix of incentives to encourage the shifting of the site's uses overtime to the uses included in the City's planning goals.<sup>16</sup>

Instead of following the direction of the Council to meet and confer, the Staff Report simply advances an interpretation that again circumvents the standard practices that the City has applied to the site since 1995, which have allowed for the Property owner to avoid undue hardship as the City plans for development of the area. The Staff Report states - without any explanation as to <u>how</u> and despite clear and regular communication from the Property owner to the contrary - that "[t]his code interpretation provides immediate clarity to the property owner and staff regarding the allowed mix of nonconforming uses in the building," and that "Staff anticipates that the property owner would utilize the information to inform any future proposals for this property or to otherwise determine if the building is currently in conformance with the code."<sup>17</sup> However, the Staff report entirely ignores the significant, very real risk this interpretation causes, and precisely the type of confusion staff states that it seeks to avoid.

As detailed in the attached chronology, Sobrato purchased the property in 2011 and has worked in good faith with the City to develop a plan for the Property and has contributed to and actively participated in the North Ventura Coordinated Area Plan process. In contrast to these good faith efforts, the practical implications of the recommended interpretation will only create further confusion because it is not feasible to rebalance the nonconforming use ratios within the building as current tenant leases expire and also re-tenant the site. As demonstrated through negotiations with possible retail tenants to fill the Fry's space, commercial leases require confirmation and clarity on the length of time and amount of square footage that will be available for use throughout the tenancy. Requiring that the ratio of uses be rebalanced when one lease expires <u>will necessarily</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> October 16th Minutes, at 101-65.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> See November 13th Minutes; Staff Report (CMR 392:06); October 16th Minutes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Staff Report, at Packet Pg. 66.

<u>impact all other leases</u> as well as the ability for Sobrato to plan for, invest in, market and lease the space and poses a substantial negative impact on the value of the property.

The October 16th Minutes reveal that the Council's priority was to preserve retail. To this point, in response to Council Member Beecham's recommendation that "the amortization language reflect that any use other than retail would not diminish current retail provided," the motion was amended to add "at roughly the same ratio of uses that presently exist as of this date, October 16, 2006."<sup>18</sup> The square footage of retail presently existing on site in 2006 was 98,339, and was permitted by the City in 2016 to be reduced to 84,000 sf. Nowhere in the October 16th Minutes do Council Members discuss a requirement to rebalance the uses if any of the uses were to terminate. In contrast to the intent of the 2006 City Council to preserve retail at its current amount, and somewhat ironically, staff's recommended interpretation to find the Fry's lease area vacated would effectively require termination of a substantial amount of retail due to staff's position that retail has been discontinued or abandoned.

Importantly, this location and non-traditional "buried" nature of the site is not conducive to retail. The Fry's Electronics store was a large format, regional serving use that drew customers to the Property. As described in the attached chronology, Sobrato has expended significant time and effort to market the former Fry's lease area since long before Fry's lease terminated, including significant efforts with Target. If retail leasing, as anticipated and Sobtrato has experienced, is not feasible, the "re-balancing" interpretation results in the owner being unable to lease the remainder of the space at the termination of the existing leases, essentially terminating all existing legal non-conforming uses. Sobrato has invested significantly in the City and the Property, and must be given a reasonable period in which to recoup its Property value, which is valued in excess of \$200 million.

## <u>Limiting the Use of a Structure without Paying Compensation Requires an</u> <u>Amortization Study.</u>

From ongoing discussions entered into in good faith by Sobrato with Planning and Development Services, we know you are familiar with the concept of amortization as a means to avoid undue economic hardship to a property owner as well as the limits imposed on the regulation of property by the Takings Clause of the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution made applicable to the states through the Fourteenth Amendment and Article 1, section 19 of the California Constitution. The Staff Report presents this as optional, but it is not.

It is important that the City Council is fully aware that an interpretation of PAMC section 18.70.070(b)(2)(E) without a duly prepared amortization study exposes the City to significant legal risk, particularly give the substantial value of the Property that relies on the stable R&D area remaining a legal non-conforming use.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> October 16th Minutes, at 101-65.

The primary value of the Property, as has been openly shared with City staff since the Property was acquired in 2011, is primarily in the existing, currently approximately 142,744 sf, of existing R&D use. To reduce this area by any material amount or to create uncertainty in the amount of leasable area by both declaring the former Fry's lease area vacated with no findings or explanation and exacerbating that by developing a wholly new, highly unusual and unpredictable, on-going "re-balancing" of uses would significantly impact the value of the Property. Since the City has been made aware of this value many times over the years, it is inescapable that this interpretation appears aimed precisely to reduce that value, as stated clearly in the Staff Report, by requiring "<u>a</u> reduction in the R&D floor area."<sup>19</sup> The Staff Report also makes very plain that this "rebalancing" would be ongoing and, therefore, entirely unpredictable: "would require the property owner to maintain a mix of nonconforming uses at 340 Portage (former cannery building) in an approximate ratio relative to each other nonconforming land use as it existed in 2006. As nonconforming uses are abandoned or discontinued, such as Fry's Electronics, the floor area associated with the remaining nonconforming uses must be adjusted to align with the 2006 ratio."<sup>20</sup>

With this on-going, unpredictable "re-balancing" Sobrato <u>simply cannot plan for future leasing</u> and this interpretation will result in an immediate negative impact to the value of the Property, and the City has not completed any economic analysis of this impact (e.g. an amortization study) to <u>support its decision</u>. Property value is created and protected only through certainty to allow long term planning.

Under California law, an ordinance prohibiting an existing use "may be enforced as a constitutionally valid exercise of the state's police power which does not require compensation if a reasonable amortization period for discontinuance of the use is provided." <u>Tahoe Regional Planning Agency v. King ("Tahoe")</u> (1991) 233 Cal.App.3d 1365, 1393. "The principle that 'zoning legislation may validly provide for the eventual termination of nonconforming property uses without compensation if it provides a reasonable amortization period commensurate with the investment involved' is well established." *Id.* at 1395. As the court concluded in <u>City of Los Angeles v. Gage ("Gage</u>"), it is a "logical and reasonable method of approach to place a time limit upon the continuance of existing nonconforming uses, commensurate with the investment involved and based on the nature of the use; and in cases of nonconforming structures, on their character, age, and other relevant factors." (1954) 127 Cal.App.2d 442, 459.

A court will review an amortization provision to determine if it is "unreasonable, arbitrary and discriminatory" as it relates "to its application to the particular property involved." <u>Gage</u>, 127 Cal.App.2d, at 452. "Whether a particular amortization period prescribed by an ordinance mandating the eventual discontinuance of its use is reasonable and commensurate with the investment involved is a factual determination." <u>Tahoe</u>, 233 Cal.App.3d, at 1396 (citing <u>National</u> <u>Advertising Co. v. County of Monterey</u> (1970) 1 Cal.3d 875, 879).

Relevant factors to be considered in determining whether an amortization period is

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Staff Report, at Packet Pgs. 64, 66.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Staff Report, at Packet Pg. 64.

unreasonable as applied to a particular property include amount of investment or original cost, present actual or depreciated value, dates of construction, amortization for tax purposes, salvage value, 'remaining useful life, the length and remaining term of the lease under which it is maintained, and the harm to the public if the structure remains standing beyond the prescribed amortization period.'" *Id.* at 1397.

To avoid a takings claim, the City would need to support not only a new termination date but this "re-balancing" interpretation based on an amortization study that would determine "a reasonable amortization period commensurate with the investment involved." <u>Tahoe</u>, 233 Cal.App.3d at 1395. The need for an amortization study was acknowledged by Mr. Yang at the June 14th hearing.<sup>21</sup> Mr. Yang also recognized that the City cannot rely on the original amortization study that was applied to the Property (which has not been located despite requests to the City for a copy). City staff has acknowledged in the Staff Report that conversion of existing uses within the North Ventura Coordinated Area will require an amortization study.<sup>22</sup> To approve an interpretation of PAMC section 18.70.070(b)(2)(E) without a provision for an amortization study that would provide the City with much needed data upon which to base its decision, is unreasonable and arbitrary and creates substantial legal risk. In the event that the City Council approves the recommended interpretation without amendment, please be advised that Sobrato will exercise its rights under the Takings Clause of the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution made applicable to the states through the Fourteenth Amendment and Article 1, section 19 of the California Constitution.

Sincerely yours,

HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> <u>City Council Meeting - June 14, 2021</u>, YouTube (starting at 2:48:16).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> "To mandate that office become housing, the City would need to conduct an amortization study and determine the date by which the office use would need to cease. Ceasing office use would not automatically turn the office building into housing; the property owner would need to undertake significant upgrades to the properties in order to convert the existing building to housing or, more likely, demolish the buildings to construct housing. However, this strategy does not provide any funding to support the development of the housing and only provides the required on-site BMR housing as required by the local municipal code." City of Palo Alto, City Council Staff Report, June 14, 2021 Meeting, NVCAP - Review Plan Alternatives, at pdf p. 42.

#### Enclosures

Attachment A - Chronology Attachment B - Nonconforming Uses & Structures Chart for Santa Clara County Attachment C - Nonconforming Uses & Structures Chart for San Mateo County

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City	Ordinance	Links
Atherton	<ul> <li>17.26.030 Continuation and Abandonment of Nonconforming Land Uses.</li> <li>(C) If a nonconforming use of land or a nonconforming use of a conforming structure or building is abandoned for a continuous period of six months or more, rights to legal nonconforming status shall terminate. (Ord. 582 § 1 (Exh. A) (part), 2009)</li> </ul>	Chapter 17.26 NONCONFORM ING USES, BUILDINGS, AND STRUCTURES (codepublishing.c om)
Belmont	<ul> <li>9.6.4 CHANGE OF USE, ABANDONMENT OF NONCONFORMING USE -</li> <li>A nonconforming use of a structure or site shall not be changed to another nonconforming use. Whenever a nonconforming use has been abandoned, discontinued or changed to a conforming use for a continuous period of 90 days, the nonconforming use shall not be re- established, and the use of the structure or site thereafter shall be in conformity with the regulations for the district in which it is located.</li> <li>9.6.6 ELIMINATION OF NONCONFORMING USES</li> <li>The following nonconforming uses shall be discontinued and removed from their sites within 3 years from the effective date of this Ordinance.</li> <li>(a) A nonconforming use which does not occupy a structure.</li> <li>(b) A nonconforming sign, billboard or outdoor advertising structure, except an identification sign or signs with an aggregate area of not more than 36 square feet pertaining to use conducted on the site.</li> <li>(d) A nonconforming fence.</li> <li>9.6.7 SCHEDULE FOR DISCONTINUANCE - Provided that a nonconforming use other than a use prescribed in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of this Section shall be permitted to continue for not more than 20 years following the effective date of this Ordinance, all other non-conforming uses in all zoning districts,</li> </ul>	SECTION 9 - GENERAL REGULATIONS (belmont.gov)

Brisbane	<ul><li>17.38.050 - Abandonment of nonconforming uses.</li><li>A. Whenever a nonconforming nonresidential use has been abandoned, such use shall not be resumed or re-</li></ul>	Chapter 17.38 - NONCONFORM ING USES AND
	Whenever a use or a structure becomes nonconforming because of change of zoning district boundaries or a change of regulations for the district in which the site is located, the period of time prescribed in this Section for the elimination of the use or the removal of the structure shall be computed from the effective date of the change of district or regulations.	
	9.6.9 TIME WHEN USE OR STRUCTURE BECOMES NONCONFORMING -	
	A structure having an assessed valuation of less than \$500.00 which does not comply with the standards of coverage, front yard, side yards, rear yard, height of structures or distances between structures prescribed in the regulations for the district in which the structure is located shall be removed from its site within three years from the effective date of this Ordinance, except that if the structure is altered to comply with such standards, this provision shall not apply.	
	9.6.8 ELIMINATION OF NONCONFORMING STRUCTURES -	
	(c) For a use occupying a structure defined in the Building Code of the City as Type IV or Type V, 35 years from the date the structure originally was erected.	
	(b) For a use occupying a structure defined in the Building Code of the City as Type II or Type III, 40 years from the date the structure originally was erected.	
	(a) For a use occupying a structure defined in the Building Code of the City as Type I, 50 years from the date the structure originally was erected.	
	except multiple dwellings in the R-1 Residential Districts, one family residences in the R-2, R-3, R-4 and R-5 Multiple Dwelling Districts, and one family residences, lodging and multiple dwellings in the C-1 Neighborhood Shopping Districts, shall be discontinued and removed from their sites in accordance with the following schedule:	

	<ul> <li>established and all subsequent uses of the site shall conform with the requirements of this title.</li> <li>Discontinuance of a nonconforming nonresidential use for a period of one hundred twenty (120) consecutive days or more shall conclusively be presumed an abandonment of such use; provided, however, discontinuance under any of the following circumstances shall not be considered an abandonment of the use:</li> <li>1. Any discontinuance of use in connection with a pending sale or other transfer of ownership or management of the nonconforming use to a designated person or persons and the discontinuance of use is solely for the purpose of accomplishing the sale or transfer.</li> <li>2. Any discontinuance of use during a reasonable period of reconstruction or replacement of the damaged or destroyed nonconforming facility, where such reconstruction or replacement is permitted under the provisions of Section 17.38.060.</li> <li>3. Any other circumstance found by the planning commission to have been beyond the reasonable control of the use and prosecutes the same diligently to completion.</li> <li>B. A nonconforming residential use may not be reestablished if the nonconforming facility has been modified to remove the features of residential occupancy. (Ord. 478 § 2(part), 2003).</li> </ul>	STRUCTURES   Code of Ordinances   Brisbane, CA   Municode Library
Burlingame	<ul> <li>25.50.040 Nonconforming use—Automatic change by nonuse.</li> <li>When any portion of building or land which has been used other than in conformity with use regulations of the district of which it is a part is not used for such nonconforming use for a continuous period of six (6) months, such nonconforming use is abandoned and shall not be reestablished in that portion. The area shall thereafter be used only in conformity with the use regulation of the district in which it is situated. Remodeling shall not constitute abandonment of a nonconforming use so long as it complies with the</li> </ul>	Chapter 25.50 NONCONFORM ING USES AND STRUCTURES (qcode.us)

	<ul> <li>applicable city construction codes and is completed within six (6) months of receiving a building permit or as determined on request by the planning commission with a public hearing.</li> <li>Whenever any part of a building, structure or land occupied by a nonconforming use is changed to or replaced by a use conforming to the use regulations of the district, such premises shall not thereafter be used or occupied by a nonconforming use, even though the building may have been originally designed or constructed for the prior nonconforming use. (1941 Code § 1938, Ord. 539, (1954); Ord. 762, (1962); Ord. 1287 § 3, (1984))</li> </ul>	
Colma	<ul> <li>5.03.440 Non-Conforming Building and Uses.</li> <li>(c) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection the non-conforming use of a building, existing at the time this ordinance became effective, may be continued; the use of a non-conforming building may be changed to a use of the same or more restricted classification; however, if so changed, it shall not thereafter be changed to a use of a less restricted classification. A vacant non-conforming building may be occupied by a use for which the building was designed or intended if so occupied within a period of one (1) year after the effective date of this ordinance may also be occupied by a use for which the building was designed or intended if so occupied within a period of one (1) year after the effective date of this ordinance may also be occupied by a use for which the building was designed or intended if so occupied within a period of one (1) year after the effective date of this ordinance may also be occupied by a use for which the building was designed or intended if so occupied within a period of one (1) year after the effective date of this ordinance may also be occupied by a use for which the building was designed or intended if so occupied within a period of one (1) year after the effective date of this ordinance may also be occupied by a use for which the building was designed or intended if so occupied within a period of one (1) year after the building becomes vacant.</li> </ul>	5.03-Zoning.pdf (storage.googleap is.com)
Daly City	<ul> <li>17.42.070 - Termination.</li> <li>A nonconforming use and/or building shall continue or remain until there has been a structural alteration, an enlargement or increase in space occupied, change in the nonconforming use, moving of said nonconforming building, abandonment or discontinuance of the nonconforming use, damage pursuant to Section 17.42.060, or the use has been determined to be a nuisance by the city council.</li> </ul>	Chapter 17.42 - NONCONFORM ING USES   Code of Ordinances   Daly City, CA   Municode Library

	B. Such nonconforming use shall be deemed terminated on the first happening of either one of the above events or matters. (Ord. 1050 § 1, 1986: Ord. 635 § 19.7, 1965)	
	17.42.050 - Abandonment.	
	Whenever a nonconforming use has been discontinued or abandoned for a continuous period of six months, such use shall not be reestablished and the further use of the land or building shall conform with the district requirement. (Ord. 635 § 19.5, 1965)	
East Palo Alto	15.52.090 - Nonconforming uses.	Chapter 15.52 -
	B. Structures or adjuncts thereof which are/or become nuisances shall not be entitled to continue as nonconforming uses.	FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT   Code of Ordinances   East
	(Ord. No. 362, § 2, 10-1-2013)	Palo Alto, CA   Municode Library
Foster City	17.70.010 Regulation generally.	17.70.010
	Except as otherwise provided in this title, uses of land, buildings or structures existing at the time of the adoption of the ordinance codified in this title may be	(includes abandonment provision)
	continued, although the particular use or the building or structure does not conform to the regulations specified by this title for the district in which the particular building or structure is located or use is made; provided however, no nonconforming structure or use of land may be extended to occupy a greater area of land, building or structure than is occupied at the time of the	https://www.code publishing.com/C A/FosterCity/?Fo sterCity17/Foster City1770.html#17 .70.010
	adoption of the ordinance codified herein. If any nonconforming use is discontinued or abandoned, any subsequent use of such land or building shall conform to	17.70.030 (use of land without a structure)
	the regulations specified for the district in which such land or building is located. If no structural alterations are made therein, a nonconforming building may be changed to another use of the same or more restrictive classification or a more restrictive nonconforming use. If any use is wholly discontinued for any reason except pursuant to a valid order of a court of law, for the period	https://www.code publishing.com/C A/FosterCity/?Fo sterCity17/Foster City1770.html#17 .70.030
	of six months, it shall be conclusively presumed that such use has been abandoned within the meaning of this title, and all future uses shall comply with the regulations of the particular district in which the land or	17.70.080 <u>https://www.code</u> publishing.com/C

building is located. (Ord. 38 § 1 (part), 1972: prior code § 10-407.010) 17.70.030 Continuation.	A/FosterCity/?Fo sterCity17/Foster City1770.html#17 .70.080
If any lands upon which no building or structure of any kind is located are used for a purpose which is not in compliance with the regulations of the district where such lands are located, such use may continue for a period of five years from the date of the adoption of the ordinance codified in this title. After the expiration of the aforementioned five-year period, such lands shall be used only in conformance with the regulations of the district in which they are located. (Ord. 38 § 1 (part), 1972: prior code § 10-407.030)	17.70.090 https://www.code publishing.com/C A/FosterCity/?Fo sterCity17/Foster City1770.html#17 .70.090
17.70.080 Nonconforming building—Time for conformance—Generally.	
In all districts, every nonconforming building which was designed or intended for a use excluded from said districts shall be completely removed, or shall be altered and converted to a conforming building, when it reaches the age specified in Section 17.70.090; provided, however, that no such removal, alteration or conversion shall be required prior to fifteen years from the date of adoption. (Ord. 38 1 (part), 1972: prior code 10- 407.080)	
17.70.090 Nonconforming building—Time for conformance—Designations.	
The type of building shall be as defined in the building code of the city, as adopted and amended. The age of a building or structure shall be computed from the date the building or structure was erected.	
Type of Building $\rightarrow$ Age of Building	
I or II $\rightarrow$ 30 years	
III or IV $\rightarrow$ 20 years	
$V \rightarrow 15$ years	
If any building becomes subject to the provisions of this chapter by virtue of any amendment to this title, no removal, alteration or conversion of such building shall	

	be required within five years of the effective date of the	
	amendment. (Ord. 38 1 (part), 1972: prior code 10- 407.090)	
Half Moon Bay	18.25.010 ContinuanceExtension prohibited. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the lawful use of land, buildings, or structures existing on January 2, 1964, may be continued, although such use does not conform to the regulation specified by this title for the district in which such land, building or structure is located; provided, however, that no such nonconforming use may be extended to occupy a greater area of land, building or structure than that occupied by such use on January 2, 1964; provided, further, that if any such nonconforming use is abandoned, any subsequent use of such land or building shall be in conformity with the regulations specified by this title for the district in which such land is located. (1996 zoning code (part)).	Chapter 18.25 <u>NONCONFORM</u> <u>ING USES</u> (codepublishing.c om)
	18.25.015 If use is discontinued. If any use is wholly discontinued for any reason, except pursuant to an order of court for a period of one year, it shall be conclusively presumed that it has been abandoned within the meaning of this chapter. (1996 zoning code (part)).	
	18.25.050 Use of previously abandoned building.	
	If a nonconforming use hereunder is abandoned for a continuous period of not less than six months, any future use of said building shall be in conformity to the regulations specified in this title for the district in which said building is located. If any use is wholly discontinued for any reason, except pursuant to an order of court for a period of one year, it shall be conclusively presumed that it has been abandoned within the meaning of this chapter. (1996 zoning code (part)).	
Hillsborough	17.20.040 - Nonconforming uses.	Chapter 17.20 - NONCONFORM
	If a nonconforming use ceases for a period of one hundred eighty consecutive days, the use of such structure or premises must thereafter conform to the provisions of this title. (Ord. 639 § 16, 2003)	ING STRUCTURES AND USES   Code of Ordinances

		Hillsborough, CA   Municode Library
Menlo Park	<ul> <li>16.80.020 Nonconforming uses.</li> <li>(3) If any nonconforming use is discontinued for a period of ninety (90) days, any subsequent use of the land or structure housing such use shall conform to the regulations specified for the zoning district in which such land or structure is located.</li> <li>16.80.050 Elimination of nonconforming uses.</li> <li>The following nonconforming uses and structures shall be eliminated or made to conform within two (2) years</li> </ul>	Chapter 16.80 NONCONFORM ING USES AND BUILDINGS (codepublishing.c om)
	<ul><li>of the effective date of the ordinance codified in this title, but not less than one (1) year subsequent to official notification thereof:</li><li>(1) Nonconforming uses that do not occupy a structure;</li></ul>	
	<ul> <li>(1) Nonconforming uses that do not occupy a structure,</li> <li>(2) Nonconforming structures, or uses that occupy a structure with an assessed value of less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00). (Prior code § 30.605).</li> </ul>	
	16.80.060 Amortization of nonconforming uses and structures.	
	All nonconforming uses and structures shall be discontinued and removed, or altered to conform with the regulations specified for the district in which located, within the period of time specified, measured from the date of original construction, based upon the type of construction, as defined in the uniform building code, and according to the following schedule:	
	(1) Types I and II buildings (fire resistive), forty (40) years;	
	(2) Type III buildings (heavy timber and ordinary masonry), thirty (30) years;	
	(3) Types IV and V buildings (light incombustible frame and wood frame), twenty-five (25) years;	
	(4) Any other type of building, twenty (20) years.	

	In all other cases mentioned in this section, discontinuance, removal or alteration shall not be required within five (5) years of the effective date of the ordinance codified in this title, and not less than one (1) year subsequent to official notification thereof. (Prior code § 30.606).	
Millbrae	<ul> <li>10.05.2420 Nonconforming uses.</li> <li>C. If a nonconforming use is wholly discontinued for a period of ninety days, such use shall be deemed to have been abandoned and all future uses shall comply with the regulations of the particular district in which the land or building is located, except if discontinuation of the use:</li> <li>1. Is pursuant to a valid order of a court of law;</li> <li>2. Facilitates a required upgrade, retrofit, restoration, remediation, fire suppression, or ADA accommodation. (Ord. 726, § 2 (Att. A)).</li> </ul>	Chapter 10.05 ZONING (codepublishing.c om)
Pacifica	<ul> <li>Sec. 9-4.3002 Continuance of nonconformities.</li> <li>(b) Nonconforming uses.</li> <li>(3) If a nonconforming use is discontinued for a period of twelve (12) months, such nonconforming use shall not be reestablished. However, if the cessation of the use is caused by circumstances over which the owner has no fault or control, the time limits of this section may be extended by the Commission. Applications for such extensions shall be made in writing before the expiration of the twelve (12) month period. The subsequent use of buildings shall conform with the zoning regulations and General Plan designations for the district in which such use is located.</li> <li>(c) Nonconforming buildings and structures.</li> <li>(1)(iv) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (ii) and (iii) of this subsection, if a nonconforming use of a nonconforming building ceases for a continuous period of twelve (12) months, such use shall be considered abandoned, and the building shall be used thereafter only in accordance with the Uniform Building Code, zoning, and General Plan regulations.</li> </ul>	Article 30 Nonconforming Lots, Structures, and Uses*   Code of Ordinances   Pacifica, CA   Municode Library
Portola Valley	<ul> <li>18.46.090 - Discontinuance due to cessation of a nonconforming use.</li> <li>A. Structure designed for a nonconforming use. Where the nonconforming use of a structure, which was originally designed for a nonconforming use, has ceased for twelve months or more, such structure shall not thereafter be put to a nonconforming use.</li> <li>B. Structure not designed for nonconforming use.</li> <li>Where the nonconforming use of a structure, which was originally designed for a conforming use, has ceased for six months or more, such structure shall not thereafter be put to a structure.</li> </ul>	CHAPTER 18.46 - NONCONFORM ING STRUCTURES AND USES   Code of Ordinances   Portola Valley, CA   Municode Library
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	<ul> <li>be put to a nonconforming use.</li> <li>C. Nonconforming use of land. Where the nonconforming use of land involving no structures other than minor structures such as fences and signs or buildings less than four hundred square feet in floor area, has ceased for ninety days or more, such land shall not thereafter be put to a nonconforming use.</li> <li>D. Cessation for use defined. A use shall be deemed to have ceased when it has been discontinued either temporarily or permanently, whether with the intent to abandon the use or not. (Ord. 2008-374 § 2, 2008)</li> </ul>	
Redwood City	<ul> <li>33.8 - Abandonment of Use.</li> <li>A. A nonconforming use shall not be re-established in any structure in a residential zoning district if such nonconforming use has ceased for a six (6) consecutive month period.</li> <li>B. A nonconforming use shall not be re-established in any structure in a nonresidential zoning district if such nonconforming use has ceased for a twelve (12) consecutive month period.</li> <li>C. A nonconforming use shall not be re-established in any structure in a mixed-use zoning district if such nonconforming use has ceased for a six (6) consecutive month period.</li> </ul>	Article 33 - NONCONFORM ING LOTS, USES, STRUCTURES AND PARKING*   Zoning   Redwood City, CA   Municode Library
	D. In the event of a nonconforming use of land not involving any structure other than fences and structures or buildings of less than four hundred (400) square feet in area, the nonconforming use shall not be re-	

	established if such nonconforming use has ceased for a period of ninety (90) consecutive days. (Ord. 1130.329 § 18, eff. 4-26-04) (Ord. No. 1130-353, § 1(Exh. D), 6- 27-11)	
San Bruno	<ul> <li>12.92.020 Continuance of nonconformities.</li> <li>A. Nonconforming Uses of Land.</li> <li>3. If a nonconforming use is discontinued for a period of six months, such nonconforming use shall not be reestablished. However, if cessation of the building, use, or operations within are caused by circumstances over which the owner has no fault or control (such as the default or bankruptcy of a tenant, injunctive order of a court, or other effective litigation), the time limits of this section may be extended. Applications for such extensions shall be made to the commission in writing before the expiration of the six-month period.</li> <li>B. Nonconforming Uses of Conforming Structures.</li> <li>4. If such nonconforming use ceases for a continuous period of six months, the subsequent use of such conforming structures shall be in conformity with the zoning regulations and general plan designations for the district in which said building is located.</li> </ul>	San Bruno Municipal Code (San Bruno, California) (qcode.us) Title 12 Land Use → Zoning → Chapter 12.92
San Carlos	<ul> <li>18.19.090 Abandonment of nonconforming uses.</li> <li>No nonconforming use may be resumed, reestablished, reopened or replaced by any other nonconforming use after it has been abandoned or vacated for a period of six months, except as provided for in this section.</li> <li>A. Abandonment. The six-month period shall commence when the use ceases and any one of the following occurs:</li> <li>1. The site is vacated; 2. The business license lapses; 3. Utilities are terminated; or 4. The lease is terminated.</li> <li>B. Restablishment. The nonconforming use of a legally established structure may be reestablished if the Planning Commission approves a conditional use permit after making all the following findings in addition to any other required findings. As a condition of approving the resumption of such nonconforming use, the</li> </ul>	Chapter 18.19 NONCONFORM ING USES, STRUCTURES, AND LOTS (codepublishing.c om)

	Commission may impose a time limit on its duration if necessary in order to make the required findings.	
	1. The structure cannot be used for any conforming use because of its original design or because of lawful structural changes made for a previous nonconforming use;	
	2. The structure can be reasonably expected to remain in active use for a period of twenty years without requiring repairs or maintenance in excess of fifty percent of the replacement cost of the structure, as determined by the Building Official, within any five-year period; and	
	3. The continuation of the use or structure will not be incompatible with or detrimental to surrounding conforming uses. (Ord. 1438 § 4 (Exh. A (part)), 2011)	
	18.19.100 Abatement.	
	The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to a use or structure that is or becomes a public nuisance. In the event that a legal nonconforming structure or use is found to constitute a public nuisance, appropriate action may be taken by the City pursuant to the municipal code and Section 18.39.020, Enforcement. (Ord. 1438 § 4 (Exh. A (part)), 2011)	
San Mateo	<ul> <li>27.72.020 DISCONTINUANCE OF USE.</li> <li>(a) Whenever any part of a building, structure or land occupied by a nonconforming use is changed to or replaced by a use conforming to the provisions of this title, such premises shall not thereafter be used or occupied by a nonconforming use, even though the building may have been originally designed and constructed for the prior nonconforming use.</li> </ul>	Chapter 27.72 < San Mateo Municipal Code < San Mateo Law Library < Reader (open.law)
	(b) Whenever a nonconforming use of a building or structure, or part thereof, has been discontinued for a period of six consecutive months, such use shall not after being discontinued or abandoned be reestablished, and the use of the premises thereafter shall be in conformity with the regulations of the district.	
	(c) Where no enclosed building is involved, discontinuance of a nonconforming use for a period of six months constitutes abandonment, and the use of such	

-	nises shall thereafter conform with the regulations of district and shall not thereafter be used in a	
non	conforming manner.	
prov at th disc the	A nonconforming use not authorized by the visions of this code and amendments thereto in effect the time this title becomes effective, shall be ontinued and not reestablished unless, pursuant to provisions of this title, the use is conforming to the rict in which it is then located. (Prior code § 144.02.)	
	2.050 TERMINATION AND REMOVAL OF N-CONFORMING USES OF LAND.	
with less Cou burd com time of c whe	on-conforming use of land herein shall be terminated ain such period as specified by the Council, but not than two years nor more than five years where the incil determines that such use is especially densome upon the surrounding neighborhood or the munity at large and that a termination within such e will not be unduly oppressive or constitute a denial onstitutionally guaranteed rights. In considering other a particular use is of such nature, the following ors shall be considered:	
imp	Whether said use causes or contributes to airment of property values or economic stability of surrounding area;	
deve	Whether said use is inhibitive of the type of elopment in the surrounding contemplated by the eral plan and this code;	
	Whether said use is otherwise detrimental to the lic health, safety and general welfare;	
	The usability of the land or the improvements for poses permitted in the applicable zoning district;	
	The amount of hardship, if any, to the user of the l, which would be caused by such termination.	
dete term	above factors shall also be considered in the ermination of the amount of time to be allowed for nination. (Ord. 1995-23, 1995; Ord. No. 1972-12 § rior code § 144.05.)	

