

From: [Nancy Strom](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [PNQL-Now](#)
Subject: Casti Plans are Unacceptable
Date: Monday, May 16, 2022 11:50:29 AM

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Dear City Council,

I saw in the newspaper today that the city is "poised to approve the Castilleja project." That basically sums up what has been observable all along. The city council appears to have given Castilleja the status akin to a special friend; and is about to approve what the school wants.

This is a residential neighborhood, and the citizens of Palo Alto deserve to have their residential neighborhoods kept sacrosanct. For that reason, I urge you to support all the talking points of the PNQL, as seen below. It's hard to understand why this has dragged on for so long. The city needs to take ownership of this problem and mandate that Castilleja follow the steps to meet Palo Alto's own planning commission's rules; the city's municipal codes and sustainability goals.

Please stop all this nonsense and support the work of your own committees; the wishes of the residents; and the codes that the city has drafted. Don't be fooled into agreeing with Castilleja.

Thank you for considering,
Nancy Strom
Property Owner in Palo Alto

*Endorse the Planning Commission's recommendation of 450 students **until they have proven they can operate limited to 1197 car trips.**

*Submit a plan that meets the City's Municipal and Zoning Codes as well as Sustainability Goals.

*Modernize, rebuild and upgrade the school's facility. And for sustainability purposes: leave the current swimming pool where it is to safeguard groundwater and preserve all existing parking spaces on campus, which eliminates the need for an underground garage and results in significant CO2 savings!

*Eliminate the underground garage & rely on shuttling/public transportation to reduce traffic in the community as well as carbon emissions.

Nancy Strom

650-906-5931

From: [Rob Hallewell](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Subject: Castilleja: objection to proposed expansion
Date: Monday, May 16, 2022 11:24:14 AM

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Residents of 1118 Harker Avenue, Palo Alto 94301

To Whom it may concern:

The proposed Castilleja expansion has little to no benefit, and many negatives, for the Palo Alto residents who pay taxes and salaries for the City to improve not degrade our living situation.

The proposed plan will make traffic worse, harms the quality of life for the school's neighbors, degrades the natural environment, sets an unacceptable precedent by flouting planning rules, and rewards earlier flouting of those rules by the school.

We urge the City Councillors to dramatically scale back the school's proposed expansion.

sincerely, Robert Hallewell & Family

From: [Deborah Goldeen](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Subject: Castilleja Remodel
Date: Monday, May 16, 2022 9:41:14 AM

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The “PAN” people have labelled Castilleja’s upgrades as an expansion. Please call it what it is. Call it a remodel.

If my neighbor is allowed to “remodel” a 1,200 square foot house into a 3,500 square foot home with full living quarters basement into which in-laws have moved, seems to me Castilleja should be allowed to proceed unhindered. Their plans are modest by comparison.

From: [Celia Cho](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Subject: Castilleja School
Date: Monday, May 16, 2022 9:38:57 AM

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Dear Mayor Burt and City Councilmembers,

I am writing in support of Castilleja School. I want to clarify that my children did not benefit directly from a Castilleja education; they are products of the outstanding PAUSD. However, I still believe that Castilleja contributes to the greater good in Palo Alto. I also believe you should approve this project on May 23 with fair and reasonable conditions for the school.

This has been an incredibly long process, which in itself is both unfair to the school and unreasonable over all. But I want to focus my observations on a few specific issues.

VARIANCE:

The fact that this variance is even being added to the process is unfair. Why should the school be asked to apply for a variance to build less square footage than is currently permitted is beyond me. For the past several decades, the school has been working under a CUP that allows the current amount of space to support the school community. So, that is already an approved amount of space. The school should not need to apply for a variance to build less space, but since that is now part of the process, it would be unfair and unreasonable to deny their application to build LESS square footage.

EVENTS:

The school has submitted a plan to reduce from 90 to 70 events. This is a meaningful compromise. To further reduce to 50 events, as suggested by some but not all members of the PTC, is a step too far. The school needs to be able to hold concerts, basketball games, and poetry readings, just as all other schools—public and private—are allowed to do in Palo Alto. This extreme reduction is not justified and not fair.

Please address these problems within the conditions of approval. As I said, my children do not attend Castilleja, but I don't want to see other children and other schools be treated unfairly.

Thank you,
Celia Cho

From: [Rebecca Barker](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Subject: Support for Castilleja
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Dear city council members:

I am writing in support of Castilleja School's project that is on your agenda on May 23rd. I am a graduate of Castilleja (class of 1991) and went on to contribute to the community as a primary care doctor at PAMF and a member of PAFMG's (the physician group) Board of Directors. While a recipient of a full scholarship for 6 years, I attained an excellent education at Castilleja; I truly believe those 6 years molded me and became the launching pad to success in my later life. I went on to attend Princeton University but Castilleja was the school that truly inspired me. Furthermore, I feel so strongly about the value of a Castilleja education that my daughter is currently enrolled at Castilleja as well.

You have a world renowned high school in your city that you have the ability to help grow. Increasing the number of women with a Castilleja education who quite literally will go forth and change the world will only reflect well on Palo Alto. Women are the glue to most communities so I believe more women with Casti educations who then chose to come back and live in Palo Alto will help the City of Palo Alto continue to be the amazing city that it is.

Thank you for your consideration,
Rebecca Barker '91, parent of '24

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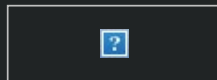
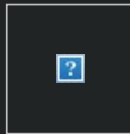
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From: [Ore Adeyemi](#)
To: [Council, City; Ike Gbadegesin Adeyemi](#)
Subject: Support for Castilleja School Proposal
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Dear Members of the City Council,

Thank you for your service. I am emailing because I want to express my support for Castilleja School's proposal. I am aware that the school has capped traffic and will be rebuilding with less square footage than they are permitted for now. With no risk of new trips to campus, I want you to vote in support of opening educational opportunities. I realize traffic is an issue in Palo Alto. Clearly Castilleja realizes this as well. Their traffic reduction in recent years is impressive and if any community can stay below the trip cap, Castilleja has proven that they can. If they fail, then they can't admit more students, There's simply no reason not to let them try—especially because schools should always be a priority within our city.

As I mentioned, the school is proposing replacing their current structures with a new one that is slightly smaller. The school has been permitted to have their current above ground square footage count for years, so granting a variance to build below that count should be fairly easy to do. Please grant it.

I realize this has been a divisive issue, and I realize that the school has needed to rebuild trust. At this point, we are ten years past when Nanci Kauffman came forward herself to report the over enrollment. The school has been reducing its enrollment ever since while also reducing traffic and events. At some point, there needs to be the potential to move forward. Luckily, trips are capped and therefore the goal of getting to 540 students eventually is not guaranteed. With these consequences built into the application, I strongly believe that trust hopefully earned by now and does not have to come into the equation.

Please approve the variance for the square footage and approve the enrollment increase linked to successful traffic reduction. Thank you for all the great work you do.

Sincerely,
Ike and Ore Adeyemi
515 Center Drive

Palo Alto, CA 94301

From: [Melanie Grondel](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Melanie Grondel](#)
Subject: No Bikes on Cal Ave if we want a safe Plaza.
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Dear Mayor Burt and City Council Members,

No bikes on Cal Ave, if we want to enjoy a safe Plaza type space for a stroll. If we want a safe place to enjoy browsing, shopping and dining with family and friends, we need a safe and relaxed atmosphere not a street with bikes wriggling through the walking public and family groups with strollers.

Browsing past the storefronts and restaurants is the pleasure and the essence of a Plaza. atmosphere. This is what the public and merchants alike hope to achieve. Even if the sidewalks are kept open as much as possible, walking with a group of family and friends is a social pleasure in slow motion. People walk in groups not just single file.

Families with strollers, people in larger groups, people carrying bags with purchases, people just walking by, people using a cane or a wheelchair, all these use the wider middle lane, in two directions. Kids have space to walk there at their own pace, more so than on the crowded sidewalk. Bikes are a danger in that mix on the middle path of the street.

Twice I have seen a kid threatened by a bike at full speed, grabbed just in time by a parent. This is a regular occurrence, says Jessica Roth of The Cobblery.

While the middle path is great for people to have a relaxing walk, it can provide a different kind of safety on the rare occasion when a firetruck may be needed.

Bikes can ride safely and at their preferred speed along Cambridge Ave. They even have a traffic light to cross El Camino. On the other side of Cal Ave there is a route suitable for bikes as well.

If the bikers want to use the shops and restaurants on Cal Ave, they can park their bike and walk to the front of the business at Cal Ave, just as we expect families with strollers, people using canes or wheelchairs, and every other type of car user, to do. Bike racks in the back of Cal Ave nearby the car parking, will be very helpful. Destination visitors, bike users or car users, can be accommodated in that same parking area.

Why not ask from the bike riders the same courtesy, or restrictions, if you will, as we expect from car users who include people with a need for some extra comfort such as families with strollers and people with a cane or wheelchair, who are asked to take the extra trouble to park in the back of the businesses ? Are bike riders less capable and therefore in need of special accommodation?

As explained in a previous letter, I am fine with taking that extra trouble, even though I am

walking with a cane, in order to enjoy the Plaza atmosphere once I get to Cal Ave proper.

Realistically speaking, I could rarely park right in front of the store I needed, so I might as well park in the back and walk with my cane to the front at about the same distance.

I am, as a great many of my fellow residents are, an enthusiastic fan of a true Plaza atmosphere on Cal Ave.

Thank you for the attention paid last Monday night to a coordinated design approach for the parklets on Cal Ave. Umbrellas would be great for shade in hot weather while preserving the view and heaters create comfort on cool nights.

All of this is to be enjoyed on Cal Ave, walking in comfort and safety without traffic, whether from bikes or from cars.

Thank you for your consideration,
Melanie Grondel
College Terrace

From: [Margaret Heath](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Subject: #15, Meeting May 16, 2022 #15 Objective Design Standards
Date: Sunday, May 15, 2022 8:40:32 PM

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Dear City Council Members:

Please reject Staff's proposed "Objective Standards" report. Instruct them to come back with only what is needed to comply with those limited projects entitled by State Law. Staff have produced a document that goes far beyond the minimal code changes required at this time. There is so much wrong with this Staff Report that I'm not even going to begin to comment.

Staff appears to have used the situation as a pretext to slip in extensive and unnecessary changes to the existing Context Based Design Standards. In addition, by-passing a thorough and in-depth detailed examination of each of their recommended changes by the Planning Commission. Which the council, and public, deserve. Also concerning is Staff's decision to undertake such an extensive and time-consuming project when the department is understaffed and service is suffering.

If you do decide to consider additional changes to the Context Based Design Standards that are not required at this time, please instruct staff to first submit their Staff Report to the Planning Commission. Fortunately, some of our dedicated Planning Commission members have both the depth of knowledge and willingness to take the time to do the due diligence expected of them as commission members. Who do not consider their job limited to minor corrections and a superficial review before more or less rubber stamping staff's recommendations as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,

Margaret Heath

From: [Salem Ajluni](#)
To: [Aram James](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Human Relations Commission](#); [Council, City](#); [Joe Simitian](#); [Winter Dellenbach](#); [Sajid Khan](#); [Jeff Rosen](#); [Lewis. james](#); [Jay Boyarsky](#); [Alison Cormack](#); [supervisor.ellenberg@bos.sccgov.org](#); [supervisor.lee@bos.sccgov.org](#); [Cindy Chavez](#); [Binder, Andrew](#); [Shikada, Ed](#); [Josh Becker](#); [melissa caswell](#); [Jack Ajluni](#); [citycouncil@mountainview.gov](#); [city.council@menlopark.org](#)
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Thanks for your consistent and principled support for Palestinian self-determination and justice in Palestine/Israel, Aram.

Salem

From: Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 15, 2022 7:07 PM
To: Planning.Commission@cityofpaloalto.org <Planning.Commission@cityofpaloalto.org>; Human Relations Commission <hrc@cityofpaloalto.org>; City Council <city.council@cityofpaloalto.org>; Joe Simitian <joe.simitian@bos.sccgov.org>; Winter Dellenbach <wintergery@earthlink.net>; Sajid Khan <sajid@votesajid.com>; Jeff Rosen <JRosen@dao.sccgov.org>; Lewis. james <alphonse9947@gmail.com>; Jay Boyarsky <jboyarsky@dao.sccgov.org>; Alison Cormack <alisonlcormack@gmail.com>; supervisor.ellenberg@bos.sccgov.org <supervisor.ellenberg@bos.sccgov.org>; supervisor.lee@bos.sccgov.org <supervisor.lee@bos.sccgov.org>; Cindy Chavez <cindy.chavez@bos.sccgov.org>; Andrew Binder <andrew.binder@cityofpaloalto.org>; Ed Shikada <ed.shikada@cityofpaloalto.org>; Josh Becker <becker.josh@gmail.com>; melissa caswell <mbcaswell@yahoo.com>; Salem Ajluni <ajluni@hotmail.com>; Jack Ajluni <jaxpolo@gmail.com>; citycouncil@mountainview.gov <citycouncil@mountainview.gov>; city.council@menlopark.org <city.council@menlopark.org>
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<https://theintercept.com/2022/05/13/israeli-police-attack-funeral-journalist-israels-army-admits-might-killed/>

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From: [John K Sterling](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Subject: Letter in support of Castilleja Project
Date: Sunday, May 15, 2022 8:20:16 PM

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Hello -

I am writing about the discourse around the Castilleja project. I had been casually watching the news about Castilleja and the neighborhood for several years - seemed like the common NIMBY for a while. My dad was an architect and spent many years on the zoning and planning boards in my town so I had seen a lot of this. My daughter is now at the school so I have been paying closer attention in recent months.

Bottom line is that Castilleja acted assuming local residents and the town were providing sound feedback. But at each turn the goalposts moved. Unfortunately it started appearing all of this was just stalling tactics and not good faith. The ultimate proposal is very reasonable, improves all of the things asked for, and sets the community up for a great future.

I am writing to ask you to make swift decisions - and put this behind us so the community can move forward. Given the progress to date this means approving the Castilleja project.

Thanks for your consideration!

John

From: [Aram James](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); [Human Relations Commission](#); [Council, City](#); [Joe Simitian](#); [Winter Dellenbach](#); [Sajid Khan](#); [Jeff Rosen](#); [Lewis. james](#); [Jay Boyarsky](#); [Alison Cormack](#); [supervisor.ellenberg@bos.sccgov.org](#); [supervisor.lee@bos.sccgov.org](#); [Cindy Chavez](#); [Binder, Andrew](#); [Shikada, Ed](#); [Josh Becker](#); [melissa caswell](#); [Salem Ajluni](#); [Jack Ajluni](#); [citycouncil@mountainview.gov](#); [city.council@menlopark.org](#)
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From: [Joel Brown](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Subject: Please approve the Castilleja project
Date: Sunday, May 15, 2022 6:09:48 PM

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Dear City Council -

I want to express my overwhelming support of Castilleja School. It's been more than a year since you last reviewed the Castilleja project, and now that it's before you again, I strongly urge you to approve the ARB's recommended approval of the smaller, 69 car garage. During their March 2022 deliberations, they concluded that a 69 car garage would have the exact same impact as a 52 car garage; so why not park 17 more cars underground instead of at grade on the neighborhood streets? The garage impact is the same, but the benefit to the streets is far better when 17 fewer cars are lined up along the curb. 69 is allowed under code, so why not move forward with an underground garage that houses 69 vs 52 spots?

I understand that traffic is a concern for Palo Alto residents in general, and it can't be emphasized enough that Castilleja's enrollment increase will bring no new cars to the neighborhood. The school has set an example of excellent TDM for all businesses in the area. By requiring employees to rideshare, park offsite, and take public transportation AND by adding new bus routes for students during the pandemic, Castilleja has continued to reduce traffic to campus. They have shown both the **commitment** and **flexibility** needed to *keep car counts low*, and their plan makes clear that their TDM measures will broaden once enrollment increases. These measures are not just for show -- the school is teaching their students and employees the sustainable measures necessary to make life better in our shared community. It's an imperative, not a choice. Are other schools or businesses in the areas as stringent in their transportation policies? I think not. Castilleja is a proven leader in this regard, among many others. **Again, keeping car trips low is the ONLY way Castilleja would be able to add more students.**

Please vote to recommend approval of the garage. It can not bring new cars to the neighborhood, and without doubt, it improves the aesthetics of that neighborhood.

Thank you very much,
Joel Brown - Walter Hays Drive

From: [Ann DeHovitz](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Subject: Please vote to support Castilleja
Date: Sunday, May 15, 2022 5:53:24 PM

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Dear City Council Members,

I am emailing in support of Castilleja. I have been watching this project from the sidelines for many years, and it seems to me that Castilleja has done a lot to address the many concerns that have come up, including:

- Decreasing the size of the garage
- Moving the garage exit
- Moving the pool to improve sound and parking
- Preserving more trees
- Reducing events by 30% to arrive at 70 events per year
- Redesigning the massing and materials on the building
- Limiting hours of operation
- Reducing daily car trips to campus by over 30%
- Moving cars below ground
- Creating more greenspace
- Proposing a more efficient and sustainable campus

Some of these improvements are already in place and some cannot be implemented until you vote to approve this project. I hope you will at long last vote to approve. This is a win for Palo Alto, for the school, AND for the close neighbors. The current version of this proposal is a far cry from the version they first encountered over six years ago. The school has compromised again and again. It is time to recognize that the plan has evolved into an excellent solution for everyone.

This has been a long process for our entire community, and I hope you will bring it to a positive close with an approval. I know that the PTC suggested that the school should return annually to reapply for permission to grow gradually. Since the school will need to remain below traffic caps in order to enroll more students, why not just let the traffic cap do its work? If Castilleja can admit more students without creating more traffic, why not let them?

Thank you for your time,
Ann Dehovitz (Sharon Court, Palo Alto)

From: [Annette Hughes](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Subject: Yes for Castilleja project
Date: Sunday, May 15, 2022 4:39:04 PM

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Dear Palo Alto City Council,

I live and vote in Palo Alto. There have been years and years of discussions, with many changes to the Castilleja project plans based on feedback. Please **vote yes** to let Castilleja and the city move along with this project as it is presented.

The school has been through I don't know how many hearings with the various boards and commissions, and Castilleja has now provided a version of the plan that directly responds to requests from all these entities. I request **you agree** to the elements of the plan on May 23; this process has been extended and delayed long enough.

