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Baumb, Nelly

From: Michael Johnston <mljohnston@compass.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 8:21 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please vote to extend the Uplift Local through the end of Summer 2021

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Dear City Council Member,

I urge you to vote to keep University Avenue and Ramona Street open for pedestrians and bicycles in our Downtown, so that we can enjoy the carefree and safe environment through the Summer 2021. I understand that retailers feel that the lack of parking in front of their stores is the reason for decreased sales, but it is Amazon. People have no issue parking hundreds of yards away from the entrance of a mall. The fact that the streets are closed makes for a much more pleasant shopping experience.

Thank you for your support in this quality of life matter!

Michael Johnston
Sent from my iPhone

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Baumb, Nelly

From: Robert Ragno <robertragno@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 8:20 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: In support of extending Uplift Local through the end of 2021 and investigate permanent conversion

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Dear City Council Member,

I'm writing to express my support to keep University Avenue open to pedestrians through the end of the summer and to investigate a long term conversion into a walking mall. Having grown up in Palo Alto it's been exciting to see the energy outside with the restaurants and outside seating. I spent a number of years in Boulder, Colorado and the outside walking mall on Pearl St was one of the many positive features of the city. It could be a model for potential long term changes to University Ave. It's so successful now that the mall itself is a draw for people, both local and out-of-towners, nearly every day of the year. Placing the focus on outdoor spaces for pedestrians instead of focusing on vehicle accessibility (not to say you can't accommodate handicap parking for those with disabilities) is the way forward. With our excellent weather here year round a walking mall on University would be beneficial for the vast majority of businesses and more importantly has vast support from the community at large. Don't let the outspoken complaints of a minority of businesses stymie this incredible opportunity for trialing a re-envisionment of our downtown space.

Sincerely,
Robert Ragno

Baumb, Nelly

From: Jahnvi Sharma <jahnvi.sharma@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 20, 2021 10:32 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please keep streets blocked for dining!

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Hello Palo Alto city council,

I am a resident of Menlo Park. And I live really close to polo alto downtown. Pandemic has changed lifestyle of every one. Since the restaurants opened up, I have been enjoying my meal with my family every time seating outdoor without traffic passing by. Really hoping this will continue.

Thank you!

Sincerely

Jahnvi

Sent from my iPhone

Baumb, Nelly

From: Conrad Wadowski <conrad.wadowski@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 20, 2021 1:08 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Keep University Closed!

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Hi, we're huge fans of the safe, walking environment on University.

This is a chance to create a real community here in Palo Alto, while driving more business to local businesses.

Please keep University closed!

Baumb, Nelly

From: Tim Cawley <tim.cawley1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 18, 2021 6:51 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Keep downtown like it is

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We enjoy it so much, it would be a shame to go back to the old way.

Tim Cawley
800 High St.

Baumb, Nelly

From: Hannah Beryl <hannahlberyl@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 6:58 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please keep street dining open

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to kindly request you keep street dining open in downtown Palo Alto. While adults have had plenty of time to be vaccinated and can safely return to indoor dining, children have not and dining outdoors is a lower risk activity for our children. Beyond that, some people remain hesitant to return to indoor dining and that would hurt our small business restaurants who have suffered so much this past year.

Please vote to extend keeping outdoor dining on the streets of Palo Alto available.

Thank you,
Hannah

Sent from my iPhone

Baumb, Nelly

From: Meghan McKowen Rice <mmckowen79@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 3:37 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Outdoor dining on Palo Alto closed streets

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Hello,

I am writing to show my strong support in keeping the streets closed (or partial closure) for outdoor dining in Palo Alto. I haven't dined often at our restaurants because of Covid precautions, however I have loved the feeling of our streets when I walk down them, and I am excited to visit our restaurants now that it feels safer. I feel like it brings our community together in a fun way. I think retail shops will also benefit from having more people out walking around the area.

Thank you!
Meghan Rice

Baumb, Nelly

From: Titi Liu <liutitimina@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 10:47 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Keeping Downtown Streets going

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Dear City Council,

As a Palo Alto resident (downtown North) I have heard from so many friends and neighbors about how much more we are going to downtown to enjoy the restaurants, shops, salons etc because of the lack of cars. It creates a much lively yet peaceful experience.

I hope Palo Alto will follow in the footsteps of many communities across the country that are keeping pedestrian friendly streets and parklets in place even after the pandemic. It is one of the many ways pandemic life has shown us that another way is possible.

Warmest regards,
Titi

Baumb, Nelly

From: Zach Ephron <zachephron@hey.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 8:08 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Opening University and California

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Hello City Council,

I don't have much to say about this, but I like having the streets closed to cars. You have already surveyed people, and they like it too. You should survey businesses to hear what they want as well to take that into account. Another idea, ban tents and umbrellas at restaurants on those streets so retailers are visible. If people don't want to be exposed to the weather they can eat inside.

Baumb, Nelly

From: Clare Whitecross Libraro <clarelibraro@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 9:57 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please keep the streets closed

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Thank you!

Clare Whitecross Libraro
650 823 9219

Baumb, Nelly

From: Kelly Featherstone <kellymarie20@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 9:29 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Downtown Palo Alto - Please Vote to keep streets for pedestrians

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To whom it may concern:

I believe you are voting on June 22nd if you should open up car traffic. I feel strongly that it should stay open.

I enjoy the beautiful downtown so much. I have young kids and it feels so much safer not to have cars everywhere and to be able to eat outside with them.

I live and work nearby and really find the outside dining such a wonderful option.

Thank you,

Kelly Featherstone

Baumb, Nelly

From: Christina Rahima Ahmadzai <crahmadzai@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 8:18 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Keep Palo Alto downtown open to pedestrians

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Please keep the Palo Alto downtown open to pedestrians! We love this outdoor scene. Am I able to vote online somewhere? Thank you !

Sent from my iPhone

Baumb, Nelly

From: Irene <pak_ratz_blues@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 7:33 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Open Streets

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Open streets to auto traffic, business that are not on main streets are suffering.

Irene Lloyd
Resident
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Baumb, Nelly

From: Denise Foley <dfoley888@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 5:38 PM
To: Council, City; Filseth, Eric (Internal); DuBois, Tom; Cormack, Alison; Kou, Lydia; Tanaka, Greg; Burt, Patrick; Stone, Greer; Shikada, Ed
Subject: Pedestrian Streets - keep them open to pedestrians and not to cars

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Please keep pedestrian streets alive by keeping them closed to cars. I love having more space to eat outside. We should take advantage of the summer weather also.

I also think people are more inclined to shop in the other stores if they can leisurely stroll down the street and not have to worry about cars. It makes us look like one of those beautiful towns in Europe that attracts so many tourists.

Baumb, Nelly

From: christina stidham <christinastidham@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 5:24 PM
To: Council, City; Filseth, Eric (Internal); DuBois, Tom; Cormack, Alison; Kou, Lydia; Tanaka, Greg; Burt, Patrick; Stone, Greer; Shikada, Ed
Subject: Vote NO on June 22th to keep University closed!!

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Hello council members,

I own a home in Palo Alto and walk downtown every morning and evening to enjoy the pedestrian street. My husband and I have enjoyed the community aspect of the parklets and reduced traffic on University and a few of the adjacent streets. We dine regularly downtown and our friends from other cities have also driven to Palo Alto to join us. The restaurants have created wonderful seating for outdoor dining that would be eliminated without your help! This pandemic has created some terrible situations for people and some wonderful opportunities for our downtown region to host people safely. The parking is ample and should not be the reason to open up University. I ask you to please vote **NO** on June 22th to keep University closed.

Christina Stidham

Baumb, Nelly

From: Jonathan Lewis <jonathan1300@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 12:06 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Streets for everyone

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Hi, Jonathan, midtown PA resident here! As someone who has gone from being a college student to a young professional scraping by to married with a toddler but still renting because you won't build more housing here, reopening commercial corridors such as University, California, and Ramona to vehicular traffic is anathema to any and all goals the city has claimed to care about when it comes to safety and climate. Streets where people feel safe and things are scaled and designed for people instead of vehicles is an attraction, not a detriment to local businesses. If city council was paying any attention to the response and results from these closures in major cities across the country it should be pretty plain to see, why does the innovative thinking have to be limited to the private sector? Every decision is going to make someone mad and I'm sure whoever it is that doesn't like the closures is a real thorn in some of your sides right now, and I empathize, but you all need to accept the responsibility to make decisions on behalf of all your citizens, not just the landed gentry.

The street "closures" are popular, good for business, good for your climate goals, good for safety, special events, and other activities that strengthen community and promote economic activity. It should be a slam dunk, do yourselves a favor, swallow a couple emails or angry calls and do what's best for the community.

I ride my bike around town with my 18 month old daughter and having car-free spaces to go for lunch or errands is life changing for us. Please reconsider ending or limiting the slow streets program.

Sincerely,

Jonathan

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Jonathan

Baumb, Nelly

From: William Reeves <williamjusticer@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 7:17 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: I'm Voting to keep Ramona St Closed

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Palo Alto City Council: I enjoy the safe outdoor experience created with the closure of Ramona St. Please count my vote to CLOSE Ramona St, through the summer.

Thank you

Will

Baumb, Nelly

From: Noa Ben-Efraim <benoa@umich.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 8:54 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: I'm Voting to keep Ramona St Closed

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Palo Alto City Council: I enjoy the safe outdoor experience created with the closure of Ramona St. Please count my vote to CLOSE Ramona St, through the summer.

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

Baumb, Nelly

From: Kira Enriquez <kiraenriquez@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 8:54 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: I'm Voting to keep Ramona St Closed

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Palo Alto City Council: I enjoy the safe outdoor experience created with the closure of Ramona St. Please count my vote to CLOSE Ramona St, through the summer.

Thank you

Baumb, Nelly

From: Jamie Cullen <jamiecullen7@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 8:55 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: I'm Voting to keep Ramona St Closed

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Palo Alto City Council: I enjoy the safe outdoor experience created with the closure of Ramona St. Please count my vote to CLOSE Ramona St, through the summer.

Thank you

Baumb, Nelly

From: Elizabeth Frazee <bethfrz@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 8:32 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Downtown

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Please keep it closed, it make a wonderful destination for the whole family. Thank you Elizabeth (Crescent Park)

Baumb, Nelly

From: lynda hastie <lyndahastie@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 9:54 AM
To: Council, City

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Dear City Council Member,

I urge you to vote to keep University Avenue and Ramona Street open for pedestrians and bicycles in our Downtown, so that we can enjoy the carefree and safe environment through the Summer 2021.

Thank you for your support in this quality of life matter!

Lynda and Trevor Hastie
1040

Baumb, Nelly

From: Mark Silverman <markdsilverman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 11:02 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please maintain pedestrian zones/street closures

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Dear Members of the City Council,

I am a Palo Alto resident (1640 Amherst CT, 94304), and would like to express my strong support for maintaining the current street closures on California and University Avenues.

I understand from news reporting and discussions with neighbors that there is a concern that the debate around street closures is forcing the city to pick economic winners and losers. I hope the council would look at this from a broader constituent point of view - what makes the city more livable and enjoyable for the largest number of people?

Speaking personally, my family has greatly appreciated walking in the pedestrian zones, eating outside, and having a sense of more community engagement that these street closures have enabled. Moreover, this has not come at the cost of finding a place to park - finding parking has been easy, and close by, to where we want to go.

More than 95 percent of respondents have indicated support for these continued pedestrian friendly spaces - and this coincides with research which indicates that such spaces are beneficial to the communal and economic life of cities. As such, I hope you will decide to vote in favor of preserving these pedestrian friendly spaces - not in favor of cars and in picking different economic winners and losers.

Thank you for your time and attention. With best regards,
Mark Silverman

Baumb, Nelly

From: Caroline Trippel <trippel@stanford.edu>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 11:04 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Keep Cal Ave Pedestrian

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Hello,

My name is Caroline Trippel, and I am a Palo Alto resident, living near California Avenue in College Terrace at 2500 Columbia Street, 94304. I would strongly like first few blocks of the California Avenue commercial district to remain as a *car-free pedestrian area*.

The benefits of the closure for residents' quality of life should weigh heavily in the Council's decision, along with the effects on business. In fact, I would argue that the restaurants here receive more business as a result of the car-free nature of the area. For example, me, my family, my friends enjoy walking along the pedestrian zone and/or eating outside at restaurants. The closure does not make it more difficult to reach businesses in the closed zone or outside it or find parking, including (if you patronize them). I have no problem and find the business easier to access in fact. There is plenty of parking in lots behind California Avenue on both sides and in the new city parking garage on the southeast side. Molly Stones in particular is easy to reach from Cambridge Ave, contrary to the concerns of Mike Stone, the store's owner, who has been a vocal opponent of the street closure for this reason.

96% of residents wanted to keep Cal Ave closed, according to a city poll conducted this spring. (See PA weekly story linked above.) Arguably, this should end the discussion: when almost all citizens prefer a policy, their democratic representatives need to carry out that wish. This argument would be weaker if opinion were less lopsided, but this kind of result is nearly unheard of in public policy. While poll respondents self-selected, presumably those who felt strongly against were as likely to vote as those strongly for.

Nearly all Cal Ave business owners have expressed strong support for the closure. Mike Stone, of Molly Stone's, is one of the only exceptions. City Manager Shikada's concern that some businesses benefit more than others from the closure is misplaced (confused, badly reasoned...). (1) There seems to be no evidence that the closure has shifted business from some businesses to others. (2) That not all businesses benefit exactly equally is not a reason to eliminate a program that benefits some. (3) Increased customer traffic in any part of the Cal Ave commercial area is likely to have some benefit for the rest of the area.

The Council can keep Cal Ave closed even if it opens University Avenue. University Avenue businesses appear somewhat split on their street's closure, although 97% of residents like it.

Bottom line: Almost no decision the Council ever faces is easy, but this one is: essentially everyone wins by maintaining the closure and there are no significant downsides or costs.

All the best,
Caroline Trippel

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Caroline Trippel
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Pronouns: she/her

Baumb, Nelly

From: Amir Safavi-Naeini <amir.safavi@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 11:15 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Palo Alto resident in favor of keeping the pedestrian zone

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Dear City Council

I am a resident of Palo Alto (2600 Columbia St, Apt 306, 94304) who has benefitted from the pedestrian zone. In fact, as restrictions have eased, I find myself going to California Avenue and the businesses around there much more often than I used to before the pandemic, and this is because of the great environment that has been created by the pedestrian zone.

I walk and drive to this area often. Thanks to the new parking lot, it is extremely easy to find parking, even during peak hours. My driving route is completely unaffected by the closure, driving up California was never pleasant before the closure, and it was always easier to find parking on the side street. To go to Mollie Stone's, I would always drive up Cambridge Avenue (and still do!) -- it has always been easier than driving up California Avenue.

We have a very special opportunity to make the center of California Avenue so much more pleasant, vibrant, and lively. This will make our city's businesses more attractive, and our residents happier. It comes at no negative cost -- the parking on Cal Ave is miniscule compared to public parkings on cambridge and the new lot, and the traffic always made it nicer to drive up cambridge to access Mollie Stone's anyway.

Please feel free to contact me in case of questions,

Thank you
Amir Safavi-Naeini
626-379-3702

Baumb, Nelly

From: Devon Elizabeth Ryan <devonr@stanford.edu>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 11:38 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Commenting in support of keeping the closure of California Avenue to vehicle traffic

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Dear Council Members,

I am writing in support of keeping the California Avenue area from El Camino to Birch closed to cars. Unlike University Avenue which I feel is a more complex issue for the city, California Avenue is not a major thoroughfare for vehicles traveling from Palo Alto to the 101. Instead the street terminates into a CalTrain station which creates a major pedestrian element to the space. It also has ample parking on the parallel and adjacent streets. My family and I (all Palo Alto residents who live in University Terrace, just across from College Terrace along California Avenue,) have absolutely loved frequenting restaurants and businesses on Cal Ave with the closure. The outdoor seating, ambiance, and European style of the street is inviting and wonderful. We used to eat on Cal Ave probably once or twice a month and now it's three times a week given how lovely it is. Moreover, I have friends who come from Menlo Park and Mountain View on CalTrain or by bike just to come to our restaurants and meet us on this lovely closed street. The farmer's market on Cal Ave closes the street to cars anyway every Sunday between 9 and 1. This seems like a simple extension of that and has been really a joy to live near. I think this closure not only benefits the surrounding community but also helps local businesses on Cal Ave which have become a real destination thanks to the street closure. I do not think the street closures and openings need to be a one size fits all approach. I think California Avenue is really uniquely positioned to benefit the community with the closure and almost no downsides so I hope the council will take that into consideration and keep the vehicle closure and our lovely new street as is.

Thank you so much,

Devon Ryan
Palo Alto Resident

Baumb, Nelly

From: Dan Congreve <congreve.dan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 11:51 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: In Support of the Cal Ave pedestrian zone

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Hello!

My name is Dan Congreve and I'm a Palo Alto resident living off Cal Ave. I just wanted to briefly write in support of maintaining the Cal Ave pedestrian zone. Since moving to Palo Alto, it has quickly become one of our favorite spots to visit, and that is in large part due to the atmosphere and convenience of the pedestrian zone - we definitely frequent the area more because of it!

It would be quite sad to see it reduced to a standard street after all that, and we would likely spread out our patronage to other locations more frequently, rather than take advantage of the convenience and enjoyment of walking up to Cal Ave.

Thank you for your time, and please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Best,

Dan

Baumb, Nelly

From: Alistair Boettiger <boettiger.alistair@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 12:08 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Keep Cal Ave Pedestrian zone

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Dear City Council,

I am a Palo Alto Resident, living in College Terrace off of California Avenue. I am writing as I urge you to keep Cal Ave as a pedestrian zone.

The atmosphere of the pedestrian outdoor market area is much preferable. This section of Cal Ave. afforded very little parking previously, and Cal. Ave. is well serviced already by variety of parking options on the immediately neighboring streets, so little is gained by making this accessible to cars. The car free zone is also much safer for small children who frequent the area with their families, as well as for bikes. It also enhances the green image of our community.

Please keep the unique Pedestrian downtown area!

Best regards,

Alistar

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Alistair Boettiger
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Baumb, Nelly

From: Andreas Breiter <andreas.f.breiter@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 12:34 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Pedestrian zone on California Avenue

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Dear Members of the City Council,

I am reaching out before the upcoming city council meeting, as the topic of the California Avenue pedestrian zone is on the agenda and it is very dear to me. Living on Columbia St. in Palo Alto, just off California Avenue, the pedestrian zone has changed the life of my family. Before that, California Avenue was not really a nice destination to go for a walk to and especially not a place to dine, as there were no real outside dining options. Now, with no cars present, it is a completely different environment, transforming the street to one of the best locations in the area to visit with families. It is particularly great for young children, who now regularly play on the street while their parents dine or shop.