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	27.72.052 HEARINGS; PROCEDURE.	
	(a) Hearings. The planning commission and the City Council shall hold hearings pursuant hereto for the purpose of determining whether a use is especially burdensome within the meaning of Section 27.72.050 hereof and if so, the amount of time to be allowed for continuance prior to termination. The procedure herein may be initiated by any councilman, planning commissioner or by the zoning administrator.	
	(b) Procedure. The commission and council shall each hold at least one public hearing, notice of the nature, purpose, time and place of which shall be given to the owner and occupant of the property in question by mail at least ten days in advance of the date of hearing. Said notice shall also be published and posted in the manner prescribed in Section 27.08.090 of this code. At the time and place set for hearings the commission or council as the case may be shall proceed to hear all persons interested in the matter. In the case of the commission, its decision shall be recommendatory to the Council. The decision of the Council shall be final. (Ord. No. 1972-12 § 2.)	
South San Francisco	<ul> <li>20.320.008 Abandonment of Nonconforming Uses</li> <li>If the nonconforming use of a building or structure, or a portion of a building or structure ceases for a continuous period of one year, it shall be considered abandoned and shall thereafter be used only in accordance with the regulations for the district in which it is located except as provided below. Abandonment includes the establishment of a conforming use pursuant to the requirements of this Ordinance in any space that was previously occupied by a nonconforming use. It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide evidence demonstrating to the satisfaction of the Chief Planner that the use was legally established and has not been abandoned.</li> <li>A. No nonconforming use may be resumed, reestablished, reopened, or replaced by any other particular to provide of the provide of</li></ul>	South San Francisco Municipal Code (South San Francisco, California) (qcode.us) Title 20 Zoning → Chapter 20.320
	nonconforming use after it has ceased for a period of one year subject to the following exceptions:	

	1. No lawful residential use can lapse regardless of the	
	length of time of non-use;	
	2. A nonconforming use of a portion of a building may be resumed or changed as provided for in Section 20.320.005 ("Changes and Substitutions of Nonconforming Uses") subject to the approval of a Minor Use Permit.	
	3. The Chief Planner may approve an additional one- year time period during which the use will not be considered abandoned; provided, that the Chief Planner finds that economic conditions warrant the additional time. In the event that such additional time period is approved, the total period during which the use will not be considered abandoned shall not exceed two years from the date the use ceased to operate unless an additional one-year time period is approved by the Planning Commission in accordance with paragraph 3 below.	
	4. The Planning Commission may approve an additional one-year time period during which the use will not be considered abandoned; provided, that the Commission finds that economic conditions warrant the additional time. In the event that such additional time period is approved, the total period during which the use will not be considered abandoned shall not exceed three years from the date the use ceased to operate.	
	B. The one-year period shall commence when the use ceases and any one of the following occurs:	
	<ol> <li>The site is vacated; 2. The business license lapses; 3. Utilities are terminated; or 4. The lease is terminated. (Ord. 1432 § 2, 2010)</li> </ol>	
Woodside	Sec. 153.237 - Discontinuance due to cessation of use. (A) Nonconforming use of buildings and structures. A nonconforming use shall be deemed to have ceased and shall not therefore be reestablished when it has been discontinued or abandoned, either temporarily or permanently, for a period of 24 consecutive months or more with or without the intention to abandon such use. (1975 Code, § 9-2.1215)	153.230 - NONCONFORM ING USES, LOTS, STRUCTURES AND BUILDINGS   Municipal Code
	(1775 Code, § 7-2.1215)	

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(B) Exceptions to Division (A). Where the nonconforming use of a structure or building which is presently nonconforming has been abandoned or discontinued for a period of 24 consecutive months or more, the nonconforming use of such structure or building shall not be reestablished, except for the following uses:	Woodside, CA   Municode Library
(1) Agricultural uses; (2) Barns; (3) Churches; (4) Manufactured homes; (5) open space and conservation uses; (6) Residential care homes; (7) Single-family dwellings; and (8) All accessory uses listed in Section 153.107 Table A-3. (1975 Code, § 9-2.1213)	
(C) Nonconforming uses of land. Where the nonconforming use of land which involves no structures or buildings other than minor structures, such as the use of land for keeping of livestock, fences, signs, or buildings less than 400 square feet in floor area has been abandoned or discontinued for a period of 24 consecutive months or more with or without the intention to abandon such use, the nonconforming use of such land and structures shall not be reestablished. (Ord. 1980-291, effective 9-11-80; Am. Ord. 1999-94, effective 3-25-99; Am. Ord. 212-558, effective 1-10-13; Am. Ord. 2017-589, effective 8-24-17)	
Sec. 153.238 - Termination of nonconforming uses. After a public hearing as provided for below in this section, the Planning Commission may terminate any nonconforming use which is determined to be detrimental to the public health or safety or has been determined to be a public nuisance. (1975 Code, § 9- 2.1216)	
(A) Procedures. Any person or the Town may file a written request with the Planning Director for the termination of a nonconforming use on the grounds set forth above in this section. Upon the filing of any such request, the Planning Director shall investigate the facts set forth in such request and thereafter shall prepare a written report and submit it to the secretary of the Planning Commission. The secretary of the Planning Commission shall thereafter cause such matter to be set for a public hearing before the Planning Commission at its next available meeting. Notice of the time, place and	

o fr 9 () 0 a a a p 0 c e a a a n s f f h f f n o e e A	purpose of such hearing shall be given by the secretary of the Planning Commission in the manner and form set forth in Section 153.963 of this chapter. (1975 Code, § 9-2.1217) (B) Hearings. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission shall receive all relevant evidence and hear all testimony concerning the establishment, operation, and maintenance of the nonconforming use. If, after the public hearing has been conducted, the Planning Commission finds that the nonconforming use is exercised, operated, or maintained in such a manner so as to be detrimental to the public health or safety, or so as to be a public nuisance, the Planning Commission may terminate the nonconforming use. The procedure set forth in this section is required to protect the public from nonconforming uses which are or have become hazards and/or nuisances and is separate and distinct from the procedure for the abatement of public nuisances which may be provided for by other Town ordinances. (1975 Code, § 9-2.1218) (Ord. 1981-302, effective 1-7-82; Am. Ord. 1999-494, effective 3-25-99; Am. Ord. 2012-558, effective 1-10-13; Am. Ord. 2017- 589, effective 8-24-17)		
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# Santa Clara County Local Ordinances Nonconforming Use and Structures

Mountain SEC. 36.06.75 Nonconforming uses of land.	DIVISION 3
View       The nonconforming use of land not involving any building or structure except minor       No	NONCONFORMING USES AND STRUCTURES

2. The degree to which the nonconforming use creates parking, traffic or congestion problems;
3. The degree to which the nonconforming use can be assured not to be detrimental to the habitability of adjacent properties throughout the period of its continued use; and
4. The degree to which the general appearance will not detract from the neighborhood character or desirability.
b. The use of a nonconforming residential building or mobile home, located in a "C" or "M" district, shall be allowed to continue for the structural life of the building.
c. The nonconforming use of a conforming building or structure may be continued for a period of five (5) years from the date the use becomes nonconforming, at the end of which period such nonconforming use shall be changed to a conforming use or be terminated.
d. No existing building, structure or land devoted to a nonconforming use shall be enlarged, extended, reconstituted or substituted, or substantially altered, unless the use thereof is changed to a permitted use in the district in which such building, structure or land is located, except as follows:
1. When authorized by the zoning administrator and in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 36.48 (Conditional Use Permit), a nonconforming use may be changed to a use of the same or more restrictive nature.
2. When authorized by the zoning administrator and in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 36.48 (Conditional Use Permit), a nonconforming use of a building may be extended throughout those parts of the building which were manifestly designed or arranged for such use prior to the date when such use or such building became nonconforming, if no structural alterations, except for those required by law, are made therein.
4. Repairs and maintenance may be made to a legal nonconforming use of buildings or structures as required to keep it in safe condition provided no structural alteration or

replacement shall be made except as required by law or ordinance, or for seismic retrofit (as approved by the chief building official or his/her designee) related to soft-story buildings. For purposes of this provision, a "soft-story" building shall be a wood frame building, including a multi-unit residential building, constructed before January 1, 1978, where the ground-floor portion of the structure contains parking or other similar open floor space that causes soft, weak or open-front wall lines.

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e. Whenever a nonconforming use has been changed to a conforming use, such use shall not thereafter be changed to a nonconforming use.

f. If the nonconforming use of a building, structure or premises ceases for a period of six (6) months or more, said use shall be considered abandoned; and said building, structure or premise shall thereafter be used only for uses permitted in the district in which it is located.

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h. All uses nonconforming at the time of adoption of this chapter, by reason of noncompliance with the performance standards stipulated, shall adopt necessary measures and conform within three (3) years of the adoption of this chapter or shall be discontinued.

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## SEC. 36.06.85. - Nonconforming structures or buildings.

a. Any nonconforming commercial, industrial or office building located in an "R" district or in an area designated for residential uses in the Mountain View general plan shall be removed within forty (40) years of the date the building or structure became nonconforming unless a conditional use permit is obtained from the zoning administrator in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 36.48 (Conditional Use Permit), to authorize the continuation of the building or structure. c. Any expansion of a nonconforming building or structure must comply with the latest applicable property development standards of the district and not increase the degree of nonconformity which exists on the property.

d. Repairs and maintenance may be made to a legal nonconforming building or structure as required to keep it in safe condition provided no structural alteration or replacement shall be made except as required by law, ordinance or for seismic retrofits (as approved by the chief building official or his/her designee) of soft-story buildings. For purposes of this provision, a "soft-story" building shall be a wood frame building, including a multi-unit residential building, constructed before January 1, 1978, where the ground-floor portion of the structure contains parking or other similar open floor space that causes soft, weak or open-front wall lines.

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g. When authorized by the zoning administrator in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 36.48 (Conditional Use Permit), minor alterations to nonconforming residential developments may be authorized which do not exceed four hundred (400) square feet or twenty-five (25) percent of the floor area of the residential structure when it became nonconforming, whichever is less, and are only intended to increase the habitability of the residential unit.

h. When a development does not meet development standards of the zone, modifications which bring the development more into conformance with the zone may be permitted with development review approval.

i. If an existing nonconforming structure in the R1 district is expanded such that the expanded structure is more than twice the size of the original structure, the entire structure must comply with the latest applicable property development standards of the district.

Palo Alto	18.70.020 Nonconforming use - Expansion.	Chapter 18.70
	<ul><li>(a) A nonconforming use shall not be altered, enlarged, expanded, or extended, except as provided in subsection (b) this prohibition shall include any moving, enlargement, extension, expansion or alteration of a nonconforming use which:</li><li>(1) Increases the site area or floor area occupied by such use on the same or any additional</li></ul>	NONCONFORMING USES AND NONCOMPLYING FACILITIES
	site;	
	(2) Increases the number of structures or the size of any structure housing such nonconforming use or portion thereof.	
	(b) A nonconforming use which occupies a portion of a building may be expanded to include additional floor area within the same building; provided that:	
	(1) Without substantial remodeling or reconstruction, the portion of building into which expansion is proposed is not reasonably susceptible to use or occupancy by a conforming use. The determination of whether a portion of a building is reasonably susceptible to use or occupancy by a conforming use shall be made by the building official and shall take into consideration, but not be limited to, the following:	
	(A) Whether any required remodeling or reconstruction would involve structural alterations;	
	(B) Whether the building was designed and constructed for the nonconforming use occupying the building or portion thereof, or uses of similar intensity or classification;	
	(C) The degree of privacy, separation, and protection afforded the portion of the building into which expansion is proposed from intrusion, interference, noise, and similar effects resulting from or generated by the nonconforming use;	
	(D) Availability of access to the portion of the building into which expansion is proposed.	

(2) Such expansion within the building does not create, cause, or increase any additional nonconformance or noncompliance with the requirements of this title.	
(3) Nothing contained in this section authorizes a change in the nature of a nonconforming use contrary to the provision of Section 18.70.030.	
18.70.030 Nonconforming use - Change.	
(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a nonconforming use shall not be changed to or replaced by any use except a conforming use.	
(b) A nonconforming use may be changed to or replaced by another nonconforming use which would have been permitted under the most recent zoning classification of the property under which the nonconforming use was a conforming use and which is of no higher occupancy rating than the existing nonconforming use as defined by Title 16 subject to the following limitations:	
(1) The change or replacement shall not increase the extent of the nonconformity, or the nature of the activity, or the site area or floor area occupied by the nonconforming use on the site, except as may be provided by Section 18.70.020(b).	
(2) Any period of temporary vacancy or discontinuance associated with such change or replacement shall not exceed the limitations established by Section 18.70.040.	
(3) Such change or replacement of nonconforming use to or by another nonconforming use shall be permitted only if the building, or portion of a building, presently occupied by the nonconforming use is not reasonably capable of conversion to accommodate use and occupancy by a conforming use, without substantial reconstruction or remodeling. The building official shall determine whether the building, or portion of a building, is reasonably capable of such conversion. Said determination shall take into consideration, but not be limited to, the following:	

(A) Whether changes in the nature of the building or a portion of the building would be required by Title 16 or similar regulations in order to convert the use of the building, or portion of the building, to a conforming use;	
(B) Whether any reconstruction or remodeling necessary to convert the use and occupancy of the building, or a portion of the building, involves structural alterations;	
(C) Whether the building, or portion of the building, was originally designed and constructed for the particular existing nonconforming use or uses of similar character.	
(c) A nonconforming use which is changed to or replaced by a conforming use shall not be reestablished, and any portion of a site or any portion of a building, the use of which changes from a nonconforming to a conforming use, shall not thereafter be used except to accommodate a conforming use.	
18.70.040 Nonconforming use - Discontinuance.	
(a) On any site having facilities thereon valued at less than one thousand dollars, any nonconforming use, other than a residential use, which is discontinued or abandoned or otherwise ceases operation and use of the site for a period of six months or longer shall not be resumed, reestablished, or continued, and all subsequent use of such site and facilities thereon shall conform to this title.	
(b) On any site not subject to subsection (a), a nonconforming use of facilities designed and constructed for nonresidential purposes which is discontinued or abandoned or otherwise ceases operation and use of the site for a period of one year or more shall not be resumed, and all subsequent use of such site and facilities thereon shall conform to this title.	
(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section <u>18.70.030</u> , or the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section, in any residential district, a nonresidential, nonconforming use occupying facilities originally designed and constructed for residential use which is discontinued or abandoned or otherwise ceases operation and use of the site for a period of ninety days or greater shall not be continued or recommenced, and any subsequent use of the site and facilities shall conform to this title. This provision shall not be construed to	

prevent a change of ownership or management of such nonconforming use; provided, that any cessation of operation of the use is solely in connection with the transfer of ownership or management to a specifically designated person or entity and is solely for the purpose of accomplishing any transfer of title, equipment, operational control, or similar purpose. 18.70.070 Nonconforming use - Required termination. (a) In any district, a nonconforming, nonresidential use occupying a site having facilities thereon valued at less than one thousand dollars, shall be terminated within five years from the effective date of this section, or within five years from the date such use becomes nonconforming, whichever date is later, and within such time the improvements shall either be removed, or converted or modified to accommodate a conforming use. (b) In any district, a nonconforming, nonresidential use of a site not subject to subsection (a) of this section shall be terminated in accord with the following provisions and schedules: (1) When occupying or using facilities designed and built for residential use, the nonconforming use shall be terminated within ten years from July 20, 1978, or within ten years from the date such use becomes nonconforming, whichever date is later, and within such time the improvements shall either be removed, or converted or modified to accommodate a conforming use. (2) When occupying or using facilities designed or built for nonresidential use, the nonconforming use shall be terminated, and the facilities shall be converted or modified to accommodate a conforming use, or shall be removed at or before the time limit prescribed in subdivision (3) of this subsection; provided, however, that unless a site-specific amortization study is prepared, no such termination, removal, or conversion shall be required within fifteen years from July 30, 1978, or within fifteen years from the date such use became nonconforming, whichever date is later; provided, however, that uses which were made non-conforming as a result of the 1974 Fire Zone 1 Study, by Ordinance No. 2777, adopted March 25, 1974, shall terminate on November 23, 1990; and provided, further, that any use made nonconforming by said Ordinance No. 2777, the primary purpose of which is to prepare and deliver food to senior citizens, shut-ins and others with limited mobility may remain and shall not be subject to termination pursuant to this section. Such

with applicable site development regulation improvement or replacement shall not result	e or replace site improvements in accordance ions, provided that any such remodeling, in any increased floor area.	
Notwithstanding the dates of termination of required termination dates of the following us	f uses required by this subsection (b)(2), the ses shall be as hereinafter set forth:	
Avenue/Olive Avenue for retail, research an are permitted in approximately the same ra subject to the following limitations: (1) retail (2) truck deliveries and other noisy outdoor a a.m. to 9:00 p.m. weekdays and 9:00 a.m. to 9 	-	
	n the period of time for termination of n (2) of this subsection unless a site-specific	
amortization study is prepared:		
• •	Age of Structure Computed From Date of Construction	
amortization study is prepared: <b>Type of Construction Defined by</b>	Age of Structure Computed From Date	
amortization study is prepared: <b>Type of Construction Defined by</b> <b>Building Code</b>	Age of Structure Computed From Date of Construction	

Type IV – Heavy timber	30 years	
Type II – Nonrated	25 years	
Type V – Wood frame	20 years	

(4) Nothing contained in this subsection shall extend or otherwise modify any termination date provided by any previously existing ordinance for any use which became nonconforming under such ordinance prior to the effective date of this section. Such termination dates for such previously existing nonconforming uses are incorporated in this section and shall remain in effect.

(c) The director of planning and development services shall determine those properties the use of which were lawfully existing uses permitted or conditionally permitted, in the districts in which they were located immediately prior to July 20, 1978, and which uses were rendered nonconforming by reason of the adoption of this title on July 20, 1978, and those properties which, prior to July 20, 1978, were located in an R-1 district which was imposed by reason of annexation of the property to the city without benefit of prezoning, the uses of which were lawfully existing uses permitted or conditionally permitted operating subject to a conditional use permit prior to the date of annexation. Written notice of such nonconformance shall be mailed to the owner of record of each such property and to the occupant of the property. Within two years of the date of mailing of such notice, any owner of such property, lessee of such property with the written consent of owners, or purchaser of such property when acting pursuant to a contract of sale in writing duly executed and acknowledged by both the buyer and the owner of record, may apply to have such property excepted from the termination provisions of this section. Said application may be made to the director of planning and development services in such form as may be prescribed by the director of planning and development services. Said application shall include, but not be limited to, a statement of the location and size of the property, the nature of its use on July 20, 1978, a statement of reasons establishing that the use is compatible with and will not be detrimental to the uses designated in the Comprehensive Plan for the surrounding area and

properties, a map of the subject property indicating the location of all parcels of real property within a distance of three hundred feet from the exterior boundary of the subject property, a list as shown in the last equalized assessment roll, of the name and address of the owner of record of each such parcel, and such other information as may be required by the director of planning and development services.

(1) Such application shall be accompanied by such fee as is prescribed in the municipal fee schedule.

(2) Upon receipt of such application, the director of planning and development services shall so inform the chairperson of the planning commission who shall set a date for a public hearing on the application which shall be held within a reasonable time from the date of filing of the application. Notice of the hearing shall be given by publication once in a local newspaper at least twelve days prior to the hearing and by mail to owners and occupants of real property within 300 feet of the subject property.

(3) Upon the date set for hearing, the planning commission shall conduct a public hearing thereon, unless, for cause, the commission shall on that date continue the matter. Upon conclusion of the hearing, the commission shall determine whether the use of the property on July 20, 1978, is compatible and not detrimental to the land uses designated in the Comprehensive Plan for the surrounding areas of properties. In the event the commission so finds, it shall recommend to the city council that the use shall be exempted from the termination provisions of this section. The commission may recommend such conditions as it may find necessary to insure compatibility including, but not limited to, required improvement of or modifications to existing improvements on the property, limitations on hours of operation, limitation on the nature of operations, and a specified term of years for which the exception shall be granted.

(4) Upon receipt of the recommendation of the planning commission, the city council shall consider the application within a reasonable time. The council may, at its option, conduct a public hearing on the matter.

In the event the council finds the use of the subject property to be compatible with and not detrimental to those land uses designated in the Comprehensive Plan for the surrounding

area and properties, it shall, by motion, except said use from the termination provisions of this section. In granting such exception, the council may include such conditions as are deemed necessary to insure such compatibility, including, but not limited to, the conditions set out in subsection (c)(3) of this section.

(5) Any use which is excepted from the termination provisions of this section, and which is changed pursuant to Section 18.70.030 shall be subject to the termination provisions of this section as though no exception had been granted.

(6) Any use excepted from the termination provisions of this section shall be permitted to remodel, improve, or replace site improvements on the same site, without the necessity to comply with site development regulations, for continual use and occupancy by the same use; provided, that any such remodeling, improvement, or replacement shall not result in increased floor area, number of dwelling units, height, length, or any other increase in the size of the improvement.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, any off-street parking lot which was lawfully existing and not subject to any required termination provisions of any predecessor ordinance on the effective date of this section, and which on that date was and continues to be used accessory to a lawful conforming permitted use, shall be permitted to continue in existence and use for the life of the principal use to which it is accessory, regardless of whether said parking lot and principal use are located in the same district.

#### 18.70.080 Noncomplying facility - Enlargement.

(a) Except as specifically permitted by subsections (b) and (c) hereof or by Section 18.12.050(a), no enlargement, expansion, or other addition or improvement to a noncomplying facility shall be permitted which increases the noncompliance. This section shall not be construed to prohibit enlargement or improvement of a facility, otherwise permitted by this title, which does not affect the particular degree of or manner in which the facility does not comply with one or more provisions of this title.

(b) Except in areas designated as special study areas, the director of planning and development services may permit minor additions of floor area to noncomplying facilities

	<ul> <li>in the commercial CC, CS and CN zones and in the industrial MOR, ROLM, RP and GM districts, subject to applicable site development regulations, for purposes of on-site employee amenities, resource conservation, or code compliance, upon the determination that such minor additions will not, of themselves, generate substantial additional employment. Such additions may include, but not be limited to, the following:</li> <li>(1) Area designed and used solely for providing on-site services to employees of the facility, such as recreational facilities, credit unions, cafeterias and day care facilities;</li> <li>(2) Area designated for resource conservation, such as trash compactors, recycling and thermal storage facilities; and</li> <li>(3) Area designed and required for hazardous materials storage facilities, handicapped access, and seismic upgrades.</li> </ul>	
San Jose	<ul><li>20.150.020 - General provisions.</li><li>A. A legal nonconforming use may be continued indefinitely, but if such use is discontinued</li></ul>	Chapter 20.150 - NONCONFORMING USES
	or abandoned for a period of six months or more, it shall thereafter conform to the provisions of this title, unless the nonconforming use is reinstated with issuance of a special use permit in accordance with Chapter 20.100.	
	20.150.040 - Legal nonconforming use subject to a previously issued conditional use permit.	
	A. Whenever an existing use subject to a previously issued valid conditional use permit becomes a legal nonconforming use, it remains subject to all of the provisions and requirements of conditional use permit provisions of this title.	
	B. If a conditional use permit for a legal nonconforming use contains a time-limit condition, the owner of the lot or parcel for which the permit was issued may apply to the city for renewal of the conditional use permit, notwithstanding the fact that the existing use is not a	

permitted or conditional use in the district in which it is located or that it does not conform to the regulations of such district.

C. The owner of a lot or parcel, subject to a lapsed time-limited conditional use permit, may apply for a new conditional use permit, subject to the subsection B. above, if the use for which the conditional use permit is sought has continued to exist without interruption since the lapse of the conditional use permit. Nothing in this provision shall exempt such owner from the obligation to apply for a new conditional use permit in accordance with Chapter 20.100, and such owner shall be in violation of this title, and subject to all remedies therefore, whenever a time-limited conditional use permit lapses and no new conditional use permit has been issued.

## 20.150.050 - Nonconforming use - Expansion and enlargement.

A. Any legal nonconforming use may be expanded only upon issuance of and in compliance with a special use permit, or conditional use permit for uses which this Code would require a conditional use permit, in accordance with the provisions in Chapter 20.100. Expansion includes, but is not limited to, the intensification of a use with or without an increase in floor area.

B. Any building or structure which conforms with the development standards of the district, the use of which is a legal nonconforming use, may be enlarged or structurally altered, only upon a finding that such enlargement or structural alteration does not expand or allow for subsequent expansion of the legal nonconforming use, and does not significantly increase any identified impact such as traffic, on-street parking or noise. Such determination shall be made as part of the consideration of any site development permit required for such enlargement or alteration by other provisions of this Code. If no site development permit is required, such enlargement or alteration shall be made only upon the issuance of and in compliance with a special use permit as provided in Chapter 20.100.

## 20.150.060 - Nonconforming structure - Expansion and enlargement.

A. Any legal nonconforming structure, the use of which is not legal nonconforming, may be expanded upon such land only upon issuance of and in compliance with a site development permit in accordance with the applicable development standards of the zoning district said structure is in. Nothing in this provision permits the further diminution of an existing nonconforming development standard except as otherwise provided for in this title.

B. Structures that do not conform to the current parking requirements are subject to the parking requirements of Section 20.90.210 regarding any change in use.

#### **20.150.070 - Change of use**.

A. For the purposes of this section, a "change in use" shall be defined as a change from one enumerated use to a different enumerated use as set forth in Tables 20-30, 20-50, 20-90, 20-110 and 20-140.

B. A legal nonconforming use may be changed to another nonconforming use of a like nature upon issuance of and in compliance with a special use permit, provided such use is not subject to a conditional use permit or special use permit under any other provisions of this title. Any enlargement made in conjunction with such change must conform to the provisions of this chapter.

C. Two uses are of "like nature" when the director determines that they are treated in essentially the same manner for all purposes under this title and that the new use will not create an increase in such impacts as traffic, parking or noise. The "like nature" determination shall be made as part of the consideration of a special use permit as provided in this title.

D. Where a lot or parcel which contains a legal nonconforming use also contains a conforming use, the existing conforming use may be changed to another conforming use only upon a finding that such proposed conforming use is compatible with such legal nonconforming use in terms of architecture as well as use. Such determination of compatibility shall be made as part of the consideration of any site development permit, conditional use permit, or special use permit required for such change by other provisions of this Code. If no such permits are required, such change in use shall be made only upon the issuance of and in compliance with a special use permit as provided in this title.

#### 20.150.080 - Addition of new uses.

A. No additional nonconforming use may be added to a property which contains a legal nonconforming use.

B. Additional uses which conform to the provisions of this title may be added to a property which contains a legal nonconforming use only upon a finding that such proposed additional use is compatible with the existing nonconforming use or uses in terms of architecture as well as use. Such determination of compatibility shall be made as part of the consideration of any site development permit or conditional use permit required for such additional use by other provisions of this Code. If no site development permit or conditional use permit is otherwise required, such additional use shall be added only upon the issuance of and in compliance with a special use permit as provided in this title.

## 20.150.110 - Special use permits - Findings.

A. The director, or the planning commission, on appeal, shall issue a special use permit for a nonconforming use only if the following findings can be made:

1. In case of an application for a special use permit for reinstatement of a legal nonconforming use:

a. No more than eighteen (18) months has elapsed between the date the legal nonconforming use was first discontinued or abandoned and the date the application for the special use permit was filed and found complete; and

b. The conversion to a conforming use would create undue hardship under the particular circumstances presented.

c. The finding required by subsection a above does not need to be made for reinstatement of residential legal nonconforming uses or the residential mixed use residential/commercial legal nonconforming uses.