- **69 car garage option:** This reduces the number of cars on the street, which is quieter and safer for walkers, runners and cyclists. It preserves the trees, and it meets City code.

- **New Students:** Because the conditional use permit includes stringent policies about the addition of new students, the corrective actions required would so penalize the school that they would actually make the school decrease their enrollment. The proposed CUP offers a hard stop to unfettered growth.

I support Castilleja School. The school has worked meticulously and carefully on these plans, with many compromises over the years which show that they are committed to working with the City to achieve the goals of both the school and Palo Alto. The contentious points of vehicle traffic, arboreal preservation, and enrollment numbers have all been addressed.

Please approve the plan. The neighborhood, our community as well as the future scholars will benefit from a renovated and improved school.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Annette S. Hughes

From: [Art Liberman](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: lwvpaoffice@gmail.com; kmiller@nasw.org
Subject: Please Support the LWV proposal to put financial constraints on Council elections.
Date: Sunday, May 15, 2022 2:51:01 PM

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Please support the LWV proposal to put some financial constraints on Palo Alto Council elections. The LWV proposal is modest:

- Impose donation limits of \$500
- Create voluntary campaign spending limits of \$30,000
- Require disclosure of the top 5 individuals or organizations that donate more than \$2500 to a PAC that buys ads about candidates or ballot measures. The donors' names would have to be shown clearly and unambiguously on ads so viewers can see who's actually paying for them (applies to ads on television, radio, print, online ads, mass mailers, and robocalls).

There are certainly some problems and loopholes with the LWV proposal - self funding, donations in kind, lack of enforcement, etc. The litany of abuses indicate that the financial limitations placed on office seekers may not be a significant challenge to overcome.

However, no one to my knowledge has come up with a way to make the financial system iron clad clean. It is unlikely that any reform that is more meaningful than the LWV proposal is likely to succeed any time soon.. Despite the efforts of good government folks like the LWV to rein in election fund raising excesses, the lure of power can overwhelm the ethical boundaries of many civic minded office seekers.

So, the question is what to do? Do nothing and allow the system to continue? In my mind, the first of the LWV proposals - imposing donation limits of \$500 - can make a difference.

An in depth analysis several years ago of the funding of Palo Alto City Council elections (link below) showed that most Palo Alto candidates receive significant financial support from wealthy donors and corporations:

"Just 25 contributors were responsible for one in three dollars raised by candidates in the 2014, 2016, and 2018 elections. While money was not determinative of all election outcomes or political actions, it certainly indicates salient patterns of political influence in the city."

<https://maplightarchive.org/story/campaign-funding-in-silicon-valley-spotlight-on-palo->

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The last phrase in the last sentence is surely behind the largesse of many of the large dollar donors to Palo Alto elections. I support the LWV proposal. We ought not, as the proverb says: "Let the Perfect Be the Enemy of the Good."

Art Liberman

From: [Arnout Boelens](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Zoeller-Boelens, Nicole](#)
Subject: In support of California Avenue and Ramona Streets remaining pedestrian streets
Date: Sunday, May 15, 2022 2:45:53 PM

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Dear City Council members,

We're writing in support of California Avenue and Ramona Street remaining pedestrian streets and are happy to hear about the possible addition of bidirectional bicycle paths. California Avenue is an especially important bicycle route and part of the appeal of shopping and dining there is that it is very easy to reach it by bicycle. In its current configuration, there are a couple of locations that are difficult to navigate by bike and we are glad that this will be resolved. We're looking forward to participating in the community outreach process for the future of the California Avenue and Ramona Street closures.

Kind regards,

Nicole, Arnout, & Ava

From: [D Martell](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Shikada, Ed](#); [Jonsen, Robert](#); [Supervisor Simitian](#); AnnaEshoo@mail.house.gov; anne.ream@mail.house.gov
Subject: More COVID at Lytton Gardens Assisted Living building
Date: Sunday, May 15, 2022 12:46:15 PM

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New outbreak of COVID last week.

Lytton is hiding it, and has only notified about half the Assisted Living building's fifty residents !!!

At least one tenant is quarantined.

Today, when lobby receptionist was asked for copy of notice, she refused to comply or give out any information saying, "Talk to manage tomorrow."

-Danielle Martell

From: [Pete and Laura Zappas](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Subject: In Favor of Castilleja
Date: Sunday, May 15, 2022 10:43:26 AM

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Dear Councilmembers,

I fervently support Castilleja School's project. The School's plans have several features that will significantly improve the neighborhood: reduced square footage, less mass, lower rooflines, and greater setbacks from the street while still presenting a beautiful design.

Castilleja's modernization plan has taken into account years of neighbor comments and years of compromise. It's time to approve their incredibly thorough, thoughtful, and researched-based project. I see many mutually beneficial aspects of the project:

- Enrollment increases are contingent upon keeping car trips capped at current levels. Incentives to comply are already built into the plan, and there are many incentives. Neighbors want incentives. Well, good thing the permit outlines lots of ways to keep the school in check!
- An underground parking garage removes cars from the street and makes Bryant's bike boulevard safer. The option of a 69 car garage maximizes this benefit. Neighbors want cars off the street. The garage is a fantastic solution!
- More than 100 new trees will be planted. Heritage trees will be saved. The neighbors say they care about trees. Seems like Castilleja does too!!
- The facade on Kellogg integrates design elements that reflect the character of the neighborhood. The neighbors had input into the facade, and their input is reflected in this design!
- The entire plan has less above ground square footage than currently is in place. It is a reduction, NOT an expansion. The neighbors wanted a smaller footprint. Well, this is less!

Wow, it seems like the neighbors are getting a lot of things they want. So why do some continue to complain?

At this point, it's impossible to ignore that Castilleja's project has enumerable merits. It's environmentally sound and exceeds the goals set forth by Palo Alto's environmental objectives. The school has worked tirelessly to present credible options that improve traffic patterns, aesthetics, and quality of life for everyone without harming trees. Aren't we all in agreement that the entire community will benefit from this?

Castilleja's plan is good for the neighborhood. It's good for the environment. It's time to forge ahead, support the only secular all-girls middle and high school in the Bay Area, and rebuild our community. When we focus on the education of our children, all of society benefits. Approve Castilleja's project. As a parent of three teenagers two of whom go to Paly and one who goes to Castilleja I value the education of our children. Limiting the number of events for Casti parents to see their children seems to go against valuing education and the accomplishments of our children. The Castilleja project will create less traffic, it will get cars off the streets for events, and will enhance the beauty of our neighborhood school. One more thing, most of the cars parked on Emerson where I live actually belong to Stanford students who create traffic and parking problems all year long.

Sincerely,
Pete Zappas
Emerson Street

From: [Aram James](#)
To: [Council, City](#); [Human Relations Commission](#); robert.parham@cityofpaloalto.org; [Enberg, Nicholas](#); [Tannock, Julie](#); [Figueroa, Eric](#); eric.filseth@cityofpaloalto.com; [Tom DuBois](#); [Alison Cormack](#); darylsavage@gmail.com; [Human Relations Commission](#); [Sean Allen](#); citycouncil@mountainview.gov; citycouncil@mountainview.gov
Subject: A 'veil of darkness' reduces racial bias in traffic stops | Stanford News
Date: Saturday, May 14, 2022 11:18:06 PM

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FYI:
<https://news.stanford.edu/2020/05/05/veil-darkness-reduces-racial-bias-traffic-stops/>

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Sue Purdy Pelosi](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Subject: Please support the staff recommendations for recycling
Date: Saturday, May 14, 2022 10:59:28 PM

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Dear Council Members,

I support the Staff's recommendation associated with Recycling of Mixed Paper and Mixed Rigid Plastics to be considered on May 16, 2022.

The recommendation is to begin negotiations with GreenWaste to assure that the 37,000 tons per year of our mixed paper and rigid plastics are recycled domestically, and not sent to Southeast Asia. However, Staff does plan to consider sending 65,000 tons of cardboard overseas with unknown consequences. I support this with the logic that this marks a step forward away from the harmful impact of "recycling", but am disappointed that a huge fraction continues to be shipped overseas with unknown fate.

Thank you
Sue

Sue Purdy Pelosi
[Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible.](#)
Dalai Lama

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/suepurdypelosi/>

From: [Aram James](#)
To: [Greg Tanaka](#); [Greer Stone](#); [Sean Allen](#); [Human Relations Commission](#); [Council, City](#); [Joe Simitian](#); [Winter Dellenbach](#); [Jay Boyarsky](#); [Sajid Khan](#); [Jeff Rosen](#); [Lumi Gardner](#); robert.parham@cityofpaloalto.org; [Tannock, Julie](#); [Figueroa, Eric](#); eric.filseth@cityofpaloalto.com; [Alison Cormack](#); [chuck jagoda](#); [Roberta Ahlquist](#); [Vara Ramakrishnan](#)
Subject: Hate crime May 14, 2022-Buffalo New York many dead white supremacist terrorism
Date: Saturday, May 14, 2022 9:30:45 PM

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https://www.kron4.com/news/national/buffalo-mass-shooters-alleged-manifesto-indicates-attack-was-white-supremacist-terrorism?utm_source=kron_app&utm_medium=social&utm_content=share-link

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Cybele LoVuolo-Bhushan](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Subject: Recycling plastics...
Date: Saturday, May 14, 2022 7:54:33 PM

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Recycled plastic is mixed with the usual paving materials and it solves the disposal problem.

A growing number of studies say that roads containing waste plastic have the potential to perform as well or better than traditional roads. They can last longer, are stronger and more durable in respect to loads and rutting, can tolerate wide temperature swings, and are more resistant to water damage, cracking, and potholes. The technology also has the potential to reclaim anywhere from a small to a sizeable amount of plastics from landfills and random dumping, researchers are finding, while providing a significant amount for road paving and repair. And Palo Alto can be a leader on this issue.

Cybele LoVuolo-Bhushan

From: [Ellen Smith](#)
To: [Council, City](#); [Bob Wenzlau](#)
Subject: Support for more domestic recycling
Date: Saturday, May 14, 2022 4:29:16 PM

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I have read and endorse the letter sent by Bob Wenzlau in support of Staff's recommendation associated with Recycling of Mixed Paper and Mixed Rigid Plastics to be considered on May 16, 2022. He covers it all!
Ellen Smith

From: [Winter Dellenbach](#)
To: [Sabrina](#)
Cc: [Council, City](#)
Subject: Council
Date: Saturday, May 14, 2022 3:47:30 PM

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From: [Bob Wenzlau](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Bobel, Phil](#)
Subject: May 16 - Support for Staff Report on International Recycling of Papers and Plastics
Date: Saturday, May 14, 2022 3:45:41 PM

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The recommendation is to begin negotiations with GreenWaste to assure that the 37,000 tons per year of our mixed paper and rigid plastics are recycled domestically, and not sent to Southeast Asia. However, Staff does plan to consider sending 65,000 tons of cardboard overseas with unknown consequences. I support this with the logic that this marks a step forward away from the harmful impact of "recycling", but am disappointed that a huge fraction continues to be shipped overseas with unknown fate.

I appreciated the opportunity to work with Staff, and have joined numerous meetings to contribute to their recommendations. We have different judgments on the problem, but the steps proposed in their recommendation can accommodate any differences in my views within the breadth of their recommendations.

I offer several notes to inform your review of the Staff Report.

- **There is a Red Line in our community expectation - any shipment of recyclables to Southeast Asia should not cross this line.** A staggering 60% by weight of recyclable materials has been placed on ships - 100,000 tons per year from Palo Alto. There is no information on the fate of cardboard, mixed paper or plastics. There is documentation of the adverse impact of the materials, but no correlations to where Palo Alto shipments go. Materials shipped overseas in all likelihood do harm, and pushing them into this unknown crosses the line.
- **Staff's recommendation is progress, but more than 40% of our recyclables will still go to Southeast Asia.** I have advocated for ceasing all shipments to Southeast Asia, and our cardboard will continue to be shipped to Southeast Asia. We do not know what facility the cardboard enters. Generally, we do know that 25% of cardboard is disposed of in the recycling process including contaminating plastics, and that vast amounts of organic wastewater is generated. Neither of these solid or liquid residuals are managed to US environmental standards, and often the solids go to communities for exploitive picking operations. Staff and I differ. Staff is comfortable allowing cardboard

to go overseas because it is too expensive not to send it. This even though we have no knowledge of the environmental practices associated with the “recycling” process. I hold that until we know even a reasonable understanding (such as a facility where the materials are received), then we do not blindly ship our materials overseas.

- **The Landfill Option is a Reasonable Option for Materials Otherwise Shipped To Southeast Asia.** Staff has opposed any discussion of landfilling, and would opt to continue to send the cardboard to Southeast Asia. They are seeking to avoid a compliance challenge. The current regulatory framework is focused on avoiding landfilling. The table below shows a comparative analysis of climate impact of overseas shipping versus local disposal. When compared to our current shipments to southeast asia, placing in local landfill is enormously more environmentally benign and climate beneficial. As such, if there are no local markets for cardboard, then landfilling would be superior from environmental fate. Staff will identify the enforcement impact, but I would opt to invite the City Attorney to inform the State that overseas recycling does not have integrity, and that there are no domestic markets. I have held that domestic landfilling with understood environmental consequence is superior to overseas shipment with unknown consequence. If a domestic market is not available, then materials should be landfilled rather than shipped overseas. The forecast of climate impact validates this position (Staff has the worksheet supporting this analysis). The chart shows that addressing this improvement has a significant positive impact on the climate footprint of Palo Alto (albeit the overseas impact is not within the ICLEI's methodology applied by the City).



- **Focus on validating overseas cardboard processing.** If cardboard goes overseas, the consultant retained by the City should be tasked with validation of environmental conditions and processes. Even the discovery of the major cardboard processing and their environmental processing would bring some comfort to our current shipments. This is a step back from the “red line” if we can in fact show the processing has reasonable parity with United States practice. While we might not know which facility our materials might go to, we would have some knowledge to explain that the fate may be more benign. I do “blink” on the red line - if we can demonstrate reasonable environmental

management in pulp processing, then international shipment could be viable, but only after demonstrated.

- **The Potential Use of Refuse Fund Reserves is Reasonable.** Approval of the recommendation allows Staff to negotiate with a ceiling, but the approval of this recommendation is not making the commitment to spend. The reserves can reasonably be used to mark a transition, and buffer as hopefully domestic markets will emerge. The reserves should be used to bridge until a long-term domestic solution is developed.

One area of disappointment is the lack of engagement by either the office of Assemblyman Marc Berman or our Senator Josh Becker. Ultimately this is a problem of the state's doing where they permit a backdoor to Southeast Asia for diversion of our paper and plastics. Not only as a citizen, but also as Staff, the representative's offices were approached to support legislative adjustments to acknowledge the impact of overseas recycling of paper and plastics. Numerous meetings were held, yet both offices were not responsive to requests. While such a lack of response might occur from a citizen, it was disappointing they failed our city. We still have a pending offering from Senator Becker's office to talk to the governor's office for support, but this is after 14 months of discussion. I would ask that the Council push more urgently on our State representatives to be responsive to our City's concerns.

The Staff has been constructive in raising awareness among other local governments. Obtaining San Jose's participation, and hopefully engagement would pressure Green Waste to confront the failure of the recycling process. Staff set up regional workshops, and this has increased awareness and understanding in our nearby cities. That will increase the pressure on our waste management industry.

Finally, the **City should adjust our communication about recycling to not report a false narrative about the fate of our "recycled" materials.** The website does not represent the shortcomings of recycling, nor adequately emphasize the need to take strategies to reduce the use of materials that cannot be recycled.

Many community members have shared with me that this initiative is representative of "the best of Palo Alto". We should be proud of our Staff, and the direction you have provided as Council. This also aligns with my own dedication to our international relations knowing that we hold integrity in our community practices that have global impact, consistent with the role our city plays as we meet our obligations to our Sister and Sibling Cities.

Sincerely,

Bob Wenzlau

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Bob Wenzlau
bob@wenzlau.net
650-248-4467

From: [Margaret Lane](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Subject: Supporting Castilleja's proposal
Date: Saturday, May 14, 2022 2:58:53 PM

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Dear City Council,

I raised my children in Palo Alto, and my husband and I were fortunate to purchase a home on Bryant, just a block from Castilleja and right down the street from Paly. My children attended local private schools. Now my children are grown, and they're starting families of their own. I hope that they are able to have the choices for their own children that we had when they were growing up.

For many years, I've stayed silent on the issue of Castilleja's proposal. I have found it to be a divisive matter in the neighborhood that has bitterly pitted neighbors against one another. It's been disappointing to witness and experience this in the midst of a national climate that has likewise been polarizing.

Now that you are meeting for what I hope will be the final time to decide the fate of Castilleja's proposal, I wish to share my perspective on the matter. I am a resident in Palo Alto, a very near neighbor, a parent, and an educator. Each one of these alone is a voice you've heard from in the past six years, to be sure, but there aren't many voices who represent all four perspectives.

Resident and Near Neighbor

We knowingly purchased a home in a neighborhood that had two nationally-ranked schools within walking distance of our driveway. We understood this would mean hearing the occasional joyful sounds of children cheering on classmates at swim meets, football games, and the like. We knew that there'd be certain community events that might cause additional traffic for a couple of hours. These schools—Paly and Castilleja—both existed decades before we purchased our property. We also knew that buying a home near incredible schools would only increase the home's value. We feel Castilleja's proposal will not only further elevate the aesthetic of the neighborhood but will do so while continuing to work with the neighbors to minimize negative impacts.

Parent and Educator

I raised all four of my children in Palo Alto. As any parent of more than one child will know, each has their own personality, needs, and way of experiencing the world. As an educator, I know this to be true as well. I am retiring this year, but I can tell you that in my 20 years of teaching, I have come to deeply understand that every child learns differently. This is one reason I am so grateful that my children grew up in a town where they had so many kinds of schools from which to choose. Some children thrive in large settings. Others need

specialized attention. A few may even wish to be in a single-sex environment. As a parent and as a life-long educator, I see the benefit of choice, of opportunity, that a town like Palo Alto provides.

The thing is, our neighboring cities don't have access to the same choices and opportunities. This is where independent schools come in. They level the playing field, offering spots to children—our neighbors—who want and need something that their local school district may not be able to provide.

Education is the most important gift we can give to the next generation. I became a grandmother in the last two years, and I would be remiss to not speak up now, at a point in time when Castilleja has the opportunity to extend access to the next generation of girls in Palo Alto.

Please think deeply about the proposal you have in front of you. Our country needs more access to education, not less. This is a project that offers more opportunity while also improving the neighborhood.