I heard that there are discussions to open Cal Av for traffic again. I think this would hurt the street and community living here. There was never a need to drive along Cal Av, as:

- 1) There is anyways not a lot of parking, so when I want to go to a store on Cal Av I take one of the two neighboring streets to the parking lots which are behind the Cal Av shops
- 2) Cal Av does not actually go anywhere - it is a more or less a dead end street (except for the shops which as said have their parking behind them). Only exception would be the train station which can be easily reached via Cambridge Av
- 3) I heard arguments that Molly Stones can then not be reached as well - I think that is not an argument, as Cal Av in front of Molly Stones is not closed and as one of the parking lot entrances to Molly Stones is anyways on Cambridge Av (+ the exit is to Cambridge Av)

Thus, I would like to propose to make the closure permanent and remodel Cal Av to a real outdoor dining and shopping street. That would be a magnet for people from neighboring areas and a real benefit for the locals

Thank you,
Andreas Breiter

Baumb, Nelly

From: Dawnae Dodds <dawnaemd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 12:56 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please vote to extend the Uplift Local through the end of Summer 2021

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Dear City Council Member,

I urge you to vote to keep University Avenue and Ramona Street open for pedestrians and bicycles in our Downtown, so that we can enjoy the carefree and safe environment through the Summer 2021.

Thank you for your support in this quality of life matter!

Sent from my iPhone

Baumb, Nelly

From: Teresa Nicolson <tnicolso@stanford.edu>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 1:00 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Keep California Avenue as a pedestrian zone

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Dear Council Members,

I shop at Molly Stone's all the time, and the closure of California Avenue has had zero impact on my choice of using that store. It is just as convenient to drive down Cambridge Avenue. In fact there is much less foot traffic on Cambridge so it is easier to use Cambridge to get to Molly Stone's. In addition, most shoppers know about and use the parking garages/lots off of Cambridge. Eliminating the few street parking spaces on California Ave cannot be having much of an impact. Perhaps a sign directing traffic to Cambridge would help outsiders locate the parking for this area.

In addition, most people love the feel of the farmer's market and having California Ave permanently closed down gives this commercial area a nicer atmosphere and adds something unique to the neighborhood. As a result of the closure, I do patronize the shops and restaurants more often during the week. The increase in patrons on the street, along with the appeal of umbrellas, outdoor lights and container plants are having a positive impact on passersby. It looks like a happening place and a popular destination from El Camino. If anything, adding more plants/trees in the midline area would make this area even more attractive.

Sincerely,
Teresa Nicolson
Palo Alto resident

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Baumb, Nelly

From: Colleen Honigsberg <colleenh@law.stanford.edu>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 1:21 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Cal Ave

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Hello,

I live in College Terrace (94304), and I hope that you keep the first few blocks of Cal Ave as a pedestrian zone. I'm still not comfortable returning to an indoor restaurant with my children because they are too young to be vaccinated, so I love that we can eat outdoors on Cal Ave.

Please keep this area closed to car traffic! If the changes are permanent, Cal Ave could build beautiful outdoor spaces.

Thanks!
Colleen

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Baumb, Nelly

From: Guilli Martin <guilli.martin@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 1:31 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please vote to extend the Uplift Local through the end of Summer 2021

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Dear City Council Member,

I urge you to vote to keep University Avenue and Ramona Street for pedestrians and bicyclists in our Downtown, so that we can enjoy the carefree and safe environment through the Summer 2021.

Thank you for your support in this quality of life matter!

Guilli Martin

Sent from my iPhone

Baumb, Nelly

From: Brusk Akcay <bruskakcay@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 1:32 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please vote to extend the Uplift Local through the end of Summer 2021

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Baumb, Nelly

From: Ayse Linde <ayselinde@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 1:36 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please vote to extend the Uplift Local through the end of Summer 2021

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Baumb, Nelly

From: Joakim Linde <joakim.linde@me.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 2:01 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please vote to extend the Uplift Local through the end of Summer 2021

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Baumb, Nelly

From: Deborah Cohler <dacohler@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 2:15 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Keep Cal Ave open to pedestrians

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Dear City Council -

I am a resident of Palo Alto (College Terrace, 94304).

I urge you to keep California Avenue open for pedestrians and closed to cars. The experiment in a car-free retail and dining corridor has been a huge success, as the overwhelming positive response on the May city poll indicates.

There is ample parking behind Cal Ave for deliveries and shoppers and diners to access. And the open boulevard creates a warm community feeling, as well as a safer experience for Palo Alto residents and visitors of all ages. My family and visiting friends love the new open street experience, and we have actually increased our shopping and eating along Cal Ave and University Ave, as opposed to other places where sidewalks are more crowded both by the usual pedestrian traffic and by pop up outdoor dining stations.

Thank you for your consideration,
Deborah Cohler
2600 Columbus Street, 94304

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Deb Cohler (she/her/hers)

Baumb, Nelly

From: Susan Solomon <srfsolomon@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 3:21 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Hoping you keep the streets open for dining

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As others must have said to you, outdoor dining in Palo Alto on the closed streets has been wonderful in so many ways. We will certainly go out for dinner more often with the dining outdoors. While diners come to eat at restaurants, they will certainly be passing the many shops and often buying. Parking is ample in lots and side streets.

Seems to me that it would be useful to have Hamilton and Lytton each one way with University closed. When University was open to traffic, it was frequently a bottleneck with traffic barely moving. Nothing will be lost and so much gained by making the outdoor dining on closed streets permanent.

Thank you for your consideration,

Susan Solomon
Garland Drive
Palo Alto CA

Sent from my iPad

Baumb, Nelly

From: Trevor John Hastie <hastie@stanford.edu>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 10:57 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please vote to extend the Uplift Local through the end of Summer 2021

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Dear City Council Member,

I urge you to vote to keep University Avenue and Ramona Street open for pedestrians and bicycles in our Downtown, so that we can enjoy the carefree and safe environment through the Summer 2021.

Thank you for your support in this quality of life matter!

Trevor Hastie

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Baumb, Nelly

From: Sabah Siddiqi <sabahakhtar@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 10:44 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please vote to extend the Uplift Local through the end of Summer 2021

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Baumb, Nelly

From: Nalini Kartha <nalinikartha@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 10:44 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: California Avenue Pedestrian Zone

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Hello City Council,

My family and I reside in Palo Alto (94304, College Terrace neighborhood) and I am writing to ask that you **please do NOT eliminate** the pedestrian zone on the first few blocks of California Avenue. We live walking distance from Cal Ave and have really enjoyed visiting the restaurants and shops there in the last year - we find that we have dined there way more often than before the pedestrian zone was established as we really like the ambience now with the outdoor seating. When we do drive there, we have not had any issues finding parking at 1 of the many lots on parallel streets. A more immediate and short term concern is that our son is not vaccinated yet and we are not comfortable dining indoors - if the pedestrian zone were eliminated we would probably find other outdoor restaurants to dine at. In addition, we've heard that 96% of residents who responded to a survey (myself included) wanted the pedestrian zone to continue on - this and the fact that businesses on Cal Ave are (almost entirely?) benefiting from the foot traffic should be all that is required to guide the decision IMO.

Thank you,
Nalini

Baumb, Nelly

From: Larry Magid <larrymagid@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 10:41 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please vote to extend the Uplift Local through the end of Summer 2021

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Dear City Council Member,

I urge you to vote to keep University Avenue, California Avenue and Ramona Street open for pedestrians and bicycles in our Downtown, so that we can enjoy the carefree and safe environment through the Summer 2021.

Thank you for your support in this quality of life matter!

Larry Magid
CEO ConnectSafely

Columnist Mercury News
Host of ConnectSafely Report for CBS News

Sent from phone, typos and all!

Baumb, Nelly

From: Jane Willenbring <jane.willenbring@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 10:39 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please keep Cal Ave closed to cars

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Hello,

I'm a resident of Palo Alto and the Cal Ave neighborhood (Bowdoin St) and I very much want to keep Cal Ave closed. I love going there and walking around with my family and do so every week. It makes Palo Alto an even better place to live than before. I believe most residents and businesses want to keep it closed. I'm not sure who the switch back is being made for but drivers can drive and park in other places. I'll stop shopping there if it is opened up because I didn't shop there when it was open pre-pandemic.

This is a really special opportunity to make Palo Alto more like a city of the future. Now, we bend over backward for cars, but we don't have to do that.

Thanks for reading,
Jane

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Jane Willenbring
Palo Alto resident

Baumb, Nelly

From: Ignacio de Mingo <idemingo@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 10:28 AM
To: Council, City
Cc: Sheil Tamboli
Subject: Please vote to extend the Uplift Local PERMANENTLY!

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Dear City Council Member,

I live and vote in Palo Alto. I urge you to vote to keep University Avenue and Ramona Street open for pedestrians and bicycles in our Downtown, so that we can enjoy the carefree and safe environment PERMANENTLY.

Many cities across the world are leading with walkable downtowns that have a relationship with health benefits by providing an active lifestyle, decreasing pollution, and leading to efficiency in time and cost. A walkable street ensures that people can safely cross from one store to the other and spend money at both.

Thank you for your support in this quality of life matter!

Best,
Ignacio de Mingo

Baumb, Nelly

From: Aaron Meier <arm99jam@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 10:18 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: We Support California Avenue Closure

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Dear Council,

As a Palo Alto resident living off California street in College Terrace I support the closure. We, as many of our neighbors, enjoy walking through the pedestrian zone and really enjoy the outdoor dining that has resulted from the closure. It's great to see people enjoying themselves, strolling along and dining with friends and family and enjoying life without all that traffic and noise. I feel like I'm back in Europe while I'm dining!

We frequent Molly Stones and other businesses there and do not feel the closure impacts us in any way from accessing these businesses. There is plenty of parking on either side of California Street.

Please keep the California Street closure in effect. Everyone I speak with wants to keep the pedestrian zone, including many of the owners/managers of the businesses that we frequently dine with and shop with.

Thank you,

Aaron Meier
2500 Columbia Street
Palo Alto, CA 94304

Baumb, Nelly

From: Alexandra Konings <agkonings@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 9:57 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: California Avenue closure

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Hello,

I am a resident of College Terrace, and am writing to express my support for maintaining the closure of California Avenue to vehicular traffic. My family and I love walking down Cal Ave without worrying about noise or safety from cars, and have enjoyed eating outside many times during this pandemic. We enjoy the chance to eat outside and occasionally listen to live performances organized by the restaurants. We find ourselves eating at Cal Avenue much more frequently because of the closure than we used to when it was open to car traffic and would if it returned to being open to car traffic - including at restaurants nearby that are on nearby side streets but that we still love more because of our greater affinity for the area (e.g. Cafe Pro Bono). Furthermore, while we usually walk to Cal Ave from our home, a recent ankle injury has forced me to drive there recently. When doing so, I have never had an issue finding parking behind either side of the street. While I know the council is concerned about parking, I have never had issues with this (and also didn't pre-pandemic those times I had to drive). The new garage on Sherman is great for increased parking capacity, and there were always very few spaces along California Avenue itself anyway. Thus, I urge the council to please consider the enormous benefits to quality of life that keeping Cal Ave closed provides (every time we visit we see people enjoying walking down the middle of the street!) and keep it closed to traffic.

Best regards,
Alexandra Konings

Baumb, Nelly

From: Emma Jacquemart-Simonen <emmajs1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 9:25 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please vote to extend the Uplift Local through the end of Summer 2021

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Dear City Council Member,

I urge you to vote to keep University Avenue and Ramona Street open for pedestrians and bicycles in our Downtown, so that we can enjoy the carefree and safe environment through the Summer 2021.

I do not feel comfortable sitting inside yet and we should have the ability to sit outside.

Thank you for your support in this quality of life matter!

Sent from my iPhone

Baumb, Nelly

From: Sara Fernandez-Lopez <sarafernandezlopez@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 9:18 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please keep University Avenue and California Street closed to automobiles

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Hello,

I am originally from Spain.

I was delighted to see University Avenue and California Street closed to automobiles to accommodate more outside dining during the pandemic. I never understood why there wasn't more outdoor dining in California considering the mild weather all year round. But at least, we got a taste of it. Isn't it great? Isn't it great to be able to be outside having a glass of wine, or having a nice dinner, no cars on site, kids being able to get up and walk around without parents worrying that either they are bothering other fellow diners (if inside) or being run over by a car?

I have seen it in the Spain. Businesses complaining when they close full town centers to traffic, because they think they will lose people and then the opposite happens. People like places to leisurely walk, going inside stores just because they see something in the window. That doesn't happen if you are driving.

Please keep University Avenue and California Street closed to automobiles!!!

Sara Fernandez

Baumb, Nelly

From: Julia Salzman <horence@stanford.edu>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 8:34 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: closure of Cal ave

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Hello

I live near Cal Ave in Palo Alto.

Myself, my family, my friends enjoy walking along the pedestrian zone.
There are huge benefits of the closure for residents' quality of life which I think should weigh heavily in the Council's decision. Buisnesses can adapt to this.

There is plenty of parking in lots behind California Avenue on both sides and in the new city parking garage on the southeast side.

96% of residents wanted to keep Cal Ave closed, according to a city poll conducted this spring.

Sincerely,
Julia Salzman

Baumb, Nelly

From: Sarah Glasser <sarahglasser1@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 19, 2021 8:31 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Keep Downtown Open for Bicycles!

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Dear City Council Member,

I urge you to vote to keep University Avenue and Ramona Street open for pedestrians and bicycles in our Downtown, so that we can enjoy the carefree and safe environment through the Summer 2021. Thank you for your support in this quality of life matter!

Best,
Sarah

Baumb, Nelly

From: Fabio Casati <fabio.casati@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 7:00 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: make it the most beautiful downtown in California.

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Please Keep our downtown closed to traffic

I went through this process in Italy. At first some shops complain. Then they are happy.
A permanent closure also allows for a very different setup. It can become nicer and nicer as city and businesses make it the most beautiful downtown in California.

Fabio Casati

Sent from my iPhone

Baumb, Nelly

From: Justin Lan <j.dash.san@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 3:20 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Downtown visitor

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Imagine heading out on your day off. Where would you go? Ideally someplace clean, easy to get to, without having to struggle driving or walking.

I'm not a Palo Alto resident, and for years I resisted meeting friends in downtown Palo Alto -- even though some of my favorite shops are there. Recently I went by, and what a change! With University closed to vehicle traffic, downtown is *fun* and meant for humans. Please consider it keeping it that way, or I might end up going to other cities that have kept their downtowns closed to vehicle traffic.

~Justin

From: Chris Lemons <chris.lemons@stanford.edu>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 10:23 AM
To: Council, City <city.council@cityofpaloalto.org>
Subject: Support for Continued Closure of California Avenue

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Hello,

I am a resident of Palo Alto (University Terrace off of California Avenue). I am writing to express my support for maintaining the closure of the California Avenue in the main commercial area (same place as Farmer's market). It has just been wonderful to have a space where people can walk, kids can bike, and people can mingle and eat outside without traffic. We frequent many of the businesses, including Molly Stone's, and I don't see any negative impact of the closure. If anything, I think the closure might be helpful-- we want to go to Cal Ave for dinner, coffee, etc. b/c of the pleasant atmosphere due to the closure-which often means we will then go into several of the businesses b/c they are close.

I know many of our neighbors are also supportive of maintaining the pedestrian area.

I appreciate your consideration.

Chris

Christopher J. Lemons, Ph.D.
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485 Lasuen Mall | EDUC 319 | 650.725.2276
chris.lemons@stanford.edu
<https://profiles.stanford.edu/christopher-lemons>

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Baumb, Nelly

From: Lutz Finger <lf@lutzfinger.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 19, 2021 10:14 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: A little bit of flair

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Dear City Council Member,

I am in living in Mountain View, but I coming now roughly twice every week to Palo Alto, because sitting in University Street is somewhat of a European Flair that not many cities have around here.

I get it that other restaurants that i used to visit get now less traffic since I am here at University Street. But why would anyone want to punish us the user who enjoy being here.

Thank you for your support
Cheers Lutz Finger

Baumb, Nelly

From: Dawn Hale-Miller <dawnhm50@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 5:28 PM
To: Council, City; DuBois, Tom; Kou, Lydia; Shikada, Ed; Kleinberg, Judy; Stone, Greer; Burt, Patrick; alison.cormacj@cityofpaloalto.org; Filseth, Eric (Internal); aidan.pasamonte@cityofpaloalto.org
Cc: Drew Ferrando; Chris Miller
Subject: City of Palo Alto Uplift Program

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In Mayor DuBois, and honorable members of the Palo Alto City Council,

My family, for 4 generations, have been property owners on University Avenue well over 60 years. We are fortunate to be a part of a wonderful community of residents, college students and professors, restaurateurs and retailers. However, in March 2019, the beginning of the Pandemic/Covid19 was upon us - worldwide, which no one thought would have the long term affects that it has demonstrated to us as of June 2021. As property owners, we worked with our tenants by offering rent discounts and deferment for the past year. We were fortunate to have a strong partnership with our tenants and we made it work by communicating and showing empathy and compassion. We followed the rules and guidelines provided on the city, county, state and country level – always hoping that it would get better each month and that we would return to “normal”. It was a hardship for tenants and their businesses and to a certain extent it was stressful to us during a time that was already so unpredictable and really quite frightening with all of the health and safety measures. However here we are and hopefully our communities are getting stronger by the day. We were asked to send a letter by our tenants to show our support for the Uplift Program in downtown Palo Alto, which we gladly accepted. Not only do we show total support, but we feel this is exactly what the City of Palo Alto needs to build our community back up. At a time where the pandemic completely shook us to the core throughout the world with social distancing, masks mandated lock downs, restaurants and retail closures, and no gatherings of 6 or more people, we as a human race need to be social and interact with one another. By having University Avenue shut down and be created into a promenade would be a wonderful thing. It would be a step towards creating that sense of community and socializing. I have been to other parts of the US where I have seen this concept and it is so great to see that human interaction. Let the City of Palo Alto be that city that demonstrates the awareness that we need to build partnerships and friendships and the need for human contact and not be in a vehicle once again isolated from one another. We need to be a part of the fabric of a community to thrive and not to continue to be separate and closed off from one another.

Please think about the importance of the Uplift Program for not only the business owners on University Avenue but for the residents and college students that enjoy the sense of community, as well as how good it would be for the environment to not have cars and traffics. People would be able to enjoy the charm that University Avenue has to offer. There would be an environment that would encourage people to reach out to one another and take the time to re connect. We wouldn't be jumping back into a life of the hustle and bustle but actually be grateful that our lives are getting back to normal.

I thank you for the time that you have taken to read this email.

Be thankful and grateful.

Dawn Miller and Family

Sent from my iPhone

Baumb, Nelly

From: HK SR <srandhk@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 4:51 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Keeping California Avenue closed

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To whom this concerns,

I'm writing to add my strong support to keeping California Avenue closed to traffic near the restaurants. The road closure has in no way reduced our access to the stores. We can easily access the Mollie Stones parking lot when shopping at that store as well as the plentiful parking lots in the neighboring streets.