2. In case of an application for a special use permit for expansion or enlargement:

a. The expansion of the use upon the land, or the alteration or enlargement of the building or structure, does not significantly increase any identified impact such as traffic, on-street parking or noise.
3. In the case of an application for a special use permit for a change in use, it is found that:
a. The nonconforming use is being changed to a use of like nature.
4. In case of an application for a special use permit for determination of compatibility of nonconforming and conforming uses when either changing a conforming use to another conforming use or adding a conforming use, it is found that:
a. The change or addition of a conforming use on site is compatible with any existing nonconforming use on site in terms of architecture as well as use.
B. In addition to the findings required by Subsection A, no special use permit shall be issued, pursuant to this part, unless it is found that:
1. The permit will not impair the character and integrity of the neighborhood; and
2. The permit will not impair the utility or value of adjacent property or the general welfare of the neighborhood; and
3. The permit is not detrimental to the public peace, health, safety, morals or welfare.
20.150.200 - Nonconforming uses - Adverse public impact.
A. Notwithstanding Section 20.150.020, any lawful use rendered nonconforming due to annexation or a change in Title 20 of this Code which resulted in:
1. A new or changed zoning district classification of the site; or
2. Prohibition of the use in the existing zoning district; or

3. The requirement for a conditional use permit for the use;	
shall be deemed a legal nonconforming use for the purposes of this part only as long as such use does not create an adverse public impact as specified in the following section.	
B. Use of the procedures contained in the following sections shall not be deemed to confer legal nonconforming status on any use which is subsequently determined to have been illegal at the time that the order to show cause was issued.	
20.150.210 - Adverse public impact.	
A. An adverse public impact may be demonstrated by:	
1. Evidence of noncompliance with any condition or any law, ordinance or prior permits; or	
2. Evidence of a substantially changed condition in neighborhood; or	
3. Evidence that the use is creating a nuisance as defined by this title; or	
4. Evidence that the use substantially impairs the public peace, health, safety, morals or welfare.	
B. Evidence of an adverse public impact may include, but not be limited to, impacts such as noise, traffic, parking, crime, or disturbance of the health, safety, peace or welfare of the neighboring public by owners, managers, residents, patrons or guests of the subject property.	
20.150.250 - Findings for requirement of a conditional use permit.	
A. The commission, or the city council on appeal, may allow the use to continue subject to a conditional use permit issued by the commission, if a finding is made that:	
1. The use constitutes or results in an adverse public impact; and	

2. The conditions contained in the conditional use permit will prevent or make insubstantial the adverse public impact(s).	
B. In such case, the use shall for all purposes be treated as a conditional use subject to the terms of the conditional use permit.	
C. The conditional use permit shall not be effective unless the property owner pays the fees for conversion to a conditional use permit as specified in the schedule of fees adopted by resolution of council.	
20.150.260 - Findings for termination of use.	
A. The commission, or the city council on appeal, may terminate the legal non-conforming use upon finding that:	
1. The use constitutes or results in an adverse public impact; and	
2. The adverse public impact(s) cannot be adequately abated, substantially corrected or rectified with a conditional use permit; or	
3. There are uncorrected violations of a city permit, ordinance or state law.	
B. Upon determining that a nonconforming use shall be terminated, the planning commission, or the city council on appeal, shall also determine what, if any, amortization period is necessary to allow the property owner a reasonable period to terminate the use commensurate with the nature and extent of the owner's investment in the property.	
C. In determining the amortization period, the commission, or the city council on appeal, shall consider, among other factors:	
1. The length of time the property has been owned by the property owner;	
2. The owner's ability to readily convert the use to a use which is permitted within the zoning district; and	

3. The difference, if any, between the value of the prior use and the value of the permitted	
uses; and	
4. The impacts of allowing the use to continue.	
20.150.310 - Extension of time for termination of nonconforming use.	
The operator of a nonconforming use as described in Section 20.150.300 may apply under the provisions of this section to the city council for an extension of time within which to terminate the nonconforming use.	
A. Time and manner of application. An application for an extension of time within which to terminate a use made nonconforming by the provisions of Section 20.150.300 may be filed by the owner of the real property upon which such use is operated or by the operator of the use. Such an application must be filed with the city clerk at least ninety days prior to the time established in Section 20.150.300 for termination of such use.	
B. Content of application; fees. The application shall state the grounds for requesting an extension of time. The filing fee for such application shall be as set forth in the schedule of fees established by resolution of the city council.	
C. Hearing on application. Upon filing of an application for extension, the city clerk shall, subject to the rules of the city council as to the hour and place of public hearings which shall be conducted by it, set a date for a public hearing which shall be held by the city council on said application. Said date of hearing shall be not less than twenty nor more than sixty days from and after the date said application was filed and all filing fees were paid.	
D. Notice of hearing. The city clerk shall cause notice of the time and place of the hearing on the application to be given in accordance with the procedure set forth in Section 20.100.190 of this title.	
E. Approval of extension; findings. Within a reasonable time after the public hearing on an application for extension has been conducted, the city council shall by resolution take action on the request for the extension. Unless the extension is approved by at least a majority of	

	<ul> <li>the council, it shall be deemed denied. An extension under the provisions of this section shall be for no more than one year and shall be approved only if the city council makes all of the following findings:</li> <li>1. The applicant has made a substantial investment (including but not limited to lease obligations) in the property or structure on or in which the nonconforming use is conducted; such property or structure cannot be readily converted to another use; and such investment was made prior to February 19, 2001.</li> <li>2. The applicant will be unable to recoup said investment as of the date established for termination of the use; and</li> <li>3. The applicant has made good faith efforts to recoup the investment.</li> </ul>	
Santa Clara	<ul> <li>18.94.010 Generally.</li> <li>(a) The lawful use of land or buildings existing under, and pursuant to, Ordinance Nos. 384, 775, and 918, ordinances of the City of Santa Clara, and existing at the time of the adoption of the ordinance codified in this title, although such use does not conform to all regulations specified in this title for the district in which such land is located, may be continued provided no such use shall be enlarged or increased, nor extended to occupy a greater area than that occupied by such use at the time of the adoption of the ordinance codified in this title, except as provided in subsection (c) of this section; nor shall any legal nonconforming use be moved in whole or in part to any other portion of the lot or parcel of land occupied by such legal nonconforming use. If any such use is abandoned, the subsequent use of such land shall be in conformity to the regulations specified by this title for the district in which such land is located.</li> <li>(b) The legal nonconforming use of a building may be changed to an alternate nonconforming use of the same or more restricted nature; provided, that in each case a use permit shall first be obtained.</li> <li>(c) A legal nonconforming use within a building may be expanded or moved within the building only upon issuance of, and in compliance with, a use permit which finds that the</li> </ul>	Chapter 18.94 NONCONFORMING USES

expansion or relocation of the use within the building does not significantly increase any identified impacts including, but not limited to, traffic, vehicle parking, or noise impacts.	
(d) A new use may be added to a building or site containing a legal nonconforming use provided the new use conforms to the requirements of the zoning district in which it is located.	
(e) If any legal nonconforming use ceases for a continuous period of six months, it shall be considered abandoned and shall thereafter be used only in accordance with the regulations for the district in which it is located.	
(f) Any legal nonconforming use of land (where no building is involved), created at the time the ordinance codified in this title becomes effective, shall be discontinued within three years from the effective date of that ordinance, unless the City Council shall extend such time as to a use of a particular parcel of land, but any such extension as to one or more parcels shall not operate to extend the time for other parcels.	
18.94.020 Nonconforming buildings.	
(b) A legal nonconforming building, the use of which is not legal nonconforming, may be expanded; provided, that said expansion is in conformance with all of the applicable provisions of the district in which it is located.	
(c) The owner or occupant of any land or building classified as existing nonconforming in accordance with SCCC 18.94.010(a) may make application for a use and occupancy permit as specified in Chapter 18.96 SCCC.	

Saratoga	15-65.030 - Continuation in general; regulations applicable to nonconforming uses or structures.	Article 15-65 - NONCONFORMING USES AND
	(a) Nonconforming uses and structures may be continued only in conformity with the provisions of this Article. The owner of property on which a nonconforming use or structure is claimed shall have the burden of proof in establishing to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director the nonconforming status claimed. The Community Development Director may charge a fee, as established in the City Fee Schedule, for the review of evidence submitted to meet the owner's burden of proof and for the preparation of a statement of acknowledgment of legal nonconforming status if the evidence demonstrates that a use or structure on the subject property is wholly or partially nonconforming, but legal pursuant to the terms of this Article. A use or structure that is not in conformity with the provisions of this Chapter, or that is not a legal nonconforming use or structure in accordance with this Article, shall constitute a violation of this Code and shall not be continued.	STRUCTURES
	(b) The following regulations apply to each nonconforming use or structure:	
	(1) All new construction allowed to occur with respect to a nonconforming use or structure shall comply with current requirements of Chapter 16 of this Code.	
	(2) Repair, alteration or reconstruction otherwise required by this Code or applicable law, and not otherwise prohibited by the rights or regulations of any other governmental agency having jurisdiction, shall be allowed in the following circumstances:	
	(i) Repair, alteration, or reconstruction required to retrofit unreinforced masonry structures or otherwise required to comply with earthquake safety standards established in Chapter 16 of this Code, provided the retrofitting or other work is limited exclusively to compliance with earthquake safety standards;	
	(ii) Repair, alteration, or reconstruction required to elevate a habitable structure in a floodplain, provided the elevation work is limited exclusively to compliance with flood prevention standards;	

(iii) Repair, alteration, or reconstruction required to comply with required energy efficiency standards established in Chapter 16 of this Code, provided the work is limited exclusively to compliance with those standards; and

(iv) Repair, alteration, or reconstruction which is limited exclusively to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Chapters 11A and 11B of the State Building Code set forth in Volume II of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations.

(3) Any building permit or use permit or other approval issued pursuant to this Code for repairs or alterations, reconstruction, or change, expansion or intensification of a legal nonconforming use or structure shall include a condition requiring recordation of a statement of acknowledgment of legal nonconforming status.

(4) Any otherwise permitted intensification of a use or structure must comply with current parking standards.

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(b) Structures on nonconforming sites. A nonconforming use results where there is an existing structure or a structure is proposed to be constructed on a lawfully created parcel having a site area, frontage, width or depth less than the minimum standards prescribed for the zoning district in which the parcel is located. However, such structure shall be considered conforming and shall not be subject to the regulations contained in this Article if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

(1) Where the width of a site does not conform with the applicable standard for the zoning district, the minimum width of interior side setback areas for first floors shall be not less than ten percent of the width of the site or six feet, whichever is greater, and the minimum width of an exterior side setback area for first floors of a corner lot shall be not less than twenty percent of the width of the site or fifteen feet, whichever is greater. The second floor setback area for interior and exterior lot lines shall be increased an additional five feet.

(2) Where the depth of the site is less than the applicable standard for the zoning district, the rear setback area for the first floor shall be twenty percent of the depth of the site or twenty feet, whichever is greater. The second floor rear setback area shall be increased an additional five feet.

(3) In the event the setbacks described in (1) and (2) above are determined to be greater than those in the applicable zoning district standard, then the zoning district standard shall apply. Except as provided in (1) through (2) above, the residence shall comply with all other regulations for the zoning district, except the minimum site area and frontage which render the existing parcel substandard.

## 15-65.060 - Expansion of nonconforming structures.

Nonconforming structures shall not be moved or altered so as to increase in any way the discrepancy (or change the footprint) between existing conditions and the development standards established by this Code except as provided below:

(1) Single-family residential structures that are nonconforming because a portion of the structure extends into a side yard setback area may continue the existing setback encroachment on one side for a one-story addition, provided that the proposed extension of the nonconforming building wall shall not be closer than six feet to a property line and does not extend the structure more than fifteen feet.

(2) Proposed expansion of nonconforming side yard setbacks up to one foot shall be reviewed in conjunction with a building permit application provided that a current boundary line survey verifying the location of the structure and all relevant property lines is also submitted. Proposed expansion of nonconforming side yard setbacks in excess of one foot shall be subject to administrative design review.

The prohibition against moving or increasing the discrepancy of a legal nonconforming structure shall not apply if a variance for the moving or increase is granted pursuant to Article 15-70 of this Chapter.

15-65.075 - Preservation of historic buildings.	
Any proposed construction or alteration work to an existing nonconforming structure that is listed on the City of Saratoga Historic Landmark List, Heritage Resource Inventory List, California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR) or National Register of Historic Places shall be exempt from the repair or alteration provisions of this Article provided all of the following requirements are satisfied:	
(a) The property must be listed on one of the following approved historic resource listings:	
(1) City of Saratoga Historic Landmark List;	
(2) City of Saratoga Heritage Resource Inventory List;	
(3) California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR); or	
(4) National Register of Historic Places.	
(b) The City's Heritage Preservation Committee shall review any proposed work exceeding one-hundred square feet or any work that is visible from an adjacent street and shall provide a recommendation to the Community Development Director as to the compatibility of the proposed repair or alteration work with the historic character of the structure.	
(c) The proposed repair or alteration work shall maintain any front building façade that is visible from and adjacent street in a historically appropriate manner determined by the Heritage Preservation Committee.(d)The property shall be exempt from any square footage reconstruction limit based on floor area.	
15-65.090 - Change of use.	
(a) A nonconforming use shall not be replaced or supplemented by another nonconforming use.	

(b) Any portion of a nonconforming use, which is changed to a conforming use, shall not be re-established.	
15-65.100 - Expansion or intensification of nonconforming uses.	
(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) below, a nonconforming use may not be expanded or intensified. This prohibition shall include, but not be limited to, any expansion or intensification of a nonconforming use which:	
(1) Increases the site area or floor area occupied by such nonconforming use on the same or any additional site; or	
(2) Increases the number of structures or size of any structure housing a nonconforming use or any portion thereof; or	
(3) Increases the amount, volume, or intensity of a nonconforming business use, or the machinery, equipment, trade fixtures or other personal property utilized in the conduct of such use; or	
(4) Displaces any conforming use occupying a structure or site.	
(b) The Planning Commission may approve the expansion and/or intensification of a nonconforming use upon finding that such expansion and/or intensification will not adversely affect existing or anticipated uses in the immediate neighborhood, and will not adversely affect surrounding properties or the occupants thereof. Any such approval shall include a condition requiring recordation of a Statement of Acknowledgment of Legal Nonconforming Status and specification therein of the limit(s) of such approved expansion and/or intensification.	
15-65.120 - Termination of nonconforming uses and structures by abandonment or discontinuance/cessation of use.	
(a) Whenever a nonconforming use has ceased, been abandoned or discontinued for a period of one hundred eighty consecutive days or longer, such use shall not be resumed, re-	

	<ul> <li>established, or continued and all subsequent uses of the site and the structures thereon shall conform to the requirements of this Chapter.</li> <li>(b) Whenever a nonconforming structure has been abandoned or its use has ceased for a continuous period of one year or longer, the structure shall be removed from the site or changed to a conforming structure.</li> <li>(c) Discontinuance of a nonconforming use for a period of one hundred eighty consecutive days or nonuse of a nonconforming structure for a continuous period of one year, shall conclusively be presumed an abandonment, discontinuance/cessation of such use or structure under the terms of this Section; provided, however, a discontinuance of use in either of the following circumstances shall not be counted toward such time periods:</li> <li>(1) Any discontinuance of use of up to three hundred sixty days in connection with a pending sale or other transfer of ownership or management of a nonconforming use or structure to a designated person where the discontinuance of use is solely for the purpose of accomplishing the sale or transfer.</li> </ul>	
	(2) Any discontinuance of use during the period of reconstruction of a damaged or destroyed nonconforming structure, where such reconstruction is permitted under this Article	
Sunnyvale	<ul> <li>19.50.030. Nonconforming nonresidential building.</li> <li>(a) A building legally built and used for nonresidential purposes, in any zoning district, which does not meet current development standards may be repaired, altered, enlarged or replaced without requiring a variance provided any repair, alteration, addition or enlargement must comply with the latest applicable zoning standards. Any required permits must be obtained.</li> <li></li> </ul>	Chapter 19.50. NONCONFORMING BUILDINGS AND USES
	19.50.070. Change of a nonconforming use.	
	Nonconforming use of a building may be changed to another type of nonconforming use provided:	
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	(a) No structural alterations are made.	
	(b) The new use is the same type as, or no more incompatible with the zoning district than, the previous use.	
	9.50.100. Abandonment or discontinuance of a nonconforming use.	
	(a) In the event an unenclosed nonconforming use is abandoned or is discontinued for a period of six months or more, subsequent use of such land shall comply with the provisions of this title.	
	(b) Any building or part thereof which has been vacated by a nonconforming use and subsequently occupied by a conforming use shall not thereafter be occupied by a nonconforming use. In the event a nonconforming use of any building or part thereof has been abandoned or discontinued for a period of one year or more, subsequent use of such building or part thereof shall comply with the provisions of this title.	
Campbell	21.58.020 - Applicability.	Chapter 21.58 - NONCONFORMING USES AND STRUCTURES
	C. Status of designated cultural resource. Designated cultural resources shall not be considered nonconforming or illegal for purposes of maintenance and upkeep.	
	E. Nuisance abatement. In the event that a nonconforming use or structure is found to constitute a public nuisance, appropriate action may be taken by the city, in compliance with Municipal Code Chapter 6.10, (Nuisance Abatement and Property Maintenance Regulations), or other applicable provisions of law.	

21.58.040 - Restrictions on nonconforming uses.

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C. Change in Use.

1. The nonconforming use of a site or structure may be changed to a use of the same or more restricted classification as determined by the community development director.

2. Where the nonconforming use of a site or structure is changed to a use of a lesser intensity, it shall not thereafter be changed to a use of greater intensity.

D. Enlargement or Expansion Prohibited. A nonconforming use shall not be enlarged or increased to occupy a greater floor area or portion of the site than it lawfully occupied before becoming a nonconforming use.

E. Discontinued Use.

1. A nonconforming use that is abandoned, discontinued, or has ceased operations for a continuous period of at least twelve months shall not be re-established on the site and further use of the structure or parcel shall comply with all of the regulations of the applicable zoning district and all other applicable provisions of this Zoning Code.

2. Evidence of abandonment shall include, but is not limited to, the actual removal of equipment, furniture, machinery, structures, or other components of the nonconforming use, the turning-off of the previously connected utilities, or where there are no business receipts/records available to provide evidence that the use is in continual operation.

F. Nonconforming Use of Land. The nonconforming use of land, on which no main structure is located, which was lawfully established before the enactment of zoning, rezoning, reclassification, or change of regulations, may be continued for a period of not more than five years from when it first became nonconforming; provided:

1. No nonconforming use of land shall in any way be expanded or extended either on the same or adjoining property.	
2. The nonconforming use of land may be changed to a use of the same or lesser intensity (as determined by the community development director) but where the nonconforming use of land is changed to a use of lesser intensity it shall not thereafter be changed to a use of greater intensity.	
3. A nonconforming use of land that is abandoned or discontinued for a continuous period of at least twelve months shall not be re-established. Any further use of the site thereafter shall comply with all applicable provisions of this Zoning Code.	
G. Nonconforming Due to Lack of Conditional Use Permit. A use that is nonconforming due to the lack of a conditional use permit may continue only to the extent that it previously existed (e.g., floor or site area occupied by the use, hours of operation, type or intensity of use). Any change shall require conditional use permit approval.	
H. Previous Conditional Use Permits in Effect. A use that was established with conditional use permit approval but is a use no longer allowed by this Zoning Code within the applicable zoning district may continue in operation, but only in compliance with all of the provisions of the original conditional use permit. If the conditional use permit specified a termination date, the use shall be discontinued in compliance with that termination date.	
I. Nonconformance Due to Reclassification. The foregoing provisions of this Zoning Code shall also apply to uses and structures which thereafter become nonconforming due to any reclassification of zoning districts, in compliance with Chapter 21.60, (Amendments) or any subsequent change in the regulations of this chapter; provided, where a period of years is specified in this section for the removal of nonconforming uses or structures the period shall be computed from the date of the reclassification or change.	

	21.58.050 - Restrictions on nonconforming structures.	
	D. Additions, enlargements and moving.	
	1. A nonconforming structure shall not be added to or enlarged in any manner, except as identified in subsection F of this section.	
	2. A structure that does not comply with the height or area regulations shall not be added to or enlarged in any manner, except as identified in subsection F of this section.	
	3. A structure lacking sufficient off-street parking spaces may be altered or enlarged; provided the required additional parking spaces are provided, in compliance with Chapter 21.28, (Parking and Loading).	
	4. No nonconforming structure shall be moved in whole or in part to any other location on the parcel unless every portion of the structure is made to conform to all applicable provisions of this Zoning Code.	
Cupertino	19.140.010 General Application.	CHAPTER 19.140:
	A. Nonconforming Uses.	NONCONFORMING USES AND
	1. Any nonconforming use, as defined in Section 19.08.030, may be continued indefinitely, but if such use is discontinued or abandoned for a period of six months or more, it shall thereafter conform to the provisions of this title.	NONCONFORMING FACILITIES
	2. Any nonconforming use may be changed, altered, or maintained only as provided in this chapter or as otherwise provided by law.	
	B. Noncomplying Facilities.	

1. Any noncomplying facility, as defined in Section 19.08.030, may be maintained indefinitely subject, however, to the requirements of Title 16 relating to unsafe, dilapidated and abandoned buildings, facilities containing toxic materials, unreinforced masonry buildings, and other provisions of that title which are intended to protect the health and safety of the public. Notwithstanding the above, a noncomplying facility may not be maintained as either a public or private nuisance.

2. Any noncomplying facility may be enlarged, maintained, or replaced only as provided in this chapter or as otherwise provided by law.

#### **19.140.020** Nonconforming Uses–Expansion.

A. A nonconforming use may not be expanded in such a way as to increase the site area, or gross floor area occupied by such use on a site, nor may a nonconforming use increase the number of structures or the size or height of any structure housing such use. A nonconforming use which occupies a portion of a building may not be expanded to include additional floor area.

#### **19.140.030** Nonconforming Uses–Change.

A. Except as provided in subsection B of this section, a nonconforming use shall not be changed to any use except to a conforming use.

B. A nonconforming use may be changed to any other nonconforming use which would have been permitted under the most recent zoning classification of the property under which the existing nonconforming use was a conforming use subject to the following limitations:

1. The change shall not increase the site area or gross floor area occupied by the existing nonconforming use nor increase number of structures or the size or height of any structure housing such use;

2. Any period of temporary vacancy or discontinuance associated with such change shall not exceed six months;

	3. Such change shall be permitted only if the Director determines that the building, or portion thereof, presently occupied by the nonconforming use is not readily usable as a conforming use. In making this determination, the Director may take into account the time factors described in Section $19.140.010(A)(1)$ ;	
	4. Such change shall not create, cause, or significantly increase adverse privacy, noise, parking, traffic, or similar impacts with respect to other uses or neighboring properties.	
	C. A nonconforming use which is changed to a conforming use, shall not be reestablished, and any portion of a site or any portion of a building, the use of which changes from a nonconforming to a conforming use, shall not thereafter be used except to accommodate a conforming use.	
	19.140.060 Noncomplying Facility-Enlargement.	
	Except as specifically permitted by other provisions of this title, no enlargement, expansion or other addition or improvement to a noncomplying facility shall be permitted which increases the noncompliance. This section shall not be construed to prohibit enlargement or improvement of a facility, otherwise permitted by this title, which does not affect the particular degree or manner in which the facility fails to comply with one or more provisions of this title.	
Gilroy	30.48.20 Expansion, enlargement and discontinuance.	ARTICLE XLVIII.
	(a) This article does not authorize the extension, expansion, or enlargement of such existing use, or permit the addition of structures or other facilities in conjunction with such existing use unless all of the following conditions can be met:	<u>NONCONFORMING</u> <u>USES AND</u> <u>BUILDINGS</u>
	(1) The proposed extension, expansion, and/or enlargement is limited to a maximum of ten percent (10%) of the gross floor area of the nonconforming use.	
	(2) All required parking can be accommodated on site.	
	(3) All other physical development standards of the Zoning Ordinance will be met.	

(4) The proposed project will not affect the character of the neighborhood. (5) An approved minor deviation application has been obtained. The planning commission may grant an extension, expansion, or enlargement not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the gross floor area of the nonconforming use subject to an approved variance. (b) Except as otherwise provided in this article, when the nonconforming use of land or a building has been discontinued or abandoned for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days or more, the nonconforming use shall not be reinstated and the use of land or a building must thereafter conform to the regulations of the district. . . . (d)(1) Whenever a nonconforming use of land or a building has been changed to a conforming use, the prior nonconforming use shall not thereafter be reestablished, and the use of the land or building thereafter shall be in conformity with the regulations for the district. (2) Whenever a nonconforming use of land or a building has been discontinued for a continuous period of one hundred twenty (120) days, the prior nonconforming use shall not thereafter be reestablished, and the use of the land or building thereafter shall be in conformity with the regulations for the district. (3) Nonconforming uses located within designated historic structures may be reinstated or continue subject to an approved conditional use permit from the planning commission. Where no enclosed building is involved, discontinuance of a nonconforming use for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days shall constitute abandonment. 30.48.30 Extension. In addition to the other grounds set forth in this chapter, an exception which has been automatically granted under this article may be extended if it is determined that the nature

	of the improvement is such that to require cessation of use would impair the property rights of any person to such an extent as to be an unconstitutional taking of property.	
	<b>30.48.40 Revocation of automatic variance</b> .	
	In addition to other grounds stated in this chapter, a variance, which has been automatically granted, may be revoked if it is determined:	
	(a) That the condition of the improvements on the property, if any, are such that to require the property to be used only for those uses permitted in the zone where it is located would not impair the constitutional rights of any person.	
	(b) That the nature of the improvements are such that they can be altered so as to be used in conformity with the uses permitted in the zone in which such property is located without impairing the constitutional rights of any person.	
	30.48.50 Public hearing.	
	A variance for an existing nonconforming use may be extended, modified, or revoked subject to a public hearing held in the manner provided for in Article LI.	
Los Altos	14.66.060 - Nonconforming structures—Repairs, alterations, and additions.	Chapter 14.66 -
	A. No nonconforming structure shall be moved, altered, or enlarged unless required by law or unless the moving, alteration, or enlargement will result in the elimination of the structure's nonconformity, except that such a residential structure may be altered or enlarged if such change does not increase the nonconformity. If the nonconforming portion of the structure is removed, it shall no longer retain its nonconforming status and shall only be replaced in full conformity with the provisions of this chapter.	GENERAL STANDARDS AND EXCEPTIONS
	B. Routine maintenance and repairs may be performed on a nonconforming structure. Maintenance shall be only to the extent determined by the building and planning department.	

	14.66.100 - Nonconforming uses-Repairs, alterations, and additions.	
	A. No nonconforming use may be enlarged or expanded in such a manner as to occupy any part of a structure or site which it did not occupy at the time such use became nonconforming or in such a way as to displace any conforming use occupying a structure or site.	
	B. Alterations and routine maintenance and repairs may be performed on a structure, the use of which is nonconforming.	
	14.66.110 - Nonconforming uses—Abandonment/discontinuance.	
	An abandoned or discontinued nonconforming use in any district may resume if occupancy reoccurs within one hundred twenty (120) days of the date the use was originally abandoned or discontinued. A nonconforming use which had been abandoned or discontinued for more than one hundred twenty (120) days may resume upon the granting of a use permit in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 14.80 of this title. Whenever a nonconforming use changes to a conforming use, the use of the structure and/or site thereafter shall be conforming.	
Milpitas	XI-10-56.02 - Repair, Maintenance and Improvements to Nonconforming Buildings and Structures	Section 56 - Nonconforming Buildings and Uses*
	C. Additions to, Enlargements and Moving of Nonconforming Buildings and Structures.	
	2. In all districts other than the R1, R2, and R1-H, a legal nonconforming building or structure may be added to or enlarged in a manner consistent with the criteria established in Table XI-10-57.04-1 and if a Conditional Use Permit is obtained.	

4. A nonconforming building or structure shall not be moved in whole or in part to any other location on the lot unless every portion of such building or structure is made to conform to all regulations of the district in which it is located.	
XI-10-56.03 - Nonconforming Use of Buildings and Structures	
A. The continuation or change of a nonconforming use of a building or structure shall meet the requirements provided below.	
1. Continuation of Existing Nonconforming Use. A legally established use that is no longer permitted in a particular zoning district because of a modification of this Chapter shall be allowed to continue indefinitely, absent discontinuation of the use for a year or more and failure to comply with the re-establishment provisions of Section XI-10-56.03(B) below.	
2. Discontinuation of Nonconforming Use. The nonconforming use of a building, structure or portion thereof, which is discontinued for a continuous period of one (1) year or more, may be replaced only with a conforming use, absent an approved nonconforming use reestablishment set forth in Section XI-10-56.03(B) below. Nonconforming uses which have been discontinued for a period of less than one (1) year may be replaced, if (1) with a nonconforming use of the same use classification as a matter of right or (2) a nonconforming use of a different use classification, subject to compliance with the findings and procedures set forth Section XI-10-56.03(B).	
3. Changes of Use Within the Same Use Classification. An existing, ongoing nonconforming use may be changed to a different use within the same use classification. For example, a nonconforming auto repair shop use may be changed to a tire shop use, since both uses fall within the same use classification (auto service uses).	
4. Change of Use to a Different Nonconforming Use Classification. An existing, ongoing nonconforming use may be changed to a nonconforming use of a different use classification only if it can be found that the proposed use is equivalent to or more appropriate than the existing nonconforming use at the project location. The proposed use may be allowed only	

by way of a conditional use permit and only if, in addition, all of the following findings can be made:	
a. The proposed nonconforming use would not cause a nuisance to the surrounding properties and district (e.g., excessive parking demand, traffic, noise, etc.).	
b. The proposed nonconforming use would be compatible with the general character of the surrounding neighborhood or district.	
c. The proposed nonconforming use is necessary to allow gainful economic use of structures or improvements until such structures or improvements can be permanently converted to conforming uses.	
XI-10-56.04 - Nonconforming Use of Land	
1. Continuation of Use. The nonconforming use of land (where no main building is involved), existing at the time the Ordinance codified in this section became effective, may be continued for a period of not more than five (5) years therefrom, provided:	
a. That no such nonconforming use of land shall, in any way, be expanded or extended either on the same or adjoining property.	
b. That, if such nonconforming use of land, or any portion thereof, is discontinued or changed, any future use of land shall be in conformity with the provisions of this Chapter.	
2. Nonconforming Due to Reclassification. The foregoing provisions of this section shall also apply to buildings, structures, land, or uses which hereafter become nonconforming due to any reclassification of districts under this Chapter or any subsequent change in the regulations of this Chapter; provided, however, that where a period of years is specified in	

	this section for the removal of nonconforming buildings, structures, or uses, said period shall be computed from the date of such reclassification or change.	
Monte Sereno	<b>10.07.020 - Changing non-conforming uses.</b> To a conforming use: Any non-conforming use may be changed to a use conforming with the regulations established in this Title for the district in which the use is located; provided, however, that a nonconforming use so changed may not thereafter be changed back to a non-conforming use.	Chapter 10.07 - NON- CONFORMING USES AND STRUCTURES
	A. To a different non-conforming use: Any non-conforming use may be changed to another non-conforming use which, in the opinion of the City Council, is more compatible with the uses permitted in the particular zoning district; provided, however, that a non-conforming use so changed may not, thereafter, be changed back to the former non-conforming use. In considering such a matter, the City Council may require whatever information it may deem necessary to render a decision.	
	10.07.040 - Termination of non-conforming uses.	
	By abandonment: Abandonment of a non-conforming use shall terminate immediately the right to operate such use.	
	A. By violation of Chapter: The right to operate a non-conforming use shall be terminated by any violation of this Chapter.	
	B. By specific acts of termination: Any one (1) of the following specific acts of termination shall terminate immediately the right to operate a non-conforming use:	
	1. Changing a non-conforming use to a conforming use.	
	2. Changing a non-conforming use to another non-conforming use as herein provided and authorized shall terminate any previous non-conforming use.	

3. Non-operation or non-use of a non-conforming use for a period of twelve (12) or more successive calendar months.	
4. Vacancy for period of twelve (12) successive calendar months of the structure or that part of a structure occupied by the nonconforming use.	
C. By operation of this Chapter:	
1. Any use of a main building which is or became non-conforming by the enactment of this Chapter in 1987 or its amendments, shall be terminated within forty (40) years of the inception of said use or within twenty (20) years of the enactment of this Chapter or the amendment by which such use shall have become non-conforming, whichever date is later.	
2. Any use of a permanent structure other than a main building which is or became non- conforming upon the enactment of this Chapter or its amendments, shall be terminated within twenty (20) years of the inception of said use, or within ten (10) years of the enactment of this Chapter in 1987 or the amendment by which said use shall have become non-conforming, whichever date is later.	
10.07.060 - Changing non-conforming structures.	
A. To a conforming structure: Any non-conforming structure may be changed to conform with the regulations herein established for the zoning district in which the use is located; provided, however, that a non-conforming structure so changed may not thereafter be changed back to a non-conforming condition.	
B. To a different non-conforming condition: Any nonconforming condition of a non- conforming structure may be changed to another non-conforming condition which, in the opinion of the City Council, is more compatible with the particular zoning district; provided, however, the nonconforming condition of a non-conforming structure so changed may not thereafter be changed back to the former non-conforming condition. In considering such a	

	<ul> <li>matter, the City Council may require whatever information it may deem necessary to render a decision.</li> <li><b>10.07.080 - Termination of non-conforming structures.</b></li> <li>A non-conforming structure as herein defined may continue to exist so long as the City Council finds that the non-conformity does not create an adverse affect on the health or safety of persons residing in the neighborhood of the non-conforming structure, nor is the structure materially detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to property or improvements in said neighborhood. The City may, at it[]s discretion pursue abatement of any nonconformity which it finds to exist contrary to the public health and safety</li> </ul>	
Morgan Hill	<ul> <li>18.68.050 - Nonconforming use of land.</li> <li>A. Continuation Permitted. A nonconforming use of land may continue so long as: <ol> <li>The nonconforming use is not enlarged, increased, or extended to occupy a greater area of land; and</li> <li>The nonconforming use is not moved in whole or in part to any other portion of the lot or parcel.</li> <li>B. Cessation of Use. If any such nonconforming use of land ceases for a period of more than ninety days, any subsequent use of such land shall conform to the regulations of the zoning district in which the land is located.</li> </ol> </li> <li>18.68.060 - Nonconforming use of structures.</li> <li>A. Change in Ownership, Tenancy, or Management. A change in ownership, tenancy, or management of a nonconforming use shall not affect its legal nonconforming status.</li> <li>B. Resuming a Nonconforming Use. A nonconforming use changed to a conforming use shall not return to a nonconforming use.</li> </ul>	Chapter 18.68 - NONCONFORMING USES AND STRUCTURES

C. Replacement of a Nonconforming Use. A nonconforming use may not be replaced by another nonconforming use.
D. Intensification of Use.
1. The enlargement of a structure or site occupied by a nonconforming use, or the intensification in any way of the operation of a nonconforming use, shall require the approval of an administrative use permit.
2. To approve a proposed intensification to a nonconforming use, the community development director shall make all administrative use permit findings (Section 18.108.020) in addition to the findings in Section 18.68.080 (Findings).
E. Discontinuation of Use. A nonconforming use discontinued for six consecutive months or for twelve months during any two-year period shall not be reestablished and may be replaced only by a conforming use.
18.68.070 - Nonconforming structures.
This section identifies allowed modifications to nonconforming structures, summarized in Table 18.68-1.
Table 18.68-1: Allowed Modifications to Nonconforming Structures
Project Affecting a Nonconforming     Permit Required [1]       Structure     Permit Required [1]
Nonstructural repairs, maintenance, and interior alterationsNone

Structural repairs, modifications, and additions that do not alter or affect the nonconforming aspect of the structure	None	
Structural repairs, modifications, and additions that alter or affect the nonconforming aspect of the structure	Design Permit	
Structural repairs, modifications, and additions that increase or exacerbate the nonconforming aspect of the structure	Conditional Use Permit	
Reconstruction of an involuntarily damaged or destroyed residential structure	Design Permit	
Notes:		
A. Alterations Permitted By-Right.		
1. Maintenance, nonstructural repairs, and non of a nonconforming structure are permitted if the or extend the structure.	• 1	
2. Structural modifications to a nonconforming nonconforming aspect of the structure are perm with a non-conforming setback is permitted if of the structure projecting into the required se setback, height, floor area ratio, and other appl	nitted. For example, an addition to a structure no structural changes are made to the portion etback, and if the addition complies with all	
B. Alterations Requiring a Design Permit.		