Thank you for listening to my perspective.

Sincerely,

Margaret Lane

Bryant Street

From: [Rebecca Sanders](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Subject: Agenda Item #15 - May 16, 2022
Date: Saturday, May 14, 2022 11:09:39 AM

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Dear City Council Members:

City Staff is using the state mandate for streamlined objective standards to unnecessarily redesign our building code and degrade our standards. Such staff-overreach is a waste of time and money as our existing laws have been in place for decades and provide valuable protection for residents from adjacent massing and densing. Please do not extend the objective standards to any projects except where absolutely required by the state and instead keep our existing laws for all other buildings.

Thank you.

Becky Sanders
Ventura Neighborhood Association

From: [MJ Marcus](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Subject: Please support item #13 Monday
Date: Saturday, May 14, 2022 10:50:59 AM

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Dear City Council

I urge you to support item #13 on Monday to recycle domestically rather than sending our waste abroad. We need to take responsibility for our own waste and also ensure it is properly recycled. (And eventually reduce/eliminate plastics/oil use).

Keep up the great work!

Warmly
Mary Jane

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“The heart is a
The thousand-stringed instrument

That can only be tuned with
Love.”

— شمس الدين محمد حافظ / Khwāja Šams ud-Dīn Muhammad Hāfez-e Šīrāzī, The Gift

From: upcomingsales@friendspaloaltolib.org
To: [Council, City](#)
Subject: Monster Mammoth Mondo Book Sale - Friends of the Palo Alto Library
Date: Friday, May 13, 2022 8:36:31 PM

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CUBBERLEY USED BOOK SALES FACE COVERS RECOMMENDED

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Children's Room 10am - 4pm
Main Room Sale 11am - 4pm

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All Rooms 11am - 4pm

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Marty's (Main) Room

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

No numbered tickets this month! (Another reminder that yes, we are still in a pandemic!)

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

Children's Book Sale

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

Bargain Books in H-2

The Bargain Room is located in Rooms H-2 and H-3 of the Cubberley main campus, between Marty's Room and Middlefield Road. On Saturday, paperbacks are 50 cents, hardcovers are \$1, and children's books are 50 cents each. The room also contains many records, CDs, and DVDs at \$1 each. On Sunday, the room opens at 11 am and all prices are half off. Or, save even more on Sunday by buying green FOPAL reusable bags from us for \$3/ea (or bring your own grocery-size reusable bag) and stuffing them with any items in the room for \$5/bag. Fill four bags at \$5/bag and fill a fifth bag FREE!

(We no longer receive sufficient used paper grocery bags along with donations for this purpose.)

News from the Library, by E-mail and RSS

The Library would like you to know that they've expanded their open hours and are celebrating Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and you can read [their latest newsletter here](#).

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

If you haven't been getting these e-mails, and are curious, there's an archive of them [here](#). This archive page also has a "join our mailing list" link.

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

The City may also be sending you "Uplift Local" e-mails once a week or so. There is an archive of those e-mails [here](#).

And if like yr hmbL newsletter editor you have not been paying attention and are wondering what is open and how much the Library has a [Current Library Services page](#).

May Sale is Overflowing with New Donations

We gladly accept donations, no appointment needed, most weeks Monday-Saturday 3-5pm at our **Main Room**! Donations are paused the week preceding the sale, which for May means we are closed to donations from Sunday, May 8 to Sunday, May 15. In April alone, we received about 40,000 donated items, which we quickly sorted and put out for this upcoming sale. Our donations come from individuals, estates, and companies all over the area. Many people bring books by carload to our Main book sale room at Cubberley. Donors are greeted at FOPAL by a volunteer Donation Monitor and asked to place donations in FOPAL's banker boxes and then move the books/boxes up the ramp to FOPAL's Sorting Room. Sorting Room volunteers help direct donors as to where to place the boxes and offer a receipt and a thank-you. There will be a limit of six bags/boxes per donation. While you're at the sale, take a peek at the sorting room just inside the Main Room's entrance and you'll see how big our behind-the-scenes donation processing has become.

What's Special for May?

Top of the list of new stuff this month was a fabulous donation of books on **Music** and sheet music. Music history buffs will likely find something of interest. Books are located in the **Music** section and the sheet music as well on the bottom shelf. Red Carts next to the **Photography** section have a great selection of wonderful books of photos of guitars at great prices. Speaking of **Photography**, the **Photography** section is overflowing this month and has a large quantity of "Giftable Art Books" in the bays. More **Sets** have been processed from a backlog, and the overflow is offered in the "Specials" area just to your right as you enter the Main Room. Nice decorative **Sets** from an estate donation are priced to sell as well as several sets from the April sale are priced down. Lots of **Science & Technology** was dropped off this month. There are much like-new and recent, plus a lot of

well-used science books in excellent shape in the **Bargain Room**. **Science & Technology** is stocked full of everything from popular science, science history, space programs, and books on physics, biology, and lots of math. For May look for additional **Science & Technology** books in the small end cap usually occupied by cookbooks, across from the **Art** section. The **Education/Language** section is busting with new terrific donations. Look for an impressive selection of books leftover from the April sale and many recent offerings donated this month from a personal collection filling the shelves.

Music/Guitar Cart

Our **Music** and **Photography** section manager, George Chaltas, wants you to know that the **Music** section "is now freshly curated with more titles of Pop, Jazz, and reference books"; and also that there is a red cart near the **Photography** section with "a great selection of wonderful books of photos of guitars at great prices."

Science & Technology

"**Science:** This month we have an end cap shelf next to **Cooking** for some higher value books. We continue to get donations of some interesting specialized books from corporate technical libraries and some generous professors. We have accumulated a shelf full of modern EE handbooks. Also, we have detailed shelf pictures available at www.fopalbooks.com. The bargain room is again bulging with decent quality science & technology books." -Edwin El-Kareh

Sheet Music

"**Sheet Music:** We have gotten a flood of sheet music from several generous local musicians. More items than we can stuff on our now full shelves. As space becomes available after this sale we will restock with the remainder of the donations (especially harp, guitar and organ music). Sheet music titles and that we do not normally see are in this donation. Also, we have detailed shelf pictures available at www.fopalbooks.com lower down on the page after the science shelves. The **Bargain Room** also now has a larger selection of sheet music available." -Edwin El-Kareh

Fiction Boutique

"Dear Book Friends,
Welcome back to a tempting selection of recently published novels... in both hardcover and paperback! Choose books for family and friends, and for yourself, of course.
Marian Knox
P.S. Don't forget your book club!"

Children's Room

"Donations have filled all our sections in May! *Beginning Readers* will find books on science, nature, and history, in addition to stories for a quick read. The *Parenting* section offers advice for families with infants, toddlers, tweens, and teens, to make everyone's life more manageable. There are some terrific *DVDs* including Harry Potter and Lord of the Rings collections. In *Religion*, you'll find a selection of books for Shavuot, celebrated in early June. Our *Activity* section has games and jigsaw puzzles for all ages. The science/math/literacy table overflows with textbooks and workbooks to help students retain skills over the summer and learn new skills, too. And there is truly a plethora of graphic novels, from Peanuts to Bone to Star Wars and Tintin. In *Non-fiction*, several sets of

duplicates are tagged as "overstock specials" at much-reduced prices. *School-age Fiction* offers many gift-quality books about wizards, fairies, dragons, and dinosaurs; the fantasy shelves are bursting. There are beautiful American Girl sets and series, a complete paperback boxed set of Harry Potter, and pop-up books of Harry Potter and Fantastic Beasts. The *young adult* shelves include many recently published best-sellers, including a signed copy of Angie Thomas's latest book, *On the Come Up*. Check out the *Board Books* section for enriching, colorful, and tantalizing early childhood books. For example, *My First Tool Box* presents a movable cutout of a tool on every page, for small hands to manipulate. *Is That Your Monster?* invites young readers to slide their hands (if they dare) into a pocket, for a playful tactile experience. There is also a beautifully crafted, like-new pop-up book of *The Wizard of Oz*, by the talented Robert Sabuda. The shelves of *Giftable Picture Books* are full of award winners, Dr. Seuss, and a variety of other beautiful books; don't miss the lovely poetry collections. And one of the best things about the **Children's Room?** The prices! They range from 50 cents to just a few dollars -- you won't find a better source for affordable treasures." -Carolyn Davidson

Judaica

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

"New this month - *Outwitting History: The Amazing Adventures of a Man Who Rescued a Million Yiddish Books*; *Martin Buber: A Life of Faith and Dissent*; *A Special Legacy: An Oral History of Soviet Jewish Emigres to the United States*; *Archives from Elephantine: The Life of an Ancient Jewish Military Colony*; *Paper Love: Searching for the Girl My Grandfather Left Behind*.

"Various volumes of the Talmud each priced at \$4.00

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

Self-Help Psychology

"Featured books this month include: *Figuring Out People*; *Dopamine*; *How to Change*; *Breakfast with Seneca*; *Happiness Becomes You*; *Hold me Tight*; *The Practical Guide to Men*; *The 5 Personality Patterns*; *Rules of Estrangement*; *Dream Diary*; *Mind Over Mood*; *Getting Past Your Past*; *Lost Connections*. There are multiple copies of some popular books like: *Five Love Languages*; *Full Catastrophe Living*; *Whole New Mind*. There is a special on the 2020 book *Brave Not Perfect*: show this message to get all 5 for \$10). There are still a few NLP books and of course many other interesting finds. Enjoy browsing and take advantage of the great prices." -Marnie

Computers

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Here are two groundtruthing reports on the Palo Alto housing element: 1) lower-income sites in the greater California Ave area and 2) two additions and updates to my previous report of April 20, 2022, on Middlefield Road south of Oregon Expressway.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Best regards,
Rob Nielsen

Housing element groundtruthing: Middlefield Road south of Oregon

May 13, 2022

Dear Palo Alto City Council, Palo Alto Planning and Transportation Committee, Palo Alto Housing Element Working Group, and City Staff:

Scott O'Neil and I recently toured proposed sites in the California Ave area and nearby areas of College Terrace. We also added a few nearby sites covered by the Caltrain station strategy. In this report, we cover the 10 lower-income sites in this area. Other items will follow shortly in a second report.

#	Address	APN	Strategy	Acres	Zoning	Units
1	2673 EL CAMINO REAL	13236077	Caltrain Station	0.64	CN	20
2	2400 EL CAMINO REAL	14220012	Caltrain Station	0.75	CS (AS1)	24
3	2310 EL CAMINO REAL	13701129	Caltrain Station	0.76	CN	24
4	448–450 Sherman Ave	12433007	City Parking Lots	1.00	PF	40
5	391 Cambridge Ave	12432055	City Parking Lots	0.56	PF(R)	22
6	451–475 Cambridge Ave	12432050	Caltrain Station	0.65	PF(R)	20
7	156 N CALIFORNIA AV	12428045	Caltrain Station	1.14	CC (2)(R)(P)	45
8	150 GRANT AV	12429020	Caltrain Station	0.60	CC (2)(R)	23
9	3197 PARK BL	13226076	Caltrain Station	0.59	GM	18
10	PARK BL	13232043	Caltrain Station	1.38	RM-30	44




Total units = 280

We note that all of the seven privately owned sites are nonvacant sites (includes the parking lots) as defined by the HCD¹ and would therefore require substantial evidence for discontinuance of current use as explained in Robert Chun's letter of February 22, 2022. We note further that the maximum densities are between 40 and 50 du/ac at all sites we cover here—far short of the feasible densities discussed in Robert Chun's letter of April 21, 2022.

1. 2673 El Camino Real, APN 132-36-077, 20 units

2. 2400 El Camino Real, APN 142-20-012, 24 units

3. 2310 El Camino Real, APN 137-01-129, 24 units

		
2673 El Camino Real	2400 El Camino Real / 550 California Ave	2310 / 2390 El Camino Real

¹ https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/housing-element/docs/sites_inventory_memo_final06102020.pdf, p. 24




We have no particular issues to point out except for 2400 El Camino Real, a Wells Fargo Bank that uses the address 505 California. This is one of two Wells Fargo branches (the other one is at 2754 Middlefield Rd) that have been identified for lower income housing and for which substantial evidence must be provided for discontinuance of current use. The working group may be over-optimistic that they can receive such evidence for both locations.

One benefit to point out is that all three sites are within a three-minute walk of a high-frequency VTA stop on El Camino, either at California or Page Mill. The 522/22 bus routes currently serve these stops eight times per hour during daytime on weekdays. As sites identified under the Caltrain station strategy, they are also close to rail service at 10–11 minutes by foot (3 minutes by bicycle).

4. APN 124-33-007 (448–450 Sherman Ave, Lot 8), 40 units

5. APN 124-32-055 (391 Cambridge Ave, Lot 4), 22 units

6. APN 124-32-050 (451–475 Cambridge Ave, Lot 5), 20 units

		
448–450 Sherman	391 Cambridge	457–475 Cambridge

The first two sites in this set are part of the city-owned parking lots strategy of 168 units. The third one has been added as part of the Caltrain strategy. It differs from the six sites in the parking lot strategy in that it is not a surface parking lot, but rather a two-story parking structure. It was also not included in the presentation made to the working group at their September 2021 meeting as that study only considered surface parking lots.

We have several recommendations on this third item. Our first is to present this site as part of the city-owned parking lots strategy, using the same 50 du/ac density, or 24 units. If decision-makers are being asked to vote on a strategy, they need to get what they are voting on: 192 units, not 168. Our second recommendation is to replace it with a surface parking lot of similar acreage. This would enhance feasibility by avoiding the cost of tearing-down a structure built strong enough to support heavy cars.

7. 156 California Ave, APN 124-28-045, 45 units



Molly Stone's Markets has served the community from this site for several decades, using the address of 164 California Av. It was preceded by another grocery store, the Co-op, since at least the 1940s. Nearby grocery stores include Country Sun at 440 California Ave (0.3 mi.), Real Produce at 501 Oxford (0.5 mi.), Trader Joe's at Town & Country (1.2 mi. by foot or bike, 1.6 mi. by car), and Safeway at 2811 Middlefield Rd (1.1 mi. by foot, 1.6 mi. by car).

Given this history, the substantial evidence of discontinued use may not be forthcoming. That said, with only a two-minute walk to Caltrain, the site is a good one for transit-oriented development.

**8. 150 Grant Ave, APN 124-29-020, 23 lower-income units
2501 Park Blvd, APN 124-29-012, 4 market-rate units**



150 Grant Ave (left) and 123 Sherman Ave (right)



2501 Park Blvd (right) and 123 Sherman Ave (left)

This desirable site is a mere three- to four-minute walk from Caltrain and large enough to support lower-income housing. Unfortunately, the owner has proposed a project to combine the two sites above with a third one at 123 Sherman Ave. (APN 124-29-013, not in site inventory) and build offices under the existing commercial zoning.²

Regrettably, the above two sites will have to be removed from the site inventory if this project proceeds. Either way, the owner's intent to develop the site into commercial offices suggests that—absent other information—the site is ineligible for inclusion in the housing element.

² <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/News-Articles/Planning-and-Development-Services/123-Sherman-Avenue-21PLN-00172>

9. 3197 PARK Blvd, APN 132-26-076, 18 units



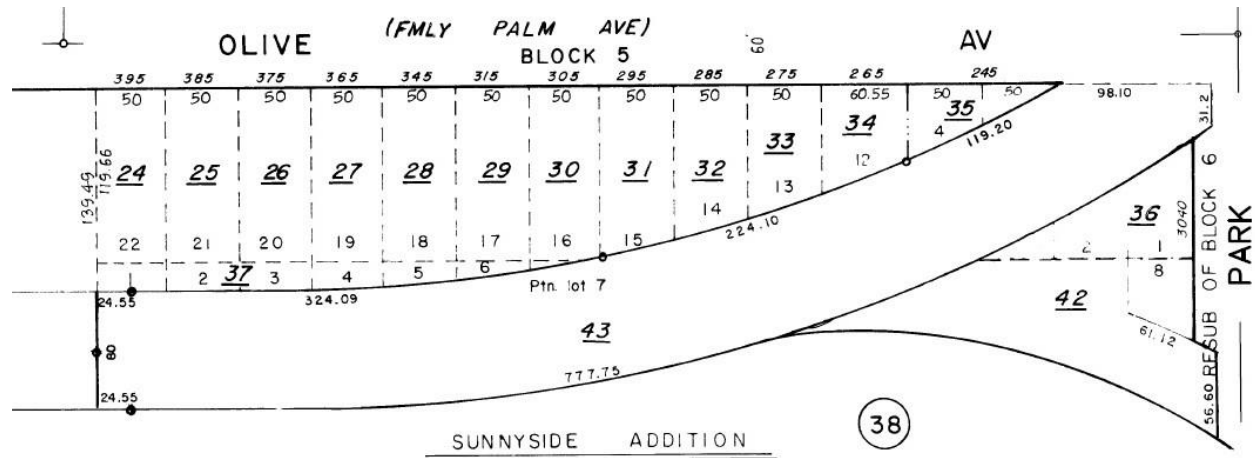
Our only issue with this site is that it was part of a seven-parcel commercial development proposal (“3045 Park Blvd”) from 2021.³ Although this project has been inactive since a city council pre-screening in March of that year, this proposal indicates the owner’s preference for continuing its commercial use rather than to change to residential. If the City intends to include this site in the inventory, it needs to reach out to the owner and confirm their interest and intent to redevelop the site with housing.

This is a common constraint that needs to be addressed in the policies and programs section of the housing element.