We enjoy outdoor street dining so much that we have greatly increased our patronage of the restaurants in Cal Ave. Since we frequent the restaurants and cafes more, we also use the stores like Mollie Stones more often.

Thank you for your consideration,

Hemamala Karunadasa
Palo Alto resident

Baumb, Nelly

From: Robert J. Nicolls <robertjnicolls@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 4:26 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please vote to extend the Uplift Local through the end of Summer 2021

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Dear City Council Member,

I urge you to vote to keep University Avenue and Ramona Street open for pedestrians and bicycles in our Downtown, so that we can enjoy the carefree and safe environment through the Summer 2021.

Thank you for your support in this quality of life matter!

Sent from my iPhone

Baumb, Nelly

From: Laura Nicolls <lauranicolls@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 4:26 PM
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Sent from my iPhone

Baumb, Nelly

From: Eric Hahn <eric_hahn@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 4:01 PM
To: Council, City
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Sent from my iPhone

Baumb, Nelly

From: Sahil Rihan <sahil.rihan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 6:53 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Permanent conversion of University Avenue

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Dear City Council,

Kindly consider making the outdoor seating on University Avenue permanent so residents and families can take advantage of the beautiful California weather to dine outdoors and walk in a safe and family friendly environment.

Thanks

Baumb, Nelly

From: Monika Schleier-Smith <schleier@stanford.edu>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 7:33 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: California Avenue Pedestrian Zone

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Dear Palo Alto City Council,

I am writing to urge you to preserve the pedestrian zone on California Avenue. As a resident of the College Terrace neighborhood, I am a routine patron of restaurants and businesses on Cal Ave. Observing and enjoying the increase in vibrancy brought about by the pedestrian zone has been one of the silver linings of the pandemic. While I particularly enjoy visiting by bicycle or on foot, I have also found that it is easier than ever to park my car near Cal Ave, thanks to the newly built garage. In summary, closing these few blocks of Cal Ave to cars has been entirely a positive development. I count myself among the 96% of Palo Alto residents who entreat you *not* to eliminate the pedestrian zone.

Sincerely,
Monika Schleier-Smith

Baumb, Nelly

From: Kambiz Hooshmand <kambizhoo@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 8:01 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please vote to extend the Uplift Local through the end of Summer 2021

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Thank you for your support in this quality of life matter!

Sent from my iPhone

Baumb, Nelly

From: Alireza Dastgheib <dastgheib@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 8:26 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please vote to extend the Uplift Local through the end of Summer 2021

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Thank you for your support in this quality of life matter!

Baumb, Nelly

From: Johannes Klem <johannesk@google.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 9:00 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Street closures

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University Ave is so much better with limited traffic, and is wide enough to be designed into an amazing pedestrian only experience. Just imagine the possibilities !

Please consider closing it for good.

Thank you,
Johannes Klem
449 Homer Ave, Palo Alto 94301

Baumb, Nelly

From: Nancy Coupal <nancy@coupacafe.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 10:00 PM
To: Council, City; DuBois, Tom; Kou, Lydia; Shikada, Ed; Stone, Greer; Burt, Patrick; Cormack, Alison; Filseth, Eric (Internal); Aidan Pasamonte from Palo Alto City Councilmember Tanaka's Office; Tanaka, Greg
Subject: Uplift Program and Street Closures

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Dear Mayor DuBois and Members of the City Council of Palo Alto,

Coupa Cafe has 2 locations in downtown Palo Alto, one on Ramona St. and the other on Lytton Ave. The Ramona St. location has been in business for 18 years, since 2003, and our Lytton Ave location since 2015. We have seen the ups and downs of the City for many years. With the devastation of the pandemic and the severe loss of sales compared with pre Covid numbers, -90% in April 2020, and -55% currently, the Uplift program helped Coupa Cafe stay in business and not have to close its doors permanently. Our Lytton location, on an open street, has suffered the greatest losses and would have closed were it not for the help of our landlord who has helped us prevail. The lack of train traffic and office worker population downtown has had a more severe impact on this location, even though it is located on an open street.

On May 20th, 2021, the business community received an email from Kara Apple about updates related to the Yellow Tier for State and County Covid guidelines . The information included the following statement:

- **Recommend University Avenue and Ramona Street reopen on Tuesday, July 6, 2021**

We had previously been told by email from Kara on April 26th, that the street closures would continue through the summer and at least until October 31st, 2021. The vast majority of the local community surveyed by the City of Palo Alto voted to continue the street closures as well.

First, I would like to point out that I strongly urge the City Council to **separate** the half street closure of Ramona Street from University Ave. They are completely independent streets as is California Ave, which will have their street closure program extended until September 6th. I understand that this difference is because Cal Ave does not have a Parklet Program. Looking at this objectively, many restaurants on the half closure of Ramona St also do not have Parklets such as Osteria, Old Pro, Bistrot Maxime, Tea Time and Sweetgreens. The same goes for University Ave. Parklets are expensive and not everyone has the ability or means to invest in them. Furthermore, all of us who are on University and Ramona Streets have suffered millions of dollars of financial losses due to Covid, and having planned for the streets to **remain closed through October**, we have **already invested** substantial amounts of money, searched far and wide to rehire staff even at higher wages, and planned for a small partial recovery over the coming summer months. Ending the street closures prematurely on July 6 or even September 6th would make all these investments worthless and hiring back staff futile. The next 5 months with the street closures are **critical** for our economic survival and the reemployment of our hospitality staff, which between all the local restaurants is substantially higher than all non-restaurant retail establishments. To conclude that street closures are the reason for depressed non-restaurant retail sales is naive. There are a lot more factors involved and the lack of office worker presence and train traffic is definitely important in this analysis. No one drives through Stanford Shopping center to get to a retail shop; people park in lots and walk to where they want to go.

Now to see that the City Council is considering taking away the temporary closures by voting on June 22nd is devastating. The huge financial losses incurred over the last year will never be recovered, but the hope of a better summer with outdoor dining on the street and parklets was a glimmer of hope in the otherwise very dark

recent past. We have all operated during the past year to **simply stay in business**, but we depend on our City to help us **recover** and move forward with the still depressed business environment in Palo Alto. It is certain that restaurant business in the downtown area is not even near normal at this time in terms of revenue, and all of us need support to take advantage of the summer months with the improving weather and customers hoping to feel some sort of normality after a long period of forced hibernation. Restaurants are the center of cultural life and we need to do everything possible to keep them in business.

Without the street closures, it will **not** be possible to pursue the same level of economic recovery because workers are still not back at their offices downtown or elsewhere, **Stanford** will not initiate full campus classes before late September, and the numerous **vacancies** downtown make it a less desirable place to enjoy strolling or shopping. Restaurant presence on the street helps mitigate this issue. The half street closure of Ramona Street offers a unique environment with a harmonious and lively feeling that people thrive for. The possible use of the middle of University Ave for a bike lane would be a welcome change in a City where riding a bike can be a very dangerous idea because of car traffic. Summer is a time for music, for families and for fun, not just cars.

Although the CDC and the State hope to be able to move towards normal life, no one knows if a second wave of Covid restrictions may occur as they did in Europe, and as happened in Santa Clara County from December through February when Palo Alto reopened streets. This is not to mention the Covid variants which still remain a threat. A study recently released out of the [University of California, San Francisco](#) concluded that the UK variant was able to quickly dominate the country because it is better able to evade the body's initial immune response, allowing the virus to replicate in the body before the immune system mounts a robust defense. Currently, the Delta variant is occurring in southern California with numerous new cases reported. Lastly, if the City would do a **survey before making a decision** of what residents prefer (regarding street closures), I believe that most would say they still choose outdoor dining out of precaution because life cannot change with absolute confidence of non-infection from one day to the next.

There are many examples of other states and cities such as San Francisco or New York that are extending through October 31st, or making permanent the outdoor street dining etc (<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/25/nyregion/nyc-outdoor-dining-restaurants.html>) where "The outdoor dining program has saved an estimated 90,000 restaurant jobs citywide, according to city officials." Polly Trottenberg, the city transportation commissioner, said the program "has developed into one of the few bright spots in the pandemic," calling it "a creative new vision of public space."

I strongly urge you to please consider each street on it's own in your decision process, and to honor what you have already promised: **extend street closures respecting the original extension to October 31st, 2021**. We all know that 2021 will just be the **beginning** of a path to **partial** recovery from the economic devastation of Covid-19. The financial livelihood of the downtown businesses involved is in your hands.

Thank you for your consideration,

Nancy Coupal
President, Coupa Cafe

Baumb, Nelly

From: Curtis Layne <curtis.s.layne@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 10:21 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Keep California Ave closed to cars

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Hi,

Having California Ave closed to cars for the past year has been one of the few highlights from COVID. The communal atmosphere, outdoor seating, and safe waking environment has been incredible and I would to see this become a permanent fixture on the street.

There's ample parking around and cities are meant to be for people, not cars. This is something you see a lot of in Europe and it really creates a great community vibe and makes the city come alive.

I would be extremely disappointed if Cal Ave were to be reopened to cars this year, or at all for that matter. Please do what's best for our community.

Thanks,
Curtis

Baumb, Nelly

From: Katie Miller <katieleahmiller@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 10:27 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please keep Cal Ave open for outdoor dining & pedestrians

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Dear City Council,

I would really like you to keep Cal Ave permanently closed to cars and keep it open for pedestrian traffic and outdoor dining. I think this would be a huge win for the community.

Closing Cal Ave and allowing for restaurants to extend their patios out onto the street has been so nice for the community. If anything it's been one silver lining of Covid. Listening to live music, eating outdoors next to neighbors, enjoying a leisurely stroll to all the shops.

I know that myself and many of my neighbors who live in College Terrace would love to see Cal Ave remain closed to car traffic and keep the sense of community and festivities going. Many, if not all of the restaurants are benefiting greatly and have been able to increase their capacity and employ more people. I believe there is ample parking on the side streets and in the parking garages. Cal Ave is still very easy to navigate and access on foot and hasn't deterred me from shopping in the retail stores.

Please vote to keep it closed to car traffic. It's been so nice and we would love to keep enjoying it as it is.

Thank you,
Katie Miller
College Terrace

Sent from my iPhone

Baumb, Nelly

From: Valerie Sarma <vsarma@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 10:37 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Keep Cal Ave open for outdoor dining and foot traffic

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Palo Alto City Council,

A neighbor suggested that I write to express my deep concern about the closure of the extended outdoor dining and foot traffic on Cal Ave. in September. My family has loved the safety this provided during the pandemic and while we would love for it to continue permanently I think it is essential it continue until children under 12 are able to be vaccinated.

Kindly,
Valerie Sarma

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Palo Alto, CA 94306

Baumb, Nelly

From: Thomas F Icard III <thomas.icard@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 11:25 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Expression of support to keep California Avenue closed to car traffic

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Dear Members of the Palo City Council,

I am writing in connection with the City Manager's proposal to return California Avenue to its pre-pandemic status open to automobile traffic. I would like to express my unwavering support to **keep the street closed to car traffic**, and to **remain a pedestrian and outdoor dining area**.

As a resident of College Terrace, just across El Camino Real from the California Avenue business district, the improvements I have seen in quality of life as a result of the pedestrian zone have been immeasurable. What was once a place to visit only when necessary -- to pick up something quickly from a grocery or to get takeout from a restaurant -- is now itself a destination. The area has become a center of community in a way that was previously only possible once a week (during the Sunday morning farmers market). Whereas before my household would have done the majority of our shopping and dining elsewhere, we now find ourselves always inclined to stay in the neighborhood. I sincerely hope that the city is able to retain this wonderful arrangement going forward. In my estimation the long-term benefits for our city and for our community will be substantial.

With sincerest thanks,
Thomas Icard
2500 Columbia St, Unit 402
Palo Alto, CA

Baumb, Nelly

From: Chris Tucher <ctucher@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 11:04 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Request to speak at Tuesday special meeting

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To: City Council meeting planner, for 6/22 Special Meeting

May I please request permission to speak briefly at tomorrow (Tues) special meeting, to item #6 regarding street closures and Cal Avenue.

Here's my view, which I've shared with several council members ... and I'll summarize tomorrow within the limits of allotted time.

I feel strongly that California Avenue presents us with a fabulous opportunity to upgrade the city street scene ... if we keep it a car-free restaurant and pedestrian zone, permanently.

Cal Ave has never been more attractive than it is today: outdoor diners, people gathering and milling about, live music in the evening. And the restaurants are doing this on shoestring budgets in the teeth of a pandemic recession. Imagine how much better it'd be if they (and the city) could invest in the street scene knowing it'd be permanent.

Why let Cal Ave return to its drab and nondescript pre-pandemic past? Residents overwhelmingly do not want that; 96% told the city's survey Cal Ave should stay car-free). We're told that local businesses want to go back. Which ones? Not the restaurants, who seem like the most vibrant businesses on Cal Ave. Mollie Stones and the other retailers are easily accessible via side streets and rear parking (including that new 4-story garage). Signage on El Camino, like with Fry's in yesteryear, might assuage them.

But regardless, this is too valuable an opportunity to let slip away over the short-term worries of a few commercial interests. Restaurants will thrive. Cal Ave will become a destination, and that will lead to more and better retail. And most important, Cal Ave will become a vibrant gathering spot and hub of the community, especially evenings.

I mean, Cal Ave is a dead end either way. It stops at the train tracks. Please resist the short-sighted pressure of commercial interests. They've been catered to for decades, and Cal Ave retail has only gone downhill — except for the restaurants. Let them stay on the street!

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Baumb, Nelly

From: Friederike Buelow <ikebuelow@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 12:38 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Reopening of streets

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Hi,

We are long-time residents of Palo Alto and always wished there were more pedestrian zones and street cafes. Now that our wish has come true, albeit as a lucky by-product of this otherwise horrible pandemic, we really don't want the city to take it all away again. Frequent fears of insufficient business for local stores are very likely unfounded. Most cities in Europe now have some kind of car-free city/shopping center and merchants are doing just fine.

Most stores can be accessed for deliveries from a back alley. Parking doesn't seem a problem at this time with new parking garages nearby.

We believe that stores will actually get more foot traffic, potential customers will spend more time looking at displays and popping in spontaneously than if they're rushing by in their cars. Restaurants, during the Pandemic, were able to increase their seating quite a bit. And lastly, the charm of an outside lunch, dinner, or happy hour, and the leisurely atmosphere of strolling down a safe and decelerated street is for many customers a reason to come back.

We know that all of our friends and neighbors want to keep the main downtown areas pedestrian-only, and the outdoor restaurant spaces open for business.

Please make sure that University and California Aves remain closed to cars!

Thank you!

Friederike Bülow
001-650-245-5695

Sent from my iPhone

Baumb, Nelly

From: Aaron Levie <aaron@box.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 1:06 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: University Ave restaurants

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Dear PA City Council—

I just wanted to send a note of support for keeping the outdoor dining on University Ave. As a 15 year resident of Palo Alto/Menlo Park, this is about the greatest community innovation I've ever seen here. The vibrancy of the city is amazing, and for many people I know, it has dramatically increased the rate of going out now downtown (even more than pre-COVID). I would hate to see this end!

Good luck on your decision.

Thanks,
-Aaron

Baumb, Nelly

From: Seán Patrick Crotty <sean.patrick.crotty@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 3:27 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please keep Ramona closed

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Dear Palo Alto City Council,

As a 30-year resident of Palo Alto, the vibrant outdoor restaurant scene on Ramona Street in downtown has been a wonderful addition to the life of the city.

I understand you must strike a balance in supporting all of the city's businesses, so I would urge you to please consider keeping half of Ramona Street closed —just as it is right now: from Hamilton Avenue to just before the entrance to the underground garage at 533 Ramona.

This would enable long-standing favorite restaurants — starting with Osteria & going to Nola's — to continue to provide the delightful & thriving outdoor dining experience that is filled every evening with happy patrons.

Thank you for your consideration on this, and for your efforts in guiding our city.

~ Seán

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Baumb, Nelly

From: Nynke van den Berg <n.s.vandenberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 7:12 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please keep the streets closed for outdoor dining!

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Hi city council

Please keep Cal Ave and University Ave closed to cars. The outdoor dining experience has been fantastic and it really has changed life in the neighborhood! Not to forget about the European vibe it gives off reminding me of the terraces at home!

Thanks, Nynke

Baumb, Nelly

From: Pradeep Sindhu <pradeep.sindhu@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 7:37 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please vote to extend the Uplift Local through the end of Summer 2021

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Dear City Council Member,

I would like to urge you to vote to keep University Avenue and Ramona Street open for pedestrians and bicycles in our Downtown, so that we can enjoy a carefree and safe environment for the foreseeable future.

Quality of life matters. Please take a clue from European cities and eliminate cars from streets where people can sit and enjoy themselves without suffocating from exhaust fumes.

Thank you!

- Pradeep -

Sent from my iPhone

Baumb, Nelly

From: Alex Newman <newman.alexjames@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 7:59 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please vote to extend the Uplift Local through the end of Summer 2021

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Dear City Council Member,

I urge you to vote to keep University Avenue and Ramona Street open for pedestrians and bicycles in our Downtown, so that we can enjoy the carefree and safe environment through the Summer 2021.

Thank you for your support in this quality of life matter!

Sent from my iPhone

Baumb, Nelly

From: Ayse Linde <aysefindikli@mac.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 8:09 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please vote to extend the Uplift Local through the end of Summer 2021

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Dear City Council Member,

I urge you to vote to keep University Avenue and Ramona Street open for pedestrians and bicycles in our Downtown, so that we can enjoy the carefree and safe environment through the Summer 2021.

Thank you for your support in this quality of life matter!

Sent from my iPhone

Baumb, Nelly

From: Anton <antonschneider90@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 8:40 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Keeping pedestrian zone on California Avenue

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Dear Council members,

Please keep parts of California Avenue a pedestrian zone as it is today (all days of the week).

It creates a great outdoor space for eating, walking around, the occasional live band...
There is plenty of parking in the side streets, e.g. Cambridge Avenue.
I think it really adds to our neighborhood and the local businesses.

Thank you for your work and time.
Anton Schneider
2030 Williams Street

Sent from my iPhone

Baumb, Nelly

From: Elise Mostello <emostello@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 9:25 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Cal Ave Pedestrian Zone

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Dear City Council,

Good morning! I am a Palo Alto resident living on Columbia Ave, close to where the Cal Ave pedestrian zone is. **I am emailing to advocate that this pedestrian zone be here to stay**, even as restrictions are removed and we begin to enter our "new normal" stage of COVID response. As a mother of two small children I rely on this pedestrian area heavily, which I will expand upon below.