1. Structural repairs and improvements that affect the nonconforming aspect of a nonconforming structure are allowed with a design permit if the improvement does not increase or exacerbate the nonconformity. For example, structural repairs to a building wall within a required setback are permitted with a design permit if the wall is not moved closer to the property line and the length of the wall within the required setback is not increased.
2. To approve such an alteration, the community development director shall make all design permit findings (Section 18.108.040) in addition to the findings in Section 18.68.080 (Findings).
C. Alterations Requiring a Conditional Use Permit
1. Alterations to a non-conforming structure that increase or exacerbate the nonconformity requires a conditional use permit. For example, a remodel that increases the length of an existing building wall located within a required setback is allowed only with the approval of a conditional use permit.
2. To approve such an alteration, the planning commission shall make all variance findings (Section 18.108.100) in addition to the findings in Section 18.68.080 (Findings).
18.68.080 - Findings.
The community development director may approve an administrative use permit for a nonconforming use or structure if all of the following findings can be made in addition to the findings in Section 18.108.020 (Administrative Use Permits):
A. Available evidence indicates that the nonconforming use was legally established.
B. The nonconforming use has not resulted in a notable negative impact or nuisance to the surrounding area.
C. The nonconforming use is compatible with the general character of the surrounding area.

	D. The proposed action is consistent with the purpose and intent of the applicable zoning district.	
Los Altos Hills	<ul> <li>10-1.401 Nonconforming structures.</li> <li>(a) Damaged or Destroyed Structures. The provisions of this chapter shall not prevent the reconstruction, repairing, or rebuilding of any legal nonconforming structure which has been damaged or destroyed by natural disaster, including but not limited to earthquake, fire and flood, so long as the reconstruction, repair or rebuilding does not result in an increase in the nonconformity or change of use that existed prior to the damage or reconstruction.</li> <li>(b) Less Than Substantially Rebuilt Structures. The provisions of this chapter shall not prevent the reconstruction, repairing, or rebuilding of any legal nonconforming structure which will be voluntarily altered such that not more than fifty (50) percent of the nonconforming exterior walls are rebuilt, either as a single project or cumulatively over time, so long as the reconstruction, repair or rebuilding does not result in an increase in the nonconformity or change of use that existed prior to the reconstruction. The structure dimensions, square footage and use prior to demolition must be submitted to and verified by the Planning Director at the time of issuance of a demolition permit or site development permit, whichever occurs first.</li> <li>(c) Substantially Rebuilt Structures. The provisions of this chapter shall not prevent the reconstruction, repairing, or rebuilding of any legal nonconforming portion of the structure's floor area or more than fifty (50) percent of the nonconforming portion of the structures. The provisions of this chapter shall not prevent the reconstruction, and the provisions of the submitted to and verified by the Planning Director at the time of issuance of a demolition permit or site development permit, whichever occurs first.</li> <li>(c) Substantially Rebuilt Structures. The provisions of this chapter shall not prevent the reconstruction, repairing, or rebuilding of any legal nonconforming structure which will be voluntarily altered such that more than fifty (50) percen</li></ul>	Title 10 - Zoning and Site Development Chapter 1 - Zoning Article 4. Nonconforming Uses and Structures
	<ul> <li>Commission finds that: (1) the structure could be relocated elsewhere on the site, accommodating the same square footage and development area existing previously without substantial environmental damage, and (2) relocation of the structure would substantially reduce adverse visual or privacy impacts to neighbors or to the general public.</li> <li>(d) Development Area and Floor Area. The provisions of this chapter shall not prevent the reconstruction, repair or rebuilding of the amount of legal nonconforming development</li> </ul>	

area or floor area (in excess of the area allowed by Sections 10-1.502 and 10-1.503, respectively, of the Zoning Code), provided that the reconstruction, repair or rebuilding does not result in an increase in the nonconformity or change of use that existed prior to the reconstruction. Development area and floor area location, square footage and use prior to demolition must be submitted to and verified by the Planning Director at the time of issuance of a demolition permit or site development permit, whichever occurs first.

(e) Time limit for approval. If pursuant to reconstruction, repair or rebuilding under subsections (b) through (d) above, a complete application for a site development permit or building permit is not submitted prior to one year after the date the structure or portion thereof was demolished, or not later than two (2) years after demolition in the case of damaged or destroyed structures addressed in subsection (a), any new construction must meet all of the then current Zoning Code provisions. The City Council may, at its discretion, authorize an extension of time for submittal of an application, upon written request by the applicant prior to the expiration of the prescribed time limit.

(f) Height. Notwithstanding the above provisions (b), (c) and (d), no legal nonconforming structure or portion thereof shall be voluntarily demolished and/or altered to result in a building height in excess of that permitted by this chapter, unless the Planning Commission finds that such height is appropriate due to the historic nature of the structure.

(g) Additions to nonconforming structures. Any addition to a legal nonconforming structure shall comply with all provisions of this chapter, except that the Planning Director may approve additions not to exceed one hundred fifty (150) square feet in area to be located within a setback, if the Director finds that: (1) the encroachment would be a continuation of an existing encroaching building edge, (2) the addition would encroach no closer to the property line than the adjacent building edge, (3) the addition would be limited to one story, not to exceed nineteen (19) feet in height, (4) the addition is desirable in order to provide architectural consistency with the remainder of the structure, (5) the addition would have no adverse visual or privacy impacts on neighbors or the general public; and (6) the addition would be consistent with floor area and development area limitations of the Zoning Code.

(h) Legal Nonconforming Structure. For the purposes of this section, a legal nonconforming structure is one which was legally permitted at the time it was constructed,

or legally permitted by an approved variance but which does not comply with one or more of the Town's current Zoning Code provisions.

(i) Increase in Nonconformity. An increase in nonconformity will occur when any nonconforming structure or portion thereof is altered to increase the footprint, volume or height, or to further exceed maximum development area or floor area, or to increase the extent of encroachment into a setback or to propose an encroachment or excess development area in a different location than previously existed.

(j) Change of Use. A change of use means conversion of a non-habitable structure (such as garages, carports, barns/stables, or storage) to residential uses (main residence, secondary dwelling, pool house, etc.), or the conversion of an outdoor use area (walkway, patio) to a more intensive use (swimming pool, tennis court). Change of use is only relevant to setback nonconformities. Change of use to a less intensive use may be permitted by the Planning Director.

(k) Variances. Nothing in this section is intended to prohibit a property owner from seeking, or the Planning Commission and City Council from granting, a variance pursuant to the appropriate provisions of the Zoning Code. (§ 1, Ord. 305, eff. October 3, 1986; § 1, Ord. 344, eff. May 17, 1991; § 1, Ord. 345, eff. April 17, 1991; § 1, Ord. 387, eff. August 1, 1997)

#### **10-1.402** Nonconforming uses—Continuation.

A nonconforming use may not be changed, enlarged, or altered, nor shall the building structure, or premises upon which such use is located be enlarged, reconstructed, or structurally altered unless such use is changed to a use permitted by the provisions of this chapter.

#### **10-1.403** Nonconforming uses—Conversion to conforming uses.

When any building or land which has been used other than in conformity with the regulations applicable to the district of which it is a part, and when the Council, after due notice and hearing thereon, shall have found that the use has become dangerous or injurious

	to the public health, safety, or welfare, such use shall forthwith be converted to the classification of the area in which it is located. Should any nonconforming use be changed to another use not specifically authorized by the provisions of this chapter, the Council, after due notice and hearing thereon may order the discontinuance of the previously authorized nonconforming use and the conversion of the use to the classification of the area in which such use is located.	
	10-1.404 Nonconforming uses—Discontinuance.	
	A nonconforming use shall be considered as permanently discontinued and may not be resumed if it is discontinued or abandoned for one hundred eighty (180) days or more within twelve (12) consecutive calendar months.	
	All nonconforming use shall be permanently discontinued not later than January 27, 1976.	
Los Gatos	Sec. 29.10.190 Cessation of nonconforming uses.	DIVISION 5
	If a nonconforming use does not involve occupancy of a building and is discontinued for thirty (30) consecutive days, the use shall not be resumed. If a nonconforming use involves occupancy of a building and is discontinued for one hundred eighty (180) consecutive days, the use shall not be resumed, except as provided in section 29.10.210. Token use does not toll or interrupt a period of discontinuance.	NONCONFORMING BUILDINGS, LOTS AND USES
	Sec. 29.10.195 Termination of nonconforming use status.	
	(a) Unless this division is amended to provide otherwise, the following nonconforming uses may continue interminably so long as they conform to the other requirements of this division:	
	(4) Nonresidential uses in the downtown which would otherwise be nonconforming due to zone changes and ordinance amendments which occurred after July 1, 1982.	

. .

(b) The following nonconforming uses shall cease at the end of the following time periods:

. . .

(3) Where the land is improved with one (1) or more structures of a type for which a building permit would currently be required and the structure(s) are utilized in connection with the nonconforming use, nonconforming use shall cease twenty (20) years from March 23, 1966, or twenty (20) years from the date the use became nonconforming, whichever is later.

(4) When a zoning amendment is adopted after 1981 that causes a use to be nonconforming solely by subjecting it to the requirement of obtaining a conditional use permit, all uses affected by the amendment shall apply for a use permit within sixty (60) days after the amendment becomes effective. Failure to make such application within that time shall make the subject use immediately unlawful.

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#### Sec. 29.10.200. - Duration of nonconforming building status.

(a) A nonconforming office, commercial or industrial building located in a residential zone shall, by demolition, removal or alteration be made to conform with the rules of the zone when the building is older than shown on the following schedule:

(1) UBC Type 4 or 5 buildings .....25 years

(2) UBC Type 2 or 3 buildings .....40 years

(3) UBC Type 1 buildings .....50 years

(b) When any of the foregoing time periods have elapsed, the building in question no longer has status as a nonconforming building. However, when a nonconforming building houses a nonconforming use the building need not be made to conform until the nonconforming use ceases as provided in section 29.10.190, or expires as provided in section 29.10.195,

whichever happens first. Buildings that become nonconforming only as a result of the adoption of floor area ratio shall be exempt from the provisions of this section.	
Sec. 29.10.210 Changing use of a nonconforming building.	
A conditional use permit is required whenever the use in a building which is nonconforming as to type is changed regardless of whether the activity is otherwise proper under this chapter. In no case shall intensification be deemed a change of use for purposes of this section. If the new use would not be allowed under the rules of the zone, a conditional use permit cannot be issued unless the requirements of section 29.10.235 are fulfilled.	
Sec. 29.10.215 Modification of a nonconforming use.	
After March 22, 1986, for hotels and motels located in residential zones that were converted to multiple-family dwelling units, and after May 6, 1981, for all others, a use which is nonconforming shall not be modified without obtaining a conditional use permit therefor. For purposes of this section, a modification shall be defined as follows:	
(1) Any change that is an intensification of use, including but not limited to:	
a. Additions to seating capacity or gross floor area;	
b. Increase in parking required, other than an increase imposed by an ordinance amendment;	
c. Use of additional land;	
d. Commencement of new activities; and/or [cup or intensification]	
e. Increase in the number of hours of operation or staying open later and such change of hours imposes a new burden on the surrounding neighborhood; or	
(2) Any change that is a substantial departure from plans which were the basis of any approved; existing use.	

#### Sec. 29.10.230. - Remedies; conditional use permit.

(a) In proceedings to determine whether a nonconforming use has become unlawful, the deciding body may allow the modification to continue under a conditional use permit or allow the nonconforming use to continue without a conditional use permit if the use is restored to the previous level. In no event shall the issuance of a conditional use permit under this section extend the period during which such use may lawfully be continued.

(b) The deciding body may impose any conditions which are reasonably necessary to protect the neighborhood or the general public welfare or to promote the policy of phasing out nonconforming buildings and uses.

(c) The effective date of the conditional use permit will be delayed until all application fees are paid. If the fees are not paid within the period specified by the deciding body, the use will be deemed unlawful.

#### Sec. 29.10.235. - Use of nonconforming buildings.

(a) In a conditional use proceeding initiated under section 29.10.210, the deciding body may allow the nonconforming building to be used for the following types of uses that are not otherwise permitted in the zone:

(1) Uses that are clearly more consistent with permitted uses in the zone than the most recent nonconforming use in the building if the owner of the nonconforming building proves that the building is not suited for any permitted in the zone even if the building were reasonably modified; or

(2) Uses that are substantially identical to the most recent nonconforming use in the building if the owner of the nonconforming building proves that the building is not suited for any use that is more consistent with the permitted uses in the zone even if the building were reasonably modified.

In no event may the building be used for any use that is less consistent with the uses permitted in the zone than the most recent lawful activity in the building.

determining what uses a building is suited for, but the fact of a scarcity of buyers or tenants or the capabilities or intentions of the owner or specific occupant or proposed occupant do not by themselves justify a finding that a building is only suited to house use which is not allowed in the zone. Sec. 29.10.240. - Findings. The general availability of users for the building may be considered in determining what uses a building is suited for, but the fact of a scarcity of buyers or tenants or the capabilities or intentions of the owner or specific occupant or proposed occupant do not by themselves justify a finding that a building is only suited to house an activity which is not allowed in the zone. Sec. 29.10.245. - Expansion of nonconforming building. (a) Except as specifically provided in subsection (d) below, expansion of the following nonconforming buildings is prohibited: (1) Commercial or industrial buildings located in residential zones as defined in section 29.40.010. (3) Industrial buildings in an office or commercial zone as defined in section 29.60.010. . . . (e) The following requirements apply to any expansion of a nonconforming building allowed under this section: (1) When a building is too close to a property line or a street, any expansion or reconstruction may not be nearer to a property line than the existing building is to that property line. Reconstruction may only be allowed if the Building Official determines that the portion of the building proposed to be demolished has deteriorated to a point that

(b) The deciding body may consider the general availability of users for the building in

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of exterior walls that results in greater conformity with the zone does not constitute expansion under this section.

#### Sec. 29.10.250. - Rules governing the expansion of nonconforming buildings.

When expansion is allowed by section 29.10.245, the following rules apply:

(1) When a building is too close to a property line or a street, any expansion or reconstruction may not be nearer to a property line than the existing building is to that property line. Reconstruction may only be allowed if the Building Official determines that the portion of the building proposed to be demolished has deteriorated to a point that reconstruction is necessary. The projections listed in subsection 29.40.070(b) except chimneys and bay windows may project beyond the wall of the expanded or reconstructed portion subject to the rules of subsection 29.40.070(b).

(2) When a building is too high, the expansion must be within the current height limitations.

(3) When a building covers too much land no expansion is allowed which would increase the coverage. However, second floor additions are allowed as long as the area of the second floor does not exceed the area allowed to be covered by the rules of the zone.

(4) Approval can be denied if the expansion would in any way cause a safety problem or be detrimental to the public welfare.

(5) The expansion must take place either on the zoning plot as it existed on the date the building became nonconforming or on the existing zoning plot, whichever is smaller.

(6) The expansion must not impede the orderly development or redevelopment of neighboring property in a manner which will conform to both the general plan and the current zoning.

(7) Approval of the expansion may not be inconsistent with the general policy of phasing out nonconforming uses.

#### Sec. 29.10.255. - Work on buildings.

Except as provided in section 29.10.245, no nonconforming building subject to the provisions of section 29.10.200 shall be enlarged, extended, reconstructed or structurally altered, unless such building is altered to comply with the regulations of the zone where it is located. Work involving ordinary structural alterations or replacement of walls, fixtures or plumbing shall be authorized on such buildings when the cost of the work in any twelve-month period does not exceed fifty (50) percent of the building's value. Value is the estimated cost to replace the building in kind, and is determined by the Building Official. The provisions of this section do not forbid the rebuilding or restoration of a destroyed nonconforming building when authorized by the provisions of section 29.10.260.

# Sec. 29.10.263. - Additional conditions of approval for a conditional use permit for a nonconforming use or building.

(a) In addition to the conditions that may be imposed pursuant to this division and this chapter for issuance of a conditional permit for a nonconforming use or building, the deciding body may impose conditions to promote the phasing out of the nonconforming building or use, and should designate the time in which specific conditions have to be met.

(b) In a conditional use permit proceeding, the deciding body shall not waive or modify the time in which a nonconforming use has to cease, or a nonconforming building has to be demolished or altered, or otherwise conform to the requirements of the zone when that time period is established by ordinance. Such a modification shall only occur through adoption of an ordinance.

#### Chronology 3200 Park Boulevard/340 Portage Avenue/Olive Avenue

- On November 13, 1995, the City Council held a public hearing on the Planning Commission item recommending approval of "(a) an amendment to the City of Palo Alto Municipal Code Section 18.94.070(b) for property located at 3200 Park Boulevard, 340 Portage Avenue, and the adjacent former railroad right-of-way with Park Boulevard and Olive Avenue frontage, extending the nonresidential use amortization schedule for the former Maximart site for 20 years beyond 1999; (b) approval of resolution amending the City of Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan land use designation for a portion of the contiguous, abandoned railroad right-of-way property from Single-Family Residential and Light Industrial to Multiple-Family Residential; (c) adoption of ordinance rezoning a portion of the contiguous, abandoned railroad right-of-way property from R-1 and GM(B) to RM-30; and (d) amendments to the City of Palo Alto Municipal Code Sections 18.24.040 and 18.26.040, which would allow (with a conditional use permit) the development of parking facilities on abandoned railroad right-of-way properties located in the RM-30 and RM-40 zoning districts."
  - The Council deliberated on the item and discussed in detail conditions of approval that would require improvements to the entire site, including to the "parking layout in the area along the back fences of the residential neighbors on Olive Avenue."
  - Mayor Simitian emphasized in his remarks that "The Council was not voting on Fry's but an amortization extension for a 12.5-acre site which was known as the former Maximart site." (November 13, 1995 Minutes, at 77-264). At the time, "Fry's represented approximately 40,000 square feet on a 12.5-acre site or less than 10 percent of the total site." <u>Id.</u> at 77-264-265. Moreover, "The discussion was not about an individual use or some small component of the 12.5 acres." <u>Id.</u> at 77-265.
- On December 11, 1995 the Council approved Ordinance No. 4314, "amending section 18.94.070 [nonconforming use - required termination] to change the required termination date for the use at 3200 Park Boulevard/340 Portage/Olive Avenue," and Ordinance No. 4315, "amending section 18.08.040 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code (the Zoning Map) to change the zone classification of property located at 3200 Park Boulevard/340 Portage Avenue/Olive Avenue from R-1 and GM-B to RM-30.
- On October 16, 2006, the City Council approved an amendment to section 18.94.070, deleting amortization requirements for "the property at 3200 Park Boulevard/340 Portage Avenue/Olive Avenue." Vice Mayor Kishimoto noted that "the ordinance indicated retail space should not exceed 60,000 square feet," which was inconsistent with the amount of square footage used by Fry's at the time (80,000 square feet). This inconsistency was not addressed, and the words "at roughly the same ratio of uses that presently existing as of this date, October 16, 2006" were added, as documented in the adopted meeting minutes, as an amendment to the pending motion in response to Council Member Beechman's recommendation that "the amortization language reflect that any use other than retail would not diminish the current retail provided." The minutes do not include any reference to

"rebalancing" the existing uses but simply an intent not to reduce the square footage of retail provided.

- The City's Housing Element, adopted by the City Council in 2014, identifies the "12.5 acre site, also known as the Fry's site" as a residential site with existing commercial uses that can accommodate 221 units of housing and the existing non-residential use. City of Palo Alto, 2015-2023 Housing Element, (Nov. 10, 2014), at 73.
- Sobrato communicated with the City as part of the purchase due diligence in late 2010, prior to the purchase of the site. The City provided a copy of an economic study of the Fry's site and identified the 2006 site-specific non-confirming use provision.
- Sobrato purchased the site in May 2011 and has invested substantial capital costs since acquisition.
- Sobrato continued to meet with Curtis Williams-Director of Planning, Amy French-Acting Assistant Director of Planning, Elena Lee-Senior Planner, Thomas Fehrenbach-Economic Development Manager and Steve Emslie-Deputy City Manager to discuss the Cal Ave and Fry's study. The Planning Director indicated in a public forum the City does not expect Fry's to occupy the site beyond 2014.
- Sobrato met with City staff in December of 2012 and 2013 to discuss the California Plan and the City's consideration of a possible new zoning designation for Fry's should Fry's not renew its lease, including CS mixed use.
- Fry's exercised its last 5-year option in December 2013.
- Sobrato continued active discussions with Planning staff and elected regarding Fry's lease, reuse of vacated space, the Comp Plan, Housing Element, Office Cap and potential redevelopment.
- June 2015, Sobrato agreed to contribute to the City's planning efforts in the area including the Fry's site, and participate in the NVCAP process.
- July 2015, Playground Global requested expanding into some of the surplus Fry's space, and in June 2016, the current Planning and Development Director, Jonathan Lait, provided acknowledgement of the square foot adjustments for the expansion of Playground Global as consistent with the existing nonconforming use provisions. Substantial capital investments were made for the Playground Global occupancy.
- May 2017, the current Planning Director approached Sobrato to suggest the City would like to reapply to the VTA/MTC for another Planning Grant for the Fry's area. Application identified October 2019 as the Project Completion target.
- October 2017, Sobrato executed a funding agreement with the City for \$250,000 towards the NVCAP.

- Fall 2018, NVCAP process commenced, and Sobrato continued to actively market the Fry's site in preparation for the end of the lease.
- March 2019, Sobrato began active discussions with Target to lease the Fry's space upon their expiration, and communicated this opportunity to City staff and John Sobrato explained to City Council that Sobrato is not interested in redeveloping the site and prefers a continuation of existing uses once Fry's vacates the site.
- During the fall and winter of 2019, Sobrato conducted meetings with staff and City Council members to discuss tenanting a portion of Fry's space with Target, including site visits to show the vacating Fry's space. Sobrato shared with the City that Target would have needed only 30,000 +/-, so sought feedback and options to re-tenant the remaining as R&D to support the economics of refurbishing the architecturally valuable space in the existing building.
- December 2019, the City Council discussed additional funding for the NVCAP. Sobrato publically reiterated it has no interest or intent to redevelop the site once Fry's vacates. Several City Council members ask at the time the purpose of the NVCAP if the primary site is not going to redevelop.
- Discussions continued with Target throughout 2019 and into 2020.
- February 2020, H&K submitted a letter on Sobrato's behalf to the City Attorney seeking a zoning determination regarding the uses of the existing building to support marketing and retenanting activities, and received a response letter from Albert Yang on March 9, 2020 that confirmed the RM-30 zoning as well as the applicability of PAMC Chapter 18.70, including Section 18.70.070(b)(2)(E).
- March 2020, the COVID-19 global pandemic begins and continues through the date of this letter.
- July 2020, Sobrato submitted a request for a Zoning Text Amendment for the Property. This letter also discusses the ongoing negotiations with Target at approximately 30,000 sq ft of the vacated Fry's space and the need for clarity in the applicable non-conforming zoning language to be able to move forward with these discussions. Sobrato made it clear that to afford the required code updates and lease to Target at a market rate, it would be economically necessary to re-tenant the remaining vacant space as R&D.
- August 2020, Palo Alto Online published an article about Target's interest in the old Fry's space, and the City rethinking housing on the site.
- September 2020, City staff indicated they would not support the application for a text change - with no specific explanation or alternative presented - and expressed disappointment about not having proposed any housing on the site. Staff also indicated a November or December 2020 tentative date to take text change request to Planning Commission. No hearing was scheduled, and Sobrato finally asked that it be put on hold pending further discussion and a

better understanding of the City staff's position. At the same time, staff confirmed that the City's Retail Preservation Ordinance does not apply, but that the Office Cap does.

- September 2020, Target withdrew from Portage lease discussions. Marketing efforts commenced, but have been hampered by the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly challenging for retail uses.
- February 3, 2021, Sobrato sent a letter through Lighthouse Public Affairs to the City again seeking confirmation of the non-conforming uses of the site submitted to the City to support. marketing and re-tenanting efforts in light of Target's withdrawal and lack of previous responses. The second letter request is the subject of the current discussions.
- On June 14, 2021, the City Council held a hearing on the interpretation of the nonconforming use provisions for the property, and the meeting concluded with no decision but direction for City staff and Sobrato to meet and confer and schedule the item for a future City Council meeting. In preparation for that hearing, Sobrato submitted a letter (1) indicating disagreement with the City staff's preliminary conclusion that the Fry's lease area had been vacated/discontinued given the active marketing efforts, the ongoing communications with the City to support marketing efforts, and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on retail in general, and (2) indicating significant concerns with the economic impact of "Alternative 1" which requires ongoing "rebalancing" of uses and support for "Alternative 2" which would simply establish specific square footages for the nonconforming uses for planning and marketing efforts.
- Following the June 14, 2021 hearing, in addition to several calls between H&K and Deputy City Attorney Albert Yang and various members of the City staff and the Sobrato project team, only one substantial "all hands" meeting was scheduled by City staff on August 25, 2021, two and a half months after the City Council hearing, where Sobrato understood the nonconforming use interpretation was better understood in the context of the NVCAP update and that this item would be tabled for hearing with the NVCAP on September 20, 2021.
- On September 2, 2021, without any prior discussion, City staff published the staff report for this item which supports an interpretation that significantly affects the economic value of the property and restates City's staff's position that the Fry's lease area has been vacated/discontinued without any acknowledgement of Sobrato's marketing efforts or the effects of COVID-19.

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As your city prepares for <u>Senate Bill 1383</u> implementation, we have a great opportunity for you to learn more about the legislation and get your questions answered by the experts!

**On Wednesday September 29, 7-8:30 PM**, join Joint Venture and our partners (via Zoom) for Commissioner Lara; Senator Laird, whose just-passed SB 619 will help your jurisdiction comply with 1383; and CalRecycle staff.

Agenda and registration coming next week.

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## September 10th, 2021

To the Mayor and Honorable Members of the Palo Alto City Council:

As members of Palo Alto's business community, we are writing to express our support for a sustainable, clear plan for walkable streets in both of our downtowns. We are motivated both by urgent economic need and a desire to create a more welcoming, human-centered urban environment for our community.

## The need for walkable streets:

The most obvious need for a sustainable pedestrian and bike-friendly plan for our downtown is an economic one. With the deep losses from the pandemic, most businesses will need all of 2021 to recover losses from 2020 and 2021. These losses have also meant a significant drop in City tax revenue. A recent report for the City created by Avenu Insights noted that in downtown Palo Alto in particular there were more severe losses from 2019 to 2020 (27% in sales tax loss) than in neighboring towns. In order to recover these losses, and create a more sustainable, attractive downtown environment, we should make full use of our public spaces. This shift will help us draw in the young demographics we need to build back our businesses, make our city's finances more sustainable, and keep us competitive amongst neighboring towns who have already pushed ahead on pedestrianization plans.

In the case of restaurants, because of the concerns surrounding the Delta variant (and ongoing uncertainty related to emerging variants),

customers are still overwhelmingly choosing to dine outdoors. For Palo Alto restaurants, we need to maintain our parklets and outdoor dining spaces as much as possible in order to continue to maintain viability. We also need final guidance from the City on parklets so that we can create realistic plans for the rest of 2021 and 2022.

With the plans for technology workers to return to offices pushed back until 2022 (and with that, a hybrid model in which workers will likely spend 40% less time in the physical offices than prior to the pandemic), we need to act urgently to create other streams of income in order for our businesses to survive. Developing a longer-term vision for walkable streets in our downtown, combined with cultural and artistic events for families and young people from the surrounding areas, is exactly what we need to encourage people to come spend time, shop, and dine. (There is no doubt that Stanford Shopping Center's relatively smaller losses during the last 18 months can be attributed in part to its relaxed, pedestrian and family-friendly landscape.)

## Benefits of this plan:

As should be clear after over a year of the successful UpLift Streets program, car-free streets encourage greater foot traffic and draws in visitors from surrounding communities, which has a direct economic impact on Palo Alto's businesses and City tax revenue. From a community perspective, our residents have also already demonstrated that they want walkable streets: surveys over the last year showed about 94% support amongst citizens, and to date there are almost 5,000 signatures for the online Car-free Streets petition.

Residents also recognize the clear environmental and health benefits to this form of urban landscape: recent studies have linked greater pollution from vehicles to depression and asthma, and creating pedestrian and cycling corridors saves lives thanks to a decrease in car accidents. Developing the urban infrastructure to encourage walking and cycling in town has clear health benefits, by encouraging a more
active lifestyle. And as anyone who has spent time in a European city knows, it also encourages the kinds of spontaneous encounters that develop stronger bonds and sense of belonging within a community. These social and community benefits would create an overall boost to the quality of life here. There is also no doubt that a city plan which encourages walking and cycling is more environmentally sustainable, and will reduce our overall CO2 emissions.

## How we can make this happen:

We have the unique opportunity to act now in order to create longerterm economic and quality of life benefits for our city. Here are some ways we envisage that the City can make this happen in the context of a walkable streets plan:

•

Balanced use of spaces

Increase the diversity in our downtown by having a better mix of dining/shopping, residences, offices, and public institutions

•

Infrastructure: safety and comfort

Improve bicycle infrastructure (re-striping of streets) and pedestrian safety details

Provide public transport within Downtown area and potentially make University Avenue narrower to make the space more quaint, and so public and businesses can benefit from wider sidewalks Creative and interactive events

Develop innovative cultural and artistic events to draw in residents and visitors, and encourage social mixing

Consider adding public art to create visual interest

Focus on green spaces and parks

For mental and physical health, and for environmental appreciation and educatio

This is a choice which is in line with the progressive, forward-thinking values that Palo Alto has at its core. Let's evolve away from a caroriented and towards a human-oriented urban model which can benefit both our businesses and the quality of life for our community. We have the chance here to learn a lesson about some of the most challenging aspects about the pandemic — the social isolation and economic losses — and create long-term change with clear economic, environmental, and health benefits. Let's make our Palo Alto downtowns walkable -- permanently!

Kindly,

Mistie Boulton CEO & Owner

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**Council Question Response** 

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Dear Mayor and Council Members:

On behalf of City Manager Ed Shikada, please find the attached response provided by City Auditor Kyle O'Rourke. The original questions provided by Council Member Tanaka are below for reference.