³ <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/News-Articles/Planning-and-Development-Services/3045-Park-Blvd-20PLN-00215>

10. APN 132-32-043, 44 lower-income units (1.38 acres)
3040 Park Blvd, 132-32-036, 5 market-rate units (0.17 acres)
APN 132-32-042, 8 moderate-income units (0.28 acres)

These three parcels lie between the single family homes on Olive Avenue and the main buildings comprising the large “Fry’s site” (APN 132-38-071, 12.38 acres). Their configuration is shown here in this excerpt from the county’s parcel map (see lots 43, 36, and 42 at the bottom).⁴

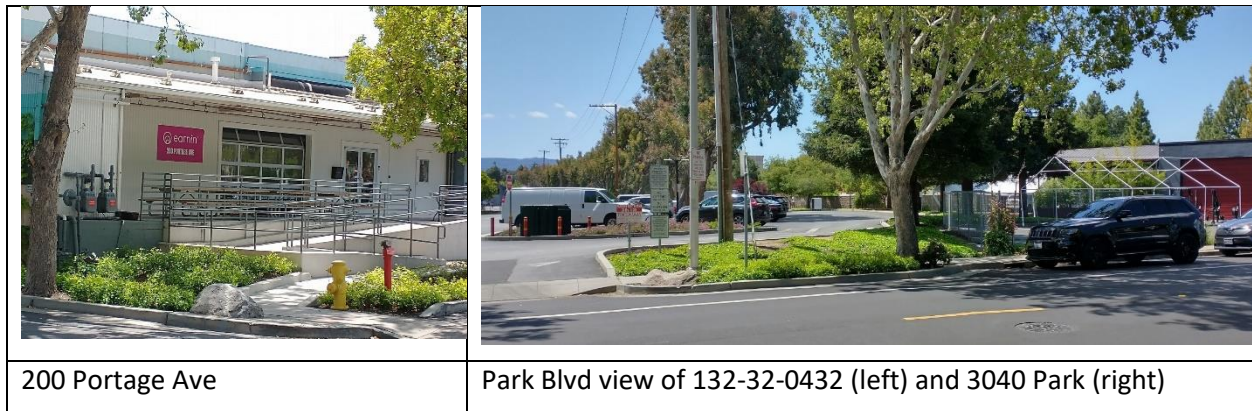


The three lots consist of parking space, a commercial gym, and more parking space as shown in these photos.



Interior view of 132-32-043 with Olive Avenue homes on the left

⁴ <https://www.sccassessor.org/apps/ShowMapBook.aspx?apn=13232043>



The first problem we see here is double-counting. Specifically, the list of pipeline projects in the site inventory includes 91 units for a project at 200 Portage Ave.⁵ The area identified for this project covers virtually all of APN 132-32-042 and 3040 Park Blvd and around one-third of APN 132-32-043. To remedy this double-counting, we suggest that APN 132-32-042 and 3040 Park Blvd be removed from the site inventory.

A second problem is the odd shape and location of APN 132-32-043, which owes to it having once served as a railroad right-of-way, removed in 1964, for the former cannery at 340 Portage.⁶ Placing housing here at the assumed density could well result in multi-story housing looming above the wall that separates Olive Avenue from the Fry's site. Treating this site in combination APN 132-38-071, which is nearly nine times the size and has the same owner, would provide the flexibility to avoid this situation while still building at the assumed density overall. We therefore suggest that the remaining part of this parcel be treated the same as its larger neighbor. This could mean including both, or excluding both, from the inventory.

Thirdly, we note that this is not the only double-counting in this area. The nearby pipeline project by Charities Housing at 3001–3017 El Camino Real (to be covered in a forthcoming report) includes 129 units of housing, almost all lower-income, for the three parcels on El Camino Real Palo between Olive Ave and Acacia Ave⁷ This includes APN 132-38-072, at the corner of Acacia, which is included as an upzone strategy site with 35 lower-income units. This parcel should be removed from the site inventory.

⁵ <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/News-Articles/Planning-and-Development-Services/200-Portage-Avenue>

⁶ <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/files/assets/public/agendas-minutes-reports/agendas-minutes/historic-resources-board/2019/id-10499-hre-cannery.pdf>

⁷ <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/News-Articles/Planning-and-Development-Services/30013017-El-Camino-Real>

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Dear Palo Alto City Council, Palo Alto Planning and Transportation Committee, Palo Alto Housing Element Working Group, and City Staff:

As an addendum to my report of April 20, 2022, “Housing element groundtruthing: Middlefield Road south of Oregon,” I am including one site that I overlooked and an update on another site.

720 San Antonio Rd, APN 147-05-087, 43 lower-income units



This site is located about one block east of Middlefield on San Antonio Road. It is a fifth grocery store in the inventory (along with Piazza’s, Safeway, Molly Stone’s, and Country Sun). The “specialty” in its name generally refers to certain regional cuisines—mainly Russian, German, and Mediterranean/Middle Eastern—not readily found elsewhere, although some alternatives do exist depending on the region. It also offers a variety of general produce, dairy products, etc. Nearest grocers are Piazza’s (0.5 mi. by foot, 0.8 mi. by car) and Costco (dues-paying members only; 0.7 mi. by foot, bike, or car).

The store has been under new ownership since last autumn and was remodeled at that time. We therefore think it is unlikely that substantial evidence will be forthcoming for discontinuance of current use during the eight-year planning period. Outside of this and our caveat about density and the feasibility of lower-income housing (see Robert Chun’s letter of April 21, 2022, on realistic development capacity), we find no other issues with this site.

2801 Middlefield Road, APN 127-34-052, 4 moderate-rate units

This site, which also uses the 2799 Middlefield Road address, is undergoing a change in use: from a mortgage lender to a day-care center.¹ If this proposed change in use occurs, a second change within the eight-year planning period would become less likely. We think it will eventually have to be removed from the inventory.



Proposed project at 2799 Middlefield Road

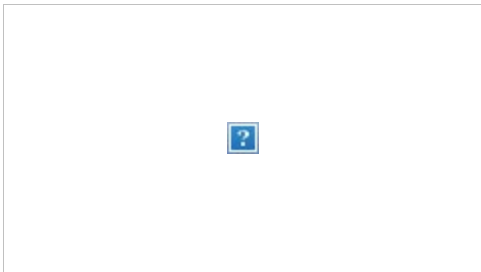
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Dear Council members,

I recently became aware of City Council Staff Report #14271 titled: **Approve a Fiscal Year 2023 Program for Domestic Recycling of Mixed Paper and Mixed Rigid Plastics**

I am in favor of spending additional funds to recycle mixed paper and rigid plastic domestically (not to exceed \$1.2m). It is important for the City of Palo Alto to know that our waste is being recycled appropriately and is destined for reuse in new products.

We need to make the commitment now so we don't lose out on the ability to take advantage of the domestic recycling market.

Thank you,
Lauren Swezey
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Dear City Council,

Thank you for your attention to Castilleja's project and for evaluating the facts of the matter in front of you. There are many merits to their proposal, and I hope you stick to the data-backed, evidence-based, expert recommendations that really should be the basis for your ultimate approval. Community feedback is important, absolutely, but **there's a difference between opinion and factual evidence.**

As you make your final decision on May 23, please remember these facts and this timeline:

- <!--[if !supportLists]-->1. Castilleja was founded in 1907; 115 years ago, in a Palo Alto that is very different than it is today. The school and town have grown up together. Palo Alto has evolved, but Castilleja's **classrooms are still stuck in the 1960s.**
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->2. Yes, Castilleja was overenrolled. In 2012, when the newly appointed head of school discovered the school's violation of its CUP, she reported this to the city. The school **self-disclosed** its violation.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->3. <!--[endif]-->In the last decade, the school has taken a number of actions to **remedy** its over-enrollment. The action may be gradual, but it's still action: students and employees have collectively reduced car trips by 30% - walking, biking, and ride sharing has become the new normal. Enrollment has actually been going down every year.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->4. The school requested a new CUP in 2016. That's six years ago.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->5. In the last six years, the school has held 55 neighborhood meetings, revised the project design six times, and participated in countless hearings with the HRB, ARB, PTC, Public Arts Commission, and City Council.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->6. In the last six years of waiting for project approval, Castilleja has compromised. They've reduced their number of events by 10%, only to face requests for additional decreases. They've changed their building designs multiple times to integrate neighbors' feedback. They've reduced the size of the proposed underground garage by nearly 50% and come up with several options that are environmentally superior, take many cars off City streets, and protect more trees.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->7. Castilleja's Environmental Impact Report, which has been called the most thorough in the history of Palo Alto, found no significant impacts.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->8. Underground garage is legally permissible according to city code and 60 spaces can be accommodated with impacting trees.

We pride ourselves in Palo Alto about being fair and objective. The City simply has not been fair to Castilleja in this process; if anything, I would like to think my city is doing everything possible to further the education and empowerment of young women, not falling prey to NIMBY-ism, those who shout the loudest, and worse.

On May 23, lead with integrity and base your decision on the facts in the record.

Thank you,

Harry Plant

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Dear Mayor Burt and Members of the City Council:

Attached please find written correspondence from Mr. Lanferman on behalf Castilleja School, in regards to the above-referenced Project.

Best,

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VIA E-MAIL [City.Council@cityofpaloalto.org]

Honorable Patrick Burt, Mayor
and Members of the City Council
City of Palo Alto
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Palo Alto, CA 94301

Re: Castilleja School CUP/Variance (File No. 16PLN-00238)

Dear Mayor Burt and Members of the City Council:

We serve as co-counsel with our colleague Mindie Romanowsky of Jorgenson, Siegel, McClure and Flegel, LLP, on behalf of our client, Castilleja School (“Castilleja” or the “School”), and write in support of the above-referenced application to improve educational opportunities for young women in modern and environmentally sustainable facilities at its long-standing location at 1310 Bryant Street (the “Project”). We urge the City Council to approve the Project as currently proposed by the School, allowing up to 540 students provided the School maintains a strict no net new trip standard in accordance with the proposed Transportation Demand Management (“TDM”) Plan. This application has been revised, refined, and improved as part of a multi-year City approval process. No further substantial refinements to the Project are needed nor would any such refinements be legally justified or supported.

The Project application has been pending for nearly six years. City Staff recommends approval of the Project. The City’s Architectural Review Board (“ARB”) and Planning & Transportation Commission (“PTC”) both previously recommended approval of the Project. Recently, three of the seven members of the PTC voted to cap enrollment at 450 students based on allegations from a few neighbors about their “lack of trust” in the City or the School. Lack of trust is not a valid basis on which to make a land use decision. As discussed below, the PTC plurality’s recommendation was arbitrary and unsupported by substantial evidence in the record, as required.

In **Section I**, below, we provide an overview of the Project and the applicable planning and zoning designations. In **Section II**, we explain why the School’s gradual, phased enrollment increase (from its current 422 students to 540 students) should be approved, consistent with the City Council’s direction in its motion from March 2021, subject to demonstrated effectiveness of the School’s TDM Plan. In **Section III**, we detail why the Project can be effectuated without a zoning text amendment for the proposed underground parking garage, a facility that is permitted in the R-1 zone, strongly encouraged by the City’s Comprehensive Plan, and does not count as gross floor area in the R-1 district. In **Section IV**, we explain why the 70 “special events” requested by the School (a substantial reduction from the 90-plus “special events” currently held)

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is justified and supported. Conversely, the recent arbitrary action by three members of the PTC, suggesting the elimination of 20 opportunities for athletic competitions, student performances, and/or social gatherings, is unsupported by substantial evidence. In **Section V**, we ask the City Council to seriously consider the hybrid parking option unanimously recommended by the ARB. This option results in no adverse impacts to traffic or trees and obviates the need for a parking adjustment. And, in **Section VI**, we detail the constitutionally protected rights that are at issue with this application, underscoring the need for the City to treat the School in a fair, rational, and equal manner.

I. Relevant Land Use Regulations and Project Background.

The Project site is located at 1310 Bryant Street, Palo Alto (the “Property”). Castilleja has operated its school at the Property since 1910. The School has operated under a conditional use permit (“CUP”) since 1960. The latest amendment to the CUP was approved in 2000.

The Property has a Comprehensive Plan land use designation of Single-Family Residential. “This designation applies to residential neighborhoods primarily characterized by detached single-family homes, typically with one dwelling unit on each lot. Private and public schools and churches are conditional uses requiring permits.” (Comprehensive Plan, Land Use & Community Design Element, p. 36.)

The Comprehensive Plan identifies schools, among other public-serving uses, as “essential components of neighborhood life” which “help build the bridge between neighborhoods and the wider community.” (Comprehensive Plan, Introduction, p. 2.) The City is committed to maintaining distinct neighborhoods and “delivering top-quality community services that meet the needs of and benefit all residents.” (*Id.*)

The Property is zoned Single-Family Residential District (R-1). Private schools are allowed in the R-1 zoning district with a conditional use permit. (Palo Alto Municipal Code [“PAMC”] § 18.12.030, Table 1.) The R-1 zoning district includes FAR standards aimed at single-family residential development, with maximum FARs of 0.45 for the first 5,000 square feet of lot size and 0.30 for the square footage of lot size in excess of 5,000 square feet. (PAMC § 18.12.040, Table 2.)

The floor area ratio (“FAR”) applicable to public schools is 1.0. (Comprehensive Plan, Land Use & Community Design Element, p. 40.) If the FAR for public schools were applied to the School, the Project would be significantly under the allowed FAR. For instance, a 1.0 FAR would allow for 286,783 square feet of gross floor area. By comparison, at build-out, the Project will consist of 128,687 square feet of gross floor area.¹

The Project proposes to: (1) demolish four older buildings and replace them with a modern, seismically-updated academic building, with state-of-the-art air filtration and energy-efficiency

¹ This figure reflects the Project square footage with Project Alternative 4 and Option E.

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systems, (2) build a new swimming pool to replace an existing pool, and (3) construct an underground parking facility to accommodate parking demand and Code mandated parking requirements.² Overall, the Project reduces building height and site development while resulting in a building that is more compatible with the residential character of the area than the existing buildings.

As acknowledged by Staff, Castilleja has a successful track record of actually reducing vehicle trips by nearly 30 percent between 2012 and 2019.³ In connection with the Project, Castilleja will implement an even more robust transportation plan that ties student enrollment increases to stringent daily and AM peak hour trip requirements. As such, enrollment can increase *if and only if* the Project results in no net new trips.

As shown by the comprehensive Environmental Impact Report (“EIR”) prepared by the City’s expert environmental consultants, all significant environmental impacts will be satisfactorily reduced to a “less than significant” level with Project Alternative 4, which includes a Dispersed Circulation/Reduced Garage approach. This environmentally superior alternative reduces the garage footprint, retains two homes, preserves trees, and disperses vehicle circulation to three drop off/pick up locations around the campus, in a manner similar to current drop-off/pick-up protocol.

Castilleja submitted the application for this Project on June 30, 2016. The City deemed the application “complete” on April 27, 2018. The Final EIR was published on July 29, 2020. Both the ARB and PTC recommended approval of the Project at meetings held in the Fall of 2020.⁴ The project recommended for approval by the ARB and PTC consisted of: (1) approving a Variance for the Project FAR, (2) increasing enrollment to 540 students, (3) allowing 74 “special events”, and (4) approving an 83-space underground parking facility.

At its March 29, 2021 meeting, the City Council unanimously adopted a motion (the “Motion”) directing Staff and the PTC to: (1) “Allow an enrollment increase starting at 450 students . . . [and] to identify a procedure to allow Castilleja to further increase enrollment up to 540 students in phases, contingent on their verified compliance with objective standards demonstrating ‘no net new trips’ resulting from the preceding enrollment limit”; (2) “[R]eview an underground parking facility alternative that allows a maximum of 50 percent of the required on-

² Additionally, the new building will be equipped with and powered by rooftop solar panels and served by water-efficient plumbing fixtures.

³ See, e.g., March 30, 2022 Staff Report to PTC, p. 63: “Over nine years of fall and spring TDM program monitoring, Castilleja has demonstrated the School is capable of reducing peak hour trips and maintaining these reductions. Since the monitoring began in 2012, Castilleja has achieved a reduction of 28% of the trips in the morning peak hour.”

⁴ While the PTC split 3-3 on one of the two CUP findings, a majority of the PTC recommended approval of the Variance findings, as well as the CUP finding that the proposed use “will not be detrimental or injurious to property or improvements in the vicinity, and will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, general welfare or convenience.” (PAMC § 18.76.010(c).)

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site parking to be below grade without counting against the project floor-area”; and (3) “[E]valuate 5 major events, and between 50 and 70 special events with no Sunday events.” Through that Motion, the Council also remanded the proposed Kellogg Building facade to the ARB to “reconsider the massing and the compatibility of the design within the residential neighborhood context.”

At its March 17, 2022 meeting, the ARB recommended the modified Kellogg Building facade that is included in the current Project plan set, with some suggested minor revisions to be reviewed by an ARB subcommittee. The ARB also unanimously recommended a hybrid parking option including the 69-space underground parking facility proposed under Option D with the surface-level changes proposed under Option E (the “Hybrid Option”). The ARB preferred the Hybrid Option because it placed more cars underground without compromising the tree protection zones (“TPZ”) of the redwood trees near the garage, while preserving protected tree 155.

The PTC held a continued hearing over three meeting dates in December 2021 and January 2022 to provide feedback and a show of opinion (via strawpoll votes) on the various items before them. At its January 19, 2022 meeting, the PTC took a straw poll where three members (Hechtman, Roohparvar, and Templeton) voted for a phased enrollment increase to 540 students and three members (Lauing, Summa, Chang) voted to cap enrollment at 450 students. At that meeting, the PTC also directed Staff to work with the School on preparing a more detailed version of the events table, specifying the types and timing of the events. The School provided this table to the City on February 2, 2022.

The PTC then held a continued hearing on the Project over two additional meeting dates in March 2022 and April 2022, to make formal recommendations on the matters remanded to them by the Council. In its report to the PTC, Staff recommended approval of the Project with a gradual, phased enrollment increase to 540 students based on demonstrated adherence to no net new trips through the TDM Plan. Staff did not support requiring the School to return to the PTC and Council each time it sought to increase student enrollment beyond 450 students, reasoning that: (1) the Project is appropriately conditioned to verify and incentivize compliance, (2) the Council intended to allow for enrollment increases to occur in a phased and gradual manner, provided specified performance measures were met, and (3) requiring further and repeated hearings would involve significant Staff resources and may continue to stoke resentment and frustration among the residents and the School each time a request is made.

At its April 20, 2022 meeting, three PTC Commissioners ignored the Staff recommendation and disregarded the Council’s direction by voting to recommend an enrollment “cap” at 450 students and to impose an illegal “moratorium” (as discussed in **Section II**, below) on future increases until certain Project improvements had been constructed. Under that unstudied new suggestion, Castilleja would then need to seek another amendment to the CUP at that time if it wished to increase enrollment and need to take that new application through the entire City process all over again. This same plurality of Commissioners also voted to restrict School events to 50 per year, citing to alleged but non-existent “impacts” that were carefully refuted by the EIR, and incorrectly claiming that these 50 events would be an increase from current

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conditions. In actuality, the School currently holds 90-plus events per year with more than 50 attendees.

With this background in mind, we turn to a discussion of the key issues facing the City Council and urge the Council to complete the work it started in March of 2021, and approve the Project for up to 540 students, a minimum of 70 special events, and the Hybrid Option. As explained below, such approval is the only one that would be supported by the facts and the law.