My family and I relocated to Palo Alto in September from Cambridge, MA. We have two small children (ages 1 and 3) and being able to walk or have our 3 year old bike in an area that is safe is important to us. In Cambridge there were many walking paths, nature reserves, and outdoor dining areas for us to explore (both before and during COVID, despite weather). In moving to Palo Alto we were nervous that we would be forced to drive everywhere instead of walking, or that if we walked it would be less safe because of the increased traffic that exists in the suburbs from everyone else driving. We were beyond excited when we saw the adjustment to Cal Ave. **We have walked/biked to Cal Ave at least 3 times a week since moving here to dine, explore, and let the kids roam in a large space without concern of cars or overcrowding.** To hear that this may now be reversed is devastating to our family. **If the area went back to car traffic and primarily indoor dining I can definitely say that we will not be using this as our dining outlet with such frequency.**

In addition to being a great space for my children to roam and explore, it is also one of the few areas that has a plethora of outdoor dining. I know that for adults who can be vaccinated that moving to indoor dining is not a concern, but for my children who are still too young to be vaccinated yet is a great concern for us to be indoor dining. I have recently been argued with, by fellow residents without children, that children don't get COVID and not to worry. I hope that the City Council understands that this argument is false. Children can get COVID, it just doesn't hospitalize them at the rate it does adults... yet. Since we don't know the long term effects of this neurological disease and we don't know if a new variant will affect children more, it is important for our family to remain safe with our dining activities.

I would like to add that I have also used this space by car when meeting my family after work or buying groceries at Molly Stone's. I have never found accessing it by car or finding parking a problem. I'm actually quite surprised at how much parking is available - thank you for the lots and side street parking!

In the recent polls about this space it is overwhelmingly clear that the residents want this to remain a pedestrian expanded space. Please listen to the residents and keep Cal Ave partially closed to traffic, more open to pedestrians, and available for us to enjoy more outdoor dining.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my opinions!

Sincerely,
Elise Mostello

Baumb, Nelly

From: Camelia Simoiu <csimoiu@stanford.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 9:49 AM
To: Council, City
Cc: Gordon Wetzstein
Subject: Please keep California Ave as a pedestrian / outdoor dining area

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing on behalf of my husband (CC'd) and myself to express our hope that the first few blocks of California Avenue be kept as a pedestrian and outdoor dining area.

We are residents of Palo Alto, living in College Terrace near California Avenue (zip code 94304). My husband is a Professor at Stanford and I am a Data Scientist at Waymo.

Since the closure, we have walked, dined, and shopped locally more often than before. For example, we've found it more convenient to pick up groceries at Molly Stones or Sun Life as part of our walks in the area, rather than purposefully drive elsewhere as we used to do.

We've found that the no-car zone has created a fantastic space to meet friends and spend time with our toddler, as it is significantly safer for him without cars. As a result of spending more time on California Avenue, we have supported local business more so than ever before. The pedestrian zone was one of the few positive outcomes to come out of the pandemic, and we sincerely hope that it will be kept this way.

best regards,
Camelia and Gordon Wetzstein

Baumb, Nelly

From: Emma Chant <emma.d.chant@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 9:53 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please vote to extend the Uplift Local through the end of Summer 2021

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Dear City Council Members,

I urge you to vote to keep University Avenue and Ramona Street open for pedestrians and bicycles in our Downtown, so that we can enjoy the carefree and safe environment through the Summer 2021.

I have lived here for almost four years, and while the last year has been rough in a lot of ways, the last few months have been the best time to walk around downtown Palo Alto. With open air dining the town seemed very cool!

Thank you for your support in this quality of life matter!

Best,
Emma Chant

Sent from my iPhone

Baumb, Nelly

From: Bob Wenzlau <bob@wenzlau.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 9:55 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: June 22, 2021 - Item 7 - Support for Continuing Street Closures and Parklets

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Council Members,

I urge you to extend and develop a permanent strategy to maintain the street closures and parklets that allow the presence of our cafes on our boulevards.

From an international perspective, and generally a perspective that embraces sustainability, the reclaiming of our streets by our cafes and businesses emulates our sister cities in Heidelberg, Albi, Linköping, Enschede and Oaxaca. In these cities the businesses are vital, and the community presence is strong.

I often view these decisions as tipping points. Where will Council tip? Will Council tip to lead us to the sustainable future, or will Council maintain legacy positions. As we tip to the future we evolve, and find how our businesses would be creative to attract merchants. (We know that Stanford Shopping Center likely attracts high tax revenues, without having cars driving through their walkways.)

Good luck in your leadership!

Bob

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Bob Wenzlau
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650-248-4467

Baumb, Nelly

From: Alison McNall <a_mcnall@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 11:24 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Opening California Ave and University Avenue

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I would like to see these streets remain closed to traffic. People need to have pedestrian only areas to feel safe and tranquil.

There are plenty of parking spots around so it isn't necessary to open the streets up to traffic chaos.

Thank you

Alison McNall

Baumb, Nelly

From: Verdere Philpot <verdere.philpot@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 11:32 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please vote to extend the Uplift Local through the end of Summer 2021

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Dear City Council Member,

I urge you to vote to keep University Avenue and Ramona Street open for pedestrians and bicycles in our Downtown, so that we can enjoy the carefree and safe environment through the Summer 2021.

Thank you for your support in this quality of life matter!

Regards,

Chris

Baumb, Nelly

From: Gayle Laakmann McDowell <g@gayle.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 11:59 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please vote to extend the Uplift Local through the end of Summer 2021

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Dear City Council Member,

I am a resident of Palo Alto, living a few blocks from University Ave. I urge you to vote to keep University Avenue and Ramona Street open for pedestrians and bicycles in our Downtown, so that we can enjoy the carefree and safe environment through the Summer 2021.

While I am vaccinated, my children are not — and indoor dining makes me very uncomfortable. Moreover, keeping university Ave open for pedestrian fosters a wonderful community, which Palo Alto is desperately in need of.

Thank you for your support in this quality of life matter!

Gayle McDowell
Palo Alto resident

Baumb, Nelly

From: Carolina Abbassi <carolina.abbassi@mac.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 11:02 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please vote to extend the Uplift Local through the end of Summer 2021

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Dear City Council Member,

I urge you to vote to keep University Avenue and Ramona Street open for pedestrians and bicycles in our Downtown, so that we can enjoy the carefree and safe environment through the Summer 2021.

Thank you for your support in this quality of life matter!

Sent from my iPhone

Baumb, Nelly

From: Jamie O'Connell <jpdoconnell@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 12:17 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Urging you to continue California Avenue pedestrian zone permanently/indefinitely

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Dear Councilmembers:

Thank you for serving our community on the Council. I write to urge you to **maintain the California Avenue pedestrian zone permanently — or at least indefinitely — rather than** end the program in September.

My family and I live on California Avenue, a few blocks from the commercial district. While we frequently shopped and dined on California Avenue before the pandemic, the increased availability of outdoor dining as a result of the creation of the pedestrian zone has significantly increased the frequency of our visits to restaurants there. The pedestrian zone also makes it more pleasant to stroll in the commercial district, which has increased our spontaneous visits to stores there. While we are now vaccinated and comfortable eating indoors, we much prefer eating outside, and our youngest child is not yet vaccinated and so we will not eat indoors with him.

Our family is just one, of course, but your constituents have spoken clearly and overwhelmingly in favor of maintaining the closure. When 96% of residents who respond to a city poll agree, it is difficult to see how you could justify going against them, as democratic representatives. Of course it is reasonable for you consider other factors — representative democracy is not direct democracy. But when public opinion is so overwhelming, going against it can only be justified by equally overwhelming arguments.

Happily for you and our community, though, this is an easy public policy call — unlikely nearly every other choice you and other local government leaders face. There are no significant downsides to maintaining the closure of the few blocks of California Avenue to vehicle traffic indefinitely, or ideally permanently (a choice you do not need to make at this point):

- **Businesses in the California Avenue area benefit from increased patronage.**
- **Access to businesses, traffic, and parking are just as easy with the closure as they would be with Cal Ave open**, thanks to the existence of easy-to-navigate parallel streets on both sides of California Avenue and plentiful parking in lots and the new garages. (Those who designed the closure — presumably city staff and merchants — deserve credit for placing the end of the closure at Birch Street, preserving very easy access to Molly Stone's, Caltrain, the courthouses and other things at the north end.) Mike Stone's concern

about access to Mollie Stone's grocery store is misplaced: I shop there and find it just as easy to get in and out of the parking lot as it was without the closure.

Finally, I understand that some have expressed concern that the closure has different effects on different businesses, benefitting some more than others. Some even suggest that the closure involves the city "picking winners and losers." This concern is entirely misplaced. First, there seems to be no evidence that any business is significantly harmed by the closure, and many benefit tremendously. Thus there is considerable benefit and almost no cost to the closure. Second, all public policies have distributional effects, including those that represent the status quo: whatever you do or do not do about the closure, or any other issue you face, some people will benefit more, some may benefit less, and some (although few if any in this case) may lose out. *Governing involves choices among priorities, so the argument that a particular choice involves "picking winners and losers" is meaningless.* Indeed, the Cal Ave closure is an extremely rare opportunity to benefit many people — including 96% of residents who felt strongly enough to express their opinion, and the vast majority of Cal Ave business owners — at the expense of essentially nobody.

To mix sports metaphors, keeping the pedestrian zone is a public policy slam dunk, while ending it would be an own goal. I urge you to maintain one of the only positive things that the pandemic has brought to Palo Alto, and to the daily life of my family and many other citizens and business owners.

Sincerely,
Jamie O'Connell

Jamie O'Connell

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Baumb, Nelly

From: emmy mccormack <emmymac2002@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 12:32 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please vote to extend the Uplift Local through the end of Summer 2021

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Dear City Council Member,

I urge you to vote to keep University Avenue and Ramona Street open for pedestrians and bicycles in our Downtown, so that we can enjoy the carefree and safe environment through the Summer 2021.

Thank you for your support in this quality of life matter!

Sent from my iPhone

Baumb, Nelly

From: Susan Wong <susanswong925@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 12:46 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please vote to extend the Uplift Local through the end of Summer 2021

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Dear City Council Member,

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Thank you for your support in this quality of life matter!

Sent from my iPhone

Baumb, Nelly

From: Elizabeth Young <eeyoung@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 12:56 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please vote to extend the Uplift Local through the end of Summer 2021

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Elizabeth
PA resident

Sent from my iPhone

Baumb, Nelly

From: Lerner, Ron <Ron_Lerner@intuit.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 12:58 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please vote to extend the Uplift Local through the end of Summer 2021

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Sent from my mobile device.

+1-646-226-1578

Ron_Lerner@Intuit.com

Baumb, Nelly

From: Milton Goldman <milt_goldman@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 1:30 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please vote to extend the Uplift Local through the end of Summer 2021

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Thanks

Milt Goldman

Baumb, Nelly

From: Aishetu Dozie <aishetu@bossybeauty.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 1:35 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please vote to extend the Uplift Local through the end of Summer 2021

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Baumb, Nelly

From: Ada <adriana_vascan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 1:38 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please vote to extend the Uplift Local through the end of Summer 2021

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Adriana Vascan

Baumb, Nelly

From: John Dawson <dawsonjohnp@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 2:07 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: dawsonjohnp@gmail.com
Subject: California Avenue and University Avenue street closures

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Hi council members,

Whether and when to re-open these business districts to cars is a big decision for Palo Alto. This is not something that should be decided by staff, essentially it should be decided by the people who live here.

Not by staff and not by local businesses. Of course their wishes, opinions, concerns, and well-being should be taken into account, but that is different than turning the decision over to them.

You have received overwhelming feedback from residents that we want the closures to continue.

Of course the details need to be managed by staff, and perhaps the best answer for California Avenue is different from the best answer for University Avenue.

But listen to the people who elected you and to whom you are actually responsible, exercise your authority, and direct staff accordingly.

A longtime Palo Alto resident,

John Dawson

Baumb, Nelly

From: Nick Warner <nickwarner007@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 2:11 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please vote to extend the Uplift Local through the end of Summer 2021

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Dear City Council Member,

I urge you to vote to keep University Avenue and Ramona Street open for pedestrians and bicycles in our Downtown, so that we can enjoy the carefree and safe environment through the Summer 2021.

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I am a downtown worker (business not disclosed) and we have been doing very well since last July when we re-opened. Customers seem to have NO problem with parking one block away to visit our retail store.

I implore the council to listen to what the people want! Not the handful of juggernaut landlords who want to keep their rents as high as possible.

Without exception the ground floor businesses only have two or three parking spaces in front of them. Which means that 99% of their customers have had to park a block or two away pre-pandemic, anyway.

Landlord's buildings may or may not fill to capacity again, in their own time. Not because University Ave is wide open.

I could continue but I hope you have read this message.

Thank you.

Baumb, Nelly

From: Eddie Reynolds <eddiereyn@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 2:44 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Keep University Avenue Open!!!

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Keep our Restaurants open and in the streets! Please.
Eddie Reynolds and Hernan Correa
548 Everett Court

Baumb, Nelly

From: Carlos Rivas <rivasvivas@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 2:56 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Palo Alto Street Closures

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Dear Members of the City Council of Palo Alto,

My name is Carlos Rivas and I'm a resident of Palo Alto. My wife and I and our two kids live at 850 Guinda Street and have lived at this address since 2010.

I am writing to express my strong support for the street closure program. The last year has been a difficult one for all of us, but as the world begins to re-open and we all get comfortable going out again, we have found the ability to walk to downtown Palo Alto for a meal or for ice cream invigorating. The kids love riding their bikes or walking our dog and feeling safe. The street closure has also brought life back to downtown Palo Alto, making it more enticing to go out, have a meal outdoors and enjoy a nice long evening. It has almost made downtown Palo Alto feel like a small European town.

We have seen a significant number of vacancies over the years transforming what was once an incredibly attractive city into a fairly sad one with more homeless and vacant store fronts. The street closure program has begun to reverse that feeling and it would be a real shame to return to the way we were as we kick off the summer and good weather season.

I urge you to please keep the street closure program in place through the fall so that my family and I (and many others) can continue to enjoy downtown Palo Alto and so that we keep the livelier spirit alive and make this an attractive destination for others.

With warm regards,
Carlos Rivas

Baumb, Nelly

From: Neeraj Gupta <neeraj@cervinventures.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 1:09 PM
To: Council, City
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Thank you for your support in this quality of life matter!

Sent from my iPhone

Baumb, Nelly

From: anne <ahusty@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 20, 2021 8:02 PM
To: Council, City; Tomforcouncil@gmail.com; patburt11@gmail.com;
AlisonLCormack@CityofPaloAlto.org; Filseth, Eric (external); LydiaKou@gmail.com; Greer Stone;
greg@GregTanaka.org; Clerk, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission
Subject: Appeal Verizon cell tower application approval

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Dear Representative of the People,

I am writing to ask that you over-turn the decision by Planning Director Jonathan Lait to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-0018.

It seems like once again it is disappointing to see the direction the city takes when important decisions are made, with little to no regard for community interests. It is extremely concerning when the city prioritizes profit interests over people's well being.

My husband and I have seen this far too often during the 42 years that we have lived in Palo Alto, basically a pass is given to big money at the expense of the community. I include the planning commission, city attorney and the city council in a pattern of bias and undue generosity given towards the interests of money. This points directly at the distrust many Palo Alto residents have of our local government,(also, government in general) that has been time and time corrupted by moneyed interests.

Now is the right time to build a trust between citizens and their government, show some principal and do the right thing, by overturning this poor decision.

Thank you,

Anne Husty

Baumb, Nelly

From: Margaret Heath <maggi650@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 20, 2021 8:00 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Council meeting 6/22/21 Item 8 - Verizon Wireless At-places Memo

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Dear Council Members,

I was dismayed to learn that the city management approved Verizon's wireless application. While balancing the quality of life for residents and the interests of the telecommunications industry may be no easy task, the decision by Director of Planning Jonathon Lait and City Manager Ed Shikada appears to be completely out of touch.

However, this may be the outcome of a pivotal meeting of the Planning and Transport Commission some years ago, and I believe a direct line can be drawn between the outcome of that meeting and what you have before you today. During that meeting I watched a very newly appointed member of the Planning and Transportation Commission advocate strenuously and successfully on behalf of telecommunications industry interests. Although the commissioner acknowledged that he had specialized knowledge in this area, there was no mention that his professional work might involve representing clients in an industry that stood to gain financially in the outcome of the meeting. Indeed, his expertise and advocacy undercut months of staff's hard work with both industry representatives and residents. Ultimately resulting in an outcome that significantly weakened and in some cases completely disregarded staff's proposed cell equipment design guidelines and placement codes.

I later came to understand that this commissioner's own law firm specializes in representing clients in the telecommunications industry, an industry that had a lot to gain if staff's report and recommendations to the commission could be significantly undermined and weakened. While city guidelines address personal financial gain while a member of the council or any of Palo Alto's commissions and boards is serving, are there no guidelines regarding a member's personal financial interest in representing the financial interests of an industry represented by their clients? At a minimum, why was this close professional affiliation not disclosed to the public and fellow commissioners?

Sincerely,
Margaret Heath
2140 Cornell Street
Palo Alto

Baumb, Nelly

From: Annette Fazzino <annette.fazzino@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 20, 2021 7:02 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Tom DuBois; PatBurt11@gmail.com; alisonlcormack@cityofpaloalto.org; Filseth, Eric (external); LydiaKou@gmail.com; Greer Stone; Greg Tanaka; Clerk, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission
Subject: Please overturn Planning Director Lait's approval of Verizon's cell tower

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Dear Mayor DuBois, Vice-Mayor Burt, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kou, Stone, and Tanaka:

I understand that Planning Director Jonathan Lait approved Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118.

This makes me cranky. It seems as though Planning Director Lait did not take appropriate care on this one. The equipment does NOT comply with the design standards that Palo Alto has established. Not only that, but everyone within 600 feet of the proposed tower was required to have been notified and a meeting held for community discussion. Those things didn't happen. It's a slippery slope when we allow something to pass through without following the rules. Especially with the negative impact that we face when things pass without the Municipal Code being followed.

I've been involved with the many Palo Alto residents who want to be careful about how cell towers are situated in Palo Alto. So many other Cities are working to get this technology right. Let's do the same. I know that I am far from alone in having grave concerns about a noisy, ugly cell tower proposed at the end of my short driveway. This particular project is not the one outside my son's window; however, we need to get ALL of these projects placed in the right areas in order to maintain residential quality of life. So, let's go through all of the proper steps on this particular application, 20PLN-00118.

Please overturn and deny the application and require that Verizon comply with our City's Municipal Code. Keep Palo Alto beautiful and peaceful.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Annette Evans Fazzino
650.799.7414

Baumb, Nelly

From: Amrutha Kattamuri <vkattamuri@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 19, 2021 12:49 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Clerk, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; Jeanne Fleming
Subject: Request to deny Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118

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Dear Mayor DuBois, Vice-Mayor Burt, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kou, Stone and Tanaka,

I am writing this email to request and urge you to overturn Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118.

First off, the Planning Director has approved oversized equipment that fails to comply with the design standards Palo Alto has established. Moreover, our city's Municipal Code required Verizon to notify "all residents and property owners within 600 feet of the project site" of a community meeting at which the proposed project would be discussed. But Verizon simply failed to do so.