#### Item 4: Approval of FY22 Task Orders for the Office of the City Auditor

- 1. Is the scope of services for the four tasks to be carried out by Baker Tilly sufficiently comprehensive? Do they include services or assignments that are unnecessary?
- 2. Does Baker Tilly's depth of experience in conducting internal audits for parties in the public sector come with a spotless record? Are there instances where the firm's services have not been up to par and was this taken into account?
- 3. How do the services which the firm will provide under the four included tasks compare to the services which Baker Tilly has provided to similar clients (municipal governments in Northern California)?
- 4. Is the description of the cost for the four tasks involved in the operations of Baker Tilly in conducting internal audits comprehensive, or will it require further adjustments in the future? Will the PSB project still be on track for completion in summer 2023?

Thank you.

Danille Rice Executive Assistant to the City Manager (650) 329-2105 | <u>danille.rice@cityofpaloalto.org</u> www.cityofpaloalto.org





September 10, 2021

City of Palo Alto Office of the City Auditor RE: Consent Agenda, Sept. 13, 2021

Mr. Tanaka:

Baker Tilly US, LLP ("Baker Tilly"), who currently serves as an outsourced provider of internal audit services and serves in the role of City Auditor, is pleased to have the opportunity to provide responses to the questions posed by your legislative aide, Mr. Ignatuk. Based on the questions posed, we first wanted to provide clarification on the nature of the contract that Baker Tilly has with the City. This may be understood by you and other members of Council, but it is worth clarifying for members of the public.

The <u>contract Baker Tilly has with the City</u> is what is commonly referred to as a 'Master Service Agreement' – this is a contract where parties agree to contract terms and conditions for the provision of professional services, but the contract does not, in and of itself, authorize Baker Tilly to perform any audit or consulting work. In order to obtain authorization to perform specific work (e.g., execute an audit activity), a task order is drafted for review and approval to authorize specific projects 'under' the master service agreement.<sup>1</sup>

The task orders listed on the Consent Agenda are recurring activities that the Office of the City Auditor ("OCA") performs on an annual basis. These tasks were approved and executed in FY21, and we are requesting approval for similar task orders in FY22. These tasks are as follows:

- > Task 1. Citywide Risk Assessment
- > Task 2. Preparation of Annual Audit Plan
- > Task 3. Selection of External Financial Auditor and Annual Audit Coordination
- > Task 5. Preparation of Quarterly Reports, Annual Status Report, Provision of City Hotline, and Other Ongoing Office Administrative Functions

### **Responses to Specific Questions**

We received the following four (4) questions from Mr. Ignatuk:

Is the scope of services for the four tasks to be carried out by Baker Tilly sufficiently comprehensive? Do they include services or assignments that are unnecessary?

Baker Tilly Response: In short, yes the tasks to be carried out are comprehensive, and no they do not include any unnecessary services.

The scope of services for the task orders on the Consent Agenda represent recurring annual activities conducted by the OCA. For these tasks, we can confirm that the tasks are sufficiently comprehensive. Specifically, the risk assessment and annual audit plan activites are comprehensive and cover all functions and departments of the City. The financial audit task covers all necessary tasks for the OCA

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Note that the City may use different terminology.

as it pertains to the financial audit, including assistance in selection of a financial auditor and management of the financial audit process. Lastly, task 5 covers the various reporting requirements of the City auditor and administrative tasks required by municipal code.

Regarding unnecessary services – the OCA is limiting its activities to only those that are necessary to achieve the mission of the OCA. Specifically, we have adapted the scope of work for the risk assessment and annual audit plan tasks to reflect the fact that the prior audit plan was finalized roughly ten (10) months ago (versus a full year having transpired). The budget and corresponding level of effort is roughly one-third that of the prior year, which will allow additional funds to be devoted to audit activities. Note that the OCA will ask for approval of task orders for audit activities through subsequent requests.

> Does Baker Tilly's depth of experience in conducting internal audits for parties in the public sector come with a spotless record? Are there instances where the firm's services have not been up to par and was this taken into account?

Baker Tilly Response: This question was considered during the selection of our firm during the City's selection process. At that time, we provided evidence of our capacity to successfully perform the services requested, including:

- > A description of our on-going litigation, which included no instances in which our services were not 'up to par'
- > Eight (8) references for similar services, all projects we successfully delivered
- > A list of over fifty (50) clients, all of which we have successfully delivered services and many of which are annuity/repeat clients
- > Baker Tilly's Peer Review, which states that our system of quality control has been suitably designed and complied with to provide reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects
- > Evidence of Baker Tilly's financial viability

As such, we do believe our record supports our initial selection and on-going work for the City.

Note that it may be appropriate for the City Manager's Office, Administrative Services Department, and/or the Office of the City Attorney to provide additional information related to the selection of Baker Tilly during the procurement process.

How do the services which the firm will provide under the four included tasks compare to the services which Baker Tilly has provided to similar clients (municipal governments in Northern California)?

Baker Tilly Response: Baker Tilly has roughly 350 internal audit clients, fifty (50) of which are outsourced internal audit relationships, and 300 of which are co-sourced relationships. Nearly every client has the following similarities:

- > Conducting an annual risk assessment in order to identify and prioritize audit activities
- > Developing an annual audit plan summarizing the objectives of each audit activity
- Reporting functionally to the governing body (or audit committee) in order to maintain independence from management and day to day operations
- > Developing and delivering periodic (e.g., quarterly) reports
- > Acting as a liaison with the financial auditor
- > Tracking and following up on implementation of corrective actions identified in the course of completing audit activities

Our agreement with the City is unique from many of our other client relationships in that it accounts for administrative tasks necessary to perform the duties of the City Auditor under task 5. This task enables us to meet periodically with the City Council, attend meetings with executive management, and attend Council and committee meetings (amongst other tasks, including periodic reporting). In many other client relationships, we do not have these opportunities to 'walk the halls' so to speak, which can make performing our work much more difficult.

Regarding the work we have done with other organizations, we'd encourage you to review our proposal. Within that document, we have a list of our public sector clients, many of which are in the State of California.

> Is the description of the cost for the four tasks involved in the operations of Baker Tilly in conducting internal audits comprehensive, or will it require further adjustments in the future?

At this time, we believe strongly that our costs for these tasks are comprehensive and will not require adjustment in the future. Should any necessary adjustments be identified, we will bring them to the attention of the Policy & Services Committee and Council for discussion prior to making a formal request for an amendment to task order budget.

Note that we will not request an adjustment to the overall budget set for the OCA, which is included within the FY22 budget.

#### Conclusion

Thank you for the opportunity to provide responses to the questions posed! Should you have any further questions or wish to discuss this matter, please email the City Auditor (city.auditor@CityofPaloAlto.org).

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Below is my bio so you can better understand and appreciate my viewpoint diverse, intellectually humble, and centric point-of-view.

#### Author and CEO Biography

Corey Lee Wilson was raised an atheist by his liberal *Playboy* Bunny mother, has three

Anglo-Latino siblings, a bi-racial daughter, a brother who died of AIDS, baptized a Protestant by his conservative grandparents, attended temple with his Jewish foster parents, baptized again as a Catholic for his first Filipina wife, attends Buddhist ceremonies with his second Thai wife, became an agnostic on his own free will for most of his life, and is a lifetime independent voter.

Corey felt the sting of intellectual humility by repeating the 4th grade and attended 17 different schools throughout California (and one in the Bahamas) before putting himself through college at Mt. San Antonio College and Cal Poly Pomona University (without parents and while on triple secret probation). Named Who's Who of American College Students in 1984, he received a BS in Economics (summa cum laude) and won his fraternity's most prestigious undergraduate honor, the Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity's Shideler Award, both in 1985.

As a satirist and fraternity man, Corey started Fratire Publishing in 2012 and transformed the fiction "fratire" genre to a respectable and viewpoint diverse non-fiction genre promoting practical knowledge and wisdom to help everyday people navigate safely through the many hazards of life. In 2018, he founded the SAPIENT Being to help promote freedom of speech, viewpoint diversity, intellectual humility and most importantly advance sapience in America's students and campuses.

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#### Mick Harrison, Esq.

Whistleblower and environmental protection attorney and Litigation Director of the Lawyers' Committee "Lawyers' Committee Legal Actions and Future Possibilities" 1:52- 2:15 PM



## William Jacoby, Esq.

Attorney, retired, coordinator of national grass roots efforts ,Board member of Lawyers' Committee for 9/11 Inquiry

"Resistance at the Grass Roots Level." 2:17 -2:27 PM



#### **Barbara Honegger**

Former White House and Justice Dept. Official, Researcher, Author, Board member of the Lawyers' Committee for 9/11 Inquiry

"Seven Days in September: Anthrax Links to the Day of 9/11 Itself." 2:29-2:52 PM

### **The Second Segment**



Dr. Reiner Fuellmich, Esq.

Internationally known trial attorney, promoting civil liberties, investigating pandemic

"The Corona Plandemic and the International Legal Approach" 2:57-3:30 PM



### Dr. Francis Boyle, Esq.

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RFK Jr., Esq. Banned by Youtube, Video tape of June 21, 2021 presentation 4:00- 4:25 PM

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## Christopher Gioia

Former Fire Commssioner in Nassau County, NY

"9/11, Then and Now" 4:25-4:40 PM



## **Robert McIlvaine**

9/11 Truth Activist, Robert McIlvaine lost his son Bobby on 9/11

"9/11 and Empire" 4:43- 4:58 PM



## Graeme MacQueen, PhD.

University professor, author and 9/11 expert

"Before the Tale of Structural Failure: What Journalists Actually Witnessed on 9/11" 5:00-5:23 PM



### James Corbett

Independent journalist, writer and producer of The Corbett Report

Pre-recorded for Event- "9/11 20 Years Later: Lessons Learned?" 5:25-5:48 PM



## Fred Whitehurst, Esq.

Retired FBI-Explosive Chemist, Whistleblower

"Lawyers' Committee WTC 7 Grand Jury Petition Exhibits and Evidence of Controlled Demolition" 5:48- 6:11 PM



### Kevin Ryan

Scientist, author and 9/11 Whistleblower

"Focusing on 9/11 Suspects", 6:13-6:36 PM

## The Fourth Segment Bridge



## Cynthia McKinney, PhD.

Former six time Congress woman from Georgia, 9/11 activist

۳۵٫ Fight Inside and Outside Congress for 9/11 and Pandemic Truth، 6:39-7:02 PM



### Whitney Webb

Investigative writer, researcher and journalist

"Parallels of 2001 Anthrax and Covid-19" 7:05- 7:28 PM



### Meryl Nass, MD

Internal medicine physician and activist with expertise in anthrax and bioterrorism

"Road from 9/11 and the Anthrax Letters to World Takeover" 7:30-7:53 PM

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### William Jacoby, Esq.

Attorney, retired, coordinator of national grass roots efforts ,Board member of Lawyers' Committee for 9/11 Inquiry

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From:The Viscardi CenterTo:Council, CitySubject:Should web accessibility insurance be your next step?Date:Friday, September 10, 2021 6:02:37 AM

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From:	Dilma Coleman
То:	<u>clerk@japarliament.gov.jm; 998@998.gov.sa</u>
Cc:	gengeland@losaltosca.gov; foundation@wsba.org
Subject:	Fwd: San Jose PD homicide cases at the intersection of Monterey/Curtner Rd. Near Oak Hill Cemetery burial grounds April 2021. All those SJPD on that investigative case should be suspended without pay. Why. Acting for TV.
Date:	Friday, September 10, 2021 1:34:24 AM
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Subject: San Jose PD homicide cases at the intersection of Monterey/Curtner Rd. Near Oak Hill Cemetery burial grounds April 2021. All those SJPD on that investigative case should be suspended without pay. Why. Acting for TV.

To: <<u>MPeterson@oaklandcommission.org</u>>, <<u>larmstrong@oaklandca.gov</u>> Cc: <<u>manager@santaclaraca.gov</u>>, <<u>afg\_evac@padilla.senate.gov</u>>

Hello it's Diva Lee aka Dilma Coleman. What's up. As a former survivor of a deadly hit n run at Monterey Rd and Curtner Ave..whereas I survived hit n run at The fairgrounds in San Jose CA and survived being tossed from a moving vehicle. SJPD are far similar to other law enforcement agencies where there are too many Boogaloo law enforcement agents doing Fraudulent statements similar to verbatim from a playwrights acting scripts. Argue it. Stop the vigilantes of the streets. Does a civilian have the rights to strike an officer who runs away from them.Argue it. That officer must have an animal spirit as a raccoon..who knows how to escape..the crime scene. Argue it.

Attachment#1 Vanessa Ann Arce is she really dead or is this bogus life insurance policy claim. Pause it. Argue that Vanessa had her dog attack On Rula Ghani at Silicon valley bank in Santa Clara CA near the Levi's Stadium. That's what Vanessa complained about. Vanessa complained about how good her kids live in the homes with people who frequently were in and out. Did Vanessa complain about geographic locations whereas the In And Out Burger Joints were designed for the worst humantrafficking events. Argue it. To express the arguments Vanessa had with Homefirst homeless shelter..her verbal complaints was as if she had a prepared speech as a political campaigns..Vanessa complained about Rula Ghani and Ashraf Ghani. Vanessa describe the situation with Haitian President at Silicon valley bank in the past. Vanessa complained about the details of what" the ink in her pen went dry" Vanessa complained about the bank Environments whereas Vanessa had gave instructions to those who did everything to gain employment verification letters. Vanessa had made verbal agreements and she was angries about it. Vanessa complained about how she wasn't Markle whereas Markle had did severe injustices in a home she lived in. Vanessa complained about the access that the guests at little Orchard homeless shelter plus the staff had in various mansions..and those who took money away including Rula. Vanessa spoke about her music..how it wasn't worked out with listening..how the scam of vocalized synthesize over other artists on Spotify.. Vanessa complained about her music being tapped her Spotify play list. Vanessa hates how

much her listening was disturbed. Vanessa spoke outloud as if her listeners were at an outdoor theater. The staff hugged her and she screamed don't kill me..why u want to kill me for this..when there R others here who do art for the piece of lazy Canada actor Jim. Vanessa complained about Jim Carrey's art projects not being created by himself..how the worst of it and that she ain't gonna be searching for art for him to be plagerize. Vanessa complained about it..as if she was a spoke person who had first hand knowledge of the projects on a larger group. Vanessa complain about her shoes not able to find them..how the police especially Laurie is not in compliance.

Are you ready for the question? All those in favor of Pay stubs from the SJPD officers who did the investigative homicide report on the grounds at Curtner/Monterey Rd San Jose,CA. Should that pay from those officers be directed to Diva Lee aka Dilma immediately. Hi Dilma says it. No no my name is Ms.Diva Lee because I am the daughter of Jamacian Bunny Striker Edward Sullivan Lee. Argue it. When Dilma aka Diva Lee entered the homeless shelter"little orchard" in San Jose, CA. In February 2021 Vanessa Ann Arce lived there as a shelter guest in the shelter. Vanessa had made a kid noise then it grew louder. Vanessa complained about the many rules at little Orchard homeless shelter. Vanessa complained about those who made rules to break rules. Vanessa complained about the women's literature Ann Rules. Vanessa spoke loudly about those individuals who from the Santa Clara county who did tours in the shelter were being spies thru the video cameras and that most of the off campus action had been trapped in an organization whereas the local law enforcement agents worked. Vanessa sat in a wheelchair whereas she moved gracefully in confidence that she felt like writing. Vanessa wrote letters whereas her pen oftentimes ran out of ink. This is the observation of shelter guest #26. Shelter guest #26 observes that Vanessa complained that it was cozy for 2-3 to be in a tent where there is peace n quiet. Diva being a former drug counselor understood that expression of peace and quiet. Vanessa complained about a man not being her boyfriend yet she admired his advice of bit being here in the shelter. All other observation of Vanessa Ann Arce prior to her death could be analyzed by Diva Lee for a fee of \$50,000. Diva believes that this \$50,000 compensation should be paid immediately since Diva Lee was inside the car as a key witness to the murder of Vanessa. Pay Diva for being VICTIMIZED as a witness. Pay Diva Lee for being oppressed. Pay Diva immediately for her Paranormal observations and for the record..the current SJPD homicide Dept needs to be reorganized.. especially the police who are on beat at The Plant. Best regards Dilma Coleman aka Diva Lee aka Diva Jobs.

P.S. The List of DIVA's most disturbed grievance was in 1994 re: the deaths of her most favorite some of them are very close personal friends Nicole Brown Simpson,Ron Goldman,Mary Maxwell Gates, Mr. Debartolo Sr, (1993 Paul Jobs Los Altos CA resident) Kurt Corban, Jeffery Dahmer,Richard Nixon, Jacqueline Kennedy, John Candy and Cab Calloway.

From:	juliamcamara2@gmail.com
To:	Council, City
Subject:	Let"s keep our car(e)free space!
Date:	Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:47:33 PM

I urge you to make University Avenue and Ramona Street open for pedestrians and bicycles, and closed to automobiles, PERMANENTLY. It's a matter of quality of life! Sincerely, A resident of Palo Alto

Sent from my iPhone
From:	<u>Urvi Nagrani</u>
To:	Council, City
Subject:	Let"s keep our car(e)free space!
Date:	Thursday, September 9, 2021 8:08:14 PM

Hello! As a long time patron of Osteria, I urge you to make University Avenue and Ramona Street open for pedestrians and bicycles, and closed to automobiles, PERMANENTLY. It's a matter of quality of life! My parents have health issues and outdoor dining is a way to ensure we can still go out.

Urvi Nagrani *Please pardon typos, this was sent from my iPhone* <u>unagrani@gmail.com</u> Twitter: <u>@theurv</u> Website: <u>theurv.com</u> LinkedIn: <u>theurv</u>

From:	Dilma Coleman
То:	998@998.gov.sa; cityattorney@santaclaraca.gov
Cc:	<u>clerkoftheboard@countyofnapa.org;</u> Council, City
Subject:	Fwd: Diva Lee aka Dilma Coleman aka Diva Jobs knows how to use her natural gifts as a Psychic medium paranormal thinker. Yet there is too much negativity in the Santa Clara county Sheriff"s dept.
Date:	Thursday, September 9, 2021 8:01:58 PM
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From: **Dilma Coleman** <<u>dhappinessforever@gmail.com</u>> Date: Thu, Sep 9, 2021, 7:47 PM Subject: Diva Lee aka Dilma Coleman aka Diva Jobs knows how to use her natural gifts as a Psychic medium paranormal thinker. Yet there is too much negativity in the Santa Clara county Sheriff's dept. To: <<u>larmstrong@oaklandca.gov</u>>, <<u>adam.roberts@santacruzcounty.us</u>> Cc: <<u>lgillmore@santaclaraca.gov</u>>, <<u>3549@sanjoseca.gov</u>>

Hello it's Diva Lee again with disturbing comparisons in the most worst case scenario of course "Homicide". Diva Lee doesn't like to be called schizophrenic delusional 5150 AFGHAN Jamacian women.

Diva don't like it. Diva Lee aka Dilma Coleman struggles with the playwrights who use her writings and Investigative writings for rap music as if talk Radio shows aren't enough. Diva Lee is often oppressed or VICTIMIZED in Netflix documentaries whereas most stories about Diva are real and often not recognize or aired. So what, if Diva Lee has information that will led to the arrests of these unsolved mysteries why are they not solved?

Diva recognizes the attachment #1 Kori Lamaster. Diva could quickly put together a charector analysis of the men involved in a string of homicides similar to this one. Yet it's the type of men/women who do these crimes whereas they teach other younger men/women how to become expert killers. These killers are familiar with the process of police investigation because the serial killers are familiar with law enforcement agencies across California to the Eastern Shore of Connecticut,Boston,Ohio and New York.

Law enforcement agencies who are trapped by sorcerery leaderships whereas there's likeminded individuals who are spreading the worst scandels using hypnosis and technology.

Trix are for kids..and mind controlling games are at its best especially when there are identical people.. siblings the ideas of cloned people.

Why does Diva Lee have so much to confirm about her abilities to solve unsolved mysteries yet when Diva is in contact with certain law enforcement agencies they don't recieve Diva Lee aka Dilma as an honest stable person truthfully the officer who comes in contact with Diva either wants to run away from Diva or speak derogatory mental health State about Diva...whereas it's off subject from what Diva wants the reporting officer to write down.

There's a list of unsolved mysteries with a reward attached to it. Yet there are too much greedy good for nothing homicide detectives and of course the worst of the worst County DA's.

As a blind child empath I grew to have the best listening skills, verbal communicating skills. When Diva had began employment as a rescue firefighter medic blah blah..then police homicide Investigator..Diva made mistakes on her days off with her own babies..diva's awareness of people interested in playing tricks and hurting children was higher. diva often had allowed her baby to cry just to listen to a healthy cry and analyze the sounds of distress. Diva listens to her own body's energies which reason or excuses that she had environmental distresses and or PTSD from missing the sounds of a crying baby especially since these babies were Fraudulently taken from her. Diva Lee often has gotten close to people in society whereas the sounds in the community fill in the void or creates more intuitive mindfulness.

Pause it.

Argue it.

Best regards Dilma Coleman aka Diva Lee aka Diva Jobs

From:	Anderson, Daren	
То:	Council, City	
Cc:	Milton, Lesley; O"Kane, Kristen; Tanner, Rachael; Lait, Jonathan; Shikada, Ed	
Subject:	FW: Parks and Recreation Commission Memo to City Council	
Date:	Thursday, September 9, 2021 7:00:04 PM	
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Dear City Council,

On August 24, 2021, the Parks and Recreation Commission voted (6:0) to send City Council the attached memo regarding the North Ventura Coordinated Area Plan (NVCAP).

Thank you,

Daren

### **DAREN ANDERSON**

Assistant Director Open Space, Parks, Golf, and Animal Services Community Services Department (650) 496-6950 | <u>Daren.Anderson@cityofpaloalto.org</u> www.cityofpaloalto.org



**DATE**: August 24, 2021

**TO:** City Council Members

**FROM:** Parks and Recreation Commission

# SUBJECT: MEMO REGARDING EQUITABLE PARKS IN NORTH VENTURA AND TO ADOPT AN NVCAP DESIGN THAT FOLLOWS THE CITY'S ESTABLISHED PARKLAND STANDARD.

Parks are an essential part of Palo Alto's high quality of life, fostering health, wellness, and social connections.

Palo Alto has long used the National Recreation and Park Association standard of 4 acres of parkland per 1000 residents. The Parks, Trails, Open Space and Recreation facilities Master Plan (Parks Master Plan) (unanimously adopted by City Council in September 2017) reaffirms Palo Alto's dedication to the 4 acres per 1000 residents parkland standard. The Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan 2030 (unanimously adopted by City Council in November 2017) endorses the same parkland standard.

The North Ventura Coordinated Area Plan (NVCAP) studied future development in the North Ventura Area. During the process, both the neighborhood and the NVCAP Working Group members expressed their strong support for North Ventura parks. Unfortunately, the three NVCAP alternatives not only do not meet Palo Alto's parkland standard, they also use a parkland definition that counts landscaped planting strips, setbacks between buildings, and paved driveways. If the calculations are limited to actual parkland, the NVCAP alternatives all provide less than one third of Palo Alto's parkland standard.

An explicit goal of the Parks Master Plan is to provide parks that are "distributed equitably across Palo Alto." As a result, the adopted Parks Master Plan requires the City to provide our new North Ventura neighbors with the same high-quality parks that are enjoyed in other Palo Alto neighborhoods. Furthermore, because much of North Ventura will contain high-density developments without yards, parks will be even more important to the residents, as traditional backyard activities will become park activities.

The Parks & Recreation Commission encourages City Council to recognize the importance of equitable parks in North Ventura and to adopt an NVCAP design that follows the City's established parkland standard.

From:	Lyndsey Konrad
То:	Council, City
Subject:	Let"s keep our car(e)free space!
Date:	Thursday, September 9, 2021 5:54:30 PM

Hi -

I urge you to make University Avenue and Ramona Street open for pedestrians and bicycles, and closed to automobiles, PERMANENTLY. In addition, I live near California Ave and keeping this street car free has enhanced the neighborhood tremendously for families and the atmosphere of outdoor dining. This feels like Europe, where I had lived previously and this is how we should be living for better community and safety and overall quality of life. Sincerely,

A resident of Palo Alto

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Aram James
То:	Sajid Khan; Jeff Rosen; Raj; Council, City; Jeff Moore; Winter Dellenbach; Jay Boyarsky; Planning Commission;
	Human Relations Commission; Greer Stone; cindy.chavez@bos.sccgov.org; Rebecca Eisenberg; chuck jagoda; DuBois, Tom; Joe Simitian; supervisor.ellenberg@bos.sccgov.org; mike.wasserman@bos.sccgov.org;
	cindy.chavez@bos.sccgov.org
Subject:	Silent Vigil in Support of the Unhoused TONIGHT Wed. at 7 PM
Date:	Thursday, September 9, 2021 5:46:48 PM

------ Forwarded message ------From: <<u>perrysandy@aol.com</u>> Date: Wed, Sep 8, 2021 at 4:17 PM Subject: Silent Vigil in Support of the Unhoused TONIGHT Wed. at 7 PM To:

Hi Everyone,

As you have probably heard, residents of the new Safe Park site at 71 Vista Montana have been greeted by loud protests from some very poorly-informed neighbors in the area. This has been traumatizing to the new Safe Park residents, and another anti-unhoused protest has been scheduled for 7 pm tonight.

Advocates are calling for community supporters to attend a silent vigil in SUPPORT of the unhoused at 7 pm tonight at the site of the Safe Park, 71 Vista Montana in North San Jose.

The purpose is not to be a counter-protest, or to engage with the anti-unhoused, but rather to bear witness to the right of formerly unhoused people to live in safety, peace, and dignity.

I will be there. Please join me if you are able. Thanks!

Sandy Perry Affordable Housing Network / CHAM Deliverance Ministry

From: To:	<u>Aram James</u> Joe Simitian; <u>cindy.chavez@bos.sccgov.org</u> ; <u>Council, City</u> ; <u>Human Relations Commission</u> ; <u>Jeff Moore; Planning</u> <u>Commission; chuck jagoda; Sajid Khan; Jeff Rosen; Raj; Jay Boyarsky; Winter Dellenbach; Rebecca Eisenberg;</u> <u>Roberta Ahlquist; DuBois, Tom; wilpf.peninsula.paloalto@gmail.com; mike.wasserman@bos.sccgov.org; Greer</u>	
Subject:	Stone; alisa mallari tu; supervisor.ellenberg@bos.sccgov.org 50 years after Attica: The unfinished business of our nation's deadliest prison uprising	
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FYI: Jail and prison conditions across this nation (not just Santa Clara County as some would have you believe) are violative not only of constitutional norms (8th Amend Ban on Cruel and Unusual Punishment, 13 & 14th Amend) but international norms: see, as an example, the Nuremberg Principals!!

# 50 years after Attica: The unfinished business of our nation's deadliest prison uprising

https://www.democratandchronicle.com/in-depth/news/2021/09/08/attica-prison-riot-50 th-anniversary-unfinished-business-no-apology/8147133002/

Sent from my iPhone

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers

I'm writing to request that University Avenue remain closed to cars. There's a sense of joyfulness and community downtown that didn't exist before.

Yes, stores have closed, but they've closed everywhere! We're in a pandemic AND online purchases have exploded.

There's plenty of free parking for people who want to go shopping. Perhaps a few signs next to the street barriers directing people to the garages.

One more thing: Twice the Daily Post has printed stories about stores, including Footwear, Etc. closing and leaving vacant storefronts. I just went into Footwear, Etc. to check it out. Back to school buying is in full swing. They're doing very well. They're not, and have never been, thinking of closing.

Respectfully, Amy

Amy Halpern-Laff amyhlaff@gmail.com (650) 665-0266 (text/voice)

533 Bryant St, Apt 6

Dear Palo Alto Mayor and Councilmembers,

Thank you for passing a safe storage ordinance. As a survivor of gun violence, I am personally very grateful for your courage to take this important step towards keeping the residents of Palo Alto safe. You are helping keep all Bay Area residents safer from gun violence because unlocked, stolen firearms are often sold on the street and used to perpetuate further crimes.

Gratefully, Karen Pandula Founder, Silicon Valley Alliance for Gun Safety

From:	Pavel Sirotin	
То:	Tanaka, Greg; Filseth, Eric (Internal); Kou, Lydia; Stone, Greer; Council, City; Burt, Patrick; Cormack, Alison; DuBois, Tom	
Cc:	Aidan Pasamonte from Palo Alto City Councilmember Tanaka"s Office; Shikada, Ed; Charlie Weidanz	
Subject:	Palo Alto Needs More Walkable Streets	
Date:	Thursday, September 9, 2021 4:51:00 PM	
Attachments:	Letter from businesses to City Council 090921 - Bevri.pdf	

To the Mayor and Honorable Members of the Palo Alto City Council:

As members of Palo Alto's business community, we are writing to express our support for a sustainable, clear plan for walkable streets in both of our downtowns. We are motivated both by urgent economic need and a desire to create a more welcoming, human-centered urban environment for our community.

#### The need for walkable streets:

The most obvious need for a sustainable pedestrian and bike-friendly plan for our downtown is an economic one. With the deep losses from the pandemic, most businesses will need all of 2021 to recover losses from 2020 and 2021. These losses have also meant a significant drop in City tax revenue. A recent report for the City created by Avenu Insights noted that in downtown Palo Alto in particular there were more severe losses from 2019 to 2020 (27% in sales tax loss) than in neighboring towns. In order to recover these losses, and create a more sustainable, attractive downtown environment, we should make full use of our public spaces. This shift will help us draw in the young demographics we need to build back our businesses, make our city's finances more sustainable, and keep us competitive amongst neighboring towns who have already pushed ahead on pedestrianization plans.

In the case of restaurants, because of the concerns surrounding the Delta variant (and ongoing uncertainty related to emerging variants), customers are still overwhelmingly choosing to dine outdoors. For Palo Alto restaurants, we need to maintain our parklets and outdoor dining spaces as much as possible in order to continue to maintain viability. We also need final guidance from the City on parklets so that we can create realistic plans for the rest of 2021 and 2022.

With the plans for technology workers to return to offices pushed back until 2022 (and with that, a hybrid model in which workers will likely spend 40% less time in the physical offices than prior to the pandemic), we need to act urgently to create other streams of income in order for our businesses to survive. Developing a longer-term vision for walkable streets in our downtown, combined with cultural and artistic events for families and young people from the surrounding areas, is exactly what we need to encourage people to come spend time, shop, and dine. (There is no doubt that Stanford Shopping Center's relatively smaller losses during the last 18 months can be attributed in part to its relaxed, pedestrian and family-friendly landscape.)

#### Benefits of this plan:

As should be clear after over a year of the successful UpLift Streets program, car-free streets encourage greater foot traffic and draws in visitors from surrounding communities, which has a direct economic impact on Palo Alto's businesses and City tax revenue. From a community perspective, our residents have also already demonstrated that they want walkable streets: surveys over the last year showed about 94% support amongst citizens, and to date there are almost 5,000 signatures for the online Car-free Streets petition.

Residents also recognize the clear environmental and health benefits to this form of urban landscape: recent studies have linked greater pollution from vehicles to depression and asthma, and creating pedestrian and cycling corridors saves lives thanks to a decrease in car accidents. Developing the urban infrastructure to encourage walking and cycling in town has clear health benefits, by encouraging a more active lifestyle. And as anyone who has spent time in a European city knows, it also encourages the kinds of spontaneous encounters that develop stronger bonds and sense of belonging within a community. These social and community benefits would create an overall boost to the quality of life here. There is also no doubt that a city plan which encourages walking and cycling is more environmentally sustainable, and will reduce our overall CO2 emissions.