II. The City Council Should Approve the Phased Enrollment Increase Proposal Recommended By Staff.

The City Council's March 29th Motion "allow[ed] an enrollment increase staring at 450 students" and then directed Staff and the PTC to "identify a procedure to allow Castilleja to further increase enrollment up to 540 students in phases, contingent on their verified compliance with objective standards demonstrating 'no net new trips' resulting from the preceding enrollment limit, based on the [TDM] Plan Mitigation Measure 7a, and any additional TDM measure the City or Castilleja may find necessary to achieve the 'no net new trips' condition of approval" Notably, the City Council made the policy decision to conditionally provide for up to 540 students. There was no occasion for the PTC to further discuss or debate *whether* to allow for phased enrollment increases; but rather, only a request for PTC to recommend *how* to implement such future phased enrollment increases.

The City's professional Planning Staff developed a thoughtful and well-reasoned procedure to allow for phased enrollment increases up to 540 students. Specifically, the Staff-recommended procedure, which the School agrees to, would allow enrollment increases of 25 students per year only after the School demonstrates that it has complied with the Average Daily and AM Peak Hour trip thresholds, over three separate reporting periods. As such, the School cannot increase enrollment beyond 450 students unless and until it proves that it has maintained the existing trips associated with its current enrollment. Thus, even at maximum enrollment, 540 students cannot produce any more trips than 422 students.

Ignoring the City Council's request for a procedure to allow Castilleja to "further increase enrollment" "starting at 450 students" and increasing "up to 540 students in phases," and Staff's recommended procedure to accomplish this directive, three of the seven PTC commissioners voted instead to recommend imposing a cap on the School's enrollment at 450 students, and purported to impose a moratorium on seeking further CUP amendments to allow further enrollment increases until the Project improvements were developed. *There are several legal and related infirmities associated with the PTC plurality's action.*

First, the PTC plurality's recommendation is not supported by substantial evidence, as required. There is no evidence, let alone substantial evidence, to support the argument that a 450 student cap is necessary in order to avoid significant environmental impacts. Substantial evidence is defined as evidence of "ponderable legal significance . . . reasonable in nature, credible, and of solid value." (*Lucas Valley Homeowners Assn. v. County of Marin* (1991) 233 Cal.App.3d

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130, 142.) Substantial evidence includes “fact, a reasonable assumption predicted upon fact, or expert opinion supported by fact.” (Public Resources Code § 21080(e).) Substantial evidence does not include “argument, speculation, unsubstantiated opinion or narrative, [or] evidence that is clearly inaccurate or erroneous . . .” (*Id.*)

The EIR and resulting studies prepared by the City’s expert environmental consultants provide substantial and unrefuted evidence to the contrary—that the Project as proposed will *not* result in significant traffic, noise, or parking impacts. The EIR’s Mitigation Measure 7a already requires the School to implement a TDM Plan to maintain an average daily trip count of 1,296 (2.4 trips per student) and maintain maximum average daily AM peak hour trips of 440, to address an identified impact related to increased traffic on the segment of Emerson Street between Melville Avenue and Embarcadero Road.⁵ Implementing this mitigation measure as part of Alternative 4 reduces this significant impact to a “less than significant” level. No further mitigation, much less a “hard cap” on enrollment, is justified or appropriate. The lack of substantial evidence to support a 450-student cap was succinctly summarized by Commissioner Hechtman at the April 20, 2022 PTC meeting. (*See* Draft Verbatim Minutes, April 20, 2022 PTC Meeting, pp. 35-36, *see also Id.* at pp. 46-47.)

Some of the three Commissioners who supported capping enrollment at 450 students cited an alleged “lack of trust” between the neighbors and the School and a perceived need for “healing” as a reason to limit enrollment at 450 students. Another Commissioner cited the School’s supposed lack of a track record. Such statements of subjective personal opinion and hearsay do not constitute facts, reasonable assumptions predicated on facts, or expert opinions supported by facts. Moreover, those assertions are belied by the actual evidence in the record, including the School’s nine year “track record” of successfully reducing peak hour trips and maintaining those reductions.⁶ It is noteworthy, and highly objectionable, that none of the Commissioners who voted to cap enrollment at 450 students provided valid reasons or evidence explaining why the procedure recommended by the Staff, implementing the Council’s motion, was lacking.

One Commissioner referred to the School’s parking demand study (voluntarily submitted in response to the request of Staff, but not required by relevant City Code provisions), which indicated a potential “parking demand deficit” of 19 to 25 spaces under Options D and E, respectively, as a basis for suggesting the enrollment cap. Even though not germane to Code-required parking levels, the parking demand study had not taken into account the School’s TDM Plan—and cannot be considered in a vacuum. As explained by the expert consultant reports in the record, the implementation of the School’s TDM Plan will have two beneficial effects: (1) it will reduce and limit the number of vehicle trips; and (2) it will also have the effect of reducing parking

⁵ The PTC went a step further and recommended a condition requiring that the Project not result in any net new trips, which lowers the average daily trips to 1,198 and the AM peak hour trips to 383. The School has agreed to abide by this “no net new trip” standard.

⁶ *See* fn. 3, *supra*; *see also* March 30, 2022 Staff Report to PTC, p. 63, noting that since City enforcement action began, “Castilleja School has worked cooperatively with the City to gradually reduce enrollment and lessen the impact of events on the surrounding neighborhood.”

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demand by 27 spaces.⁷ Accordingly, the Project—including the TDM Plan—will provide more than enough parking spaces to handle even the largest (25 space) projected “demand gap.” A copy of this letter has been provided to City Staff under separate cover. With the proposed TDM Plan, there is ample parking to handle the demand associated with the maximum eventual enrollment increase to 540 students.

Another commissioner stated that a 450-student cap was needed to avoid significant “traffic impacts.” She asserted that the EIR had not evaluated traffic impacts in terms of vehicle miles traveled (“VMT”). As correctly pointed out by the City’s environmental consultant, the EIR’s analysis of potential traffic impacts was not required to use a VMT metric because the CEQA Guidelines in effect at the time of the EIR did not call for VMT analysis and the subsequent amendment to the Guidelines adding VMT analysis did not go into effect until after the Final EIR was prepared. (CEQA Guidelines § 15064.3(c).) The CEQA Guidelines themselves expressly mandate that decisions on which metric to use to study environmental impacts are made at the Draft EIR phase, *not* after the Final EIR. (CEQA Guidelines § 15007(c) [“If a document meets the content requirements in effect when the document is set out for public review, the document shall not need to be revised to conform to any new content requirements in guideline amendments taking effect before the document is finally approved.”].) The EIR plainly and unmistakably concludes that the Project’s 540 student enrollment will not result in any significant traffic impacts if Alternative 4 is implemented, as proposed.

Second, the PTC plurality’s motion to cap enrollment at 450 students in effect sought to impose an unlawful moratorium on the School, by prohibiting the School from seeking any further enrollment increases (phased or otherwise) until after Project construction is complete. Such an action is patently unlawful under state law. A planning moratorium, such as that embraced by the PTC plurality, can only be imposed by a legislative body based on a finding that there is a current and “immediate threat to public health, safety, and welfare.” (Government Code § 65858.) No such findings were made or suggested by the PTC. No such findings could be justified by the record evidence, at the PTC or at the Council level. Moreover, it is well settled that a city cannot use such a moratorium to prohibit the processing of a development application. (*Building Industry Legal Defense Foundation v. Superior Court* (1999) 72 Cal.App.4th 1410; *Selinger v. City Council* (1989) 216 Cal.App.3d 259.)

Third, the plurality’s action to cap enrollment at 450 is in direct conflict with the PTC majority vote in November 2020, *rejecting* the imposition of an enrollment cap of 450 students in favor of a phased enrollment increase to 540 students predicated on compliance with a no net new trip standard. (Minutes, November 18, 2020 Meeting, pp. 46, 59.) This raises legal concerns related to the certainty and finality of administrative decisions by the PTC. (*See, e.g., City and County of San Francisco v. Ang* (1979) 97 Cal.App.3d 673, 679 [“Whenever any board, tribunal, or person is by law vested with authority to decide a question, such decision, when made is *res*

⁷ See May 11, 2022 from Elizabeth Hughes, TDM Specialists, Inc. to Kathy Layendecker, Associate Head for Finance and Operations. A copy of this letter has been provided to City Staff under separate cover.

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judicata, and as conclusive of the issues involved in the decision as though the adjudication had been made by a court of general jurisdiction.”]; *accord*, *California Coastal Commission v. Superior Court* (1989) 210 Cal.App.3d 1488, 1501; *see also* 83 AM JUR 2D *Zoning and Planning* § 741 [“*Res judicata* applies to administrative zoning decisions in order to promote finality of decisions unless it is shown that there has been a substantial change of circumstances since the earlier ruling.”].)

Actions by the PTC or its members that disregard the Council’s directives and which revert back and seek to revive a failed PTC motion from November 2020 is exactly the type of “infinite loop” that Councilmember Tanaka warned against at the March 29, 2021 City Council hearing on the Project.

Finally, the maleffect of the PTC plurality’s suggested procedure would bring any and all requests for phased enrollment increases back to the PTC and City Council for review. This entire process would replay itself again (and potentially again) for no valid purpose. Castilleja has spent nearly six (6) years processing the application for the Project, to provide updated and improved educational facilities for up to 540 students, growing at no more than 25 students per year and only if existing trip counts are maintained. The Project’s environmentally sustainable improvements are specifically designed to serve up to 540 students. Integral to the Project is an intricate and robust TDM Plan to ensure no net new trips result as enrollment increases. In addition to being unsupported by the evidence, capping enrollment at 450 students is arbitrary and irrational, would unnecessarily resuscitate the debate over issues that have been fully vetted and addressed, and would undoubtedly result in a waste of scarce municipal and School resources.

Castilleja respectfully asks the Council to approve the phased enrollment increase procedure starting with 450 students and gradually increasing up to 540 students which was developed and recommended by Staff. It is the only action that is supported by substantial evidence (including the EIR) and that comports with the unanimous Council Motion.

III. The Project Does Not Require A Text Amendment For Below Grade Parking.

There are a myriad of reasons which support the City Council’s ability to construe the City Code as *not* counting the proposed underground parking facility as “gross floor area.” Such below-grade parking facilities are strongly encouraged by the Comprehensive Plan and are permitted in the R-1 district. There is no question that such below-grade parking does not “count” as gross floor area in any other zoning district. Further, in the R-1 district, gross floor area applies to surface-level features—with the explicit exception of *residential* underground garages. Nothing in the Code requires that *non-residential* garages count toward gross floor area.

This Project is a non-residential, institutional use that seeks to provide some of its parking spaces below grade as encouraged by the Comprehensive Plan, and to preserve trees and limit street-level parking. It should be treated consistently with the City’s treatment of the Congregation Kol Emeth project, the only other instance where below grade parking was proposed by a non-

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residential use in the R-1 zone. The City there determined that a larger, underground parking facility did not count as gross floor area.

In addition to the aforementioned high-level reasons to support below grade parking without requiring an amendment to the text of the Zoning Code, the following provides a more detailed discussion of this position.

As a preliminary matter, the Council did not ask for the Code to be amended to specify that an underground parking facility counts as gross floor area in certain instances. In its March 29th Motion, the Council unanimously voted to “[d]irect Staff and the PTC to review an underground parking facility alternative that allows a maximum of 50 percent of the required on-site parking to be below grade without counting against project floor area.” To be clear, your March 29th Motion, did not ask for a text amendment or remand to PTC for consideration of a text amendment. Instead, you asked PTC to review an alternative that allows 50 percent of the required parking to be below grade without counting against the project floor area. ***The plain language of the Motion controls with respect to the fact that no text amendment was requested or referred to the PTC.*** (See, e.g., *Lateef v. City of Madera* (2020) 45 Cal.App.5th 245, 253 [“The Legislature’s chosen language is the most reliable indicator of its intent because it is the language of the statute itself that has successfully braved the legislative gauntlet.”].)

It is true that at its March 15, 2021 hearing, a bare majority of the City Council voted that the underground parking facility should not be considered a basement and to “return to Council” with possible alternative text changes, i.e., “an alternative text change counting all the underground garage as floor area,” or not counting any of it as floor area, or partially counting it as floor area. (Summary Minutes, City Council Meeting, March 15, 2021, p. 26.) In reality, a text amendment would only be needed if four members of the Council thought the underground garage should count as gross floor area. According to the Minutes of that meeting, only two members—then-Mayor Dubois and Councilmember Stone—expressed that view.

Second, even assuming, *arguendo*, the Council initiated the process for a text amendment in March 2021, any such request would have lapsed and become inoperative as a matter of law. Zoning Code Section 18.80.090 requires the PTC to forward its recommendation on any text amendment to the Council within 180 days (i.e., by September 2021) “unless extended by the council.” There was no extension of time sought nor granted by the Council here. ***Thus, any purported Council-initiated text amendment request is null and void.*** (See, e.g., *Tran v. County of Los Angeles* (2022) 74 Cal.App.5th 154 [because agency failed to act on a permit within the timeframe specified by the city code, its subsequent action on the permit amounted to a prejudicial abuse of discretion]; see also *Ursino v. Superior Court* (1974) 39 Cal.App.3d 611, 619 [court finds time limits imposed on administrative action on appeal “clearly show that the legislative intent was to make these time provisions mandatory, rather than directory, and that the designation of time was intended as a limitation of power, authority or right”]; and *Tregambo v. Comanche etc. Co.* (1881) 57 Cal. 501, 503 [where a statute “absolutely fixes the time within which an act must be done, it is peremptory” and the act “cannot be done at any other time, unless during the .

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. . prescribed time it has been extended by an order made for that purpose under authority of law.”].)

When the PTC did consider the issue of a possible text amendment in April 2022, members of the PTC expressed concerns with it and so did not make a recommendation on it. The PTC did, however, unanimously vote in support of Option E, which includes 50 percent of the Project’s required parking in the underground parking facility. ***As such, and in accordance with the Council’s Motion, the PTC embraced an underground parking facility containing 50 percent of the required on-site parking as not counting against project floor area—without a text amendment.***

Third, imposing limits on underground parking or making it more difficult to rely on below-grade parking space by counting such space as gross floor area would appear to be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan. The City’s Comprehensive Plan “[s]trongly encourage[s] the use of below-grade or structured parking” facilities “for new developments of all types . . .” (Comprehensive Plan, Transportation Element, Policy T-5.6; *see also* Comprehensive Plan, Land Use & Community Design Element, Policy L-9.2 [design garages to meet high-quality urban design standards, including elements such as screened parking or underground parking].) The proposed text amendment would be a restriction on underground parking, effectively discouraging its use, and thus would be in direct conflict with highly relevant Comprehensive Plan policies. An amendment to the text of a zoning ordinance that is inconsistent with a Comprehensive [General] Plan is invalid when passed. (*Leshner Communications v. City of Walnut Creek* (1990) 52 Cal.3d 531, 544.) As the Supreme Court colorfully explained, zoning ordinances must conform to general plans, not the other way around: “The tail does not wag the dog.” (*Id.*) Further, counting underground parking as gross floor area while surface-level parking would be exempt would perversely encourage the development of more surface-level parking, contrary to modern planning/design principles and practices.

Fourth, underground parking for non-residential uses is permitted in all zoning districts, including R-1. (PAMC §§ 18.12.080(a)(1), 18.54.020(a)(1).) In the R-1 zone, “gross floor area” is defined in reference to surface structures and features. (PAMC § 18.04.030(a)(65)(C) [gross floor area means “the total covered area of all floors of a main structure and accessory structures” greater than 120 square feet in area].) By comparison, underground parking for residential uses is prohibited in the R-1 zone except pursuant to a variance “in which case the area of the underground garage shall be counted in determining the floor area for the site.” (PAMC § 18.12.060(e).) The fact that the City Code contains no such provision counting underground garages for non-residential uses as gross floor area strongly implies that a different result is intended. (*Briggs v. Eden Council for Hope & Opportunity* (1999) 19 Cal.4th 1106, 1117 [“Where different words or phrases are used in the same connection in different parts of a statute, it is presumed the Legislature intended a different meaning.”]; *In re D.S.* (2012) 207 Cal.App.4th 1088, 1101 [“Where a statute contains a given provision, the omission of such provision from a similar statute concerning a related subject is significant to show different legislative intent.”]; and *Yoo v. Shewry* (2010) 186 Cal.App.4th 131, 146 [“[W]hen the Legislature has carefully employed a term in one place and has excluded it in another, it should not be implied where excluded.”].)

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By contrast, in every commercial district, underground parking does **not** count as gross floor area. (PAMC § 18.04.030(a)(65)(B)(i).) There is no valid reason for a different rule to apply in the R-1 zone for a non-residential use, such as a school.

Moreover, the proposed text amendment to **add** underground parking facilities to the list of building features included in the calculation of gross floor area could apply only prospectively to new applications arising after the effective date of the new ordinance. (*Woody's Group, Inc. v. City of Newport Beach* (2015) 233 Cal.App.4th 1012, 1016 [city cannot “change the rules in the middle of the game”]; *Security National Guaranty, Inc. v. California Coastal Commission* (2008) 159 Cal.App.4th 402, 419-420, 422-423 [applicant “was entitled to have its development proposal judged by the standards in effect at the time of its application.”]; and *City of San Jose v. International Assn. of Firefighters, Local 230* (2009) 178 Cal.App.4th 408, 419 [“New statutes are presumed to operate only prospectively absent some clear indication that the Legislature intended otherwise.”].)

Fifth, it appears that the City has only had to deal with the issue of whether to count underground parking for a non-residential use in the R-1 zone as gross floor area in one other instance. In that case, involving a 109-space, 37,249 square foot underground parking facility for Congregation Kol Emeth, the City approved that project not counting any of that space as gross floor area. More than half of that parking facility was not located under a building so as to qualify as exempt basement space. The fact that this issue appears to have only arisen twice underscores why there is no need for the Council to amend the City Code to address it. Certainly there cannot be one rule that applies when a project is not opposed by neighbors and a different rule that applies when a project is opposed by certain neighbors.