I would therefore kindly request you to please deny their application and insist that Verizon comply with our City's Municipal Code. The residents of Palo Alto are counting on you to protect the quality of life in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Amrutha Kattamuri

Baumb, Nelly

From: Meredith Einaudi <mweinaudi@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 19, 2021 12:12 AM
To: Council, City
Cc: Tomforcouncil@gmail.com; PatBurt11@gmail.com; AlisonLCormack@cityofpaloalto.org; Filseth, Eric (external); LydiaKou@gmail.com; GStone22@gmail.com; gre@gregtanaka.org; ARM@cityofpaloalto.org
Subject: Overturn Decision to Approve Verizon's Cell Tower Application 20PLN-00118

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Dear Mayor Dubois, Vice Mayor Burt; and Council Members
Cormack, Filseth; Kou, Stone and Tanaka,

I am writing to urge you to overturn Jonathan Lait's decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN -00118.

Among many reasons to reject Verizon's application is that the Planning Director has approved oversize equipment that fails to comply with the design standards Palo Alto has established. In addition Our Municipal Code requires that Verizon notify all residents and property owners within 600 feet of the project and invite them to a community meeting in which the proposed project can be discussed. Verizon did not do this,

Please deny their application and insist that Verizon comply with the city's Municipal Code. The residents of Palo Alto are counting on you to protect the quality of life in our community.

Yours truly, Meredith Einaudi

Baumb, Nelly

From: Annette Rahn <annetterahn@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 18, 2021 7:26 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: DuBois, Tom; Cormack, Alison; alisonLcormack@cityofpaloalto.org; Filseth, Eric (external); lydiakou@gmail.com; gstone@gmail.com; Clerk, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; patburt11@gmail.com
Subject: Overturn Planning Director Jonathan Lait's Decision to Approve Verizon's Cell Tower Application 20PLN-00118

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Dear Mayor DuBois, Vice-Mayor Burt, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kou, Stone and Tanaka,

I am writing to urge you to overturn Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118.

Just for starters, the Planning Director has approved oversized equipment that fails to comply with the design standards Palo Alto has established. Moreover, our city's Municipal Code required Verizon to notify "all residents and property owners within 600 feet of the project site" of a community meeting at which the proposed project would be discussed. But Verizon simply failed to do so.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Annette Rahn

Baumb, Nelly

From: kip <krhusty@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 18, 2021 2:09 PM
To: Council, City; Tomforcouncil@gmail.com; patburt11@gmail.com;
AlisonLCormack@CityofPaloAlto.org; Filseth, Eric (external); LydiaKou@gmail.com; Greer Stone;
greg@GregTanaka.org; Clerk, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission
Subject: Addendum to my previous email re: cell phone tower appeal

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Hello,

I forgot to add one further statement to support my request that the City Council reject Director Lait's short-sighted and overly generous (we could say suspicious) approval of Verizon's incomplete and flawed application, 20PLN-008. I apologize for taking up more of your time.

It has been my experience that the City Attorney, through many of it's changing faces, has looked for ways to support the interest of profit over the interests of residents (sure, they may resort to the twisted argument that the business interests are providing for the interests of residents, but in a case of safety and health, this is a dangerous and anti-democratic sophistry). I urge you to look at the legal requirements strictly (as City's attorneys often do in arguing for the interests of Verizon and others) and apply the principles that you are here to represent the interests of the residents and citizens of Palo Alto (the living, breathing persons, not the perversion that grants corporations personhood - the two are not the same in a real governance aspect). It is time for the living people to be given their full value and not short-changed through legalistic servitude to moneyed interests. The cynicism directed toward government these days owes much to such transparent maneuvering. I know as dedicated representatives of the living people of Palo Alto, you want to build a trust between citizens and their governments.

Thank you,

Kip Husty

Baumb, Nelly

From: kip <krhusty@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 18, 2021 12:12 PM
To: Council, City; Tomforcouncil@gmail.com; patburt11@gmail.com;
AlisonLCormack@CityofPaloAlto.org; Filseth, Eric (external); LydiaKou@gmail.com; Greer Stone;
greg@GregTanaka.org; Clerk, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission
Subject: Appeal of Verizon cell tower application approval

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Dear Representative of the People,

I am writing to ask that you over-turn the deficient and disturbing decision by Planning Director Jonathan Lait's to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-0018.

The appeal filed by United Neighbors discusses the deficiencies of the application and Director Lait's failure to uphold the legal requirements for any such application. There is a great deal of talk these days about the break-down of the 'rule of law' and that should not be only directed against disgruntled citizens who break the law, but should be first and foremost applied to the decisions by the State. Further, the rule of law must be there to protect the people first and foremost, without contortions to benefit the interests of profit making under whatever tortured rationale. It is disturbing that we have to appeal a decision by City officials and agents that once again favors multi-national corporations that are merely here for profit, not because it is their community where they live their lives.

Director Lait has side-stepped legal requirements for the interests of a corporation that hires lawyers and PR reps to further their interests in profit. This kind of leniency given to moneyed interests has a suspicious appearance. To strengthen the rule of law for the people it emanates from and for, and, additionally, to make it clear that favoritism based upon profit interests will not be tolerated in a City that represents its people first and foremost, this appeal should be granted. Not only would it meet legal requirements, it would send a message to the citizens of Palo Alto that their interests, as residents whose lives are directly affected by City decisions, are the primary concern of their government. Otherwise, cynicism creeps in as it appears that outside money takes precedence over locally lived interests.

For all the short-comings of the applications and the approval, the application should be denied. As a statement re-affirming the value of community and the people, it ought to be denied.

Thank you for your time,

Kip Husty

Baumb, Nelly

From: Alex Ivashchenko <alex@ivashchenko.name>
Sent: Friday, June 18, 2021 12:06 AM
To: Council, City
Cc: tomforcouncil@gmail.com; patburt11@gmail.com; alisonlcormack@cityofpaloalto.org; Filseth, Eric (external); lydiakou@gmail.com; gstone22@gmail.com; greg@gregtanaka.org; Clerk, City; Architectural Review Board
Subject: Please overturn Lait's decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118

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Dear Mayor DuBois, Vice-Mayor Burt, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kou, Stone and Tanaka,

I am writing to urge you to overturn Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118.

Just for starters, the Planning Director has approved oversized equipment that fails to comply with the design standards Palo Alto has established. Moreover, our city's Municipal Code required Verizon to notify "all residents and property owners within 600 feet of the project site" of a community meeting at which the proposed project would be discussed. But Verizon simply failed to do so.

Please deny their application and insist that Verizon comply with our City's Municipal Code. The residents of Palo Alto are counting on you to protect the quality of life in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

-- A.I.

Baumb, Nelly

From: Art Liberman <art_liberman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 9:59 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Overturn Cell Tower administrative approval

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Planning Director Jonathan Lait erred when he approved Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118. Palo Alto codes require Verizon to notify residents within 600' of the project and hold a community meeting. Verizon failed to do so, yet Mr. Lait approved the project. Verizon proposes to use equipment that does not comply with Palo Alto's design standards, yet Mr. Lait approved the project.

Please overturn Mr. Lait's approval of this project and reject Verizon's application. Also, provide clarifying guidance to Mr. Lait, so that in the future he is aware that he can only approve projects that, at a minimum, comply with Palo Alto's Municipal Code.

Thank you,

Arthur Liberman
751 Chimalus Drive
Palo Alto

Baumb, Nelly

From: Leonard Schwarz <lschwarz@right-thing.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 5:57 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Tomforcouncil@gmail.com; PatBurt11@gmail.com; AlisonLCormack@cityofpaloalto.org; Filseth, Eric (external); Kou, Lydia; 'Greg Tanaka'; Clerk, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission
Subject: Verizon Cell Tower Application

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Dear Council Members,

I strongly urge you to overturn Planning Director Lait's decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118 allowing cell towers at 850 Webster Street, 1221 Middlefield Road and 853 Middlefield Road.

In filing their application, Verizon simply ignored the requirement in Palo Alto's Municipal Code that residents living within 600 feet of any proposed site are to be notified of a meeting at which the applicant is to explain the project and answer residents' questions. One example: Channing House is within 600 feet of one of these sites, yet none of its residents were notified.

Moreover, Planning Director Lait has approved a design that is disallowed by our City's Code.

Please do not turn your back on the residents and allow a project to go forward that has been and remains in violation of the Palo Alto's Municipal Code. Why our City's Planning Director has decided to ignore the Code is a question for another day. But now is the moment for City Council to insist that our Municipal Code is not to be so casually disregarded.

Thank you,

Leonard Schwarz
Webster St., Palo Alto

Baumb, Nelly

From: Jeffrey S. Glenn <jsglenn@stanford.edu>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 4:49 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Tomforcouncil@gmail.com; PatBurt11@gmail.com; AlisonLCormack@cityofpaloalto.org; Filseth, Eric (external); LydiaKou@gmail.com; GStone22@gmail.com; greg@gregtanaka.org; Clerk, City;
Subject: Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission
Appealing New Cell Towers

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Dear Mayor DuBois, Vice-Mayor Burt, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kou, Stone and Tanaka,

I am writing to urge you to overturn Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118.

Just for starters, the Planning Director has approved oversized equipment that fails to comply with the design standards Palo Alto has established. Moreover, our city's Municipal Code required Verizon to notify "all residents and property owners within 600 feet of the project site" of a community meeting at which the proposed project would be discussed. But Verizon simply failed to do so.

Please deny their application and insist that Verizon comply with our City's Municipal Code. The residents of Palo Alto are counting on you to protect the quality of life in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey

Jeffrey S. Glenn, M.D., Ph.D.

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Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology

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Baumb, Nelly

From: Jeanne Fleming <jffleming@metricus.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 4:00 PM
To: Clerk, City
Cc: chow_tina@yahoo.com; 'Jerry Fan'; annette.fazzino@gmail.com; jnimkar@gmail.com; Council, City
Subject: FW: 6/22 appeal of Verizon cell tower approval

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Dear City Clerk,

I fear that you may not have received the email below that I sent you earlier in the week.

As it says, I would appreciate it if you would tell me what the format will be of the 6/22/21 appeal hearing before City Council. For example, how much time will be allotted to each party and in what order will the parties speak?

I would also appreciate it if you would: 1) tell me to whom I should send exhibits for Tuesday's hearing (i.e., so that they can be shown to Council and the public); and 2) send me a Zoom link to provide to residents who would like to attend the hearing.

Again, thank you for your help. Since the hearing is only five days away, we are very much in need of this information.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Fleming

Jeanne Fleming, PhD
JFleming@Metricus.net
650-325-5151

-----Original Message-----

From: Jeanne Fleming <jjf@right-thing.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 10:43 AM
To: city.clerk@cityofpaloalto.org
Cc: chow_tina@yahoo.com; Jerry Fan <jerry.fan@gmail.com>; Annette Fazzino <annette.fazzino@gmail.com>; Jyo Nimkar <jnimkar@gmail.com>
Subject: 6/22 appeal of Verizon cell tower approval

Dear City Clerk,

I would appreciate it if you would tell me what the format will be of the 6/22/21 appeal hearing before City Council. For example, how much time will be allotted to each party and in what order will the parties speak?

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Fleming

JFleming@Metricus.net
650-325-5151

Sent from my iPad

Baumb, Nelly

From: James VanHorne <james_vanhorne@stanford.edu>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 3:55 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Tomforcouncil@gmail.com; PatBurt11@gmail.com; AlisonLCormack@cityofpaloalto.org; Filseth, Eric (external); Kou, Lydia; Greg Tanaka; Clerk, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission
Subject: Verizon Cell Tower Application

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I have lived in Palo Alto for over 50 years, and have become increasingly concerned about the heavy cell tower equipment to be installed on our telephone poles. I have written to you about this concern in the past.

In that regard, I urge you to reject and overturn Jonathan Lait's decision to approve Verizon cell tower application 20PLN-00118. This strikes me as a reversal of some of previous words he has said about paying attention to the opinions of citizens and to the ARB. Rather autocratic it strikes me.

Lait has now approved oversize equipment that does not comply with design standards established by Palo Alto. Residents and property owners within 600 feet of the projects approved, three as I understand it, have not been notified by Verizon. You cannot expect Verizon to do anything other than pressure city officials to yield to their agenda - that is what they have implied to their stockholders.

Please deny their application and insist they comply with Palo Alto's Municipal Code. We as residents deserve better. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, James C. Van Horne, 2000 Webster St., Palo Alto, CA 94301.

Baumb, Nelly

From: Francesca Kautz <dfkautz@pacbell.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 3:27 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: AlisonLCormack@cityofpaloalto.org; Architectural Review Board; Clerk, City; Filseth, Eric (external); greg@gregtanaka.org; GStone22@gmail.com; LydiaKou@gmail.com; PatBurt11@gmail.com; Planning Commission; tomforcouncil@gmail.com
Subject: Please deny Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Francesca Kautz

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From: Barbara Kelly <bmkelly@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 2:49 PM
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Cc: AlisonLCormack@CityofPaloAlto.org
Subject: Jonathan Lait & Verizon Cell Towers Application

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From: Barbara Kelly <bmkelly@hotmail.com>
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To: Council, City
Cc: Planning Commission
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From: Barbara Kelly <bmkelly@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 2:12 PM
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Cc: Council Member Tanaka Office
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From: Barbara Kelly <bmkelly@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 2:04 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: patburt11@gmail.com
Subject: Jonathan Lait & Verizon Cell Tower Application

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From: Barbara Kelly <bmkelly@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 1:58 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: gstone22@gmail.com
Subject: Jonathan Lait & Verizon Cell Tower Application

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From: Barbara Kelly <bmkelly@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 1:56 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: greg@gregtanaka.org
Subject: Jonathan Lait & Verizon Cell Tower Application

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From: Barbara Kelly <bmkelly@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 1:55 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: tomforcouncil@gmail.com
Subject: Jonathan Lait & Verizon Cell Tower Application

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From: Barbara Kelly <bmkelly@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 1:55 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Filseth, Eric (external)
Subject: Jonathan Lait & Verizon Cell Tower Application

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From: Barbara Kelly <bmkelly@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 1:55 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: lydiakou@gmail.com
Subject: Jonathan Lait & Verizon Cell Tower Application

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Barbara Kelly, resident of Palo Alto

Baumb, Nelly

From: Paul Machado <plmachado@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 12:01 PM
To: Council, City; DuBois, Tom; Burt, Patrick; Tanaka, Greg; Kou, Lydia; Filseth, Eric (Internal); AlisonLCormack@cityofpaloalto.org; Stone, Greer
Subject: Verizon app 20PLN-00118

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Please deny this cell tower application as Verizon failed to comply with design and notification requirements. It is believed the applicant should be required to satisfy all requirements in the application process.

Thank you

Paul Machado

Baumb, Nelly

From: Alice Holmes <AHolmes@renault-handley.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 11:52 AM
To: Council, City
Cc: tomforcouncil@gmail.com; patburt11@gmail.com; alisonlcormack@cityofpaloalto.org; Filseth, Eric (external); lydiakou@gmail.com; gstone22@gmail.com; 'greg@gregtanaka.org'; Clerk, City;
Subject: Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission
New Cell Towers

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Dear Mayor DuBois, Vice-Mayor Burt, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kou, Stone and Tanaka,

As a thirty five year resident of Palo Alto, I am writing to urge you to overturn Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118.

Mr. Lait has approved oversized equipment that fails to comply with the design standards Palo Alto has established. Moreover, our city's Municipal Code required Verizon to notify "all residents and property owners within 600 feet of the project site" of a community meeting at which the proposed project would be discussed. But Verizon simply failed to do so. Why?

I have written concerning this matter in the past. I am very concerned that our city employees uphold the design standards and the Municipal Code. Why are you allowing Mr. Lait to override these two very important areas? Why is the City Manager allowing his employees to go around the rules? I continue to express concern about the power and control of the City Manager, who is not elected, and the interaction with City Council members. Please hold the Planning Director and the City Manager accountable to follow the design standards and insist that the Municipal Code is followed.

Please vote to deny their application and insist that Verizon comply with our City's Municipal Code.

As a resident of Palo Alto, I am counting on you to protect the quality of life in our community.

With appreciation for your service to our community,

Alice Holmes
Resident of Palo Alto since 1986

Baumb, Nelly

From: Nancy <ngkrop@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 11:07 AM
To: Council, City
Cc: PatBurt11@gmail.com; Tomforcouncil@gmail.com; AlisonLCormack@cityofpaloalto.org; Filseth, Eric (external); LydiaKou@gmail.com; GStone22@gmail.com; greg@gregtanaka.org; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission
Subject: Overturn Approval of Verizon cell tower application 20PLN-00118

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Dear Palo Alto City Council members,

Please overturn Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118.

First, due to Verizon's failure to comply with our City's Municipal Code, the application must be denied.

- The Planning Director approved oversized equipment that fails to comply with Palo Alto design standards;
- The Palo Alto Municipal Code required Verizon to notify "all residents and property owners within 600 feet of the project site" of a community meeting at which the proposed project would be discussed. Verizon failed to do so.

Second - just a reminder - when considering ANY proposed cell tower, please comply with the PAUSD school board resolution recommending 1500 foot setbacks of cell towers from PAUSD schools. Several PAUSD PTAs also passed resolutions supporting these cell tower setbacks from our schools.

Thank you for making the time to read my email.

Nancy Krop
Barron Park resident

Baumb, Nelly

From: Ann Protter <ann.protter@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 10:59 AM
To: Council, City
Cc: Clerk, City; tomforcouncil@gmail.com; patburt11@gmail.com; Cormack, Alison; Filseth, Eric (external); lydiakou@gmail.com; gstone22@gmail.com; Greg Tanaka; Architectural Review Board
Subject: Verizon's Cell tower 20PLN-00118

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Please overturn Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118.

I understand that neither the design or the application process met the Palo Alto design standards. The equipment is oversized and there should have been a community meeting with the affected neighbors.

What is the point of community involvement and design standards if Mr Lait just approves projects that he likes?

Please deny the Verizon application and insist that Verizon comply with our City's Municipal Code.

We residents count on you, our City Council, to protect us from Verizon and Mr Lait's impudent decisions.

Sincerely,

Ann Protter

Baumb, Nelly

From: robell <robell999@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 10:43 AM
To: burt@cityofpaloalto.org; DuBois, Tom; Filseth, Eric (Internal); Kou, Lydia; gstone22@gmail.com; Stone, Greer; Greg Tanaka; Tanaka, Greg; Council, City
Cc: Jeanne Fleming
Subject: Verizon's Proposed Installation

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Dear Palo Alto Council Members,

I write to you in support of the appeal issued by United Neighbors regarding Verizon's proposed installation of a cellular node to be located at 850 Webster Street. This address is Channing House where I live together with about 240 other senior residents.