### How we can make this happen:

We have the unique opportunity to act now in order to create longer-term economic and quality of life benefits for our city. Here are some ways we envisage that the City can make this happen in the context of a walkable streets plan:

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Balanced use of spaces

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Increase the diversity in our downtown by having a better mix of dining/shopping, residences, offices, and public institutions

Infrastructure: safety and comfort

Improve bicycle infrastructure (re-striping of streets) and pedestrian safety details

Provide public transport within Downtown area and potentially make University Avenue narrower to make the space more quaint, and so public and businesses can benefit from wider sidewalks

Creative and interactive events

 Develop innovative cultural and artistic events to draw in residents and visitors, and encourage social mixing

• Consider adding public art to create visual interest

Focus on green spaces and parks

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For mental and physical health, and for environmental appreciation and education

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Let's evolve away from a car-oriented and towards a human-oriented urban model which can benefit both our businesses and the quality of life for our community. We have the chance here to learn a lesson about some of the most challenging aspects about the pandemic — the social isolation and economic losses — and create long-term change with clear economic, environmental, and health benefits. Let's make our Palo Alto downtowns walkable -- permanently!

Sincerely, Bevri

530 Bryant St, Palo Alto, CA, 94301 September 9th, 2021



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Sincerely,

Bovri

From:	upcomingsales@friendspaloaltolib.org
To:	Council, City
Subject:	Gargantuan Glorious Grand Book Sale - Friends of the Palo Alto Library
Date:	Thursday, September 9, 2021 4:09:26 PM



## CUBBERLEY USED BOOK SALES

Saturday September 11 Bargain Room 9:30am - 4pm Children's Room 10am - 4pm Main Room Sale 11am - 4pm

Sunday September 12 All Rooms 11am - 4pm

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# Marty's (Main) Room

In our Main Room, prices are way below what used book stores charge. Hardcover books start at \$2.00 and softcover books start at only \$1.00.

No numbered tickets this month! (See below.)

Please note that due to crowding during the first two hours of the Book Sale, no strollers, rolling carts, etc. can be brought into the Main Room. This is for the safety of shoppers and volunteers alike. By 12:30 or so, the crowd thins out and shoppers are welcome to bring these items into the sale.

## Children's Book Sale

The Children's Room is located in the portable next to the soccer field near Greendell School. It is entirely filled with children's books and toys. You'll find picture books, school age fiction and non-fiction, award winners, non-English titles, CDs and DVDs, and books for parents and teachers, most for 50 cents or \$1. Strollers are welcome in the Children's Room at any time.

## **Bargain Books in H-2**

The Bargain Room is located in Rooms H-2 and H-3 of the Cubberley main campus, between Marty's Room and Middlefield Road. On Saturday, paperbacks are 50 cents, hardcovers are \$1, and children's books are 50 cents each. The room also contains many records, CDs, and DVDs at \$1 each. On Sunday, the room opens at 11 am and all prices are half off. Or, save even more on Sunday by buying green FOPAL reusable bags from us for \$2/ea (or bring your own grocery-size reusable bag) and stuffing them with any items in the room for \$5/bag. Fill four bags at \$5/bag and fill a fifth bag FREE! (We no longer receive sufficient used paper grocery bags along with donations for this purpose.)

### News from the Library, by E-mail and RSS

If you have ever given the Library your e-mail address, like this newsletter editor did when he signed up for a Palo Alto Library card, you have probably noticed that they are sending you one to a few e-mails per month since the start of the pandemic.

If you haven't been getting these e-mails, and are curious, there's an archive of them <u>here</u>. The messages linked from the archive page have links to a subscription page.

If you prefer this sort of thing in your RSS reader instead of your e-mail, you can get the RSS feed <u>here</u>. (This may open in your RSS reader instead of in your browser.)

### The Pandemic Is Yet Making Things Weird

**No Main Room Entry Tickets at this time:** Customers who want the best selection should arrive early. There are lines to enter each room. Please do not plan on using a box to hold your place in line. The Bargain Room is open 9:30am and the Children's Room opens at 10am, giving you time to shop either of these rooms and be able to...

**Get In Line By 11am:** Please be sure to return to the Main Room a few minutes before it opens at 11 am to line up using social distancing. Customers will be admitted in the order of first in line first to enter. There is an occupancy limit for each salesroom, these will be carefully enforced by FOPAL's Door Monitors.

**Twelve Book Limit:** Due to health and safety regulations, no more than 80 customers at a time can be allowed into the Main Room. During the first hour or until the Sales Manager lifts the restriction, each customer may select no more than 12 books at a time, pay for the items in the cashier line, and exit through the east door. The customer may then join the end of any remaining line at the north/entry door and reenter in that order. The limitation of 12 books at a time will continue past noon if a line remains outside.

**One Bag Limit:** There is also a limit of one grocery-sized or one green FOPAL reusable bag per customer for carrying your book selections. We do not allow the use of large "Costco" or "Ikea" sized bags, or boxes of any kind until any shopping limits are lifted.

To avoid lines and crowds, we suggest browsing afternoon on Saturday and Sunday.

### Industrial Design Special

"Look in specials bookcase just inside entrance door for a collection of industrial design books, a gift from a leading company in this area. Many aspects of design are covered including people, inventors, graphics, product design, etc." *-Nancy Cohen* 

### **Children's Room**

"Welcome back to the **Children's Room!** Our shelves are full of gently used books, games, crafts, puzzles, and toys, priced from 50 cents to a few dollars. Our Beginning Readers section is packed, with early readers at levels 1-5 (some in sets), many covering non-fiction topics such as space, dinosaurs, weather, animals, and more. There are also many books in the Dr. Seuss series, and some classroom sets for teachers. In the Activities section you'll see several bins of science books, many with terrific ideas for science fair projects or for experimenting at home. There are also math workbooks for students at many levels. Kids who enjoy crafting will find materials and books for origami, calligraphy, painting, cross-stitch, and--especially--bead and jewelry projects. Visit our School-Age Fiction section for books by award-winning authors (an entire bookcase full) and popular series such as Magic Tree House, Junie B. Jones, Boxcar Children, and others. There are plenty of books for older readers, too, like Harry Potter, Richard Riordan, and Carl Hiassen. Plan to spend time browsing our shelves; you're sure to find much to interest you and your family." *-Carolyn Davidson* 

### **Children's Vintage Books**

"One good thing that came from a year-long shutdown: children's vintage books (especially for older kids) is bursting with material! The older kids' section has been dramatically expanded and now includes a dedicated bookcase full of children's series books (Nancy Drew, Tom Swift and many older series) and a shelf for books written in other languages.

We have some interesting picks this month, including many books from Walter Farley's Black Stallion series. For younger children, this month's focus is centered around the Old West, including early California and the missions, on one side of the partition and 'wild' animals featuring half a dozen Babar books by de Brunhof on the other." *-Lisa Heitman* 

### Fiction

"Welcome back to the FICTION BOUTIQUE featuring:

1) an abundant selection of recently published hardcover and paperback novels by favorite authors, as well as some authors who are just beginning to attract attention;

2) a shelf of books written by Edith Wharton, who was the first woman to win the Pulitzer Prize for fiction, in 1917;

3) two paperback novels about brave women: Hedy Lamarr, the movie star and inventor; and Marie Benedict, the first wife of Albert Einstein, also an inventor. The book is entitled *The Other Einstein*.

4) a display of books by Stanford faculty (past and present), including Paul Goldstein, Wallace Stegner and Tobias Wolff.

"Enjoy shopping and reading!" -Marian Knox

### Self-Help

"Welcome back to Self Help and may you be well in Body, Mind and Spirit.

"Here's an overview of my section:

"Two book bays have unsorted books, except for some shelves marked 'Popular on Amazon' and 'New Arrivals'.

"Two book bays have subsections like: Workbooks and CD's, Little Books, Happiness, Emotions, Depression, Addictions, Mind/Brain, Creativity, Communication, Enneagram, Spiritual/Inspiration, Meditation, Relationship, Family and teens, Midlife/Aging, Grief/Loss.

"*This month there are dozens of AA books in the Addiction section*. Great if you're involved in that very supportive community and want resources to share.

"Most books are \$1 or \$2, and those that are more are still half (or less) of the internet price and you don't have to pay shipping! So Happy Browsing to you, *Marnie*"

### Judaica

"Browse the **Judaica** section for books on the Jewish religion including editions of the Torah, Kabbalah, Jewish history, the Holocaust, memoirs, Israel, Jewish Women, the Jewish American Experience and other related subjects.

"New this month - Beyond Courage - The Untold story of Jewish Resistance During the Holocaust; With Heart in Mind - Mussar Teachings to Transform Your Life; Be Still and Get Going - A Jewish Meditation Practice for Real Life; Anne Frank in the World; The Forgetting River - A Modern Tale of Survival, Identity, and the Inquisition.

"Most fiction with Jewish themes will be found in **Modern Literature/Classics** or **Current Fiction**. Books entirely in Hebrew are shelved in the **European Languages** section." - *Charlotte Epstein* 

### Computers

"The computer section has been slightly rearranged, with some topics given more shelf space. A new topic, *Vintage Manuals* has been added, with many curious old books reaching back in computer history as far as the 1970s." *-David Cortesi* 

### **Science Fiction and Fantasy**

"In **Science Fiction and Fantasy**, we have some SF magazines, mostly *Galaxy*, from the early 1950s, in amazingly good condition. There's also a bound collection of publications from the 1955 Clevention, the 13th Worldcon. More recent books include a new, still in wrapper, eight volume set of the *Expanse* novels by J.S.A. Corey." *-Rich McAllister* 

### **Bargain Room Science Fiction and Fantasy**

"In the **Bargain Room's** Science Fiction and Fantasy section, we have 39 shelf-feet of pocket paperbacks, 36 shelf-feet of larger books, and two or three shelves of more recent SF&F magazines. *Analog* covering May 1990 through May 2007 with gaps (Mid-December 1991, January 1992, June 1992, June through December 1998, March through May 2005, November 2005 through May 2006) and a couple duplicates. Also a few each of *Asimov's*, *F&SF, Galaxy, Worlds of If* in mostly lesser condition. All shelved on lower shelves on the paperback Mysteries side of the aisle." *-Frank McConnell* 

### Donations

We have made it past Drop-off Donations 3.0 and have returned to accepting donations without the need to make an appointment.

HOWEVER....

We must pause accepting donations until September 13 while we prepare for the monthly sale. Please hold your donations until then.

Please read our donation guidelines before you bring materials to us.

All that said, our normal hours for drop-off donations are Monday through Saturday, 3pm-5pm. (But not the week before the sale.)

This notice comes to you from the non-profit organization Friends of the Palo Alto Library. No trees were felled in the making of this e-mail. Visit our <u>web site</u>. Become a <u>member</u> by joining online.

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Dear Palo Alto Mayor and Councilmembers:

You just did what you felt was the right thing to do, and I'm grateful you felt that way. May your action have a butterfly effect all across our nation.

Sincerely, Don Veith Chair, Santa Clara County Chapter of Brady United Silicon Valley Alliance for Gun Safety

From:	James Goddard
To:	Council, City
Subject:	Street Closures
Date:	Thursday, September 9, 2021 2:17:40 PM

I have lived downtown Palo Alto on Ramona near Lytton for 30 years. I am in favor of reopening the streets downtown ASAP. It will increase the number of visitors, prevent businesses from closing, help recovery form the pandemic impact on the local economy and generally help revitalize downtown. Don't wait until more damage is done.

Sent from my iPad

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I urge you to discontinue street closures (in downtown Palo Alto and on California Avenue) at the earliest possibility. I see few benefits to continuing closure and many more benefits to re-opening our city streets.

Downtown Los Altos and downtown San Mateo are both bustling and have convenient thoroughfares (as before the pandemic). While it's true a side street in San Mateo is closed until September 30 (S B St), the main street (3rd Ave) is open to vehicles and operating in a way to benefit all. It's very inviting.

I find it very feasible to visit the two above cities, park easily, and patronize an array of their businesses, services and restaurants. The streets and sidewalks do not pose any public danger from what I experience there.

Meanwhile, I disagree with Mountain View's current choice to have part of their downtown "main street," Castro St., closed to vehicles. This prevents one from entering Castro from our direction by car, an annoyance that just may make people fully avoid their downtown, and I believe this reduces visits to businesses there.

Similarly, I find it more difficult to access those businesses, services AND even food services/restaurants here in Palo Alto, where there are street closures. Like most, I do not reside within close walking distance of either business district.

It takes extra effort to make a visit there happen. It is likely off-putting to visitors (non-Palo Altans), too.

Let's retain the character of our "downtowns" - open the streets!

Sincerely,

Karen Latchford

Sent from my iPad

From: To:	Dilma Coleman Council, City; police@newark.org
Cc:	Peter Paterno; erin@erindarlinglaw.com
Subject:	Fwd: Diva Lee aka Dilma Coleman worked as a cashier at Oakland,CA Raiders football games when she was or wasn"t sure if Mark Davis had impregnated Diva Lee argue it. Baby born at Paramont"s Great America theme park. Argue it.
Date:	Thursday, September 9, 2021 1:43:32 PM
Attachments:	<u>Screenshot_20210909-114611.png</u> <u>Screenshot_20210909-114525.png</u>

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From: **Dilma Coleman** <<u>dhappinessforever@gmail.com</u>> Date: Thu, Sep 9, 2021, 1:07 PM Subject: Diva Lee aka Dilma Coleman worked as a cashier at Oakland,CA Raiders football games when she was or wasn't sure if Mark Davis had impregnated Diva Lee argue it. Baby born at Paramont's Great America theme park. Argue it. To: <<u>info@lastprisonerproject.org</u>>, <<u>MPeterson@oaklandcommission.org</u>>

Hello, it's Diva Lee.. what's up. Marshawn Lynch is that's ok..if Diva Lee thinks. Ok. Marshawn Lynch possibly is the biological son to Actor Gary Coleman whereas Diva Lee believes that. Argue it. Argue about the plate of food whereas marshawn Lynch's mother served in the family booth at the football game whereas Diva Lee was on break..farting. argue it. Did that plate of food from Marshawn Lynch's mother..change the subject.Argue it. That food had provided healthy substances such as a Jamacian Afghan women trapped in humantrafficking labor trafficking possibly pregnant with Mark Davis's Baby Baby or something like if boxer Alvarez Canello really is the biological son to Mark Davis. Argue it. See this type of gameshow ideas came from a Jamacian Afghan women and not created from David Marley. It's like all the questions got answered by a huge loud buzzard sound. Similar to Family Fued.argue it.

Argue it. Stop the process of allowing corrupt individuals in the city government and the corrupt behaviors of the Oakland Police department whereas some individuals in the Oakland CA Police Commissioners are with a recycling doors to the worst Alameda County DA Nancy O'Malley or the worst Alameda County Judges. Stop it. Stop allowing Ayesha Curry to raise Diva Lee's children..whereas that family especially Stephan Curry's dad Dell Curry..let him fall off the Domain Apartments in San Jose CA then talk some alphabet soup recipes from 1980's Chino hills murdered victim Peggy Ryen. Why was Peggy Ryen's cookbook journals destroyed whereas Diva Lee recognizes one -three dishes served at the homeless shelter whereas that's the same food Peggy Ryen cooked in the 1980's before her death. Did you understand what I said. Dell Curry ain't had no original thoughts or paid any legal fees towards "Smoke International" franchisee when Diva Lee had recipes handed down from her mother's journals to create that franchise. Argue it. Del Curry argued that Diva Lee only makes soaps. Argue it.

Argue about the details of why Diva Lee is Jamaican Afghan Royal Caribbean women homeless at The Fairgrounds in San Jose CA.

Argue it about how the Puerto Rican men blah blah bolonge men drug cocaine addictions affiliated with Donald Harris (Kamala's dad) set up the most dangerous Narcissistic traps in Jamacian marijuana fields in the 1970-1990. Whereas Diva Lee was VICTIMIZED in Jamacian..from infant to adult. Diva Lee could give detailed geographic analysis of the worst economic developments from the U.S to Jamacian and other regions of the World. Argue it.

Argue about the physical fights Diva Lee had when she wrote the funniest real her life drama, challenges, people who challenged Diva Lee the analysis of it in a journal which was used for the Adult African American cartoon "Boondocks" argue it that Jamacian David Marley VICTIMIZED Diva Lee and those journals were not about DIVA's life experience.

Argue it. This is what I am saying? Arrest the Jamacian men who threw their financial dreams on women. Stop it. Can't u see that Diva is homeless trapped in San Jose CA she had a baby in a homeless shelter whereas that baby was forced into adoption whereas Diva was VICTIMIZED in the conception...where was Diva Lee raped. Why Diva Lee ain't got financial assistance from her Jamacian family? Did Kamala Harris really steal DIVA's inherited income? Yes that Jamacian,Indian American born women did steal DIVA's inherited income. Argue it. David Marley is on Kamala Harris's administration cabinet.

Argue it. Who else would trap Bob Marley's children in trafficking illegal businesses with illegal substance like Fentanyl, crystal Meth, cocaine and LSD. Argue it.

I didn't say anything else. Don't assume that All the Bob Marley's children are trapped in Kamala's horrible schematic event plannings.

Argue it.

As of today September 9,2021. Diva Lee had baby on July 2,2021..with gangs surrounded her in the homeless shelter and their most skilled hypnosis sorcerery spells were on Diva Lee and push push baby push it real good. Ssh ssh ssh ssh. Push it real good.

Talk about it. Sleeping Beauty had a baby in her sleep. whereas 5-6 weeks later she seen that baby..then realized her belly is smaller than before. Come on Diva "Braid my hair". No no bitch. Diva Lee complains that she made \$1471 in braiding hair whereas \$680 cash was with her inside a measurement cup...when the San Jose CA worst police left the homeless shelter drinking a Corona beer.. assumes that the cash that was in the people's hand at the shelter was drug money...that cash was divided for those who helped sleeping beauty push out the baby and stay asleep. fuck u bitch bitch bitch slows down quietly to fuck u bitch. That's what the women at little Orchard homeless shelter complains. Bitch in her sleep pushed a baby out. The jealousies of that type of Afghan Jamacian women Diva Lee don't feel good..she look good, smells good. And I hate it. Shelter women Maria accused Diva Lee of touching her teddy bear and she swings her hands on DIVA's backside..hitting diva in the back..while other shelter women took away DIVA's beauty supplies..argue it. Now Diva Lee had to avoid the shelter guest who wants to run her over with her car and she already has hit her in the past with the car. Argue it. Diva Lee avoids the shelter out is thrown into the streets. Argue it. Now Diva Lee is at the fairgrounds in San Jose CA..and diva Lee says the shelter is haunted. .haunted..for example..On September 7 at approx 11:20pm at bed#54. Diva Lee dreams about farting louder than her friend deceased Tony York..Tony York is a real life ghost..friendly,funny and real life whereas anyone who knows Paranormal observations could observe #54 bed..and guess what? Edward Debartolo Sr is a friendly aggressive ghost. Bed

#54 is ghost town.(Fairgrounds in San Jose CA) Edward Debartolo's grandson Tony York's plus Edward Debartolo Sr's ghost sightings. Argue it. Marie Denise Debartolo's son Tony York wasn't suicidal. Argue it. Debartolo family owns the SF 49ers football team in Santa Clara CA. At 11:26pm a women in wheel chair crashed her wheelchair into bed #54..in her hands she held up a plastic bag with toilet paper and something like generic Lysol spray. That bag she stole from the opposite side of bed #54 while Diva Lee was being haunted in her dreams about making loud farts with Tony York..and Edward Debartolo Sr's his power in death..his ghosts possibly jumped inside the women in the wheelchair. Diva Lee turns her head..waking up from her dreamlike sensation of ur fart is better than mine .Diva Lee screams lady are u stealing my toilet paper and spray? Oh God..Diva trembling in fear. No my blood sugar is low. What the heck. Scream staff help this wheelchair lady made a mistake..this ain't her bed#54. Why why..why The reincarnated energies from Edward Debartolo Sr was transferred into the women in the wheelchair? My fart is better than yours. I ain't got diarrhea squirted anywhere. Don't steal from bed #54..Diva Lee reflects that she almost got robbed by a wheelchair lady. Edward Debartolo Sr's ghost has been busy...with noticing he could put his ghost into anyone whenever he wants attention. Argue it. When u dream of fart u wake up and go to toilet paper. Why would a wheelchair women steal a plastic bag with toilet paper and spray from one side of the bed whereas she crashed her wheelchair into the other side of the bed #54. Diva Lee is wide awake and aware as a professional paranormal hypochondriac thinker. It's like this and that's the way it is. Ssh ssh ssh. Diva let Edward Debartolo Sr rest in peace. Let Tony York rest in peace. I am not hallucinating..i am not schizophrenic..i am doing the best I could..to describe life after death whereas there are too many ghosts here at Fairgrounds in San Jose CA. It's not fair how Marshawn Lynch's mother has abilities to do good things whereas when she goes towards Diva Lee aka Dilma there is too much assumptions and jealousies from the kind things Marshawn Lynch's mother sets out to do for Diva Lee aka Dilma. Diva Lee made this assumptions whereas she had received a plate of food from Marshawn Lynch's mother when Diva Lee worked in consession stands at the Oakland CA Raiders football game several years ago. Diva did not know who Marshawn Lynch was..and she had no knowledge of Oakland CA Raiders football players. When diva was invited to go into the private booth for a bottle water..diva had foul fart. Diva quickly left and Marshawn Lynch's mother was very very kind and had gave her a nice warm tight hug. That's what I loved about meeting Marshawn Lynch's mother whereas in the past Diva had forgotten about where she had been in a nail salon whereas Marshawn Lynch's mother had paid for several young women to have their nails done whereas Diva Lee was treated pampered by Marshawn Lynch's mother. Thanks for letting remember the experience of the type of humanitarian efforts that Marshawn Lynch's mother gives towards Oakland, CA. Marshawn Lynch's mother has humanitarian efforts in any city she visits. Argue it. Best regards Dilma Coleman aka Diva Lee.

From:	Cafe Venetia
То:	Tanaka, Greg; Filseth, Eric (Internal); Kou, Lydia; Stone, Greer; Council, City; Burt, Patrick; Cormack, Alison; DuBois, Tom
Cc:	Aidan Pasamonte from Palo Alto City Councilmember Tanaka"s Office; Shikada, Ed; Charlie Weidanz
Subject:	Walkable Streets - A Letter from Downtown Palo Alto Businesses
Date:	Thursday, September 9, 2021 1:40:36 PM
Attachments:	Letter from Businesses to City Council 090921.pdf

To the Mayor and Honorable Members of the Palo Alto City Council:

As members of Palo Alto's business community, we are writing to express our support for a sustainable, clear plan for walkable streets in both of our downtowns. We are motivated both by urgent economic need and a desire to create a more welcoming, human-centered urban environment for our community.

#### The need for walkable streets:

The most obvious need for a sustainable pedestrian and bike-friendly plan for our downtown is an economic one. With the deep losses from the pandemic, most businesses will need all of 2021 to recover losses from 2020 and 2021. These losses have also meant a significant drop in City tax revenue. A recent report for the City created by Avenu Insights noted that in downtown Palo Alto in particular there were more severe losses from 2019 to 2020 (27% in sales tax loss) than in neighboring towns. In order to recover these losses, and create a more sustainable, attractive downtown environment, we should make full use of our public spaces. This shift will help us draw in the young demographics we need to build back our businesses, make our city's finances more sustainable, and keep us competitive amongst neighboring towns who have already pushed ahead on pedestrianization plans.

In the case of restaurants, because of the concerns surrounding the Delta variant (and ongoing uncertainty related to emerging variants), customers are still overwhelmingly choosing to dine outdoors. For Palo Alto restaurants, we need to maintain our parklets and outdoor dining spaces as much as possible in order to continue to maintain viability. We also need final guidance from the City on parklets so that we can create realistic plans for the rest of 2021 and 2022.

With the plans for technology workers to return to offices pushed back until 2022 (and with that, a hybrid model in which workers will likely spend 40% less time in the physical offices than prior to the pandemic), we need to act urgently to create other streams of income in order for our businesses to survive. Developing a longer-term vision for walkable streets in our downtown, combined with cultural and artistic events for families and young people from the surrounding areas, is exactly what we need to encourage people to come spend time, shop, and dine. (There is no doubt that Stanford Shopping Center's relatively smaller losses during the last 18 months can be attributed in part to its relaxed, pedestrian and family-friendly landscape.)

#### Benefits of this plan:

As should be clear after over a year of the successful UpLift Streets program, car-free streets encourage greater foot traffic and draws in visitors from surrounding communities, which has a direct economic impact on Palo Alto's businesses and City tax revenue. From a community perspective, our residents have also already demonstrated that they want walkable streets: surveys over the last year showed about 94% support amongst citizens, and to date there are almost 5,000 signatures for the online Car-free

Streets petition.

Residents also recognize the clear environmental and health benefits to this form of urban landscape: recent studies have linked greater pollution from vehicles to depression and asthma, and creating pedestrian and cycling corridors saves lives thanks to a decrease in car accidents. Developing the urban infrastructure to encourage walking and cycling in town has clear health benefits, by encouraging a more active lifestyle. And as anyone who has spent time in a European city knows, it also encourages the kinds of spontaneous encounters that develop stronger bonds and sense of belonging within a community. These social and community benefits would create an overall boost to the quality of life here. There is also no doubt that a city plan which encourages walking and cycling is more environmentally sustainable, and will reduce our overall CO2 emissions.

### How we can make this happen:

We have the unique opportunity to act now in order to create longer-term economic and quality of life benefits for our city. Here are some ways we envisage that the City can make this happen in the context of a walkable streets plan:

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Balanced use of spaces

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Increase the diversity in our downtown by having a better mix of dining/shopping, residences, offices, and public institutions

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Infrastructure: safety and comfort

Improve bicycle infrastructure (re-striping of streets) and pedestrian safety details

Provide public transport within Downtown area and potentially make University Avenue narrower to make the space more quaint, and so public and businesses can benefit from wider sidewalks

Creative and interactive events

Develop innovative cultural and artistic events to draw in residents and visitors, and encourage social mixing

• Consider adding public art to create visual interest

Focus on green spaces and parks

For mental and physical health, and for environmental appreciation and education

This is a choice which is in line with the progressive, forward-thinking values that Palo Alto has at its core. Let's evolve away from a car-oriented and towards a human-oriented urban model which can benefit both our businesses and the quality of life for our community. We have the chance here to learn a lesson about some of the most challenging aspects about the pandemic — the social isolation and economic losses — and create long-term change with clear economic, environmental, and health benefits. Let's make our Palo Alto downtowns walkable -- permanently!

#### Sincerely,

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Cafe Venetia 419 University Ave 95 University Ave Palo Alto, California 94301 Preserving tradition...



September 7th, 2021

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This is a choice which is in line with the progressive, forward-thinking values that Palo Alto has at its core. Let's evolve away from a car-oriented and towards a human-oriented urban model which can benefit both our businesses and the quality of life for our community. We have the chance here to learn a lesson about some of the most challenging aspects about the pandemic — the social isolation and economic losses — and create long-term change with clear economic, environmental, and health benefits. Let's make our Palo Alto downtowns walkable -- permanently!

Sincerely,

VENETA

From:	Carol Scott
То:	<u>Council, City;</u> Shikada, Ed
Subject:	Closure of California Ave and University Ave.
Date:	Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:50:19 AM

Dear Council Members and City Manager,

I do not support the continued, much less, permanent closure of California Ave and University Ave. I would support more permanent parklets if they are designed in such as way as to not interfere with non-restaurant, retail operations located in these areas.

The City has done nothing to support the few remaining non-restaurant retailers along California Ave. Even a large retailer like Mollie Stone's -- a major tenant and neighborhood assets -- has reported serious damage to its business from the street closure. This is not a matter of simple signage -- although better signage indicating how to get around the maze of street closures and construction in the area and where to find parking and which stores are where would be helpful.

The fact is that California Ave is closed 24 hrs a day, even though many restaurants on that street are not open for lunch. The irony is that the street is closed to open circulation during the time that non-restaurant retailers are open and need that traffic and many restaurants that are supposed to benefit from the closure are not.

It is also ironic that the City seeks to draw traffic -- and a lot of car traffic -- so that some people can enjoy a 'car free' dining experience. Commercial street traffic belongs on commercial streets. College Ave is increasingly dangerous as cars routinely fail to stop at the stop sign on College and Ash, for example. I have not noticed any increased traffic enforcement on the surrounding streets.

In short, Cal Ave is now an area to avoid unless you want to dine at one of the increasingly expensive restaurants there -- to the detriment of a diverse retail environment.

This is not fair -- especially when only some favored businesses are allowed to benefit from City owned property at no cost. I have heard the phrase "privatization of public resources" used in other contexts. It also applies here.

Spend some time thinking about how to promote a balanced retail environment that is attractive and convenient for shoppers and diners. Look at downtown Los Altos and other communities for what they are doing to keep their commercial areas diverse and vibrant.

Thank you.

Carol Scott Evergreen Park

Carol Scott

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To:	Honky
Subject:	CORONA VIRUS AND COVID-19 INFO AWESOME to get some TRUTH from government
Date:	Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:31:08 AM

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Because Fauci and Gates want to LEAD THE WORLD to VACCINATIONS https://rumble.com/vm6z9m-its-offical-united-states-senate-announcedtoday-covid-is-a-lie.html



### It's Offical: United States Senate Announced Today "Covid Is A Lie"!

It's official. The United States Senate announced today: "Corona is a lie! The media is hiding the truth Big Pha...

From:	Matthew Forrester
To:	Council, City
Subject:	Let"s keep our car(e)free space!
Date:	Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:06:52 AM

I urge you to make University Avenue and California avenue open for pedestrians and bicycles, and closed to automobiles, PERMANENTLY.

I have lived on grant avenue for over 10 years and raised my family here. Cal ave is an oasis of much needed safe car-free space which the city should be actively supporting and taking concrete steps to improve. The merchants cannot do it alone. You need to help them.

Sincerely, Matthew Forrester

From:	Allan Seid
To:	Channing House Bulletin Board; CHOpinion@googlegroups.com
Subject:	Fwd: FW: Scanned Doc
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# Ethnic studies bill sent to Gov. Newsom

#### **By Dustin Gardiner**

SACRAMENTO — High school students in California could all be required to learn about the contributions and oppression of people of color in America, if Gov. Gavin Newsom signs a bill sent to him Wednesday by state legislators.

The Assembly gave final approval to AB101 by Assembly Member Jose Medina, D-Riverside, which would add a onesemester ethnic studies course to the state's high school graduation requirements, starting with the 2029-30 academic year.

"We see the culmination today of a long struggle, a struggle of 50 years," Medina said as dozens of lawmakers stood behind him on the Assembly floor. "When students at San Francisco State and UC Berkeley stood up, united together, across racial groups, across ethnic groups, to say, 'We need to be represented in the curriculum.' "

The effort to require ethnic studies in public schools has been a lengthy, controversial fight at the Capitol. Last year, Newsom vetoed a similar bill Medina carried after critics said a draft curriculum for the course was biased.

But Newsom's chances of signing the legislation are likely buoyed after the state Board of Education approved a model ethnic studies curriculum for public school students this past spring.

The curriculum they approved is designed to teach students about the history, culture and struggles of racial and ethnic groups, including discussions of "institutionalized systems of advantage" and the "causes of racism and other forms of bigotry." It focuses on four historically marginalized groups: African Americans, Asian Americans, Latinos and Native Americans. The guidelines also include supplemental lessons on Jews, Armenians and Sikhs.