Instead, the Council can and should construe its Code as not counting the Hybrid Option unanimously recommended by the ARB (or Option E) as gross floor area. PAMC Section 18.01.025 authorizes the Planning Director (and the Council) to interpret the Zoning Code whenever in the opinion of the Planning Director or the Council there is a question regarding the interpretation of the Zoning Code “to any specific case or situation.” Courts have long recognized the “strong policy reason[s] for allowing the governmental body which passe[d] legislation to be given a chance to interpret or clarify its intention concerning that legislation,” noting the “construction placed on a piece of legislation by the enacting body is of very persuasive significance.” (*City of Walnut Creek v. County of Contra Costa* (1980) 101 Cal.App.3d 1012, 1021; accord, *Berkeley Hills Watershed Coalition v. City of Berkeley* (2019) 31 Cal.App.5th 880, 896 [“a city’s interpretation of its own ordinance is entitled to great weight unless it is clearly erroneous or unauthorized.”].)

In a recent case, the Court of Appeal ruled that because an ordinance permitting rental of residential properties did not say anything about the duration of the rentals, “the City cannot credibly insist its ordinances permit long-term residential rentals but have always banned short-term rentals. That interpretation makes no sense.” (*Keen v. City of Manhattan Beach* (2022) 77

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Cal.App.5th 142, 148.)⁸ Here, similarly, the City Code unquestionably permits underground parking facilities for non-residential uses in the R-1 zone and nowhere says the square footage of those facilities counts as gross floor area. They would only be so counted as a result of the proposed text amendment. Thus, it would be contrary to the surrounding Code provisions, inconsistent with the City's prior approval of Kol Emeth, and non-sensical for the City to maintain that its current Code somehow tacitly intended to count those facilities as gross floor area.

Finally, if the Council somehow feels that it must amend the Code to allow the proposed underground parking facility, we urge the Council to reconsider the proposed "50 percent" criterion. The Hybrid Option, which places approximately 66 percent of the Code required parking underground, avoids all impacts to trees and results in no significant traffic impacts. Thus, the potential "impacts" cited as justification for proposing a 50 percent limit on underground parking are completely avoided by the slightly larger Hybrid Option.

In sum, the text amendment is legally unnecessary, highly arbitrary, and serves only to complicate the Project. As shown by the lack of a recommendation from the PTC, it creates more confusion than clarity.

IV. The City Council Should Approve 70 "Special Events."

At its November 4, 2020 meeting, the PTC voted 5-2 to allow the School to conduct 74 special events. In its Motion, the City Council directed Staff and the PTC to evaluate between 50 and 70 special events, with no Sunday events.

Historically, in a given academic year, the School has regularly held over 90 "special events" that are typical for a school to support the programmatic and developmental priorities of the educational experience. And while the proposed conditions of approval defines the term "special events" as applicable to campus gatherings with 50 attendees or more, *it should be emphasized that these "special events" are integral programs which constitute the fabric of any educational experience.* Indeed, these "special events" include student performances, academic showcases, athletic competitions, social events, parent group meetings, admissions meetings, orientation events, and celebrations. *Reducing the number of "special events" to anything lower than 70 would materially frustrate the educational and extracurricular experience without any rational or legal justification.* And, given that the school has historically held over 90 "special events," a reduction to 70 events could only have a positive impact on traffic and noise conditions. The EIR verifies this to be true, by concluding that proposed Alternative 4 would not result in significant traffic or noise impacts.

Despite a prior PTC majority vote to allow 74 special events, two of the seven PTC Commissioners (Commissioner Chang and Vice Chair Summa) recommended 50 events, citing

⁸ *Accord, Protect Our Neighborhoods v. City of Palm Springs* (2022) 73 Cal.App.5th 667 [City Staff and Council properly interpreted zoning ordinance that permitted residential use and uses "ancillary and secondary" thereto, as permitting—not prohibiting—short term rental uses].

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unsubstantiated noise and traffic concerns, and claiming—incorrectly—that 70 events would be an increase from current event levels. Chair Lauing did not express a strong view, stating 50 to 70 is the right range, but noted it was hard to choose a figure, so erred on the lower number.

Commissioners Templeton and Hechtman cited the lack of substantial evidence to support less than 70 special events and expressed strong concerns about the harmful effects on students of arbitrarily reducing the number of events from 70 to 50, depriving these students of the ability to participate in both academic and athletic extra-curricular activities. They also noted that the 20 events that would be eliminated included things like sporting events, student performances, and social events like dances, and other activities where students and faculty come together on campus. They further noted that no other schools in the area are so limited in terms of special events and it would amount to an overreach and micromanagement of the School.

Commissioner Chang cited no evidence in support of her claim that special events, which are subject to the School’s TDM Plan, would result in adverse traffic impacts. The EIR concludes that the Project will result in no significant, unmitigated traffic impacts. As to noise, she generally referenced testimony of neighbors about car doors closing and people talking/walking in the neighborhood at night. The EIR concludes that the Project will result in no significant, unmitigated noise impacts. Even at 70 special events, the Project will reduce the School’s special events by nearly 25 percent and thus serve to reduce noise rather than increase it. Moreover, opinions rendered by non-experts on technical issues, like noise, do not constitute substantial evidence. (*Jensen v. City of Santa Rosa* (2018) 23 Cal.App.5th 877, 894; *accord, Bowman v. City of Berkeley* (2004) 122 Cal.App.4th 572, 583; *see also Porterville Citizens for Responsible Hillside Development v. City of Porterville* (2007) 157 Cal.App.4th 885, 906 [court observes that “dire predictions by non-experts regarding the consequences of a project do not constitute substantial evidence.”].)

The PTC recommendation is not supported by substantial evidence, as required. No comparable school in Palo Alto or surrounding areas has events limited in the way the events are defined or how they are regulated. (*See Comparative CUP Event Matrix dated February 24, 2022* [“Matrix”] submitted to the City.) The Matrix shows a detailed overview of “events” held at other schools in Palo Alto and is evidence of the fact that “events” are defined for each school/use permit in a myriad of ways. In some cases, “events” are not defined at all. Without exception, the Matrix illustrates how no school is limited in “events” in a comparable way to the highly restrictive “event” limitations proposed for Castilleja. Case in point, one independent school is limited in events, but “events” are not defined in their CUP and their athletics calendar shows ***more than 12 games listed in one month*** alone. By contrast, according to the proposed definition of “special event” for Castilleja, each athletic “event” over 50 attendees would count as a “special event” for Castilleja.

Arbitrarily limiting the number of events to 50 would have harmful impacts on the student body and amounts to micromanaging the School, without any rational or legal justification.

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V. The City Council Should Embrace The Hybrid Option.

The Council's Motion directed Staff and the PTC to review an underground parking facility alternative that would allow a maximum of 50 percent of the required on-site parking to be below grade without counting against project floor-area. The Project's required parking on-site parking is 104 spaces. Thus, 50 percent of the required on-site parking is 52 spaces.

The ARB unanimously recommended the Hybrid Option because it places more cars underground. As Commissioner Baltay noted, having more underground parking would be valuable in the long run for the neighborhood and community because it would leave more room for bicyclists and neighborhood parking. (ARB Summary Minutes, March 17, 2022, p. 25.) The Hybrid Option combines the underground garage portion of Option D with the surface level features of Option E. It minimally increases the underground parking from 52 to 69 spaces while preserving all protected trees and not encroaching into the TPZ for any protected tree. (March 24, 2022 Memorandum from Katherine Waugh to Amy French, p. 3.) In addition, the Hybrid Option fully parks the Project and does not necessitate a parking adjustment.

The School would prefer the Hybrid Option, which does not result in significant impacts to traffic, noise, or trees. Despite the slightly larger garage, enrollment is still regulated and controlled by adherence to strict trip caps. The existence of the garage or its size does not equate to more traffic. Moreover, under proposed Alternative 4, drop-offs/pick-ups would be distributed among three locations—the parking garage, the loop driveway on Bryant Street, and the loop driveway on Kellogg Avenue. Students would be assigned to a specific drop-off/pick-up location as part of the School's TDM Plan. The EIR concluded that the distributed drop-off/pick-up alternative (even with the slightly larger 82-space garage) would not result in any significant traffic impacts. Thus, it follows that the Hybrid Option (with 69 spaces) would not induce significant impacts.

The PTC unanimously recommended Option E, believing that they had to in light of their interpretation of the Council's Motion. Yet, the Hybrid Option is equally protective of trees as Option E. Some PTC commissioners claimed that garage would be closer to the TPZ of one tree under the Hybrid Option than Under Option E. But, as confirmed by the City Arborist, the Hybrid Option garage is also located outside the TPZ for this tree. Expanding tree protections beyond the TPZ identified and recognized by the City's Tree Technical Manual ("TTM") would be arbitrary and contrary to the TTM.

VI. Denial of the Project or Imposition of Unreasonable or Unjustified Conditions Would Violate Castilleja's Constitutionally Protected Rights.

A. Rights To Be Free From Arbitrary And Irrational Government Action.

The touchstone of substantive due process is the protection of the individual against arbitrary government action; the due process clause was intended to prevent government officials from abusing their power or employing it as an instrument of oppression. (*Wolff v. McDonnell*,

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(1974) 418 U.S. 539, 558; *Collins v. City of Harker Heights* (1992) 503 U.S. 115, 126.) A violation of substantive due process rights occurs if a government agency's actions are (1) irrational or arbitrary or (2) not rationally related to a legitimate government interest. (*Euclid v. Ambler Realty Co.* (1926) 272 U.S. 365 ["Due Process" applies in local zoning actions]; *Lingle v. Chevron* (2005) 544 U.S. 528.)

In *Arnel Development Co. v. City of Costa Mesa* (1981) 126 Cal.App.3d 330, 337, the Court of Appeal ruled that enactment of an ordinance downzoning certain property was arbitrary and discriminatory where enacted without considering appropriate planning or land use criteria and for the sole and specific purpose of defeating a single development proposal.⁹ (*See also Del Monte Dunes, Ltd. v. City of Monterey* (9th Cir. 1990) 920 F.2d 1496, 1508 [federal court finds local agency's land use decision, motivated by "political pressure from neighbors" instead of legitimate regulatory concerns, to support a substantive due process claim].)

It would be arbitrary and irrational for the City to deny the Project, including the Variance, or capping the enrollment at 450 students, as set forth above. As in *Arnel* and *Del Monte Dunes*, both *supra*, the PTC plurality did not consider appropriate planning or land use criteria with respect to this issue or the arbitrary and unsupported cap on special events. Requiring that Castilleja's application be subject to a zoning text amendment for its underground garage when no other comparable property owner or project applicant has been subjected to such treatment would further underscore the inconsistent, arbitrary and irrational treatment that has sometimes been applied during the public review of this Project. Former PTC Commissioner Alcheck specifically questioned the City's constantly shifting goal posts when it came to the Project. ("Planning Commissioner calls out city for shifting 'goal posts' on Castilleja," *Palo Alto Weekly*, December 16, 2021.)

It is therefore important that the City Council acknowledge that there is no legal or policy need for a text amendment here, and for Council to recognize that the City's existing Code provisions provide ample authority for the Council to approve the below-grade parking as recommended by Staff without counting against gross floor area. By contrast, unjustified or arbitrary actions by the City which impair or deny the applicant's rights otherwise might unnecessarily expose the City to the risk of judicial intervention and costly litigation.

B. Rights To Be Treated In A Fair And Equal Manner With Similarly Situated Applicants.

The Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution provides that no state shall deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws. (*See also* Cal. Con., art. I, sec. 7.) The concept of equal protection has been defined to mean that no person or class of persons may be denied the same protection of law that is enjoyed by other persons or other classes

⁹ The *Arnel* court noted that the ordinance was "not rationally related to the general regional public welfare, but, at best, to conserving the interests of the adjoining property owners and residents of the immediate area." (*Arnel, supra*, 126 Cal.App.3d at 337.)

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in like circumstances. (*Hawn v. County of Ventura* (1977) 73 Cal.App.3d 1009, 1018.) A claimant must show that the state “has adopted a classification that affects two or more *similarly situated* groups in an unequal manner.” (*Walgreen Co. v. City & County of San Francisco* (2010) 185 Cal.App.4th 424, 434 [emphasis in the original].) “[A] deliberate, irrational discrimination, even if it is against one person (or other entity) rather than a group, is actionable under the equal protection clause.” (*World Outreach Conference Center v. City of Chicago* (7th Cir. 2009) 591 F.3d 531, 538.) Recognizing the fact that Castilleja is an all-girls school, such unequal treatment could implicate heightened scrutiny by a reviewing court. (*City of Cleburne v. Cleburne Living Center* (1985) 473 U.S. 432, 440-441 [“Legislative classifications based on gender also call for a heightened standard of review. . . . A gender classification fails unless it is substantially related to a sufficiently important governmental interest.”].)

Former PTC Commissioner Michael Alcheck equated the City’s treatment of the School and proposed imposition of certain conditions on the Project to the oppressive treatment of women in the dystopian novel, The Handmaid’s Tale:

What is the logic behind saying in response to your request to modernize your campus and increase your enrollment you shall not have any matinees on Sunday? Was an episode of Handmaid's Tale on in the background when whoever was coming up with this Conditions of Approval, you know, was working on it? When there is no logic, when the rules we’re applying are done in a manner that is indefensibl[e] . . . alarms should be going off in the progressive West. We should be asking ourselves are we facilitating gender discrimination?

(Verbatim Minutes, December 15, 2021 PTC Meeting, p. 131.) Mr. Alcheck also strongly criticized the dysfunctional review process and was quoted as calling out the City for “shifting [the] goal posts on Castilleja.” (Palo Alto Weekly, December 16, 2021; *see also* Verbatim Minutes, December 15, 2021 PTC Meeting, p. 134.)

At the March 30, 2022 PTC meeting, Roger McCarthy, a Member of the Governing Council of the National Academy of Engineering, spoke about the critical role all-girls schools play in increasing the number of women in STEM fields, noting that many young women have missed out on the opportunity to receive a high quality education from the School due to the long and drawn-out approval process.

In voting against the recommendation to limit the School’s special events to 50, PTC Commissioner Hechtman stated that it would be “presumptuous and a micromanagement” by the City to so arbitrarily and drastically limit the number of academic and athletic extra-curricular activities for young women. (Draft Verbatim Minutes, April 20, 2022 PTC Meeting, p. 60.) He also correctly noted that most schools do not have limits on special events. (*Id.* at p. 49.) Commissioner Templeton agreed, emphasizing that the School had already significantly reduced the number of events—from over 90 to 70—and that reducing it further would be “going too far.” (*Id.* at pp. 62, 67.) She also stressed that such a reduction would be harmful to the student

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population, depriving them of much needed opportunities to socialize, gather on campus, and meet their teachers. (*Id.*)

The State Planning & Zoning Laws prohibit cities from exercising their local zoning power in a discriminatory manner. Specifically, Government Code Section 65008 prohibits any zoning or planning action by a local government that denies any individual or group the enjoyment of residence, landownership, or any other land use because of, among other factors, their gender. (*Harrison v. City of Rancho Mirage* (2015) 243 Cal.App.4th 162, 177.)

In *Village of Willowbrook v. Olech* (2000) 528 U.S. 562, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that a plaintiff stated a viable equal protection cause of action based on claims that a municipality required a 33-foot easement from her as a condition of connecting her property to the municipal water supply when it had only required a 15-foot easement from other similarly situated property owners. The Ninth Circuit has likewise upheld equal protection claims brought by property owners that were discriminated against or treated unfairly by local agencies as part of the land use approval process. (*See, e.g., Herrington v. County of Sonoma* (9th Cir. 1987) 834 F.2d 1488 [denial of proposed subdivision and subsequent downzoning violated property owner's equal protection rights where there was evidence that county had approved sizable residential development projects on three other agricultural properties shortly after it rejected the owner's proposal] and *Del Monte Dunes, Ltd., supra* [allegation that city arbitrarily and unreasonably limited use and development of property and set aside open space for public use, whereas owners of comparable properties were not subjected to these conditions and restrictions states viable equal protection claim].)¹⁰

In *Academy of Our Lady of Peace v. City of San Diego* 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 191020, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California ruled in favor of an all-girls school in connection with a city's denial of permits to modernize its school campus. Specifically, the school filed numerous constitutional and statutory claims against the city, including for denial of equal protection. The federal court denied the city's summary judgment motion as to this claim, reasoning that the school had produced sufficient evidence demonstrating that the city had intentionally treated the school differently than other similarly situated property owners. Here, that evidence would consist of, among others, arbitrary limits on enrollment, events, and/or trips not tied to actual environmental impacts, unprecedented treatment of the Project garage as gross floor area, and onerous conditions related to, among others, traffic monitoring. For instance, the Project conditions require daily counts of trips. Not even Stanford University is subject to such stringent conditions in connection with ongoing school operations. Instead, Stanford must conduct counts over an eight week period—two in the fall semester and six in the spring semester.

Here, there are several aspects of City's proposal which would unjustifiably treat Castilleja differently from how the City has treated other similarly-situated applicants. No other similar school facility has had its enrollment or event numbers limited in such a manner, nor has any

¹⁰ See also *Fry v. Hayward* (N.D. Cal. 1988) 701 F.Supp. 179 [zoning restrictions applicable to just one of several open space areas in City, without rational basis for selective application, were invalidated for denial of equal protection].

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comparable facility in the City been required to monitor trips on a daily basis. The larger Congregation Kol Emeth underground parking facility was not counted as gross floor area. Requiring a text amendment as a precondition for approval of the Castilleja Project when none was needed for Congregation Kol Emeth raises obvious concerns of disparate treatment.

In short, denying the Project or subjecting the School to different or more burdensome requirements than imposed on similarly situated property owners would deprive Castilleja of constitutionally protected rights to equal protection under the law. Such apparently discriminatory and unconstitutional treatment would unnecessarily expose the City to the risk of litigation, and a potential award of damages and attorneys' fees.

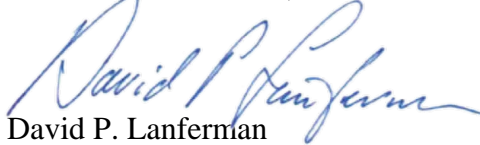
In closing, we recognize the thoughtful consideration of this Project by the City Council, the PTC, the ARB, and the City's Staff over the past six years, which has resulted in this carefully designed Project that now meets or exceeds all applicable City standards and goals.

We therefore respectfully urge the City Council to approve the Project Variance for a reduction in Project FAR and the Project CUP in a manner that: (1) allows for up to 540 students through phased, gradual enrollment increases tied to no net new trips; (2) approves the Hybrid Option, without counting that space as gross floor area; and (3) allows the School to conduct 70 special events per year, which itself is a substantial reduction from current conditions.