Verizon did not notify us of this plan. We received a card on May 27, 2021 from City Hall informing us of this proposal. We live under a macro cell tower that Hammett Engineering assures us is harmless. Not all who live here are convinced that is the case as there are conflicting views among well-respected scientists. There is also an AT&T tower near our Health Center. However, adding this additional source of emissions is truly worrisome.

I hope you will oppose this installation so close to so many seniors who live near these emissions 24/7. We would desire the same setbacks as schools. Thank you for considering this matter.

Thank you,
Mary Robell

Baumb, Nelly

From: Magic <magic@ecomagic.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 10:27 AM
To: Council, City; Tom DuBois; PatBurt11@gmail.com; AlisonLCormack@cityofpaloalto.org; Filseth, Eric (external); Lydia Kou; Greer Stone; Greg Tanaka; Clerk, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission
Subject: Appeal of approval of Verizon cell tower application

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Dear Councilmembers,

Please overturn Planning Director Jonathan Lait's approval of Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118. Lait has allowed equipment that violates Palo Alto's design standards and has approved the application despite Verizon's failure to provide legally required notice to residents.

Please deny Verizon's application and warn them that you will continue to deny this and subsequent applications if they continue to violate the law.

Thank you for considering these views.

David Schrom

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From: Ardan Michael Blum <ardan.michael.blum@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 9:50 AM
To: Tomforcouncil@gmail.com; PatBurt11@gmail.com; AlisonLCormack@cityofpaloalto.org; Filseth, Eric (external); LydiaKou@gmail.com; GStone22@gmail.com; greg@gregtanaka.org; Clerk, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; Council, City
Subject: Got one of these towers to be set up (possibly) 600 feet from your house and you remain silent? No! I do not think so!

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Yours truly,

Ardan Michael Blum

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Baumb, Nelly

From: Jyotsna Nimkar <jnimkar@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 7:50 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Clerk, City
Subject: Verizon cell tower application

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Dear city council,

I would like to appeal the Planning Director's decision to approve Verizon's application 20PLN-00118 to install cell towers at 1221 Middlefield Road (Node 061), 850 Webster Street (Node 204) and 853 Middlefield Road (Node 205).

I want to voice a strong protest against Verizon for not complying with basic protocol such as sending out notices to all residents within 600 feet, not filing required documents, and for going with a new design that the City Ordinance clearly doesn't allow.

Appreciate your support in representing the residents of Palo Alto, especially those living in the neighborhoods of the proposed cell towers.

thanks
Jyo Nimkar
Palo Alto

Baumb, Nelly

From: Hamilton Hitchings <hitchingsh@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 11:21 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please Deny Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118

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Dear City Council,

I am writing to urge you to overturn Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118.

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Given the noise and unknown health effects, I do not believe we should be permitting cell towers adjacent to residential properties and instead they should have a minimum set back (e.g. 100 feet). It should also be pointed out that telcos often put in equipment that exceeds their permitted strength and these cell towers can be in very close proximity to folks sleeping upstairs, which is not recommended.

Thank you for your consideration.

Hamilton Hitchings

Baumb, Nelly

From: Rita Vrhel <ritavrhel@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 11:35 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Requesting overturn approval of new cell towers

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Dear City Council..please vote tomorrow to overturn Mr. Lait's approval of Verizon's application to install 3 new cell towers at 850 Webster, 1221 Middlefield Rd and 853 Middlefield Rd. Application # 20PLN-00118.

No one person who is not elected or held accountable to city residents, should be given the power to make such an important decision.

Mr. Lait has a history of not understanding issues with cell towers in residential areas or near schools.

The points set forth by United Neighbors are valid.

Please vote to overturn Mr. Lait's approval and demand that Verizon comply with the regulation existing in Palo Alto for cell towers.

Thank you.

Rita C. Vrhel
Phone: 650-325-2298

Baumb, Nelly

From: Samuel W Brain PhD <samb@stanford.edu>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 11:42 AM
To: Council, City
Cc: Tomforcouncil@gmail.com; PatBurt11@gmail.com; Cormack, Alison; Filseth, Eric (external); LydiaKou@gmail.com; GStone22@gmail.com; greg@GregTanaka.org; Clerk, City; Architectural Review Board
Subject: Overturn approval of Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118

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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Samuel W. Brain, Ph.D.

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Samuel W. Brain, Ph.D., 3737 La Donna Ave, Palo Alto, CA 94306.

Baumb, Nelly

From: Renu Virdi <rkvirdi@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 1:45 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Tomforcouncil@gmail.com; PatBurt11@gmail.com; Cormack, Alison; Filseth, Eric (external); LydiaKou@gmail.com; GStone22@gmail.com; greg@gregtanaka.org; Clerk, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission
Subject: Appeal to overturn approval on cell tower application 20PLN-00118.

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Yours truly,

Renu Virdi

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Subject: Cell Phone Towers in Palo Alto

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Please deny their application and insist that Verizon comply with our City's Municipal Code. The residents of Palo Alto are counting on you to protect the quality of life in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Ashish Bhan

Baumb, Nelly

From: Rebecca Sanders <rebsanders@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 2:24 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Re: Cell Towers for Discussion Tuesday, June 22 - Item #8

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Dear Mayor DuBois and Council Members:

I thought we already established our standards for Cell Towers in Palo Alto. So why did our planning director approve these three new towers that don't meet our standards?

Once again if a vested interest is rebuffed by one pathway, they simply try for another opening in the castle, this time through our planning director. Even more time is wasted in reviewing the same material over and over again. The telecommunications industry is stamping their feet to get what they want, but what is that to us? Why do they get another chance to get what they want?

Please reverse the planning director's decision and let's try to see if we can't motivate city staff to follow the will of Council and to serve the residents, whose interests appear to be overlooked and discounted whenever they interfere with business and considerations of the private sector.

People over there at United Neighbors and their friends have worked hard to educate council, residents and staff on how this topic affects residential quality of life, health and well-being. It's not fair or right that with one signature, a city staff member can undo all the advocacy of both the council and residents.

Thank you.

Becky Sanders
Ventura

Baumb, Nelly

From: William Beck <drewbeck9@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 2:09 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Tomforcouncil@gmail.com; PatBurt11@gmail.com; Cormack, Alison; Filseth, Eric (external); LydiaKou@gmail.com; GStone22@gmail.com; Greg Tanaka; Clerk, City; Architectural Review Board
Subject: Please Do Not Allow Verizon Cell Tower Application 20PLN-00118 To Proceed

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The street I live on has not been personally affected by the installation of cell towers but I still ask that you please deny their application and insist that Verizon comply with our City's Municipal Code. Design standards and notification requirements are there for good reasons. The residents of Palo Alto are counting on you to protect the processes that are in place and the quality of life in our community.

Thank you for your consideration,

William Beck

Resident, Palo Alto

Baumb, Nelly

From: Anne Lum <annelum@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 2:34 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Tomforcouncil@gmail.com; PatBurt11@gmail.com; Alison.Cormack@CityofPaloAlto.org; EFilseth@gmail.com; LydiaKou@gmail.com; GStone22@gmail.com; greg@GregTanaka.org; City.Clerk@cityofpaloAlto.org; ARB@cityofpaloalto.org; Planning.Commission@CityofPaloAlto.org

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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Anne Lum

781 Barron, Homeowner and Resident

Baumb, Nelly

From: Kang, Danielle
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 10:51 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: FW: Appeal of Verizon Permit

Good morning City Council,

On behalf of Jeff Levinsky, I am forwarding the below email for your review.
Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to assist.

Thank you,
Dani



Danielle Kang
Administrative Associate III
Office of the City Clerk
250 Hamilton Avenue Palo Alto, CA 94301
P: 650.329.2159 | E: Danielle.Kang@CityofPaloAlto.org

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Jeff Levinsky <jeff@levinsky.org>
Date: Mon, Jun 21, 2021 at 10:49 AM
Subject: Re: Appeal of Verizon Permit

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----- Original Message -----

From: [Jeff Levinsky](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Kang, Danielle](#)
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 10:48 AM
Subject: Appeal of Verizon Permit

Dear City Councilmembers:

I'd like to call your attention to the June 17 memo from Jonathan Lait regarding your upcoming appeal hearing on June 22 for the Verizon wireless project.

On page two, the letter acknowledges the appellants are correct in their very first claim that Verizon failed to adequately notify nearby residents of a community meeting regarding their application. In staff's own words, Verizon "failed to provide proper notice in accordance with the municipal code." The letter then goes on to suggest that the Council could deny the appeal anyway on this point by ruling that the notice of the appeal hearing itself constitutes some kind of substitute.

I urge you to not follow that recommendation. What is the point of your creating laws requiring applicants to notify the community if staff suggest you help applicants then ignore those laws? A key benefit of community meetings is to provide an opportunity for residents to learn at an early stage about a proposal and then work with others in the community to gather facts, submit questions, contact experts, engage with city officials as appropriate, and provide input

at subsequent hearings and opportunities. To ignore all that process, as staff suggests to you as an option, defies the whole concept of public engagement and transparency. And it means the laws of the City of Palo Alto can just be ignored.

Furthermore, Verizon has about 121 million customers in the United States and a market capitalization of about \$231 billion. It's hard to believe that they need your forbearance to meet a requirement to notify residents in a particular part of the city, given that commercial databases provide every mailing address at negligible cost and the technology to determine distances of one address to another is commonplace. Staff's letter to you never mentions how easy it would have been for Verizon to comply with the law.

I recommend you uphold the appeal based on this aspect alone, have staff restart the public process our laws require, and remind city management that the public doesn't pay them to find ways to avoid compliance with the laws.

Thank you,

Jeff Levinsky

Baumb, Nelly

From: forest light <forest129@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 10:47 AM
To: Council, City
Cc: Tomforcouncil@gmail.com; PatBurt11@gmail.com; Cormack, Alison; Filseth, Eric (external); LydiaKou@gmail.com; GStone22@gmail.com; greg@gregtanaka.org; Clerk, City; Architectural Review Board
Subject: June 22 Special Meeting, Action item 8, 3 Wireless Communication Facilities- Verizon Cluster 4

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Please OVERTURN Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118.

Planning Director has approved oversized equipment that fails to comply with the design standards Palo Alto has established.

Our Municipal Code required Verizon to notify "all residents and property owners within 600 feet of the project site" of a community meeting at which the proposed project would be discussed. But Verizon did not do so.

This comes no real surprise to our neighborhood where we have on past occasions we been forced to deal with various communications companies tiresome, arrogant, high-handed attitudes and unilateral projects.

Please deny Verizon's application and insist that Verizon comply with our City's Municipal Code and help us protect the quality of life in our community.

Thank you,

Michael Maurier
Fairmede Ave

Baumb, Nelly

From: Clerk, City
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 10:33 PM
To: neva yarkin
Cc: Council, City
Subject: RE: from neva yarkin

Hi Neva,

It is not under my authority or purview to overturn Director Lait's decision. It is however Council's ability to do so. I am forwarding to them so they see your email.

Thanks and stay healthy.



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From: neva yarkin <nevayarkin@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 9:24 PM
To: Clerk, City <city.clerk@cityofpaloalto.org>
Subject: from neva yarkin

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June 21, 2021

Dear City Clerk,

I am writing to urge you to overturn Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118.

The Planning Director has approved oversized equipment that fails to comply with the design standards Palo Alto has established. Moreover, our city's Municipal Code required Verizon to notify "all residents and property owners within 600 feet of the project site" of a community meeting at which the proposed project would be discussed. But Verizon simply failed to do so.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Neva Yarkin

nevayarkin@gmail.com

Baumb, Nelly

From: Rebecca Patton <rebeccap1234@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 8:40 AM
To: Council, City
Cc: greg@GregTanaka.org; Filseth, Eric (external); Clerk, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; LydiaKou@gmail.com; tomforcouncil@gmail.com; GStone22@gmail.com; Cormack, Alison; PatBurt11@gmail.com
Subject: Verizon's cell tower application

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I am writing to urge you to overturn Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118.

I have learned that the Planning Director has approved oversized equipment that fails to comply with the design standards Palo Alto has established. Moreover, our city's Municipal Code required Verizon to notify "all residents and property owners within 600 feet of the project site" of a community meeting at which the proposed project would be discussed. Verizon neglected to do so.

Please deny their application and insist that Verizon comply with our City's Municipal Code. The residents of Palo Alto are counting on you to protect the quality of life in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Rebecca Patton and Tom Goodrich

Forest Ave

Baumb, Nelly

From: Tina Chow <chow_tina@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 12:19 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Tomforcouncil@gmail.com; PatBurt11@gmail.com; Cormack, Alison; Filseth, Eric (external); Lydia Kou; GStone22@gmail.com; greg@gregtanaka.org; Clerk, City; Architectural Review Board; planning.commission@cityofpaloalto.org
Subject: Please stand up for Palo Alto's wireless standards

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Dear City Council,

I am writing to ask you to carefully consider each of the arguments that will be presented tonight in our appeal of the decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118.

Each of the arguments separately represents a serious concern about the cell tower approval process in Palo Alto. Put together, the arguments provide a strong case for overturning the current approval decision. This situation also points to the need for Palo Alto to stand strong regarding local municipal control and to continue to speak up about legislation regarding local authority for cell tower decisions.

Palo Alto's wireless ordinance requires resident participation in the decision process. In the Staff Report it says that "staff concurs with the appellant that the applicant failed to provide proper notice in accordance with the municipal code." In addition, the multiple-shroud design Verizon will use for these cell towers doesn't even conform with the approved designs in the objective wireless standards that Council approved in Dec. 2019.

We shouldn't be letting Verizon cut corners here under any circumstances. City Staff should not be helping them out, for example, to make up for their failure to notify. And letting residents know of a decision after it's been made, with no opportunity to attend a community meeting, and then expecting them to pay hefty fees to appeal the decision, is just not the way to do it.

Staff might argue that the final outcome won't change - that Verizon would just resubmit an application for the same thing - but they would face a delay of several months and they would have to do it right, including resident input and complying with all of Palo Alto's standards - learning the important lesson that they can't just ignore the city's ordinance or its residents.

If Council lets Verizon's sloppy application and this decision stand, it will be showing Verizon that Palo Alto is more lenient with big corporations who want to put up their profit-making and potentially hazardous equipment, than it is with residents who want to put up solar panels on their homes ([see article](#) from Palo Alto Online).

Please insist that Verizon comply with our city's wireless ordinance, and then please act quickly to strengthen this ordinance further (as Council directed way back in April 2019).

Thank you,
Tina Chow
Barron Park, Palo Alto resident
Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, UC Berkeley

Baumb, Nelly

From: Jerry Fan <jerry.fan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 6:40 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Tomforcouncil@gmail.com; PatBurt11@gmail.com; Cormack, Alison; Filseth, Eric (external); LydiaKou@gmail.com; Greer Stone; Greg Tanaka; Clerk, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission
Subject: Overturn Jonathan Lait's decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118

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Please deny their application and insist that Verizon comply with our City's Municipal Code. The residents of Palo Alto are counting on you to protect the quality of life in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Jerry Fan

Baumb, Nelly

From: Carol Brouillet <cbrouillet@igc.org>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 6:02 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Tomforcouncil@gmail.com; PatBurt11@gmail.com; Cormack, Alison; Filseth, Eric (external); LydiaKou@gmail.com; GStone22@gmail.com; greg@GregTanaka.org; Clerk, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission
Subject: Please Overturn Verizon's Sell Tower Application

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Dear Mayor DuBois, Vice-Mayor Burt, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kou, Stone and Tanaka,

I am writing to urge you to overturn Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118.

The Planning Director has approved oversized equipment that fails to comply with the design standards Palo Alto has established. Not only that, our city's Municipal Code required Verizon to notify "all residents and property owners within 600 feet of the project site" of a community meeting at which the proposed project would be discussed. But Verizon simply failed to do so. Their disregard for basic law is a red flag.

Please deny their application and insist that Verizon comply with our City's Municipal Code. The residents of Palo Alto are counting on you to protect the quality of life in our community. Innumerable scientists are also deeply concerned about the health effects on humans and all life by radio frequency waves. Please read <https://www.5gspaceappeal.org/the-appeal> to see that this is a global issue and you are on the frontlines of protecting citizens from an onslaught where we have very few tools to defend ourselves. We need your support and action.

Thank you for your consideration.

Carol Brouillet
4060 Verdosa Drive
Palo Alto

Baumb, Nelly

From: slevy@ccsce.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 11:23 AM
To: Steve Levy
Subject: June Bay Area economic update

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<http://www.bayareaeconomy.org/bay-area-job-watch-56/>

The highlights are below. I want to highlight a couple of points. First recent job gains have been steady but unspectacular. Even so, for 2021 the Bay Area and state have outpaced the nation in job growth. But we started from a much deeper hole.

Second, the outlook going forward for 2021 is much brighter as reopenings are occurring and federal and state policies support our state and region.

Third, even as the short term brightens, the region faces housing and other competitiveness challenges that will constrain long-term regional prosperity and our ability to address equity concerns

The Recovery Strengthens

June 21, 2021

The Bay Area posted modest job gains in March, April and May. The outlook for stronger near-term economic gains is positive though long-term challenges remain. The U.S. economic outlook has improved with positive implications for our region. The Bay Area success in battling the pandemic with declining case and hospitalization levels and high rates of vaccination has led to many reopenings with more to come that will be reflected in this and July jobs reports.

The highlights:

- The Bay Area added 89,500 jobs between January and May 2021 and the regional unemployment rate fell from 6.6% to 5.4%. Job gains were led by the San Francisco and San Jose metro areas and a rebound in the restaurant and tourist sectors.
- The U.S. and Bay Area economic outlook has been upgraded by the \$1.9 billion COVID relief package that has so far resulted in growth in retail sales and the ISM manufacturing and services indices.
- Bay Area growth should accelerate now with more businesses reopening including some in-person capacity at sports and tourist venues.
- The long-term Bay Area economic challenges remain with only slow progress on housing, transportation and economic competitiveness, challenges at the front of the Bay Area Council policy agenda.

Baumb, Nelly

From: Jonathan Zdasiuk <jonathanzdasiuk@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 9:10 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please vote to extend the Uplift Local through the end of Summer 2021

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Dear City Council Member,

I urge you to vote to keep University Avenue and Ramona Street open for pedestrians and bicycles in our Downtown, so that we can enjoy the carefree and safe environment through the Summer 2021.

Thank you for your support in this quality of life matter!