California set out to write an ethnic studies curriculum in 2018. From the outset, the process was often embroiled in tension, and Medina's legislation was sidelined two years in a row while the state sought to resolve disputes over the course.

Earlier, draft versions of the ethnic studies guidelines prompted a torrent of complaints. Many of the comments focused on concerns that the curriculum evoked anti-Semitic stereotypes or dwelled on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The final version of the curriculum removed those references, though it evoked complaints from some educator ists who said it erase ans and waters dow about Arab America
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The state has earned many times over its various California "crazy" monikers such as the Left Coast, Californification, Mexifornia and a host of others that bring light to the enormous failures of this once golden state whose California dreamin' utopia is now just a blur in the rear view mirror of California's history. Today, it's a neo-feudal dystopia but still has the world's fifth largest economy. How bizarre!

In most every statistic, from homelessness, housing, income disparity, identity politics, illegal immigration, environmental mismanagement, climate activism, public education, free speech suppression, anti-business and middle class, pro crime and homelessness, underfunded pensions, big labor and government, excessive taxation, irrational governance, etc.—California has fallen from grace to disgrace in the 21st century.

So many of California's Democratic supermajority priorities, approved legislation, and socialist policies are beyond "unsapient"—more than just shear "madness"—they're firmly encamped in the "idiocracy" zone with a one-way ticket to a progressivism nightmare. Nevertheless, together, and united, we can stop this Hollywood horror script from becoming a woke reality show if we take decisive action now.

As a (once proud) Californian native who will never give up on California, I cover the major issues facing California using viewpoint diversity, sapient think tanks, renowned authors, and detailed reports—all free of fake news and false narratives.

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Below is my bio so you can better understand and appreciate my viewpoint diverse, intellectually humble, and centric point-of-view.

#### Author and CEO Biography

Corey Lee Wilson was raised an atheist by his liberal *Playboy* Bunny mother, has three

Anglo-Latino siblings, a bi-racial daughter, a brother who died of AIDS, baptized a Protestant by his conservative grandparents, attended temple with his Jewish foster parents, baptized again as a Catholic for his first Filipina wife, attends Buddhist ceremonies with his second Thai wife, became an agnostic on his own free will for most of his life, and is a lifetime independent voter.

Corey felt the sting of intellectual humility by repeating the 4th grade and attended 17 different schools throughout California (and one in the Bahamas) before putting himself through college at Mt. San Antonio College and Cal Poly Pomona University (without parents and while on triple secret probation). Named Who's Who of American College Students in 1984, he received a BS in Economics (summa cum laude) and won his fraternity's most prestigious undergraduate honor, the Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity's Shideler Award, both in 1985.

As a satirist and fraternity man, Corey started Fratire Publishing in 2012 and transformed the fiction "fratire" genre to a respectable and viewpoint diverse non-fiction genre promoting practical knowledge and wisdom to help everyday people navigate safely through the many hazards of life. In 2018, he founded the SAPIENT Being to help promote freedom of speech, viewpoint diversity, intellectual humility and most importantly advance sapience in America's students and campuses.

The SAPIENT Being www.sapientbeing.org has three programs: Make Free Speech Again On Campus (MFSAOC), World of Writing Warriors (WOWW) and the Sapient Conservative Textbooks (SCT) all working together to promote its mission and vision of sapience. The WOWW program plans to self-publish 50 MADNESS sapient conservative textbooks in partnership with Fratire Publishing over the span of the 2020 decade in alliance with the MFSAOC program to start 50 chapters on America's high school and college campuses by 2030.

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From:	Modular Technology
To:	Council, City
Subject:	A little help from your friends at Modular Technology
Date:	Thursday, September 9, 2021 5:02:01 AM

Dear Modular Technology Friends and Clients,

If you think about it Modular Technology (<u>www.taskmodular.com</u>) has always worked with clients during times of change. The lifecycle for office furniture starts when a client leases a space. As you may know, Modular Technology offers previously owned commercial furniture from top brands<sup>\*</sup> complete with design and installation services. Modular Technology is also there at the end of the lease with project services to remove furniture and turnover the space.

Between these milestone events, change continues, especially now, with a workforce adapting to COVID-19 and the emergence of Remote and Hybrid employees. We would like to hear from you about what changes you may be considering to your office to make it more functional and safer. Modular Technology's furniture configuration and office design services are for projects of any size. We provide options to help you make the most of your existing space and would like to offer a **free onsite consultation** with our **Designer / Furniture Specialist**. Simply, <u>request an appointment</u>.

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Subject:	Criminal (In)justice: #135 The Unlikely Philly DA
Date:	Thursday, September 9, 2021 12:53:37 AM

#### FYI: Jeff & Sajit:

Think both of you can learn something to bring to Santa Clara from this excellent 45 min interview of Philadelphia DA Larry Krasner. Aram

P.S. it is ok for both of you to express yourself out-loud with out waiting til formal debates begin. In other words speak up!

### #135 The Unlikely Philly DA

Criminal (In)justice

\*In the US, the local prosecutor – usu the district attorney has a huge influence on the criminal system. The DA influences who gets prosecuted, for what, how long they serve if convicted – even who gets the death penalty. So what happens when the usual tough on crime DA gets replaced – by someone determined to bring transformational change to prosecution?\* \*We'll talk with\* \*Larry Krasner\* (

https://www.phila.gov/districtattorney/aboutus/Pages/DistrictAttorney.aspx ) \*, the unlikely Philly DA; his election and attempt to bring that change to an entrenched system is told in\* \*"Philly DA,"\* ( https://www.pbs.org/independentlens/films/philly-da/ ) \*a multi-part documentary airing on PBS beginning April 20. Krasner's memoir,\* \*"For the People,"\* ( https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/612136/for-the-people-by-larry-krasner/ ) \*about his life and career up to the day of his swearing in, will be published the same day.\* Advertising Inquiries: https://redcircle.com/brands

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From:	<u>Jonathan</u>
To:	Council, City
Subject:	Restore automobile access to University Ave businesses
Date:	Wednesday, September 8, 2021 7:44:15 PM

I urge you to reopen University Avenue and Ramona Street, and provide convenient access to automobiles and to people unable to walk long distances.

The current arrangement might please locals people who, like me, live within walking distance of downtown and are very familiar with retail options available there. But the fact is that local customers don't spend enough to keep downtown Palo Alto the vibrant area that we all cherish. To attract out-of-area shoppers and diners - and those unwilling to walk several blocks for window shopping and casual dining - automobile access is essential.

Please remove the barriers as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jonathan Seder Fulton Street Palo Alto

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I urge you to make University Avenue and Ramona Street open for pedestrians and bicycles, and closed to automobiles, PERMANENTLY. It's a matter of quality of life! Sincerely, A resident of Palo Alto

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ELIZABETH B FRAZE
Council, City
Let"s keep our car(e)free space!
Wednesday, September 8, 2021 5:36:20 PM

I urge you to make University Avenue and Ramona Street open for pedestrians and bicycles, and closed to automobiles, PERMANENTLY. It's a matter of quality of life! Sincerely, A resident of Palo Alto

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From:	Keith Ferrell
To:	<u>Transportation</u>
Cc:	City Mgr; Baird, Nathan; Hur, Mark; Council, City
Subject:	Re: Southgate RPP question
Date:	Wednesday, September 8, 2021 4:30:53 PM

Please explain the portion of the note where it says, "While we understand residents believe they are losing value on the permits through a lack of enforcement, there are associated costs to maintaining a program of this kind. The City of Palo Alto RPP parking program is voluntary, and you are allowed to purchase at any time of the year or when there is full enforcement."

The purchase price of the permits should easily cover the cost of the program given that the program is not active. The program is not voluntary. If I need to park on the street, I need to buy a permit or I will get ticketed. How is that voluntary? We were told that we would need to buy a permit as enforcement was going to start back in April/May. We have received no notice that the enforcement has ended. Why is that?

TO THE CITY COUNCIL: Why are residents being asked to purchase a permit for a program that is essentially not active? I request that all permits that have been purchased be extended an additional six months, given that the program has not been enforced for that length of time. If the enforcement does not start on October 1, then I request that the permits be further extended. This is what was done the prior year.

Residents are not an ATM for the city to use when they need money. If the RPP is not being managed, what exactly are the costs? If the costs to print and track permits are more than the cost of the printing and inputting of the information, then something is very wrong.

I would like an explanation from someone as to how this is being allowed.

Keith

On Wed, Sep 8, 2021 at 4:19 PM Transportation <<u>Transportation@cityofpaloalto.org</u>> wrote:

Hello Mr. Ferrell,

Here is the response from the parking team:

On behalf of the City Manager, Ed Shikada, thank you for registering your concerns with the Office of Transportation.

The City's parking programs have not operated regularly due to the impacts of COVID. After a couple previous attempts, including in early May, the City will resume full enforcement on October 1, 2021. Soft enforcement with notices/warnings will increase as the date approaches.

While we understand residents believe they are losing value on the permits through a lack of enforcement, there are associated costs to maintaining a program of this kind. The City of Palo Alto RPP parking program is voluntary, and you are allowed to purchase at any time of the year or when there is full enforcement.

We apologize if our program management has not been satisfactory over the summer. Still, we appreciate your feedback and will take it into consideration as the program evolves, especially as we continue to negotiate the demands of a public health emergency.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions.

Sarah Wilson (she, her)

Administrative Assistant, Office of Transportation City of Palo Alto Transportation@CityofPaloAlto.org (650) 329-2520

From: Keith Ferrell <<u>ferrell.keith@gmail.com</u>>
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 10:36 AM
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Cc: City Mgr <<u>CityMgr@cityofpaloalto.org</u>>; Council, City
<<u>city.council@cityofpaloalto.org</u>>
Subject: Re: Southgate RPP question

Mark/Nathan,

Since we were required to renew our residential permits in Southgate back in April, I would have expected enforcement to also begin shortly thereafter. I can't remember seeing any

vehicles coming through the neighborhood checking on permits. I've seen several cars in the neighborhood without tags that have been parked for weeks, others just during the day. I have even left our car on the street several times and forgot to put a tag on it, but didn't receive a ticket.

If the city isn't going to monitor the parking situation and ticket cars that are illegally parked, then why are we paying for a permit?

If the city ever looks at the cost of the RPP's around the city, I will expect that staff points out that one of the reasons that revenues are so low is due to the fact that cars that are parked illegally are not being ticketed.

Please let me know when I can expect to see enforcement of the Southgate RPP. Otherwise, please issue an extension or a refund on our current permits.

Thanks

Keith

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Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021

To all-- Here is Dr. Campbell for today. He shows very reliable data for the UK, because of its source. He discusses the roll out of the booster shots in US.

<u>High quality epidemiology - YouTube</u>

Note: **Important:** At 17 minutes he says that **this autumn into winter should be the last big surge in the UK**, **BUT that that won't come till later in the US because of our low vaccination rate.** 80 million Americans have yet to get even one shot. LH- <u>Our</u> studied, deliberate and highly effective efforts to cheat people out of an education in the US, so that richer people can push their kids ahead, here comes back to bite us. Eighty million Americans think the vaccination campaign is a hoax or an attempt to track us or poison us. A mind is a terrible thing to waste, but we waste them wholesale if they live in the wrong zip code.

In another recent vid, which I sent out, Dr. Campbell said that <u>the US is in for a rough</u> <u>few months now</u>. You won't hear that from Dr. Fauici, the head of the CDC or the head of the FDA. Certainly not from the WH. We are in for it with a high number of new cases per week and lots of deaths. To a man and to a woman, as they fight for their lives under a ventilator, they say they wish they had gotten vaccinated.

In the face of that we need the approval of the booster shot with the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. Dr. Fauci said we are testing now to see if a third shot with the same vaccines is safe. Almost certainly, it will be, he said. They are administering the third shot now in Israel. Their scientists are not a bunch of fools. The Pfizer vaccine should get that approval here by Sept. 20, 2021 and the Moderna vaccine "a week or two after that" he said.

Another big help will be if the Pfizer vaccine is approved for use on kids age 5 through 11, kindergarten through the sixth grade. Dr. Gottlieb, former FDA Commissioner and now a member of the Pfizer Board, said that approval for that will be sought by Pfizer in Oct. or Nov. of 2021 and approval could come by the end of 2021. Needless to say, many parents will be yelling and waving signs, and yelling in school board meetings about Dr. Mengele and refusing to let their kids get vaccinated. Their next stop, for some of them, will be to yell in the ICU where their kid is fighting for his life.

Today I had an ultrasound of my feet at Kaiser and they do that by running the machine on your legs, including on the femeral artery, to see blood flow going down to the feet. Takes about an hour. The woman who did it was very sharp, quick mind. Very thorough. But I mentioned Rick Steves and his Travels in Europe programs, which he has been producing since around 1995. All over PBS forever. I am not at all sure that she had heard of him or his programs (!). Hispanic lady, perfect Ingles, y con **no Espanol**. Sus parientes no ensenarlo a ella. Como es posible? Yo dije "un Tragedia" que ella no habla Espanol.

L. William Harding Fresno, Ca.

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### THIS MAY HAPPEN TO YOUR STUDENTS . . .

1. mNRA Vaccines induce Prion-based disease damaging cells in Heart

2. <u>Face Masks: Devastating for the Environment and Your Lungs</u> 3. <u>Mass Vaccination Triggers Viral</u>

Evolution Towards More Infectious Variants

# ... a shocking study has revealed the terrifying dangers of mRNA

# COVID-19 vaccines inducing prion-based disease causing

### your brain to degenerate progressively.-----

It was funded under gain-of-function experiments through Peter Daszak, the President of EcoHealth Alliance by the US Government.

1. How COVID-19 Vaccine Induced Spike Protein Change Cells

## In Your Heart Disrupting Its Regular Function

September 8, 2021. From GreatGameIndia

According to a new study, the COVID-19 vaccine induced spike protein could

change cells in your heart disrupting its regular function.

## Researchers have found a concerning link between certain heart cells and the spike protein of

**SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.** The mRNA vaccines tell our cells to create

similar spike proteins found on the surface of SARS-COV-2 virus

This spike protein appears to change cells in the small blood vessels around the heart, disrupting their regular function.

The pre-print study (read below), was presented at the European Society

of Cardiology Congress and shows that the spike protein binds to cells called pericytes.

These cells line the small vessels of the heart as well as other places around the human body.

When the binding occurs, the pericytes begin to release chemicals that cause inflammation to the organ.

In the study, the team took small vessel cells from the heart and exposed them to the spike protein.

The protein is used by the virus to attach itself to the cells.

Once the virus's position is secured, the virus merges with the cell membrane, releasing its genetic

material. This highjacks the cellular machinery, which begins replicating the virus, which then bursts

### out and spreads to other cells.

" This mechanism has the potential to spread cellular and organ injury beyond the

infection sites and may have important clinical implications.

For instance, in patients with disrupted endothelial barrier and increased vascular permeability

due to underlying diseases, such as hypertension, diabetes, and severe obesity, S protein molecules

could easily spread to the PC compartment and cause, or exacerbate, microvascular injury," the

authors wrote in the paper.

"Blocking the CD147 receptor may help protect the vasculature of the most vulnerable patients from

infection and the collateral damage caused by the S protein."

If the spike protein alone is capable of affecting cells' behavior, it's concerning. It suggests

that even cells that are not being infected can be harmed by the vaccine induced spike proteins.

The team found that by blocking the CD147 receptor on those cells, they reduce the effect of

the spike protein on the pericytes, although there was still inflammation.

Pericytes are found all over the body, including the brain and central nervous system. If the

mechanism can be stopped in patients it might reduce the complication and further investigations

might produce better ways to stop the spike protein.

As reported by GreatGameIndia earlier, **a shocking study has revealed the terrifying dangers of** 

mRNA COVID-19 vaccines inducing prion-based disease causing your brain to degenerate progressively.

The mRNA vaccine induced prions may cause neurodegenerative diseases because long-term

memories are maintained by prion-like proteins. The study concluded that

mRNA based vaccine

may also cause ALS, front temporal lobar degeneration, Alzheimer's disease and other neurological

degenerative diseases in the vaccine recipients.

The spike protein outer shell of the coronavirus contains "prion-like regions" that give the virus

very high adhesion to ACE2 receptors in the human body.

This special relationship between the S protein and ACE2 receptor is the key to cross-species

infection which made it possible for the coronovirus to make a jump from animals to humans.

However, this cross-species jump was not natural and was achieved by the team lead by the

Batwoman of China, Shi Zhengli. You can read more about it in detail in COVID19 Files –

Scientific Investigation On Mysterious Origin Of Coronavirus.

This is what Batwoman of China had to say when GreatGameIndia exposed the research done

in Wuhan Institute of Virology.

## It was funded under gain-of-function experiments through Peter Daszak, the President of

### EcoHealth Alliance by the US Government.

Recently, more than 900 pages of newly released top secret documents on the pandemic exposed

for the first time through official materials how the US funded deadly coronavirus research at the

Wuhan lab through EcoHealth Alliance.

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## 2. Face Masks: Devastating for the Environment and Your Lungs

Many don't realize it, but disposable masks aren't made out of user-friendly, 'green' materials. Instead, their plastic fibers release micro particles, making them a bigger threat to the environment than plastic bags. And when you wear a disposable mask, you can inhale the microfibers. GreatGameIndia



by GreatGameIndia

Conducting mass vaccination campaigns on a background of high infection rates generates optimal conditions for breeding even more infectious Sars-CoV-2 variants.

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Forwarded by Arlene Goetze, MA, writer/editor, No Toxins for Children photowrite67@yaho.com

From:	Dilma Coleman
To:	<pre>cityofdp@cityofdp.com; clerkoftheboard@countyofnapa.org</pre>
Cc:	Council, City; nathannysdchambers@nysd.uscourts.gov
Subject:	Fwd: Afghan Jamacian women Diva Lee aka Dilma Coleman daughter is trapped in America with San Jose CA Mayor Sam Liccardo"s enemas
Date:	Wednesday, September 8, 2021 3:43:25 PM

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From: **Dilma Coleman** <<u>dhappinessforever@gmail.com</u>> Date: Wed, Sep 8, 2021, 3:26 PM Subject: Afghan Jamacian women Diva Lee aka Dilma Coleman daughter is trapped in America with San Jose CA Mayor Sam Liccardo's enemas.. To: <<u>districtattorney@sfgov.org</u>>, <<u>larmstrong@oaklandca.gov</u>> Cc: <<u>afg\_evac@padilla.senate.gov</u>>, <<u>attorneygeneral@agc.gov.jm</u>>

What's up Diva Lee aka Dilma Coleman aka Diva Jobs continues to explain the past while having Paranormal observations of the deceased victims of Oakland,CA Ghostship fire victims at 344 Old Tully Rd San Jose CA. A place those individuals started before being housing or swatted inside Oakland CA building Ghostship. Understand that Almena is innocent and ur gonna give this case to Diva Lee..to Judge. Give Diva Lee a internship as a Alameda county Judge. Vegatables.

Diva a Psychic medium paranormal thinker begins to explain..those individuals who spread lies and started that Ghostship fires are centralized arsonists from San Jose to Oakland,CA and yes they are the worst Fire department officials sickos who like Gematria santanic ritualistic points on arson . Argue it.

Explain the process of elimination in Gematria santanic ritualistic masochistly planners. Those event planners for Gematria. Is Kamala Harris a professional event planner in Gematria whereas her Jewish Husband Exploited her as a braider? No. Didn't Kamala Harris plan events across the U.S which began to grow the Soul Brothers headquarters from E.Palo Alto,CA? If Kamala Harris is from Oakland, CA why did the East Bay Dragons stay humble...whereas the Soul Brothers headquarters and motorcycle members became millionaires. Argue it. AFGHANISTAN Jamacian women Diva Lee born in Afghanistan says that Oakland CA (East Bay) had been her home. Diva Lee was a good Oakland CA Youth Police Commissioner. Argue it. Diva Lee aka Dilma volunteered at Oakland libraries and had a short term job at Oakland post office. Diva Lee aka Dilma worked at Ochoa chocolate factory whereas some of that equipment was paid in full by Diva Lee. Argue it. Diva Lee aka Dilma had a marriage with Wissam Al Mana whereas Diva Lee had owned real estate in Oakland, CA hills. Argue it. Diva Lee aka Dilma Coleman was and is victimized emotionally physically mentally financially oppressed by the Mujahideen's sorcerery leaderships whereas Kris Jenner Caitlyn Jenner are serial sorcerers using hypnosis drugs and whatever else businesses in Newark CA in the past such as canneries, Mother's Cookies, and or Autobody collision repairs and auto part stores..car insurance buildings of these businesses to hold meetings of santanic ritualistic practices on Gematria designed in A.A meetings and under the table employment outsource to At Ease Family Solutions(headquarters in Los Gatos, CA) babysitting, security jobs, catering, adult assistance where there is prostitution ring of males, females and Exploited children.

Partnered with an Dover, Delaware Psychiatric family therapy business offering therapy to end drug addictions etc on the West coast. Argue it.

East Bay Dragons motorcycle club they ain't with enemas filled with drugs on motorcycles..argue it. They are humbled and not wannabe Soul Brothers motorcyclist. Argue it.

Diva Jobs aka Diva Lee victim of hit n run.. in San Jose, CA was abandoned her body laid in front of the fairgrounds in San Jose CA..that is where Sam And Zaytuna college Professor Iman Tahir an enemas filled with drugs..into DIVA's buttocks. Diva was rescucitated by that. It's possible that Diva was victimized sexually physically assualted by those whom work at Grace Church in San Jose CA prior to being. abandoned into the streets in front of the Fairgrounds in San Jose CA. DIVA was VICTIMIZED hit by a driver..who practices masochistly ritualistic Gematria santanic Cannibalism..blah blah..yet Diva Lee aka Dilma Coleman survived the attacks..and Diva was forced to hold that enemas filled liquid inside her buttocks on a long ride to Vallejo CA from San Jose, CA. Diva arrived as a guest at the Vallejo CA Masjid where Saudi Arabian Prince charming Mohammed bin Salman was soon to arrive to marry a graduate of San Jose City college Cosmetology student Sami..a Caucasian German /Thailand heritage women...a professional nail artist. At the last minute after Diva Lee aka Dilma Coleman urinated, poop, farted thru the Majsid..lucky for Diva Lee her good friend Tony York was a wedding guest who kindly cleaned up Diva. Pretty an Indian women with urinating problems had good behaviors and offered up a diaper to Diva Lee..after the poop left her.

Where was the restrooms? DIVA's children screamed in horror..we don't want to be Saud. Now we gonna die. It's not fair..mom. Why wasn't that marriage certificate in the database and where are the other marriage certificates in Solano County that Diva claims to be registered in that county clerk's office database or at the storage center in Vallejo CA? Blame that marriage certificate gliche on Gavin Newsom and Hunter Biden whatever else Donald Trump's administration cabinet specialized in harvested drugs from sewer pipes and hacked databases. Argue it.

If Tony York trained as a rescue firefighter team this n that good guy..who has CPR training license. Ain't no way Tony was suicidal especially when his mother Marie Denise is a natural healer who had recovered the sight of a blind AFGHAN Jamacian women Diva Lee. DIVA LEE was a little girl at a rollerskating rink whereas she was blind. Argue it.

On the day that Vallejo CA Masjid was <u>rented.to</u> Saudi Arabian Prince charming Mohammed bin Salman...Diva Lee arrived with temperature, diarrhea squirted on the carpets,walls, vomits, body aches, legs paralyzed from being the victimized of a San Jose CA hit n run in front of The Fairgrounds in San Jose CA. No.no. Diva was thrown out of a moving car. That type of struggling to get out the car..generated more points as Diva is an EA Sports video game programmer live player actress blah blah blah. That Masjid had to clean their carpets quickly let dry and continue to proceed for the wedding of Alopecia Prince charming Mohammed bin Salman of Saudi Arabia. Argue it. Was there left over diarrhea squirted on the back walls of the Vallejo Masjid whereas the cleaners were not Professional crime scene experts.. wasn't the handicapped guests accused of having an accidental close call on the interior walls of the Masjid? Investigate it? Out of all the Netflix documentary"Dirty John" what is the best rejected documentation that doesn't get aired? Best regards Dilma Coleman aka Diva Jobs aka Diva Lee.

<u>rob van es</u>
Council, City
Let"s keep our car(e)free space!
Wednesday, September 8, 2021 1:40:30 PM

I urge you to make University Avenue and Ramona Street open for pedestrians and bicycles, and closed to automobiles, PERMANENTLY. It's a matter of quality of life! Sincerely, A resident of Palo Alto

Rob van Es

From:	Deborah Goldeen
To:	Transportation; DuBois, Tom
Cc:	Council, City; Supervisor Simitian
Subject:	Page Mill and Hanover
Date:	Wednesday, September 8, 2021 1:10:51 PM

I've been transporting myself primarily by bicycle in Palo Alto for forty years because I feel the threat to life on our planet from climate change is more serious than the threat to my life from cycling, but cycling on suburban streets is no picnic. Everytime I get on my bike to drive off, some well meaning friend or neighbor will say, "be careful!," often in conjunction with, "I'd never ride a bike in traffic. It's so dangerous!" Cycling is not as dangerous as it is perceived to be, but it's not exactly safe either.

For my entire adult life I've been waiting for the intersection of Hanover and Page Mill to get the very modest and easy to do improvements that would make it a lot safer, saner and less stressful to negotiate. The answer to why it hasn't been addressed was alway "it's a county controlled intersection and county roads is intractable."

The county has finally taken action on this intersection (<u>https://district5.sccgov.org/press-releases/supervisors-pave-way-safety-improvements-page-mill-road?</u> fbclid=IwAR0U9GwfpbJjBA0xmdoOY6smpYm5GdMpnfpO\_4dUGacGHntmGO6\_7YMvb0 Q), to the tune of a million dollar and guess what? NO BICYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE!!!

Instead we have this from our mayor: "This is great news for folks who live and work in Palo Alto," said Tom DuBois, Mayor of Palo Alto. "The project will help relieve congestion through one of our heavily traveled roadways. Page Mill can use all the relief it can get." As in people who drive to work in Palo Alto can get there easier. Wow!

This is one of the most heavily bicyle trafficked intersections in the city. What insanity has possessed you all I cannot fathom.

Deborah Goldeen 2130 Birch St. Palo Alto, 94306 (650)799-3652

PS - Mayor DuBois - If you are serious about addressing traffic flow on Page Mill/Oregon, how about working with the county to adjust signal timing at Porter, Peter Coutts, Hansen, Ramos, Cowper, Ross, Greer and West Bayshore first. In case you didn't notice, they all turn red when a car makes a right turn onto the arterial. It's an easy fix and would do a lot of good.

From:	Keith Ferrell
To:	Hur, Mark; Baird, Nathan
Cc:	City Mgr; Council, City
Subject:	Re: Southgate RPP question
Date:	Wednesday, September 8, 2021 10:36:44 AM
Attachments:	image003.png image011.png image012.png image013.png image014.png

Mark/Nathan,

Since we were required to renew our residential permits in Southgate back in April, I would have expected enforcement to also begin shortly thereafter. I can't remember seeing any vehicles coming through the neighborhood checking on permits. I've seen several cars in the neighborhood without tags that have been parked for weeks, others just during the day. I have even left our car on the street several times and forgot to put a tag on it, but didn't receive a ticket.

If the city isn't going to monitor the parking situation and ticket cars that are illegally parked, then why are we paying for a permit?

If the city ever looks at the cost of the RPP's around the city, I will expect that staff points out that one of the reasons that revenues are so low is due to the fact that cars that are parked illegally are not being ticketed.

Please let me know when I can expect to see enforcement of the Southgate RPP. Otherwise, please issue an extension or a refund on our current permits.

Thanks Keith

On Mon, Mar 29, 2021 at 10:45 AM Hur, Mark <<u>Mark.Hur@cityofpaloalto.org</u>> wrote:

Hello Keith,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Transportation.

Yes, the decal RPP permit option is no longer available for this district. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

### Mark Hur

**Operations Lead** 

Office of Transportation



www.cityofpaloalto.org/parking



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From: Transportation
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 9:01 AM
To: Keith Ferrell <<u>ferrell.keith@gmail.com</u>>
Cc: Transportation <Transportation@CityofPaloAlto.org>
Subject: RE: Southgate RPP question

Hello Mr. Ferrell,

Thank you for your email. I am forwarding it along to staff here within the Office of Transportation.

Your message is essential to us, and staff will respond as soon as possible. Due to heavy volume, responses may take longer than a day. In the meantime, please visit our parking website, <u>https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/trn/parking/default.asp</u>, which may contain the information you are seeking.

Sarah Wilson, Administrative Assistant

City of Palo Alto, Office of Transportation

Transportation@CityofPaloAlto.org

(650) 329-2520

From: Keith Ferrell <<u>ferrell.keith@gmail.com</u>> Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2021 2:42 PM To: Transportation <<u>Transportation@CityofPaloAlto.org</u>> Subject: Southgate RPP question

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Hi,

I received the flyer in the mail on renewing our RPP permit. It looks as if all permits will be hangtags, is that correct? There will no longer be a sticker permit for cars?

Thanks

Keith

From:	Aram James
To:	<u>Sajid Khan; Jeff Moore; Jeff Rosen; Human Relations Commission; Raj; Jay Boyarsky; Council, City; Perron,</u>
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Subject:	For Some Cops, a Helping Hand Gets You Fired   The Marshall Project
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FYI:

https://www.themarshallproject.org/2018/09/17/when-trying-to-help-gets-you-fired

Sent from my iPhone



From:	Yahoo Mail.®
To:	<u>Honky</u>
Subject:	Governor Warns of Rising Vax Death Rate!!
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500,000 Americans have died following Covid Kill Shots <a href="https://www.bitchute.com/video/NbkyEONMtFkP/">https://www.bitchute.com/video/NbkyEONMtFkP/</a>

VACCINATED ARE "DROPPING LIKE FLIES!!" - At last, a Governor Warns of Rising Vax Death Rate!! 1:10 <u>https://www.bitchute.com/video/jS3mH5fCuMtj/</u>

Scary chilling announcement about mandates ALERT: They Just Announced It Will NEVER BE OVER! <u>WeAreChange.org</u> Mon Sep 6 2021 15:44 <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oyCtg\_xZ\_5A</u>

How Get Prescription For Ivermectin And Buy Ivermectin For Less 8:15 <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x98sD5UJKxw</u>

Dr. Ryan Cole is genuine, caring and sincere: <u>https://rumble.com/vlxs4f-interview-with-dr.-ryan-cole-about-ivermectin-and-covid-19.html</u>

Free Speech has been DEAD on FaceBook since 2015. i'm tired of going to FB Jail so please goto

http://planttrees.org for Blog of Things that matter affecting your Health and Life.

Meanwhile: oh look here are some pretty lights:

2021 Not Burning Man Plan B Saturday night drone show 11:20 <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lyKaddKQL6l">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lyKaddKQL6l</a>

[MCM] Dr. Fauci's opening statement in Congress, promoting gain-of-

function bioweapons, 2012

https://niapurenaturecom.wordpress.com/2021/06/08/2012-video-of-faucipromoting-gain-of-function-bioweapons/

[MCM] Double-jabbed NHS staff, and their families, stricken with weird "stomach flu" in summertime. Could it be due to graphene + 5G? <u>https://www.orwell.city/2021/09/irradiation.html</u>

We are in the middle of an ongoing sci-fi horror movie with no end in sight. Lately some co-workers have had to work from home as their entire families have become sick with the noro-virus .

I also have heard of other NHS staff /family members experiencing terrible nausea along with vomiting. This is HIGHLY unusual for a stomach flu to be appearing over summer in Jul/Aug unless these individuals are being irradiated with high levels of microwave frequencies and suffering because everyone has received double jab of Pfizer jabs. Thus the combination of being double-jabbed along with being irradiated is multiplying the effects of irradiation as 5G is rolled out.