Thank you for your consideration of our client's views on these important matters. Representatives of the School, including its legal counsel, will be in attendance at your May 23, 2022 City Council hearing on the Project. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me or my partner Matt Francois with any questions regarding this correspondence.

Very truly yours,

RUTAN & TUCKER, LLP



David P. Lanferman

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I am a near neighbor of Castilleja, and I trust the school to comply with enrollment limits.

I am a near neighbor of Castilleja, and I think the level of traffic monitoring that has been proposed is excessive, but if that is the path to 540, then onward.

I am a near neighbor of Castilleja, and I am grateful that the school has reduced traffic in the neighborhood and improved my quality of life.

I am a near neighbor of Castilleja, and I am aware that proximity to this outstanding school makes my property more desirable.

I am a near neighbor of Castilleja, and I look forward to an updated and more beautiful building in place of the dated structures on the campus now.

I am a near neighbor of Castilleja, and I hear more noise from Paly than I ever hear from Castilleja, Castilleja is a very small community and limits hours of operation, so noise from their small campus is not a concern for me.

I am a near neighbor, and I want to see the school open more opportunities to girls inside and outside Palo Alto. Tuition assistance changes the lives of students from communities that don't have schools as strong as those in ours.

I am a near neighbor for Castilleja, and I am not impacted by too many events. We live in a busy corner of the world near the intersection of Alma and Embarcadero. Castilleja events do not register in my daily life, and should not be blamed for impacts they do not cause.

I am a near neighbor of Castilleja, and I am surrounded by other near neighbors who support the school. Some of us are open with our support, and others are quiet for fear of retaliation.

I am a near neighbor of Castilleja, and I trust the school.

Please support this proposal and bring opportunities to girls and peace to my neighborhood.

Thank you,

Bob Kocher

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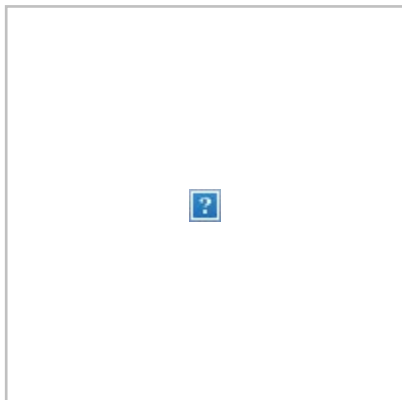
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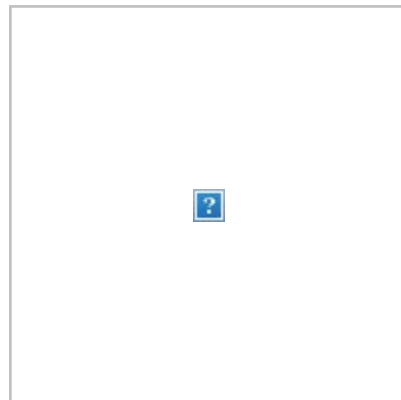
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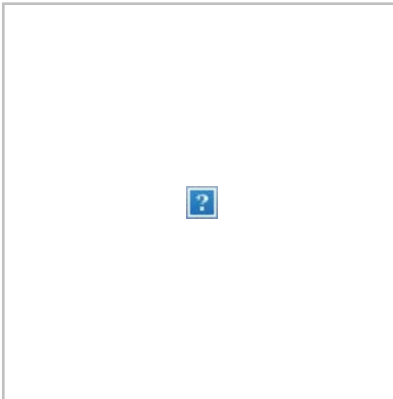
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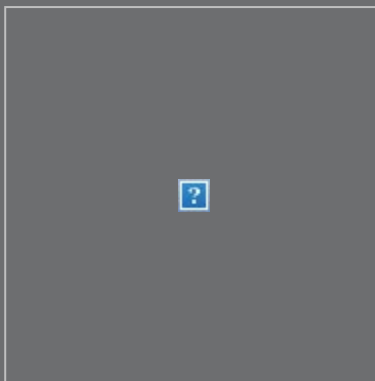
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Dear City Council,

It's finally time to approve Castilleja's project. While I appreciate the thorough evaluation of their application, I think six years is more than enough time to reach a well-informed conclusion. Countless studies have been conducted. Hours upon hours of research, time, discussion, public commentary, city hearings, and revised plans have culminated in what's before you to evaluate on May 23.

Throughout this process, Castilleja has demonstrated its flexibility and openness. Its opposing neighbors have demonstrated quite the opposite. I have not seen those neighbors compromise. It's unreasonable to expect only one side to give in. That's not how compromise works.

Compromise is important. It's how we move forward. When we compromise, we don't get everything we want. But we do learn to work together toward a shared goal. And I believe that shared goal is to make the neighborhood better. The ARB recognized all of the efforts Castilleja made to shift its plans, as evidenced by the school's proposal of several design choices that enabled the ARB's vote of approval. I love the current design that includes greater setbacks from the street, lowered rooflines, a facade that blends into the character of Old Palo Alto, and that adds to the beautiful natural landscape in our community.

I sincerely hope you evaluate the ARB's approval as a sign that Castilleja's project is indeed ready for prime time, and that the School has been faithfully compromising in the spirit of moving forward, all while keeping the neighborhood in high regard.

From the beginning, the Environmental Impact Report, which was seen as one of the most comprehensive in the history of Palo Alto, showed that the underground garage could be built, removing cars from the neighborhood streets with no detrimental effects on the neighborhood. It's been debated extensively by leaders in the city, and the facts continue to support the building of the underground structure. The ARB listened to the FACTS when making their decision to approve Castilleja's plan.

The School's designs ensure that trees are preserved, so we can move forward knowing that:

- Trees are preserved.
- The garage will not bring more traffic because traffic is capped.

I hope you can keep these two FACTS at the forefront of your minds during the upcoming hearing.

At your request last year, Castilleja submitted revised parking structure designs with 52 parking spots. My understanding is that in addition to that design, Castilleja also proposed a version that holds 69 cars. Since the garage that holds 69 cars would absolutely not harm any trees nor add additional traffic, I hope it is approved; it's a major reduction from the school's original proposal and has zero negative impacts. IT'S A COMPROMISE. Castilleja is trying to find a middle path forward, and I hope you will support that with as many cars underground as possible while not adding traffic or harming trees. The 52 car limit was not based on any data, so I hope you will support the capacity of 69 cars and move more parking below neighborhood streets. On March 17, 2022, I believe the ARB even cited that a 52-car and 69-car garage have the same impact, so why not build a garage that removes as many cars from the street as possible?

As a board concerned with the future of our city, I hope you see the benefit to the neighborhood of this modification, and that you, like the ARB, will support it.

With gratitude,
Gloria Rothbaum
315 Homer Avenue

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Dear City Council members,

When I moved to Palo Alto from Minneapolis, I was thrilled to join a community that treasured education, innovation, and sustainability. My husband and I both dedicate our careers to education, so it felt like a natural fit in many ways.

But I am extremely disappointed with the treatment I've witnessed of Castilleja School. Waiting for SIX years to be approved for a new campus that will match if not exceed Palo Alto's sustainability goals seems really counterintuitive to me. Those are six years our environment cannot get back, and we all know the stats about needing to address climate change head-on. Waiting SIX years to add a handful more students until a cap of 540; it seems as if that could have been accomplished by now if the approval process hadn't taken so long. Adding 25-27 students per year is truly such a small number. In the long run, it feels inconsequential. 25. TWENTY-FIVE. We're not talking hundreds, or thousands. For a community that treasures education, I am seriously at a loss as to why granting just a few more kids a spot in an incredible institution has taken this long.

The conditional use permit under which Castilleja has operated over the last 20 years is no longer relevant and requires updating. That's called innovating. What Castilleja has proposed for their new CUP is better. It better matches the changes in and the needs of my neighborhood. Palo Alto has evolved in those 20 years; now, Castilleja needs the City's support to catch up with that evolution. From what I understand, the proposed CUP caps enrollment at 540; adding students occurs at a gradual rate ONLY IF car trips remain at current levels or below. Sounds like an innovative approach, right? Because under this proposed CUP, if the school can't maintain the level of car trips, they'll have to decrease enrollment. Again: it's possible, according to the proposed CUP, for enrollment to actually DECLINE, not increase. I don't see the problem with approving the CUP under these conditions.

A few other elements of Castilleja's plan that align with Palo Alto's ethos: more trees, lowered rooflines, and more cars underground and off the streets.

I hope you remember just how much Castilleja embodies the same qualities that make Palo Alto such a wonderful place to live. Both Castilleja and Palo Alto want the same things:

excellent schools, safe neighborhoods and streets, infrastructure that protects our precious earth, and more opportunities for our children.

Castilleja's project benefits Palo Alto. It's time to approve the project.

Thank you for your time,

Anne Rubin

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Dear Mayor Burt, Vice Mayor Kou, and Councilmembers,

I am a longtime resident of Palo Alto and I'd like to express my strong support for Castilleja's proposal. In particular, I want to comment on the lengths to which the school has gone to protect more trees and be flexible and open to feedback. When the ARB suggested a hybrid parking option of D and E, I was pleased to see a dialogue and decision grounded in facts and compromise. I sincerely hope you follow through with their recommendation. What the ARB has proposed maximizes the number of cars allowed in an underground garage without impinging on tree protection zones. 52 spots of course will work, too, but having more parking below grade is environmentally superior according to the EIR. So why not go for 69 and provide spots to 17 more cars that otherwise will have to be on the street and will contribute to the runoff into Palo Alto's water system. With the 69 spot option, trees are still protected, and we'd have fewer cars visible in the neighborhood. Why not approve that recommendation?

Castilleja has been very responsive and thoughtful about city staff, City Council, and neighbor concerns for nearly ten years now. We have all watched the project evolve. Changes have been made to the massing of the buildings, the patterns for pick up and drop off, the materials on the facades, the pool location, the parking garage exit, and the size of the garage to protect homes and trees. The school has taken feedback from all sides and made dozens of changes. They have listened. They have compromised.

The ARB's proposed hybrid garage option preserves existing trees while adding 100 new trees to the canopy. The school has done everything possible to integrate feedback, demonstrate its commitment to the environment, and move toward a positive future for the neighborhood, the city, and girls who want a single sex education.

Please review these improvements and select the one you believe is best but I know I will be outraged if you do not approve an enrollment cap of 540, at least 70 special events, a parking garage with 69 spaces, and the variance to retain the existing square footage. This process has gone on too long, and your final decision is critical to helping our community move forward.

Sincerely,
Heidi Hopper

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Subject: Fwd: Niall Ferguson of Stanford's Hoover Institution on inflation v. strong Fed action to ring it out.

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

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

Date: Tue, May 10, 2022 at 4:12 PM

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

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

Date: Tue, May 10, 2022 at 1:37 AM

Subject: Niall Ferguson of Stanford's Hoover Institution on inflation v. strong Fed action to ring it out.

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

Thursday, May 12, 2022

To all-

Here is a good and brief interview with Niall Ferguson of Stanford's Hoover Institution discussing the likelihood that Jerome Powell will lay into the economy with tough rate hikes sufficient to rein in the 8% inflation we have now

[Most people are bearish because they have forgotten the 1970s, says Stanford's Niall Ferguson - YouTube](#)

He says that people have forgotten the 1970's. Then, inflation was a real problem. We had gone to the moon and fought Viet Nam simultaneously and not really paid for either, causing huge inflation in the 70's. He says that Jerome Powell is no Paul Volcker (I said he was one a few weeks ago because Powell was sounding pretty tough). Ferguson thinks that Powell does not have the spine to really clamp down hard with big rate hikes to control our high inflation the way Volcker did in the early 80's. (But it is not nearly as high as it was when Reagan came in. It just seems like it is,)

Ferguson says that in the 70s, they'd try to raise and hold rates high- fed funds rate mainly- but the market would sell off and they would cave and promise to let rates remain untouched. I haven't forgotten it. Nixon was driven from office in August, 1974. (BTW, with Watergate raging and Nixon resigning, the stock market had a terrible year in 1974). (And our involvement in Viet Nam was ending. Good for draft age men, bad for stocks). He had tried to rein in inflation by freezing wages and prices! Nobody is suggesting that that be done now. Anyway, in December, 1974, the US economy tipped into a recession. Poor Gerald Ford was blamed for it. He tried various things, and he got the unemployment rate down between May of 1975 and May of 1976 by "an incredible two percentage points" it was stated at the time. I think from 9.2% to 7.2%. He then went on to lose election in his own right in November, 1976. He was fired because of the 1975-1976 recession. That brought in Carter from 1977 to 1981 and Inflation really surged in that period. Mainly because of the Iranian hostage crisis, Carter was defeated by Reagan in 1980. Carter appointed Paul Volcker Fed Chairman on August 6, 1979. (It would be interesting to see what Volcker did with interest rates in the ~17 months between his being appointed by Carter and 1-20-81 when Reagan came in). So Reagan inherited Chairman Volcker from Carter and, under Reagan, Volcker really put us through something. By the fall of 1981, the US economy was headed into a recession. 1982 is remembered as a dark, ugly year for the US economy. And Volcker kept the brakes on. 1983 wasn't much better than '82. GM was collecting canned goods to distribute to their unemployed workers in the rust belt. In September, 1983, the US unemployment rate **still** stood at 10% !. Only in January, 1984, did it go into the eight percents. Nonetheless, Reagan went on to win re-election in Nov. 1984, making him the Teflon President.

So is Powell another Paul Volcker? Powell is a rich Wall St. lawyer, not an economist. Volcker had some time to break the back of inflation and still let his President win re-election in 1984. The timing is similar now, with 2 1/2 years left before Biden has to face the voters. I suppose a 20 month jihad of rate hikes could be engineered now, lasting to January, 2024, and Biden could go on to be re-elected in Nov. 2024. Reagan survived a brutal, Fed-induced recession. Can Biden survive a milder Fed-induced recession? Or a soft landing with no recession?

Notice the long Wall St. background of Jerome Powell. Volcker was first and foremost an economist who had a background, for a few years at a time, with Chase Manhattan Bank, and who went on to a Wall St. career after being Fed Chairman. Will a non-economist lawyer with a Wall St. background do the same thing to the US economy, and to the stock market, that Paul Volcker did in 1981, 1982 and 1983? Tempered, of course, because inflation is way less now than it was in 1981. Chairman Powell does not have the 14% inflation rate to tame that Volcker had, so his measures can be less Draconian. Probably because of the tough rate hikes from Volcker and the resulting taming of terrible inflation, the stock market began a long, long climb in the fall of 1982. For those who like to time the market, note that it responds to a breaking of inflation at least a year before the inflation really gets broken.

Paul Volcker was an economist, and a good one. He had gotten his feet wet on Wall St., if Chase Manhattan bank is considered Wall St. Jerome Powell had no formal training in Economics and has had a long history on Wall St. with a stint at Treasury. I'd say he is a creature of Wall St. much more than Paul Volcker was. Both men had/have had extraordinary careers.

BUT, despite the different backgrounds of the two Fed chairmen, I believe that Jerome Powell will stay the course and do what he can to bring inflation way down. It will be a touchy maneuver: Do you just raise the fed funds rate, or do you also sell some of those trillions of dollars of treasury bonds and mortgage-backed securities the Fed has accumulated on its balance sheet, and, if so, how much and how fast? His efforts there can be undone, in part, by Congress spending like they plan to do. What is it, \$2 trillion for infrastructure? And the proposed defense budget for next year is \$813 billion, a sharp increase. Congress could help in the inflation fight by reining in some of that spending. But I do not believe that we will see multiple "foldings" by the Fed in this current inflation fight. I do not think we see a re-play of the 70s.

Tonight, May 10, 2022, CBS News reported that we now have the highest gas prices ever in the US.

Tonight, KCBS-SF was talking to real estate agent in the East Bay. The surge in home prices there is not leveling off, he said, but more houses are coming onto the market. "People think if prices are going to decline with higher mortgage rates, now might be the time to sell". He expects home prices to level off soon. Level off, not go down. He thinks they will remain level "until this thing blows over".

I urge readers to read both Wiki pages below on Volcker and Powell. I found them very interesting.

The Wiki page on Paul Volcker:

[Paul Volcker - Wikipedia](#)

The Wiki page on Jerome Powell:

[Jerome Powell - Wikipedia](#)

Will Stagflation return to the US?

[Will Stagflation Return To The U.S.? - YouTube](#)

Recession unstoppable now:

[Recession Unstoppable Now And Situation Is Beyond the Fed, Warns Peter Grandich - YouTube](#)

Thursday, May 12, 2022: NY Times. Inflation still high and Americans upset about it:

[The Morning: Americans' top concern - loran.harding@alumni.stanford.edu - Stanford Alumni Mail \(google.com\)](#)

Americans are really up in arms about these prices, particularly gas prices. The cut off of grain from Ukraine is raising food prices (that much grain?) and one theory is that the big lock-down in China is being done by them to create supply- chain problems in the US. Diesel prices feed through to everything that is moved by the big trucks. How does the war in Ukraine and Covid 19 cause diesel prices to spike? The war isn't in Saudi Arabia. But the root problem, I think, is the over-shooting by the Fed in 2020 and 2021 with their huge securities purchases and their low interest rates. The unemployment rate for 18-25 year olds is 2%. I suspect too that the Nazi federal policy that guarantees a good, secure job for all women and minorities who cannot do the work, while they are given the money earned by the white men who can do the work, and who they get to kick around, is generating inflation too. Is that not too many dollars chasing too few goods?

Jerome Powell's friends on Wall St. will not enjoy what his actions will do to the stock market in the near term, but they also remember 1982 when Mr. Volcker's breaking of inflation's back caused the market to then climb for many years.

Today, May 12, 2022:

Powell says lowering inflation will involve some pain: LH- I can't believe these people "OK, he's clubbed inflation, now where exactly is the low so we can get back in?". Of course, they are Wall St. So, buy, buy! I think you get back in in June of 2023 when the inflation fight seems to be getting won.

[Powell says lowering inflation will involve some pain, and why Dan Nathan's buying again - YouTube](#)

Jerome Powell was confirmed today, May 12, 2022, to a second term as chair of the Federal Reserve:

[Powell is confirmed to a second term as Fed chair : NPR](#)

L. William Harding,
BA Stanford, '64, MBA Finance, University of Oregon, '68
Passed CPA exam, 1987, MS Taxation, California State University, East Bay, 1991.
Fresno, Ca.