Baumb, Nelly

From: Natalie Stucka <nstucka@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 8:26 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please vote to extend the Uplift Local through the end of Summer 2021

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Baumb, Nelly

From: Eugenio Vidrio <eugeniovidrio@yahoo.com>
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To: Council, City
Subject: Please vote to extend the Uplift Local through the end of Summer 2021

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[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Baumb, Nelly

From: Loran Harding <loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 8:01 PM
To: Loran Harding; antonia.tinoco@hsr.ca.gov; alumnipresident@stanford.edu; David Balakian; bballpod; fred beyerlein; Leodies Buchanan; beachrides; bearwithme1016@att.net; boardmembers; Chris Field; Cathy Lewis; Council, City; Doug Vagim; dennisbalakian; Daniel Zack; Dan Richard; david pomaville; esmeralda.soria@fresno.gov; eappel@stanford.edu; francis.collins@nih.gov; fmerlo@wildelectric.net; grinellelake@yahoo.com; George.Rutherford@ucsf.edu; Gabriel.Ramirez@fresno.gov; huidentialsanmateo; hennessy; Irv Weissman; Joel Stiner; jerry ruopoli; kfsndesk; kwalsh@kmaxtv.com; leager; margaret-sasaki@live.com; Mark Standriff; Mayor; newsdesk; news@fresnobee.com; nick yovino; russ@topperjewelers.com; Steve Wayte; tsheehan; sanchezphilip21@gmail.com; lalws4@gmail.com
Subject: Fwd: Dr. John Campbell UK Sun. June 20, 2021: Antivirals! Wouldn't need vaccines!

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

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

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

Date: Mon, Jun 21, 2021 at 3:18 AM

Subject: Dr. John Campbell UK Sun. June 20, 2021: Antivirals! Wouldn't need vaccines!

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

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

To all-

Dr. John Campbell for June 20, 2021 "Money for Antivirals" is his topic:

[Money for antivirals - YouTube](#)

This is an important discussion. Highly recommended.

"The US wants to re-invigorate the therapeutics, antivirals business in the US", says the Biden Admin. Dr. Campbell: Will they **really** look at potential antivirals and other therapeutics? **Profits** are an issue here, surprisingly.

Here is the news about which Dr. Campbell is talking:

[The Biden administration investing \\$3.2 billion to find new antiviral drugs - The Washington Post](#)

Dr. Campbell pretty much holds his fire here re Ivermectin. It has been shown to be an effective prophylactic to PREVENT PREVENT infection with Covid and an effective TREATMENT in the early stages of the disease. He has had a doctor in the US, in Indiana, I think, Dr. Pierre Kory, give a longish interview about his positive experience with it and a woman in England, Dr. Tess Lawrey, who runs a consultancy and who also is a great believer. See the link below for the interview he does with her. When new cases started to decline in India recently, Dr. Campbell said this cannot be due to vaccination alone since it is going so slowly among India's 1.3 billion people. It is known that Ivermectin is widely used in India to prevent infection with covid. It is an anti-parasitic and has also been used billions of times for that purpose. He shows a new report by a very senior health official in the UK saying that Ivermectin is safe. The WHO says more data is needed to determine if it is safe.

LH- I was going to lay in here a video or two from doctors who say that Ivermectin can prevent Covid. But if you go to Youtube and enter "Ivermectin to prevent or treat Covid" you will find at least 50 such videos, most of them pro. So, take your choice of vids.

NEVERTHELESS, here is Dr. Campbell discussing meta-analyses of Ivermectin trials with Dr. Tess Lawrey on April 7, 2021. Her team's meta-analyses show that Ivermectin works, while the WHO, in a very flawed analysis, concludes that it is not effective against Covid19: She concludes, after doing a meta-analysis of many studies of Ivermectin to prevent and treat Covid, that it is effective. She shows a slap-dash meta-analysis done by the WHO that concludes, after looking at fewer studies, that Ivermectin is not effective wrt Covid.

In a meta-analysis, they take the data reported in 40 or 50, e.g., TRIALS done around the world on a drug and they analyze them. They rate each trial: truly randomized, double-blind, placebo controlled, etc.? They throw out any poorly conducted trials. Then they combine data from well conducted trials and arrive at a conclusion as to how good the drug is at, say, preventing deaths from Covid. They apply statistical software there that is widely used for this. Dr. Lawrey is a medical doctor.

[Ivermectin discussion with Dr Tess Lawrie - YouTube](#)

Here is another interview he did with her, 7:04 long, explaining what her team does. Her company is "The Evidence Based Consultancy". She is a "guideline methodologist". She helps expert panels make decisions. Our doctors do "evidence based practice". They don't just go by their gut.

[Evidence based practice, Dr Tess Lawrie - YouTube](#)

I even found an interview Dr. Campbell conducted with Dr. Lawrie re her meta-analyses of Ivermectin trials that runs for over an hour. You can probably find it on YouTube. She has big-gun experts on her team to do these meta-analyses. These Skype, or Zoom, or whatever, interviews are tedious enough to listen to for 10 minutes due to the lousy audio. Over an hour is not pleasant. I listened to that one last night for 30 minutes. She took her results to the big-gun regulators in the UK and sent them to her MP. Dr. Campbell should have her come to his site and do an interview there. His audio is good.

Dr. Campbell says that we need and deserve a response from Anthony Fauci, et. al., on this issue. "Common, Tony Fauci, either say Ivermectin is safe and effective at preventing Covid infection, or it is rubbish. We have miles of data to look at. Instead, all we have had from him on this issue is silence".

Here is Dr. Campbell on June 15, 2021 discussing 1) the Novavax vaccine- great promise there, and 2) Ivermectin:

[Vaccination and ivermectin - YouTube](#)

These antivirals, prophylactics to prevent and therapeutics to treat viral infections, would be a good way to deal with the inevitable future pandemics, says Dr. Campbell: He has said repeatedly that we got off easy this time with Covid. We could get a virus that is 10X more infectious, like measles, and 50X deadlier, like Ebola.

The British are building a vaccine super-factory. We should see what they are building and build some ourselves. Right when trillions are being discussed for infrastructure, would those not qualify as well as some new bridges qualify? They might be \$100 million each to build, so dirt cheap, considering.

Dr. Campbell gets into the touchy subject of profits for Big Pharma. If you give someone with Covid a therapeutic drug that cures him with a pill a day for a week, he would then need no further drug treatment for Covid. No huge profit in that. BUT if you can sell billions of doses of a vaccine, with booster shots as a follow up some time later, now we're talking about real money. A Brit. like Dr. Campbell may be more cynical than Americans like me, but he thinks that the profit potential of vaccines v. that of therapeutics may influence drug companies in their interactions with governments and therefore the money that governments devote to one or the other approach to pandemics.

LH- Maybe the \$3.2 billion that the Biden admin. is going to invest in looking for new antivirals will look carefully early on at Ivermectin. That is what a lot of doctors and researchers are hoping for. But if it takes them five years to study it, a lot of lives could be lost that Ivermectin could apparently save.

L. William Harding
Fresno, Ca.

Baumb, Nelly

From: Atif Khan <atif@deeda.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 8:00 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please vote to extend the Uplift Local through the end of Summer 2021

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Baumb, Nelly

From: Allan Seid <allanseid734@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 7:52 PM
To: Allan Seid
Subject: Fwd: Repeat of Dr. Seid's Talk on Anti-Asian Discrimination and Violence

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Date: Tue, Jun 22, 2021
Subject: Repeat of Dr. Seid's Talk on Anti-Asian Discrimination and Violence

Dear Friends,

If your schedule permits, please consider joining us this Saturday, June 26th, at 10 am (Pacific) to hear an audio-visual repeat of Dr. Allan Seid's Zoom presentation entitled "Reflections on Anti-Asian Discrimination and Violence: 1850s to the Present."

Dr. Seid is a resident of Channing House and an activist, academic and retired psychiatrist. His talk is co-sponsored by the Channing House Speakers' and Racial & Social Justice Committees.

Dr. Seid's recorded talk is offered in part because many people were unable to access the original Zoom session, due to a limit of 100 participants. So the meeting limit was raised; the talk was recorded; it will be replayed on Saturday at 10 am; and it will be followed with a Q & A with Dr. Seid "live," in person.

Here are the title, date, Zoom link, ID and Pass Code for Dr. Seid's repeat presentation:

REFLECTIONS on ANTI-ASIAN DISCRIMINATION and VIOLENCE: 1850s TO THE PRESENT

New Date: Saturday, June 26, 10:00 AM

Zoom ID: 872 0817 2815 Pass Code: 850

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87208172815?pwd=MUR1NnZ2czNGbVp6amIPOEZCV0doZz09>

Please forward this invitation to anyone you think might be interested in hearing the talk and participating in the live Q&A afterward. (Channing House's announcement flyer is reproduced below.)

We hope to see you there.

Thank You,

**REPEAT OF DR. ALLAN SEID'S ZOOM PRESENTATION
ON
REFLECTIONS on ANTI-ASIAN DISCRIMINATION and VIOLENCE: 1850s to the
PRESENT**

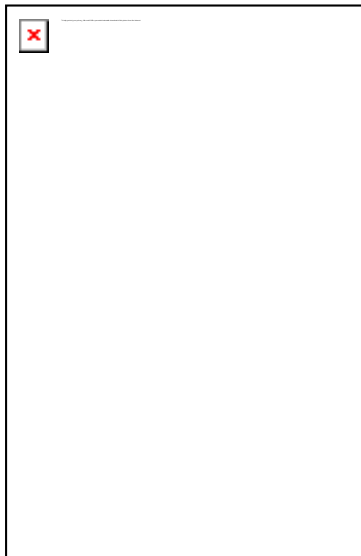
Because our Zoom link could only accommodate 100 participants, many people were unable to access Allan Seid's talk. Fortunately, the talk was recorded and will be replayed with a question-and-answer session followed with Allan **"live and in person."**

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Dr. Allan Seid

Among the many contributions to our community by Allan and Mary Seid, residents on Channing House's

7th Floor, is the founding in 1973 of the Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI).

This vital organization is even more pertinent today.

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

Baumb, Nelly

From: Katerina Chinnappan <katchinnapp@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 7:42 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please vote to extend the Uplift Local through the end of Summer 2021

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Sent from my iPhone

Baumb, Nelly

From: Deborah Goldeen <deborah.goldeen@sonic.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 6:23 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Opening Streets

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- 1) Do University and Cal Ave have to be considered together? Can decisions for each district be separate?
- 2) Rental electric scooters with baskets (Lime) would solve the shopping problem. It's done so in San Diego.
- 3) I remember being five or six years old and looking at University Avenue and thinking "this is horrid." For decades this hideousness of downtown Palo Alto (University Ave.) has bugged the crap out of me. The conclusion I came to years ago was the only way to save it was to close part of it to cars and make it green space/open eating seating.

Deborah Goldeen, 2130 Birch St., 94306, (650)321-7375

Baumb, Nelly

From: Deborah Goldeen <deborah.goldeen@sonic.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 5:52 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Jun 22 Meeting, Agenda Item #6

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Closing of Cal Ave to cars and making it open dining has literally been the BEST thing that has ever happened half a century of living in Palo Alto.

Deb Goldeen, 2130 Birch St., 94306, (650)321-7375

Baumb, Nelly

From: Deborah Goldeen <deborah.goldeen@sonic.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 5:38 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: College Terrace Library

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When my kids were young (age two to twelve), I used the College Terrace branch all the time. I rarely used the other branches, even though the hours at CT have always been so limited. I live in Evergreen Park. I feel that branch has very high community value. In fact, the branch libraries are one of the important features in Palo Alto that make it a cut above. Please reopen it soon.

Deb Goldeen, 2130 Birch St., 94306, (650)321-7375

PS - Council failed to put tax on realstate transactions. Should have happened decades ago. No sympathies with budget problems.

Baumb, Nelly

From: Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 5:16 PM
To: Jeff Moore; Raj; Cindy Chavez; Joe Simitian; supervisor.ellenberg@bos.sccgov.org; Greer Stone; Human Relations Commission; Planning Commission; chuck jagoda; wilpf.peninsula.paloalto@gmail.com; rebecca@winwithrebecca.com; Council, City; city.council@menlopark.org; Tanaka, Greg
Subject: Philly DA 8 part series review

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<https://amp.theguardian.com/tv-and-radio/2021/jun/22/philly-da-breaking-the-law-review-a-deeply-thrilling-hopeful-show-to-devour>

Sent from my iPhone

Baumb, Nelly

From: Ashik Ardeshta <ashik@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 5:10 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please vote to extend the Uplift Local through the end of Summer 2021

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Thank you for your support in this quality of life matter!

Thanks
Ashik

Baumb, Nelly

From: James White <wlj@alumni.stanford.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 5:06 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please do not open University Ave to cars.

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Please do not open University Ave to cars. My family visits University Ave almost every day and we spend too much money there. Parking isn't a problem even on Friday evenings.

The city manager's [proposal](#) states that for some retailers sales in Palo Alto have not rebounded. The proposal then continues, "For example, b8ta noted that customer traffic is down 92% in Palo Alto from a comparable month pre-Covid, while the rest of its retail stores are recovering 5-10% on a relative basis per week."

Using b8ta as an example here makes no sense:

1. The figures in the proposal are for **traffic (visitors), not sales**.
2. [b8ta's CEO told TechCrunch in October 2020](#) that "on the shopping side, **visitation is way down but sales have almost come back to where they were pre-pandemic**."
3. b8ta's showrooms are indoor and hands-on, which deters visitors during the pandemic.
4. b8ta has relatively short hours (11 am to 5 pm or 6pm). Much of their pre-pandemic traffic may have been workers who left downtown during the pandemic.
5. On a recent evening, I passed by b8ta during a June World Music Month free concert event (5-7 pm). People were walking past the dark, closed b8ta storefront while right next door people were dining outside at Crepevine. b8ta has opportunities to get people in the door even with the street closed.
6. b8ta's storefront is not blocked by a parklet and so is clearly visible to pedestrians.
7. If b8ta were a shopper's primary destination, that shopper could be forgiven for thinking the store might be closed:
 - a. It's hard to find the store hours on b8ta's mobile website.
 - b. The link to b8ta's Palo Alto store from their Facebook page [b8ta.com/locations/palo-alto](https://www.facebook.com/b8ta.com/locations/palo-alto) results in "page not found".
 - c. The link to b8ta's Palo Alto store from Apple Maps results in "page not found".

Thanks,
James White
Palo Alto resident

Baumb, Nelly

From: Giuseppe Carrubba <carrubba@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 4:56 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: outdoor dining

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Dear Council Members,

As stated in an earlier letter (see below) there are many reasons to allow outdoor dining to continue through the Summer at the very least. Once again, the council has already voted and approved street closures through Oct 31, 2021. In addition, with all the news on the Delta variant and the uncertainty still ahead of us in terms of community transition among the unvaccinated (which are all children in our community under 12 years of age). It still seems wise to keep outdoor dining spaces open as we navigate these next phases of a global pandemic and reopening responsibly. Allow restaurants to recoup the investment in hiring more staff and spending money on outdoor set ups, rather than closing and reopening again down the line. It is promising to hear that votes on some type of permanent outdoor dining could be coming down the line, since it is something the community is clearly enjoying.

I understand the retail argument, but I do believe that there may be a fallacy in it.

The idea that "**correlation** implies **causation**" is an example of a questionable-cause logical **fallacy**, in which two events occurring together are taken to have established a cause-and-effect relationship.

Covid, a worldwide pandemic that is still causing havoc, is the reason for the reduction in revenue suffered by our standard brick and mortar business. It has evolved much of the new world retail to an online model, and off of the streets. That is the cause of the slowdown. It's evident in the surplus in parking spaces available everyday, from 8am to 6pm. And it becomes evident again at night, when bars and restaurants are active, that the streets fill and parking gets hard to find. Restaurants bring people, specifically in the evening, in numbers that are not seen during the regular 'business day'

The shift to online work, and online shopping, was accelerated tenfold by the necessity that covid brought along with it. Lets not harm an already ill restaurant industry even further by misdiagnosing the ills of our city's brick and mortar businesses. Covid, is the reason ZOOM + DOORDASH + AMAZON + INSTACART and so many others in that service industry boomed. And it's the reason our retailers are hurting. That is the real cause/

Letter from May 28, 2021

I am writing this letter in support of continuing the street closers in Palo Alto. The news that you are considering a new end date to street closures in Palo Alto comes as disquieting news for all of us as restaurant owners. We have invested much into this effort and have been able to employ many people that are a part of this community. If you choose to close the Summer Streets Program (Uplift Program) early, you will be not only putting many people out of work (again), but you will be taking away what is still deemed by

many experts as the safest dining option (outdoors) for our community. Keeping our outdoor dining spaces open or a bit longer is still the safest option for families with young children who are not eligible for vaccinations yet and for those that are not yet vaccinated. Not everybody is completely okay with indoor dining as of yet. Numbers in California are low (thankfully), but we are still in the middle of a global pandemic and the Bay Area is an international hub of travel. This should cause pause as we think about the potential variants that can still spread in our community and our responsibility to keep each other safe as we phase into going back to "normal." In addition to the safety issues, by closing our outdoor dining spaces, we will miss the most important moment in this program. We are just beginning to recoup the benefits of the countless hours of time and thousands of dollars spent by each respective businesses invested to recreate our operations outdoors.

The survey to keep streets closed with 95% support speaks for itself. The Palo Alto community, whom you represent, wants and supports street closures to allow for real outdoor dining options that allows them to safely enjoy a meal. Citizens and businesses, not just restaurants, have already spoken on this. Why are we backpedaling? What happens if we have another surge in cases and a change in county health ideology/capacity requirements? Do we then again set up outside? Again rehire? Again spend money to outfit an outdoor dining room? According to Friday's New York Times, 600 Americans a day are still dying of Covid. According to today's data, California is at a 49% vaccination rate, we are still 20% away from herd immunity as a State. In addition, we as business owners cannot police who can dine indoors by proof of vaccination and put customers and our food service workers at risk. We don't know for sure that we won't need outdoor dining again in the future. Each time we pivot, it comes at a high cost and risks our ability to keep our doors open in the long run. Restaurants are already in a very fragile ecosystem as it is and the closure of outdoor dining spaces will put them at even greater risk of not surviving. Staying the course that has already been approved and keeping the streets closed through at least the Fall if not Winter seems more than wise, it's fair to those who have invested thousands, pivoted left right and in circles all year long. Let us stay the course, not just because it's already been approved, but because it simply makes sense to the safety of our community. We are where we are with the success of low rates in our county, so why change what we are doing at the finish line? It's working to keep our community safe, so why would we change that now? Keep the streets that are closed, closed, at least until October, better year through the end of the year. We still aren't sure yet if the real fight against this virus and its variants is over and we don't yet know the longevity of the vaccine even in fully vaccinated individuals. As we head into Fall and Winter, this is uncharted territory as to what spikes could occur. If we need to recreate outdoor dining again we will need to spend money, find employees and again wait to get approval from the city again. Consistency is the absolute key to everyone's success. So let's continue to keep Palo Alto business and Palo Alto residents in mind, and back a decision they've already made and want.

The vibrancy of the street closures is sure to benefit all businesses in Palo Alto. Closing any outdoor dining will just push consumers to other cities such as Menlo Park and San Carlos or Mountain View where they can enjoy their choice of safe outdoor dining options. Why should Palo Alto open streets up, if other cities are not?