I highly recommend reading the daily posts on <u>www.orwell.city</u> website to stay up to date on the daily breakthroughs. To know is a small step in right direction. —Susan from UK

Highlights from today's (6th Sept 2021) post:

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raphene oxide (which has been found to make up more than 90% of the cvaxxines like pfizer, Moderna, astra-zeneca) not only makes the inoculated ones more susceptible to electrofrequencies, but <u>it turns them into living</u> <u>multipliers of frequencies</u>. Therefore, they're being irradiated not only externally but internally at the same time. And, in turn,<u>they could be making</u> <u>unvaccinated people sick</u>.

Dr. Sevillano: But come on, <u>the syndrome fits very well</u>. And, above all, it started to make sense when we learned that <u>graphene emitted radiation</u>. Because then you no longer have an external agent such as a more or less

distant antenna, but you have it inside you. It's not only what the antenna emits that makes your head spin and causes you all these symptoms. This also causes it, but it's that you carry it inside you. Inside. And the moment you have it inside you, my friend, you know it. If you have it...

But of course, you have to consider that they're also introducing graphene by other routes. They're probably introducing it via <u>food</u>, <u>water</u>... That's to say, it's also being introduced through other routes. And of course, <u>if you</u> <u>carry it inside</u>, <u>you'll get diarrhea</u>, <u>nausea</u>, <u>etc</u>. So you're being irradiated, and that affects the digestive tract, too<sup>\*</sup>

....graphene (oxide) doesn't (only) enter the body through the digestive tract. Because, apparently, the body doesn't absorb it. It doesn't have the ability, for whatever reasons, to enter the body through the digestive tract, but you can still have it. You can swallow it and carry it in your body, do you understand? It doesn't matter if it doesn't get into your blood. You carry it. And if you carry it, graphene is irradiating. It's irradiating from the inside. And there's another PDF that was sent to me. I was looking for it for a long time, and I have found in it that graphene doesn't enter the body through the digestive tract. Because, apparently, the body doesn't absorb it. It doesn't have the ability, for whatever reasons, to enter the body through the digestive tract, but you can still have it. You can swallow it and carry it in your body, do you understand? It doesn't matter if it doesn't get into your blood. You carry it. And if you carry it, graphene is irradiating. It's irradiating from the inside. That's why we shouldn't only be concerned, specifically, about it getting into the bloodstream. It's enough that you carry it in your body. You drink it, you eat it, and you carry it. And there it is, stuck in the tiny cells. It doesn't get into the bloodstream, but it's there. And when they start to irradiate, you are also irradiated. The signals multiply by a thousand. That makes you sick, causes nausea, vomiting...

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From: Sierra Club Insider Council, City Subject: Infrastructure and Democracy Reform, Plastic All Around Us, and More Date: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 12:26:45 AM

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To:

#### **Letter From Lake Tahoe**

Development in the fast-growing Lake Tahoe Basin has led to sprawl in the woods and homes in what is essentially a tinderbox. Last week the residents of South Lake Tahoe, the basin's largest city, were forced to evacuate due to encroaching wildfire. The order has now been lifted, but the fire is nowhere near contained. "Day after day my family and I suffered from burning eyes and sore throats," says local journalist Amy Westervelt. "Even inside it was a struggle to breathe. Yet the tourists and the vacation homeowners kept coming here because, well, it's beautiful."

#### But is it sustainable?



Boats float in the water away from a dock in South Lake Tahoe, California, on Tuesday, August 31, 2021, as the Caldor Fire approaches Lake Tahoe. A huge firefighting force gathered Tuesday to defend the lake from the raging wildfire that forced the evacuation of California communities on the south end of the alpine resort and put others across the state line in Nevada on evacuation notice. | AP Photo/Jae C. Hong

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#### **Final Countdown for** Infrastructure and **Democracy Reforms**

In the coming weeks, Congress will vote on an infrastructure package to tackle the climate crisis, create jobs, address racial injustice, and pass crucial democracy reforms like the For the People Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Act. The Sierra Club will be hosting virtual action parties and phone banks to pressure members of Congress in West Virginia and Arizona to do the right thing.

# Join us in the final push to get these pieces of legislation over the finish line.

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## Time to End Fossil Fuel Subsidies

President Biden recently called for the elimination of tax preferences and loopholes for the fossil fuel industry in his American Jobs Plan. The End Polluter Welfare Act would do just that by eliminating dozens of tax loopholes, subsidies, and other special interest giveaways throughout the federal tax code.

#### Tell your legislators to support the End Polluter Welfare Act.



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**Get the Lead Out** 

Contaminated drinking-water from lead pipes in homes is a problem in every



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state, affecting 9.2 million homes in the US. We must upgrade and modernize America's drinking-water, wastewater, and stormwater systems while tackling new contaminants and supporting clean-water infrastructure across rural America—and all of this should be done in a way that ensures environmental justice and provides funding for low-income and Black and Brown communities already bearing the brunt of compounding pollution.

#### Tell your members of Congress that you support replacing every single lead pipe in America to ensure clean drinking-water for all.



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| Take Action |

## Invest in Electric Vehicles and Public Transit

We're in a once-in-a-generation moment that calls for transformative action and investment to address systemic racism, climate catastrophe, and economic injustice. The transportation sector—cars, trucks, buses, and trains—is the leading source of carbon pollution in the U.S. Toxic fumes and pollution from highways and city buses disproportionately poison communities of color across the country.

Tell your members of Congress to pass a bold infrastructure package that prioritizes equity, labor, and climate standards.



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#### **A Harrowing Encounter**

Even when it's out of sight, plastic is all around us, permeating everything from Arctic sea ice to the ocean floor. With plastic's ability to slip through water filtration systems, even the human womb is no longer safe, according to a 2020 study that found microplastic particles in the placentas of unborn babies. Plastic isn't just deeply ingrained in our culture, it's becoming a part of us.

## Read about one parent's encounter with microplastics.



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#### **Uncharted Territory**

Last month, rain fell on Greenland's tallest point for the first time on record. It was just the fourth time that temperatures there—an ice-capped expanse two miles above sea level, located in the very center of the Arctic island's interior—had risen above freezing. To have it rain in one of Earth's most reliably frozen regions comes as a shock to climate scientists like John Walsh, a professor at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and a scientist with the International Arctic Research Center. "This has never happened before," Walsh says.

#### "Something is going on in the atmosphere that's taking us into uncharted territory."



Summit Station | Photo by AP/Brennan Linsley

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### **Survival Kit**

What would you want to have with you if you had to survive for 72 hours without power and water? As climate change exposes people to heat waves, hurricanes, and wildfires, having a "go bag" filled with the items you'll need in the event of a hasty evacuation is becoming almost de rigueur. You can find prestocked go bags for every kind of emergency. But since you know best what you'll need in a crisis, why not make your own?



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#### Here's what you need to know.

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## Earn Zero-Waste Prizes With City Hike

This fall, take action by participating in a City Hike in your hometown, a neighboring city, or a place you've always wanted to visit. In addition to flagship events in Los Angeles and Boston, we've reimagined the experience to fit with the times: a selfled, virtual immersion that anyone can participate in, no matter where you live. And when you raise money you can earn eco-friendly swag like an upcycled T-shirt, a \$500 gift card to a Sierra Club outing, or a PRO membership to AllTrails.



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Selling a car can take time and money. But donating a vehicle that you no longer need to the Sierra Club Foundation is easy and the pick-up is free! Your car donation can have a lasting impact on our work to curb climate change, fight for clean air and water, and keep our wild places wild. Our partners at CARS will pick up your vehicle from any location, no matter its condition. CARS accepts your truck, trailer, boat, motorcycle, or other vehicle—and you may qualify for a tax deduction.



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	Leo Hochberg; Council, City
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Earthwise of Palo Alto is actually donating production of 12 free concerts at Lytton Plaza between September 13 and October 2, plus the Steve Poltz and Balkan brass shows on Cali Ave, in honor of Mayor Tom's "TAPA" campaign, plus a Mary Gauthier free show at Mitchell Park on Sunday, October 17.

There will (we hope) be an indoor event at The Mitch November 20 with Barbara Manning and the SF Seals, Corner Laughers (featuring former PAW editor Karla Kane) and Clean Girl and the Dirty Dishes.

https://markweiss86.com/2021/09/01/mary-gauthier-to-perform-free-show-in-palo-alto/

From:	Mora Oommen
То:	Council, City; Tom DuBois; Pat Burt; Tanaka, Greg; Lydia Kou; Filseth, Eric (Internal); Cormack, Alison
Subject:	Invitation- National Day of Service and Remembrance
Date:	Tuesday, September 7, 2021 10:11:18 PM
Attachments:	YCS 911 RRR Logo Banner on Blue (1).png YCS 911 RRR Flyer8.png

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Dear Palo Alto City Council,

Youth Community Service (YCS) and our partners present the 2021 Mid-Peninsula National Day of Service and Remembrance on Saturday, September 11 at multiple service sites in Palo Alto and East Palo Alto. Register today:

https://youthcommunityservice.org/national-day-of-service/

#### We invite community members of all ages to register to be part

of this largest day of service, as we come together to work on projects to uplift and support each other – food drives, card making, mural painting, fence painting, gardening and cleanups – and much more! **Community Service Hours are available for youth!** 

The Mid-Peninsula National Day of Service and Remembrance will kick off the weeklong celebration of Palo Alto Together Again, a city-wide celebration. **YCS is grateful to our event sponsors, partners and volunteers!** 

We look forward to welcoming you on Sept 11!

Warm regards,

Mora



### 2021 Mid-Peninsula National Day of Service and Remembrance

### Saturday, September 11, 2021

Multiple outdoor service sites in Palo Alto and East Palo Alto (including service projects that can be done at home!) Masks are required and please bring your own refillable water bottle.

## Why do you love to serve?

(Listen to the Youth Voices!)



## **REGISTER NOW**

Pick a service project that speaks to you and be part of making a difference on Saturday, Sept 11:

- Community Adopted Animal Art Creation with PAHS at OFJCC
- Community Gardening at PACCC
- Community Youth Mural Creation With Arte Aqua Viva at Taqueria La Cazuela
- Community Park Clean Up and Chalk Art at West Bayshore
- Creating a StoryWalk<sup>®</sup> in Mitchell Park with the Palo Alto

Library

- Fence Painting at Mitchell Park with Kiwanis
- Multifaith Peace Picnic at Palo Alto City Hall
- Outreach for CA COVID-19 related Rent Relief in Woodland Park
- School playground renewal at Izzi Early Education Center
- Why are the rents so high? Education and Outreach for Palo Alto Renters' Association Picnic
- At Home Community Neighbors Essential Needs Donations drop-off at EHP
- At Home Family Tactile Art Cards for the Visually Impaired
- At Home Project Linus no-sew blankets
- Self-paced: Trash Pick Up using the CleanSwellApp



The struggles of this past year have shown us the importance of community connections and supporting one another.

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Please join us at the end of the day on Sept 11th for the Multifaith Peace Picnic at Martin Luther King Plaza at Palo Alto City Hall from 5:45pm-8:15pm organized by American Muslim Voice Foundation and Multifaith Voices for Peace. <u>Click here f</u>or registration and more details.

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### **Community Service Hours**

Calling all youth! Are you ready to start logging your community service hours for this school year? Get a kick start by registering for the National Day of Service. Consider <u>signing up</u> for the President's Volunteer National Service Award.



### Become a Sponsor

Each dollar raised helps YCS connect youth to service opportunities in our community!

Please contact <u>Mora Oommen</u>, Executive Director to learn about sponsorship level benefits.



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#### **Event Planning Partners and Sponsors:**

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Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati Foundation, Woodland Park Communities / Sand Hill Property Co., West of Bayshore Community Association volunteers: WEBCA, YMCA East Palo Alto,

...for a complete list and sponsorship opportunities, please see our website at www.youthcommunityservice.org/national-day-of-service/

A special THANK YOU to our youth and community volunteers!!

Space is limited, we strongly recommend registering to reserve your spot!

Share this event with your friends of Facebook.



Our Contact Information Youth Community Service P.O. Box 61000 Palo Alto, CA 94306 (650) 858-8019 https://www.youthcommunityservice.org/

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--Mora Oommen Executive Director (pronouns: she/her)

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Scan to view service sites!

# RECONNECT REMEMBER RENEW



Kicking off Palo Alto Together Again, a week-long citywide celebration

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#### A special THANK YOU to our youth and community volunteers!!

From:	<u>S Chang</u>
To:	Council, City
Subject:	Fwd: [CPNA] Safety Concerns
Date:	Tuesday, September 7, 2021 7:59:43 PM

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Dear City Council,

I also want to add my support to Lauren Sims' concerns about safety in Palo Alto especially in our public parks where our children gather and play. I hope you will reevaluate police staffing in light of the recent crimes that have occurred in our city.

Thank you, Siu Chang Jefferson Drive

------ Forwarded message ------From: Lauren Sims <<u>laurensims@gmail.com</u>> Date: Fri, Sep 3, 2021 at 2:11 PM Subject: [CPNA] Safety Concerns To: City Council <<u>city.council@cityofpaloalto.org</u>> CC: Crescent Park Assoc <<u>crescent-park-pa@googlegroups.com</u>>

Dear City Council,

I am writing as I have been shocked to hear about two serious crimes within weeks of each other in places where my children frequent.

Seeing caution tape around Eleanor Pardee Park earlier this week and then reading <u>this article</u> I am very concerned. My children (along with many other families from PA and EPA) play at this park almost everyday. Parents have kept their children away from the park this week because there have been several recent incidents there. This should be a sacred and protected place for our community to play, exercise and gather. Growing up in Palo Alto, police were always patrolling Eleanor Park for this exact reason.

The stabbing of a young Palo Alto HS student downtown University Ave, whose family just moved here from Salt Lake City, is terrifying: <u>https://www.paloaltoonline.com/news/2021/08/21/woman-who-allegedly-stabbed-palo-alto-teen-had-a-may-hospital-commitment-warrant-in-baltimore</u>

What are the members of city council doing immediately, and long term, to ensure more incidents like this do not happen again?

Will there be an increase in patrolling? I know how badly the police force has been cut so this might not be feasible. I rarely see police officers patrolling in my neighborhood. Do any council members want to add officers back to the force? If so, please write to me directly, as there is a group of residents that would like to support your efforts.

I am copying the CPNA to encourage those who agree to please speak up and let your city council know. This is not a political issue, but one of safety.

Sincerely,

Lauren Sims Crescent Drive

You received this message because you are subscribed to the Google Groups "Crescent Park PA" group.

To unsubscribe from this group and stop receiving emails from it, send an email to crescent-park-

pa+unsubscribe@googlegroups.com. To view this discussion on the web visit <u>https://groups.google.com/d/msgid/crescent-park-</u> pa/CA%2BRkotRP8kLb9zMR3xZguqhg%3DJqXw9rVYNrc3mxG%3Dgc3mU%3DYBA%40mail.gmail.com.

From:	Dilma Coleman	
To:	jtudor@sanleandro.org; justin@sterlingdefense.com	
Cc:	OCPO@dallascityhall.com; ncip@scu.edu	
Subject:	Fwd: The Grinch stole Christmas. Jamacian AFGHAN women dated actor Jim Carrey.Argue it. Ok Jim Carrey kidnapped Diva Jobs from Paul Jobs home in Los Altos CA 1980- late 1990"s.	
Date:	Tuesday, September 7, 2021 12:50:17 PM	
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From: Dilma Coleman <<u>dhappinessforever@gmail.com</u>>

Date: Tue, Sep 7, 2021, 12:39 PM

Subject: The Grinch stole Christmas. Jamacian AFGHAN women dated actor Jim Carrey.Argue it. Ok Jim Carrey kidnapped Diva Jobs from Paul Jobs home in Los Altos CA 1980- late 1990's.

To: <<u>fairfaxpd@fairfaxpd.org</u>>, <<u>MPeterson@oaklandcommission.org</u>> Cc: <<u>adam.roberts@santacruzcounty.us</u>>, <<u>investigation@kernda.org</u>>

What's up.. Diva Lee aka Diva Jobs explains why Actor Jim Carrey kidnapped Diva Jobs using the Red Cross Station Wagon from the Palo Alto CA red Cross office to Paul Jobs home in Los Altos CA. ARGUE IT. Jim Carrey's created the most funniest skits using Diva's dementia fears. Attachment #5.yes it was always injury lawyers and corrupt CPS people around who were hungry to obtain expensive cases. The filmmakers who directed, produced movies..gave notice to Jim Carrey's habitual behavorial aggressions..and they refused to work with him without DIVA's assistance (that's what began the labor trafficking) Jim Carrey's attributes landed him a job on In Living Colors...whereas Afghan Jamacian women Diva was forced to be Jim Carrey's acting coach consultant..whereas Jim Is shown in the films and u never see Diva only hear Diva Lee thru Jim Carrey. Of course Diva was abused on the sets trying to give support to Jim Carrey to end his drug addictions and depressed habitual aggressions in his thinking.

Yes Actor Paul Walker was married to Diva Lee whereas he wasn't a good husband. Argue that Paul Walker had baby girl with Diva and rekindled marriage prior to his car accident. Argue about if Paul Walker had too much bisexual homosexual partners in the 1990's and his heterosexual partners were antagonist, squatters whom circled around DIVA's inherited income, and real estate properties in Atherton CA, Fairfax,CA, Oakland,CA,Los Angeles, CA etc. Argue it. Diva Jobs aka Dilma Coleman had spent the past decade victimized emotionally physically mentally financially by the worst Santa Clara county DA, Santa Clara county sheriff Laurie Smith,Saratoga resident Sam Liccardo and multitudes of others including Donald Trump. Argue about the development of Patterson CA Walker Ranch those residential neighborhoods surrounded near the Walmart on Sperry Rd back towards downtown Patterson,CA That's what I am saying. Paul Walker sought after the money in DIVA's bank to start the process of converting a farm into 22 homes which Paul Walker had financed. Paul Walker's jealousies that Diva Lee had grown Jim Carrey's acting skills and his opportunity to

gross more income than Paul Walker was present. Argue that Diva Lee aka Dilma Coleman had been trapped in a vicious cycle of Vigilantes who associated themselves with M.O.B gangsters, Illuminati, and during the worst housing crisis whereas Diva had owned several commercial buildings and residential homes had lucrative income from working in Movies as a writer/confidence life coach support for Jim Carry's charector analysis. Argue about Wells Fargo banks on Poughkeepsie San Jose,CA their systems their Fraudulent bank tellers..who currently work for Fairfield CA Marriott hotel and they work for Homefirst homeless shelter Sobrato.

"Don't play with the yo yo says The Grinch who stole xxmas. The way Jeffery Epstein was forced to change his career to being a surgeon.. Jeffery Epstein was a grocery store clerk,cashier,stocker. Argue it. Or Jeffery Epstein had identical twin brother. Argue it.

Jeffery Epstein shook off Sam Liccardo's financial crimes whereas Jeffery Epstein kept fixing the financial accounts of those victimized by Sam Liccardo and others. Jeffery Epstein wasn't a pedophile doing sex crimes he was too busy trying to become a surgeon and he did recover DIVA's inherited income an that's how Diva became a surgeon. Diva was victimized locked in a cycle by sorcerery spells to attended San Jose City college cosmetology school whereas diva was already a licensed cosmetologist. Argue it. Jeffery Epstein had gave his promise that Diva Lee aka Dilma Coleman was forced by sorcerers Kris Jenner, Melinda Gates and others to live as a transient who gave up her children for adoption and gave up her wealth. This charector analysis became real life for Diva Lee aka Dilma Coleman and Dilma really has been trapped in labor trafficking living in and out of homeless shelters whereas the cycle of people who reside in the shelter were previous co workers in various real estate properties and or volunteers for the red Cross. Most of the day or night, Dilma Coleman spent February 2021-September 2021 living at Little Orchard homeless shelter in San Jose CA. And she had a baby..that was forced into adoption. Argue it.

There is a man who had resemblance of Jeffery Epstein..who was a pedophile and he was trapped to resemble Jeffery Epstein..argue about Harvey Weinstein..he isn't a pedophile either. Diva Lee aka Dilma Coleman was a law student proteges of William Gates (Father of Bill Gates) Whereas Diva Lee aka Dilma Coleman was a follower of the Judicial college environment thru her affiliation with SF Judge Jack Berman.

Argue that Attachment#2 Bhuhimol Adjudejv's children and grandchildren are the fittest to merge with the Saud family..Prince Mohammed Bin Salman..had made a last minute decision to marry Wedding guest Diva Lee aka Diva Jobs aka Dilma Coleman. Argue about the way Diva was kidnapped ran over by the car.prior to arriving as a guest to The wedding of Sami and Mohammed bin Salman. Diva Lee was forced to be the guest at a wedding in Vallejo CA mosque whereas Prince Mohammed Bin Salman married a Caucasian/German/Thai women Sami a graduate of San Jose City college Cosmetology school( Bhuhimol Adjudejv's granddaughter Sami). AFTER THAT WEDDING. Diva Lee was abandoned and she did not have any relationship with Mohammed bin Salman because of his infedelity with other women who had drug addictions..Dilma Coleman aka Diva Lee was oppressed abandoned forced away to think delusional whereas diva wasn't in a real marriage to Mohammed bin Salman. Mohammed bin Salman had finally showed his public affections towards Kim Kardashian and Donald Trump's daughter.. Mohammed bin Salman adored the women with gifts and Solicited sex from them for millions of dollars. Diva Lee aka Dilma Coleman lived a different life whereas diva worked part time while recieve SSDI income living at 1198 Tiegen Dr Hayward CA 2017-2019. All of the information u read..was supported by Netflix documentary makers

who designed for the story not to be placed in the Dirty John Netflix TV series. Mohammed bin Salman's wife Sami produces DIVA's legal license to interrogate Netflix documentary makers. ATTACHMENT#3-4.(THOSE GIRLS ONCE ATE AT In n out burger Poukeepsie/Cottle Rd San Jose, CA whereas Sami(Graduate of San Jose City college Cosmetology school) is a dangerous sorcerer Narcissistic behaviors a female pedophile who sexually abused those girls Maddy Middleton who were found dead in Santa Cruz CA dumpster. Attachment #5 There was a ring of abusive men/women who Solicited sex from kids at the Grace Church in San Jose CA..same church whereas John Paulson and others were killed. Attachment#6 Fernando Jesus Lopez innocent. Argue it. Argue that Bella Luna Vega age 11 witnessed her aunt Dilma Coleman sexually physically abused at Grace Church witnessed by pedophile a women Gail Fierro who Solicited women for sex and Gail Fierro runs a prostitution ring. Multiple children complained about it while at the Grace Church 2018-2021 and we're retailitated against..the children were faced into accident situations triggered by pedestrian hit n run, drowning and other places whereas the guardian of the children argues differently with proposed restraining order against Diva Lee aka Dilma Coleman with Solano County Judge David Haet Dept 20. There are too many San Jose CA police who are not in compliance. In the past, argue that Diva could recognize the worst SJPD officers who are employees with "At Ease" a Los Gatos CA based nanny, private security guard,house sitting,dog sitting businesses for the wealthy or elites magistrates. "At Ease" has organized Boogaloo movement on law enforcement agents who transport children or something like adults who need nursing assistance in their home/catering meals to them. "At Ease"must be shut down.. similar to how the Current Los Gatos Police Chief resignations. "Say my name say my name" who really created that lyrical phrase? Diva lee. Best regards Dilma Coleman aka Diva Lee aka Diva Jobs.

From:Perron, ZacharySent:Wednesday, September 8, 2021 6:11 PMTo:bcm246@aol.comCc:City MgrSubject:Regarding your letter from August 18

Dear Mrs. Miller,

My name is Zach Perron, and I work for the Palo Alto Police Department. I am in receipt of your letter to City Council dated August 18 about the many frustrations you're experiencing navigating your neighborhood sidewalks. I apologize for the delayed response.

I'm so sorry to read about what you've experienced. The lack of awareness of one's actions (parking up on a rolled curb and making the sidewalk impassable) or inactions (not properly maintaining hedges or other plants) and how they might impact others is disheartening to hear, especially now when your exercise options are limited due to the pandemic.

While I applaud your desire NOT to involve the police and get anyone in trouble, giving us a ring for the blatant violations may actually be your best course of action. We will have a parking enforcement officer or police officer respond (depending on the time of day), and if the vehicle is parked far up enough on the rolled curb to prohibit a wheelchair from passing, our personnel will issue a ticket and/or attempt to have the car moved and the owner educated. Unfortunately, in our experience, oftentimes poor driving/parking behavior is only rectified by an enforcement action like this.

In the spirit of full disclosure – I grew up just around the corner from you guys on Heather Lane, and in the 1980s, my dad received a knock on the door of our house from a PAPD police officer. He had inadvertently parked the family car too far up on the rolled curb, and someone had complained about it to the police. The officer came out and very sternly told him to move it immediately and never do it again, or else the next time she saw it while on patrol, she would issue a ticket on sight without knocking on the door first. Guess what? My dad not only moved that car immediately and never over the line again, but he also instilled in me that same diligence – and now, after driving for more three decades, I have never forgotten that lesson! And all that started from someone, likely one of our own neighbors, calling the police on us.

The best way to reach us for a parking complaint like this is to give us a ring as soon as you can in our 24-hour dispatch center at 650-329-2413. Just tell the dispatcher that you have a parking complaint and that the sidewalk is blocked for wheelchair access. They'll ask for an address and a description of the vehicle if you can provide one (even something generic like "a white pick-up truck" is helpful if you don't have the license plate), and they'll have an officer respond when one is available. You can choose to remain anonymous, if you'd like, and just refer to yourself as a "concerned neighbor who would prefer not to give her name."

If your caregiver is interested in depositing a copy of that old information sheet on any inappropriately parked vehicles while she is joining you on your walks, that would also likely help to correct the problem – especially with that handwritten, personalized explanation! If I found that on my car, I would know that I had negatively impacted someone's walk and I would never do it again!

If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out directly to me anytime. You now have my e-mail, and my office phone number appears below as well if you'd prefer to call.

All the best,

#### Zach



#### Zach Perron

Captain, Investigative Services Division Palo Alto Police Department (650) 329-2115 | <u>zachary.perron@cityofpaloalto.org</u> <u>www.cityofpaloalto.org</u> | <u>www.papd.org</u>





August 18, 2021

CITY OF PALO ALTO. CA CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

21 AUG 23 AM 10: 25

City of Palo Alto Police Department 275 Forest Avenue Palo Alto, Ca 94301

Attention: Chief of Police Robert Jonsen

Subject: Parking on Sidewalks

I have not been a part of the active conversation between members of the Nextdoor Duveneck-St. Francis but today I read a rather long comment from a seventy four year old that likes to walk the neighborhood in Palo Alto with a friend. He is responding to an apparent incident that happened in South Palo Alto regarding a car that was vandalized because it was parked on the sidewalk and had added a comment regarding neighbors that let their plants grow out on the sidewalk. I had to laugh because I could have written a similar letter and I am ninety three, my husband is ninety six and we are doing our best to stay healthy and live in our own home. I use a cane on our property but when I walk by myself I use a walker. My husband uses a walker but has to be in a wheel chair for longer walks. We have a caregiver three days a week that takes him and I am able to go on my own with a walker. The other days I push him in his wheel chair on a much shorter walk than she does. We would like to continue to do this as long as my health holds out. The pandemic took his swimming away from him and my workouts at the Y away from me so walking is important to us.

Construction trucks are all over Palo Alto and the other day I encountered five, all in a row on Walter Hays and luckily was able to call it to their attention that they were all parked illegally. They apologized and moved their trucks. Just today, Comcast was half way up on the sidewalk and I was lucky, the driver was in the truck and moved it out of my way. Every day I go through this and find even the residents are illegally parked. On down the street a car was parked up to the middle line on the sidewalk. Going around and in to the street is not an option. My tricky knee acts up on occasion and I lose my balance. I cannot back down the curbing with the wheel chair as that could be a disaster if I lost my balance. Our caregiver loves to walk but is amazed the way people park and often has to go out in the street. Wheel chairs are pretty wide. So I have attached a copy of the parking directions that were sent out years ago by I believe the Utility Department. I have added an extra note on it so people understand why I am leaving a copy under their windshield wiper. It helped my husband and I years ago when we had about five neighbors on canes, or using walkers or wheel chairs. We made copies of it and wrote a nice letter along with it and hand delivered it to every house on Lois Lane. Within twenty four hours there wasn't a single car on the sidewalk. Now we have all new neighbors.

The plants that the woman complains about is absolutely true. My husband has to hold his hand out to keep the agapanthus out of his face. We just have to roll through the ones on the walk.

The City is not helping matters. They are approving these ridiculous one car garages attached to the huge houses on these small lots. Residents have multiple cars.

Our sidewalks are badly in need of repair. I asked the City about one area, they filled in the cracks but due to a tree trunk, the sidewalk is on such an angle I have to walk that block in the street when I have my husband in the wheel chair. When I am on my walker I have to be very careful. Our caregiver is only thirty one and strong but completely understands the problems I have.

The last thing I want to do is call the police and get anyone in trouble. Tickets make people very unhappy and I wouldn't want to be confronted by any one. And yes, there are some who do not take kindly to suggestions or complaints. I would never be hostile to anyone I talked to so I am asking for help from you and the City.

I realize that these are not all your problems and am sending copies to City Council and the Palo Alto Utilities since that is where I think we got the information on parking.

Some days are worse than others so you can't just drive around and assume that there isn't that much of a problem, it is, for walkers, mothers with strollers, children on trikes and all handicap residents.

Sincerely,

len **Bonnie Miller** 

184 Lois Lane Palo Alto, CA 94303 bcm246@aol.co,

cc; City Council Palo Alto Utilities

Att: City of Palo Alto Parking Laws

#### LAWS ABOUT PARKING AND YOUR VEHICLE

#### LEAVING TOWN FOR MORE THAN THREE DAYS?

250%

The City of Palo Alto, like most other cities, has a parking ordinance, M.C. 10.36.030(a), that prohibits parking on a public street or alley for more than 72 consecutive hours. This means that if you go away on vacation or leave the area for any reason, you must not leave your vehicle parked on a city street or alley. If you must leave your vehicle in one of these places, please make arrangements with either a family member or friend to move your vehicle at least .2 mile (approximately 1,000 feet) every 72 hours. This will prevent you from receiving a \$50 parking violation and prevent your vehicle from being towed. Questions: Call 329-2687.

Hease Walkers, Wheel Chais, ere PARK IT RIGHT Woudon't. Thank you! The California Vehicle Code prohibits vehicles from parking in any of the following ways:

The California Vehicle Code prohibits vehicles from parking in any of the following ways: on a sidewalk, on the wrong side of the street, or to the right of the scored line of a sidewalk. The right-hand wheels must be parked within 18" of the right hand curb. Increased enforcement efforts will begin soon. Help make Palo Alto neighborhoods more pedestrian friendly! If you have questions, please call the 329-2687 or 329-2142.



DON'T LOSE YOUR CAR FOR 30 DAYS!!

Since February 1, 1995, law enforcement agencies have been enforcing section 14602.6 of the California Vehicle Code which allows them to tow and store for 30 days vehicles operated by drivers who never had a driver's license or who are driving with a suspended or revoked driver's license. It is very important that for monetary, liability, and insurance purposes that you do not allow anyone without a valid driver's license to drive your vehicle. The registered owner is responsible for towing, storage, lien, and vehicle release charges which can total almost \$1,000.