Many residents will be enjoying long-awaited vacations this year and traffic will naturally slow due to fewer people in Palo Alto this Summer. This should alleviate some of the concern over traffic flow. The largest tech companies in Silicon Valley support working from home through the end of the year, Stanford University plans to reopen in Fall but will still be supporting staff to work remotely too, so all of these decisions indicate traffic will still be lower than pre-covid times. We are in this together, so let's stay in this together as a community and follow through on what has already been set forth by the community and by the City of Palo Alto for creating the street closure program in the first place.

I know that this is a difficult decision. I do not know what the correct decision is, I will look forward to any direction you can provide.

Giuseppe Carrubba

direct 650.906.5265

come join me :-)

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From: Nancy Coupal <nancy@coupacafe.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 4:53 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: news of interest

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<https://abc7news.com/san-francisco-business-small-businesses-closed-reopening-ca-stores/10794477/>

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From: Reza Sheykhi <reza.sheykhi@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 4:45 PM
To: Council, City
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Reza

Baumb, Nelly

From: Jennifer Schmidt <jenniferschmidt097@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 4:21 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Tomforcouncil@gmail.com; PatBurt11@gmail.com; Cormack, Alison; Filseth, Eric (external); LydiaKou@gmail.com; GStone22@gmail.com; greg@gregtanaka.org; Clerk, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission
Subject: Overturn decision on Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118

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Dear Mayor DuBois, Vice-Mayor Burt, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kou, Stone and Tanaka,

I am writing to urge you to overturn Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118.

Just for starters, the Planning Director has approved oversized equipment that fails to comply with the design standards Palo Alto has established. Moreover, our city's Municipal Code required Verizon to notify "all residents and property owners within 600 feet of the project site" of a community meeting at which the proposed project would be discussed. But Verizon simply failed to do so.

Please deny their application and insist that Verizon comply with our City's Municipal Code. The residents of Palo Alto are counting on you to protect the quality of life in our community.

We **must** hold telecom companies accountable to meet the standards we thoughtfully established for our city.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Jennifer Schmidt

A concerned resident and parent of young children

Baumb, Nelly

From: Walter Varda <rds.walter.varda@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 4:16 PM
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Baumb, Nelly

From: Yahoo Mail.® <honkystar@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 1:21 PM
To: Honky
Subject: Inward Crackdown

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Sign the petition to demand your U.S. Senators support
"The Fourth Amendment is Not for Sale Act" (S. 1265).

With the radical Biden regime turning the Deep State inward on everyone from Trump supporters to Libertarians and using their unholy alliance with Big Tech to spy on and harass innocent Americans, this bill is more important now than ever.

They are pushing the fear and paranoia between innocent people so far that it would even make the German Stasi blush.

President Biden is even using the old "See Something, Say Something" campaign for citizens to snitch on each other about their so-called "extremist views."

Please sign the petition at once to push back on this reckless attempt at division and even nationwide crackdowns on political opinions.



Please read Dr. Paul's note below from Sunday that spells out just how dangerous this move by Biden is and what we can do about it.

-John

_____Forwarded Message_____



Dear Frank,

This is how major domestic crack downs, round ups, and even civil wars get started.

The Biden administration, fresh off of months of embarrassing defeats to

their legislative agenda, is now **completely turning inward on the American people to paint them as “enemies of the state.”**

Their version of an enemy is someone who has a political opinion that doesn't line up with their corporate fascist narrative!

Biden even had one of his mouthpieces come out publicly to ask American citizens to **snitch on their neighbors for their “extremist views.”** and use the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) “See Something, Say Something” reporting procedure to do it.

Biden is even setting up a federal “snitch line” so people can report their “radical” neighbors.

“See Something, Say Something” was started as a way to alert DHS to foreign terrorists attempting to make violent attacks in our country, not to report dissenting opinions.

Sadly -- as I've warned for years -- this is the natural progression of the Global War on Terror, and it was only a matter of time before a dangerously rogue administration started to target innocent Americans for their political stance.

The Biden administration is starting to sound **completely indistinguishable from their Soviet Russia counterparts . . . or the German Stasi!**

Biden has employed the National Security Council (NSC) wing of the White House to paint virtually anyone in this country as a potential “terrorist,” by lumping them in with what are seen as “fringe” groups.

They single out people who fit any of the following categories:

>>People who oppose corporate globalization;

>>People who think our government is guilty of overreach;

>>People in opposition to legislative, regulatory, or other actions taken by the government;

>>People who are concerned about single-issue topics, such as the Second Amendment, high taxes, or the right to life.

Former CIA Director John Brennan took it a step further and singled out libertarians as among the people the government should go after.

What is their justification for any of this?

Frank, we never see the evidence or examples of why American citizens who have certain political opinions are dangerous.

But reality doesn't matter to the political class, as long as they can shamelessly promote fear, division, and distrust among Americans.

I have no doubt that once an innocent person is snitched on for their “wrong think” on certain issues, **they will then be spied on electronically and targeted for harassment.**

The Big Tech tyrants will do the dirty work, just like they've been doing for years!

Thankfully, a bill has been introduced in the U.S. Senate to break up the unconstitutional marriage between the Deep State and Big Tech.

“The Fourth Amendment is Not for Sale Act” (S. 1265) was recently introduced by Senators Ron Wyden (D-OR) and my son Rand Paul (R-KY), and it should get support on both sides of the aisle.

If this bill passes, any government agency would have to obtain a warrant before they could even attempt to purchase this kind of data.

[Sign the petition to demand your U.S. Senators support this bill.](#)

[Then, please consider a generous donation to help Campaign for Liberty spread the word about this bill to restore the Fourth Amendment on many key fronts!](#)

Frank, this would mean agencies like the NSA, CIA, and FBI would actually have to present evidence before they could spy on you.

It couldn't just be the result of a See Something, Say Something snitch that the Biden administration is attempting to cajole.

The bill contains badly-needed changes to how our data is obtained:

>>> Ensures that intelligence agencies must get a court order before acquiring any American's location data, web browsing records, and search history.

>>> Stops law enforcement and intel agencies from procuring data if it was obtained via deception, hacking, or violations of a contract, privacy policy, or terms of service.

>>> Extends existing privacy laws to infrastructure firms that

own data cables & cell towers.

>>> Requires FISA Court review to obtain metadata information about international phone calls, text messages, and emails.

This could not come at a better time as the Deep State and government authoritarians are attempting to further crack down and target innocent Americans on what we say and do online.

And we're even finding out the U.S. Post Office has been spying on Americans' activity online! The USPS is over \$160 billion in debt, yet they have the time and resources to spy on innocent Americans and their Internet habits?!

They're trying to turn us into a society where you can be targeted by domestic spies just for hurting the feelings of a major corporation online.

The Biden administration, through the NSC, is adding criticism of corporate globalization to their list of wrong think offenses that your neighbors should snitch on you for, making this development even more alarming!

I don't know about you, but I think it's time for the defenders of liberty to go on offense and compel our legislators in D.C. to support "The Fourth Amendment is Not for Sale Act," to push back on these snitches and surveillance bullies!

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The NSC's report on the so-called threats to our national security has concluded they are mostly internal now and foreign actors aren't the big threat anymore:

"This is largely today an inside-out problem, not an outside-in problem," the official said, though adding that there are adversaries "seeking to sow divisions in our society."

Certainly someone is trying to sow division in our society, but the source of it is the Biden administration and the NSC.

They ought to hold up a mirror.

The ultimate goal of those pushing for a crackdown on "domestic terrorism"

is to make people unwilling to even consider “radical” ideas — to make people so afraid of certain ideas that they refuse to even give those ideas a fair hearing.

Progressives who are tempted to support what is being promoted as a crackdown on right-wing violence should consider the history of government harassment of progressive movements and leaders such as Martin Luther King, Jr. What do they think a future right-wing authoritarian would do if given power to go after “ideological extremists”?

All Americans who cherish the Bill of Rights should come together to stop this latest crackdown on liberty.

It’s time to push back on this attempt to push us to the brink of something much worse than we’ve seen, even in the last 18 months of divisive politics.

[Sign the petition now!](#)

For Liberty,



Ron Paul, M.D.
Chairman

P.S. Liberty will ultimately prevail, but not without you and me facing some tough battles. Many eyes need to be opened, and Campaign for Liberty is keeping the brushfires of liberty burning. Let’s make 2021 a historic year.

[Please consider a generous donation now.](#)

If you’d prefer to donate via PayPal, **[please click here.](#)**

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Baumb, Nelly

From: Lauren Angelo <lauren.angelo@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 1:18 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Fwd: Junior Museum & Zoo Admission Fee

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Dear City Council Members,

The Friends of the JMZ sincerely thank you for adopting the Finance Committee's recommendation and lowering the ticket price to \$10. We sent the email below to our mailing list this afternoon, and we look forward to partnering with the City and the community in the years to come.

Lauren Angelo
President of the Friends of the JMZ

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From: **Friends of the Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo** <info@friendsjmz.org>
Date: Tue, Jun 22, 2021 at 12:50 PM
Subject: Junior Museum & Zoo Admission Fee
To: <lauren.angelo@gmail.com>



To our Friends community,

We are pleased to share that last night the Palo Alto City Council adopted the Finance Committee's recommendation and lowered the JMZ admission fee from \$18 to \$10. Over the past year, the Friends have worked tirelessly to ensure that the JMZ reopens with a ticket price that makes the JMZ as affordable and accessible as possible. Thank you to all of you that attended and spoke at Finance Committee and City Council Meetings, wrote City Council Members, and spread the word on social media in support of our efforts. Your voice made a difference!

Although the \$10 admission fee is what comparable children's museums and zoos in the area charge, we know the jump from "free to fee" may be disappointing for many Palo Alto residents. The Friends remain committed as

ever to expanding access to science education in our community. For more than 20 years, the Friends have [funded a program](#) in which JMZ educators provide the same science lessons taught in Palo Alto schools to children in East Palo Alto and other underserved communities. As we look to the future, it is our goal to make the JMZ, and the richer experience the new museum and zoo will provide, as open and inclusive to all as possible.

We are busy planning for the October reopening and are eager to introduce the reimagined Junior Museum & Zoo to the community. We know this will be an incredible destination for young children and their families to engage in hands-on play and early-science education, and to interact with new and beloved animals in the zoo.

Thank you again for your support. We cannot wait to welcome you to the new JMZ soon.

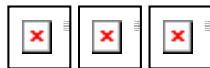
Sincerely,

Lauren Angelo
Board President, Friends of the JMZ

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From: Kevin Ma <kevinma.sd@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 11:54 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Eviction Moratorium w/ County Update

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Dear City Council,

From today's Board of Supervisors meeting, they will only be extending the eviction moratorium for unincorporated areas. However, their County Counsel did mention that City Attorneys throughout the county were notified about this last week, as well as the Supervisors directing the County Counsel to be available for all cities for assistance in creating local eviction moratoriums.

While it does seem that the state will be extending theirs, we should enact a backstop in case any legal cracks occur, as seen previously during the AB 1482 urgency ordinances back in 2019. I also ask that the city devote some resources to spread awareness of the rent relief system; the city of Mountain View has been conducting virtual and in-person sessions.

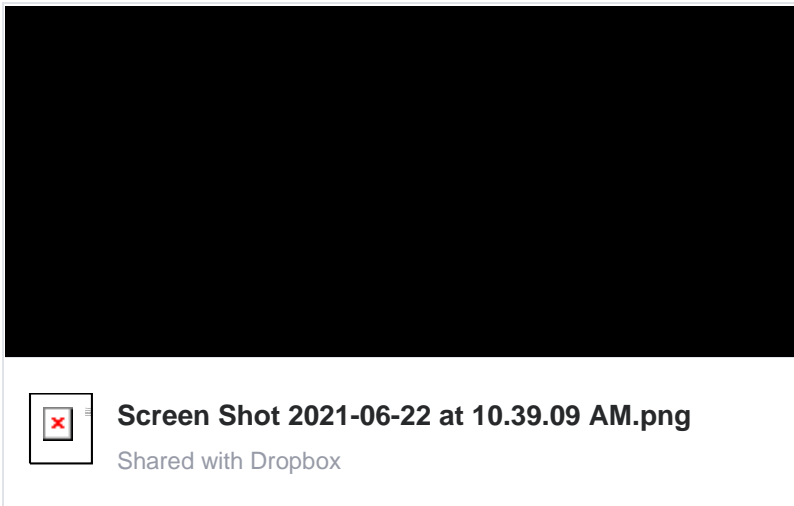
Sincerely,
Kevin Ma

Baumb, Nelly

From: mark weiss <earwopa@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 10:43 AM
To: Council, City; Bill Johnson; Gennady Sheyner
Cc: Tom DuBois (tom.dubois@gmail.com); Alison Cormack; Holman, Karen (external); Greg Schmid (external); Rebecca Eisenberg; James Aram; Greer Stone; Raven Malone; Drekmeier, Peter; Summa, Doria; David Moss; Steven D. Lee; Harry Price; LaDoris Cordell; Becky Sanders; Jocelyn Dong; nia taylor; Lisa Waltuch; Reckdahl, Keith; Regina Wallace-Jones; Bruce Reyes-Chow
Subject: tax tesla (more)

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Think of how many hours of library service we could restore if we had a payroll tax on the billions and trillions of dollars of corporations that are headquartered or have offices here like Tesla, Hippo, VMWare, Amazon, formerly Facebook, formerly Google.

Let's end the tax holiday and subsidy of the ultra-rich.

And leave the mom-and-pops alone. Tax the top.

Mark Weiss
in Palo Alto

cc: Palo Alto Weekly, which censors my views, automatically, with their fascist algorithm.

Baumb, Nelly

From: Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 7:31 PM
To: DuBois, Tom
Subject: What about not funding 5 additional policeuse the million plus towards fire station 5....or toward a crisis intervention team..much needed in our police department

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> Why are we funding 5 additional police officers with so many other priorities? What about a crisis intervention team rather than 5 more sworn officers? Hire A former victim of police violence as a community liaison between police and community. Other options that should be discussed by council and the community before filling 5 police slots cut during the Covid crisis????? Thanks, aram

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> Sent from my iPhone

Baumb, Nelly

From: Ardan Michael Blum <ardan.michael.blum@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 7:18 PM
To: Tomforcouncil@gmail.com; PatBurt11@gmail.com; AlisonLCormack@cityofpaloalto.org; Filseth, Eric (external); LydiaKou@gmail.com; GStone22@gmail.com; greg@gregtanaka.org; Clerk, City; Council, City
Subject: City Council Meeting - June 21, 2021 Live comment

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Dear Mayor DuBois, Vice-Mayor Burt, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kou, Stone and Tanaka,

I am watching the council meeting (now at 7:20) and would want to point out an URGENT need to stop paying for buildings and vacation tweaks for the City Manager, that you focus on getting back the non-essential police department staff!

Sincerely,

Ardan Michael

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From: John Kelley <jkelley@399innovation.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 4:03 PM
To: Council, City; UAC; Planning Commission
Subject: Exclusionary Zoning: Its Effect on Racial Discrimination in the Housing Market | The White House

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<https://www.whitehouse.gov/cea/blog/2021/06/17/exclusionary-zoning-its-effect-on-racial-discrimination-in-the-housing-market>

Baumb, Nelly

From: Anne Lum <annelum@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 2:34 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Tomforcouncil@gmail.com; PatBurt11@gmail.com; Alison.Cormack@CityofPaloAlto.org; EFilseth@gmail.com; LydiaKou@gmail.com; GStone22@gmail.com; greg@GregTanaka.org; City.Clerk@cityofpaloAlto.org; ARB@cityofpaloalto.org; Planning.Commission@CityofPaloAlto.org

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Dear Mayor DuBois, Vice-Mayor Burt, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kou, Stone and Tanaka,

I am writing to urge you to overturn Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118.

Just for starters, the Planning Director has approved oversized equipment that fails to comply with the design standards Palo Alto has established. Moreover, our city's Municipal Code required Verizon to notify "all residents and property owners within 600 feet of the project site" of a community meeting at which the proposed project would be discussed. But Verizon simply failed to do so.

Please deny their application and insist that Verizon comply with our City's Municipal Code. The residents of Palo Alto are counting on you to protect the quality of life in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Anne Lum

781 Barron, Homeowner and Resident

Baumb, Nelly

From: Alison Reid <alisonr5201@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 11:00 AM
To: Lydia Kou; Council, City
Subject: Fwd: utility observations - sewage rates for smaller residential houses and tankless h2o heater recommendation to reduce gas usage

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In light of the city council meeting and utility - sewage discussion.

Sending the email below recommending sewage fee changes to smaller footprint residential houses to be more equitable.

To reduce use of gas, most countries in the world use tankless water heaters (this reduces water usage and gas usage). In a family of four, the ROI (Return on Investment) is typically 4 - 5 months, and then the monthly fee is greatly reduced as gas is not required to continuously heat the water in the 30 or 40 Gallon Water heater.

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From: Alison Reid <alisonr5201@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Dec 15, 2020 at 6:14 AM
Subject: utility observation - overcharge illegal tax
To: Lydia Kou <kou.pacc@gmail.com>

Hi Lydia

Thank you again for your support of the Foothill Park signature gathering and referendum.

You may have seen this article about utility overcharging considered an illegal tax:

<https://www.paloaltoonline.com/blogs/p/2020/12/08/palo-alto-utility-gas-overcharges-are-illegal-judge-says----but-there-are-other-questionable-charges-at-city-hall>

I think the same would apply to the sewage tax which is the same for a large house, or an unit identified by separate gas/electrical meters. I have lived in a number of places and the \$41/ a month for sewage is atleast double to anything I have paid before. These fees especially if there are multiple units at an address is exorbinant.

Most charges are by use now, and I do not think a single person in a large house should be charged the same as 5 people in a large house - this may be difficult to regulate but sq footage of a house may be an appropriate indicator. Another example, is if multiple units pay the \$41/fee - so if a location has 4 different gas/utility bills then the city receives not just \$41 but \$164; in this case, the sewage pipes being used are not greater than the one large house with 5 people.

In the spirit of not overcharging utility costs which as the lawsuit indicates is an illegal tax, here are two suggestions:

1. Reduce the sewage cost under a certain square footage - 2500 sq ft to \$20/month.
2. Per physical address, cap the sewage charges to \$80.

Perhaps the council can review the utility charges in light of the pandemic and that note the lower income individuals live in the smaller sq footage houses, and or more densely populated addresses - this would be a way to be fair about pay for use, but also eliminate the illegal overcharging for utility services.

Thank you for reading, stay safe,
Alison

Baumb, Nelly

From: Friends of Cubberley <friendsofcubberley94303@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 20, 2021 8:19 PM
To: Council, City; board@pausd.org
Subject: Cubberley Ad-Hoc Committee

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Hi School Board and City Council,

Friends of Cubberley is aware that an ad-hoc committee has been formed, but we would appreciate an update. Can you please provide one? Also, it would be great to get updates regularly.

Thank you

Deborah Simon
Chair, Friends of Cubberley