From: [Aram James](#)
To: [Sajid Khan](#); [Jeff Moore](#); [Jeff Rosen](#); [Raj](#); [Council, City](#); [Jay Boyarsky](#); [Winter Dellenbach](#); [Human Relations Commission](#); [chuck jagoda](#); [Joe Simitian](#)
Subject: Bail adjustment
Date: Thursday, May 12, 2022 8:38:36 PM

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<https://www.foxnews.com/us/la-county-george-gascon-bail.amp>

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kenneth Salisbury](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Subject: Please keep Ramona Street closed!
Date: Thursday, May 12, 2022 7:55:28 PM

Some people who received this message don't often get email from kenneth.salisbury@gmail.com.
[Learn why this is important](#)

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Please keep Ramona Street closed!

It feels like Paris with a mix of cafes, a great array of food, and nearby art.

I'm sure the closure has greatly increased customer traffic. It is a great place to socialize and has encouraged me to visit PA and shop in the neighborhoods much more often.

Besides, you will be competing with Calif. Ave for customers :)

Let me know how I could help make this happen.

Best wishes, Kenneth

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Departments of Computer Science and Surgery
Gates Building, Room 254
353 Jane Stanford Way
Stanford, CA 94305

kenneth.salisbury@gmail.com

Admin Associate: Maria David
mdavid@cs.stanford.edu

From: mark.weiss
To: jackie@popcornvan.com
Cc: [Shikada, Ed](#); [O"Kane, Kristen](#); [Council, City](#); [Tom DuBois](#); [Jeff LaMere](#); [Gathering Permit](#); [Neil Khoury](#); [Rebecca Eisenberg](#)
Subject: Re: Mark Weiss booking requests
Date: Thursday, May 12, 2022 4:13:40 PM
Attachments: [Mark - Lytton Bookings Receipt - CivicRec.pdf](#)

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At 230 I returned the scene and called the city and officer Robert Longwell I believe is his name(The Cubberley and Bowdoin grad) asked them to see their permit and they were not able to produce a permit and he concluded they have no permit which is a better outcome than if staff had misguidedly let them commercialize our park or Plaza.

At 3:15 after one of the workers had gone apparently to retrieve her daughter from school they moved from the plaza and I last saw them in the 200 block of university in front of a former chain sandwich shop — I guess it would be up to that landlord whether to charge them rent or have them moved again.

Meanwhile Elena Kadvany of the Chronicles reports that this is a bad actor and they misrepresent to their few customers the state of the other deals not just with Palo Alto but with local bakeries.

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/food/amp/This-new-food-delivery-app-sold-the-Bay-Area-s-17062888.php>

Mark Weiss

On the distinction between use of a park and commercialization of a park I would say if Starbucks or Wahlburgers started handing out free samples of the park we would object and say go ahead and hand out samples in front of your own store; Likewise you could say that channel 9 has programming but channel 7 has programming and commercials.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 12, 2022, at 11:43 AM, mark weiss <earwopa@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi Jackie I don't believe Palo Alto ordinance permits what you do and I will follow up with leadership here and staff but if you want to start with not being here on the dates below that would be great.

Mark Weiss
(650) 305-0701

Popcorn for what I can tell is a venture back company with billions of dollars and they can rent a store front in Palo Alto just like salesforce and palantir and they don't need to commercialize our park or Plaza.

Sent from my iPhone

**Registration/Payment Receipt 37385440**

04/07/2022 09:37 AM

Account Information

Mark Weiss
169 Bryant St
Palo Alto, CA 94301 United
States

Payment

Credit/Debit
VISA 6865
Merchant Code
4952d592-9e61-45de-a395-
38e518945e02

\$755.00

Received By

Andrew Joice at Web and Hand-
Key

Item	Amount Paid
Lytton Plaza Lytton Plaza May 13, 2022 5:00 PM-11:00 PM - Gathering Permit: \$0/Block - PERMIT #7951	\$0.00
Amplified Sound Permit	\$90.00
Lytton Plaza Lytton Plaza May 14, 2022 12:00 PM-11:00 PM - Gathering Permit: \$0/Block - PERMIT #7951	\$0.00
Amplified Sound Permit	\$90.00
Rinconada Park Rinconada Park Bowl Jun 5, 2022 12:00 PM-5:00 PM - Bowl: \$25/Hour - PERMIT #7951	\$125.00
Lytton Plaza Lytton Plaza Jun 9, 2022 5:00 PM-10:00 PM - Gathering Permit: \$0/Block - PERMIT #7951	\$0.00
Amplified Sound Permit	\$90.00
Lytton Plaza Lytton Plaza Jun 14, 2022 5:00 PM-10:00 PM - Gathering Permit: \$0/Block - PERMIT #7951	\$0.00
Amplified Sound Permit	\$90.00
Lytton Plaza Lytton Plaza Jun 20, 2022 5:00 PM-10:00 PM - Gathering Permit: \$0/Block - PERMIT #7951	\$0.00
Amplified Sound Permit	\$90.00
Lytton Plaza Lytton Plaza Jun 25, 2022 12:00 PM-11:00 PM - Gathering Permit: \$0/Block - PERMIT #7951	\$0.00
Amplified Sound Permit	\$90.00
Lytton Plaza Lytton Plaza Aug 19, 2022 5:00 PM-11:00 PM - Gathering Permit: \$0/Block - PERMIT #7951	\$0.00
Amplified Sound Permit	\$90.00
Subtotal	\$755.00
Total Payment	\$755.00

Facility Notes**Lytton Plaza Lytton Plaza**

Please direct any questions to gathering.permit@cityofpaloalto.org

Rinconada Park Rinconada Park Bowl

Please direct any questions to csd@cityofpaloalto.org

Thank you for registering with the City of Palo Alto! Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions!

City of Palo Alto Tax ID #94-6000389

Begin forwarded message:

From: Gathering Permit <Gathering.Permit@cityofpaloalto.org>
Date: April 7, 2022 at 10:13:59 AM PDT
To: Gathering Permit <Gathering.Permit@cityofpaloalto.org>
Cc: mark weiss <earwopa@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Mark Weiss booking requests

Hi Mark,

I now have the following Lytton Plaza amplified permit requests for you in the system and I have attached a copy of the receipt for permit #7951.

Lytton - Amplified Sound Permits

4/18 (4pm - 8pm)
5/13 (5pm - 11pm)
5/14 (Noon - 11pm)
6/9 (5pm - 10pm)
6/14 (5pm - 10pm)
6/20 (5pm - 10pm)
6/25 (Noon - 11pm)
8/19 (5pm - 11pm)

I also have you down for the following
Rinconada Bowl - Rental
6/5 (12pm - 5pm)

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Best,
Andrew

City of Palo Alto
Community Services Department
650.463.4900 | gathering.permit@cityofpaloalto.org

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

From: scanner@cityofpaloalto.org <scanner@cityofpaloalto.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 7, 2022 9:56 AM
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Subject: Mark Weiss booking requests

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From: [LWV of Palo Alto](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: liz.kniss@gmail.com; [Lisa Ratner](#); [Elizabeth Weal](#); [Nancy Neff](#); karen.kalinsky@gmail.com
Subject: Say Yes to \$500 Cap on Campaign Donations to City Council Candidates
Date: Thursday, May 12, 2022 3:24:00 PM
Attachments: [Yes on \\$500 Donation Cap Petition submission to Council.pdf](#)

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Attached please find a coverletter and petition submitted by the League of Women Voters of Palo Alto on behalf of 410+ residents.

League of Women Voters of Palo Alto

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May 12, 2022

RE: Public Comment, May 16 City Council Meeting

Dear Mayor Burt, Vice Mayor Kou, and City Council:

By this letter we are sharing with you a [petition](#) urging you to set a \$500 cap on campaign donations to City Council candidates. The current limit of \$4900 gives donors an outsized role in local decision-making and discourages people from running for office. The proposed reform would make our local democracy more inclusive and equitable.

At this time, 410 Palo Alto residents have signed the petition (list of names attached), and we expect that number will grow before we speak to you at next Monday's Council meeting.

The petition has broad support in Palo Alto. The people who signed this petition hail from all over the city (see attached pie chart) and come from all walks of life. Only about 20% of the signers are members of the League of Women Voters.

We urge you to take action on this issue now. Inaction is inexcusable and undermines public trust in local government.

Many of our neighboring counties and cities have adopted contribution limits far lower than the state default amount of \$4900. By making this a priority, Palo Alto will create a more inclusive and equitable local democracy.

We look forward to seeing you agendaize and promptly pass an appropriate ordinance. Continued inaction is inexcusable and undermines public trust in local government.

Respectfully,

The LWV of Palo Alto Local Campaign Finance Task Force

Lisa Ratner, Elizabeth Weal, Katharine Miller, Nancy Neff, and Karen Kalinsky



Say Yes to \$500 Cap on Campaign Donations for Palo Alto City Council Races!

By adding my name to this petition, which will be shared with City Council, I agree it is high time Palo Alto adopt a \$500 cap on individual (single source) campaign donations for city council races.

Current state law allows individual donations of up to \$4900 to city council candidates. That is nearly ten times the amount Santa Clara County allows for donations to county supervisor races.

But the law also says that cities can modify that limit. Many small California cities (under 100,000 population) have imposed limits of \$500 or less. Palo Alto should do the same.

The \$4900 limit creates a worry that candidates are being bought by wealthy interests; enables a small number of wealthy donors to bankroll a campaign; and pushes the cost of campaigns ever higher, discouraging ordinary citizens with good ideas from running for Council.

Please share this petition with your family and friends to help the League reach its goal of 500 signatures by May 13, 2022!

 kmiller@nasw.org (not shared) [Switch account](#)



* Required

First Name *

Your answer



Last Name *

Your answer

Email *

Your answer

Phone number (optional)

Your answer

What Palo Alto neighborhood do you live in?

Choose



By checking the box below, I authorize the League of Women Voters of Palo Alto to notify the Palo Alto City Council that I support a \$500 cap on campaign donations for city council races. I understand that LWVPA will not otherwise share my personal information. LWVPA may email me occasional updates on this and other important advocacy efforts, and I may unsubscribe at any time. *

☐ Yes

Comment

Your answer

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Ozzie	Aery Fallick	Midtown	
Emily	Aery Jones	Midtown	
Ali	Alasti	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Dudley	Andersen	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Bret	Andersen	Midtown	
Ed	Anderson	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Carolyn	Anderson	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Mark	Anderton	94306	
Ben	Antonow	Green Gables	
Jennifer	Antonow	Green Gables	
Diane	Appleton	Midtown	
Ria	Arnout	94303	
Mary	Ashley	Midtown	
Stacey	Ashlund	Barron Park / Green Acres / Palo Alto Hills	
Kim	Atkinson	Other	
Carol	Bacchetti	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Michelle	Baldonado	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Gwendolyn	Barry	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
LeAnn	Baum	Midtown	
Marilyn	Bauriedel	94306	
Joyce	Beattie	94306	
Betsy	Bechtel	Old Palo Alto	
Julie	Beer	94306	
Dorothy	Bender	Barron Park / Green Acres / Palo Alto Hills	
Sue	Benjamin	Barron Park / Green Acres / Palo Alto Hills	
Steve	Bennet	Barron Park / Green Acres / Palo Alto Hills	
Keith	Bennett	94301	
Barbara	Bennigson	94301	
Bonnie	Berg	94301	
David	Bergen	Other	
Yuet	Berry	Midtown	
Paul	Bigbee	94306	
Lee	Birdsey	Midtown	Thank you for doing this. Wish we could do it at all levels of politics.
Natalie	Bivas	Ventura / Charleston Meadows	
Mary	Bobel	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Sonya	Bradski	South Palo Alto	
Stephen	Branz	Midtown	
Jordan	Briskin	94306	
Susan	Brodsky	94303	
Erika	Buck	Midtown	
Kathy	Burch	Midtown	
Ann	Burrell	Barron Park / Green Acres / Palo Alto Hills	It is a great idea to remove large donors from city council elections.
Mark	Cairns	Midtown	
Scott	Carlson	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Nancy	Cassidy	College Terrace / Stanford	
Katherine	Causey	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	

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Susan	Chamberlain	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Nana	Chancellor	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Bryna	Chang	94306	
Lynn	Chiapella	Midtown	Money and manipulation of information has muddied issues and administrative decisions in Palo Alto. City Council meetings and opportunities to speak often come late in the night. For example an item of interest did not begin until after 11:00 pm at which point only 5 speakers lasted until that hour. I wondered if certain council members had been influenced by contributions.
Eilien	Choo	Midtown	
Pearl	Chow		
Sandra	Citrin	Green Gables	
David	Coale	Barron Park / Green Acres / Palo Alto Hills	
Howard	Cohen	94306	
Paula	Collins	South Palo Alto	
Gordon	Craig	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Peter	Cross	Barron Park / Green Acres / Palo Alto Hills	
Catherine	Crystal Foster	Community Center / Duveneck / St. Francis	
Sophia	Cummings	Midtown	
Carolyn	Curtis	South Palo Alto	
Gina	Dalma	Midtown	
Bella	Daly	I don't live in Palo Alto	
Susan	Dansker	Barron Park / Green Acres / Palo Alto Hills	
Carl	Darling	Midtown	GOOD
Margit	David	Barron Park / Green Acres / Palo Alto Hills	
Carolyn	Davidson	Green Gables	
Howard	Davidson	Midtown	
Joyce	Davidson	Midtown	
Harold	Davis	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Marshall	Deitsch	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Daphne	Dembo	South Palo Alto	
Amir	Dembo	South Palo Alto	
Jennifer	DiBrienza	Southgate / Evergreen Park / Mayfield	
Ruthellen	Dickinson	Midtown	
Elizabeth	Doi-Ludwig	Midtown	
Abbie	Dorosin	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Leslie	Dorosin	Barron Park / Green Acres / Palo Alto Hills	
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Peter	Drekmeier	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Julie	Duffield	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Edma	Dumanian	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Marlene	Dunwoodie	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Meg	Durbin	South Palo Alto	
John	Eaton	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Edith	Eddy	94301	

First Name	Last Name	What Palo Alto neighborhood do you live in?	Comment
Rebecca	Eisenberg	Old Palo Alto	This cap should apply retroactively to all candidates running for office in 2022, so not to give incumbents running for re-election an even greater advantage than they already enjoy.
Elaine	Elbizri	94303	
Linda	Elkind	Other	
Sharon	Elliot	South Palo Alto	
A. Grant	Elliot	South Palo Alto	
Barb	Elspas	Other	
Heike	Enders	South Palo Alto	
David	Enders		
Uwe	Enders	South Palo Alto	
Charlotte	Epstein	Old Palo Alto	
Esmail	Essabhoy	South Palo Alto	
Elsbeth	Farmer	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Nina	Fearon	College Terrace / Stanford	
Sarah	Feldman	Other	I am so glad you are tackling this issue. Good luck!
Rhea	Feldman	Midtown	
Jan	Fenwick	Other	
Robert	Fenwick	College Terrace / Stanford	
Heike	Fischer	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Mary	Fitch	94306	
Gail	Foelsch	South Palo Alto	
Megan	Fogarty	Midtown	
Michael	Fogarty	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Ellen	Forbes	Midtown	
Dean	Forbes	Midtown	
Jon	Foster	Green Gables	Great idea! I wholeheartedly support it!
Jim	Fox	South Palo Alto	
Anne	Frahn	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Patricia	Frazier (Grigno	Midtown	
Hillary	Freeman	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Samuel	Friedman	Midtown	
Linda	Frommer	Green Gables	
Robert	Gamburd	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Nicole	Garratt	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Jane	Garvey	Midtown	
Thomas	Garvey	Midtown	
Martha	Gates	Midtown	Let's start locally to reduce the obscene influence of money in our electoral system. Cap Palo Alto campaign donations at \$500.
Bruce	Gee	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Carolyn	George	Midtown	
Carolyn	George	94306	
Romola	Georgia	Barron Park / Green Acres / Palo Alto Hills	
Rebecca	Geraldi	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	

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Faezeh	Ghaffari	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Elizabeth	Gibbons	South Palo Alto	
Kit	Gibbs	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Hilary	Glann	Barron Park / Green Acres / Palo Alto Hills	
David	Gobuty	Midtown	
Douglas	Graham	Barron Park / Green Acres / Palo Alto Hills	LWVPA: Congratulations for promoting this petition, and all your other fine work over the years!
Susan	Graham	South Palo Alto	
Gerald	Gras	94306	
Muriel	Gravina	94301	
Amy	Greene	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Barbara	Gross	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Florence	Haas	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Danielle	Haas-Laursen	Midtown	
Edward	Haertel	South Palo Alto	
Amy	Halpern-Laff	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Alexis	Hamilton	Midtown	
Mark	Hastings	94303	
Ed	Hattler	South Palo Alto	
Paul	Heft	Midtown	
Libby	Heimark	Old Palo Alto	
Annie	Hempstead	South Palo Alto	
Linda	Henigin	Green Gables	
Elizabeth	Herb	Other	
Bruce	Hodge	South Palo Alto	
Mark	Hoffberg	Green Gables	
Angela	Holman	94303	
Sean	Holman	94303	
Ella	Holsinger	College Terrace / Stanford	
EJ	Hong	South Palo Alto	
Lynn	Hori	Barron Park / Green Acres / Palo Alto Hills	
Betty	Howell	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Nancy	Huber	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Patty	Irish	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Stanley	Isaacs	South Palo Alto	
Annette	Isaacson	Midtown	
Edith	Jacobi	94303	
John	Jarod	Barron Park / Green Acres / Palo Alto Hills	
Jo	Jaros	Barron Park / Green Acres / Palo Alto Hills	
Robin	Jeffries	Midtown	This is a long time coming
Stephen	Jennings	Ventura / Charleston Meadows	
Joan	Jennings	Ventura / Charleston Meadows	
Liz	Jensen	South Palo Alto	
Erik	Jensen	South Palo Alto	
Eric	Jensen	Midtown	
Linda	Jensen	Midtown	
Karen	Johnston	South Palo Alto	

First Name	Last Name	What Palo Alto neighborhood do you live in?	Comment
Lenore	Jones	South Palo Alto	
Glenda	Jones	94303	
Carl	Jones	South Palo Alto	
Karen	Kalinsky	South Palo Alto	
Doug	Kalish	Old Palo Alto	
Rena	Kaminsky	Ventura / Charleston Meadows	
Ravi	Karra		
Anne	Kastner	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Nancy	Kawakita	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Rachel	Kellerman	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Tom	Kellerman	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Alice	Kilner	94303	
Patricia	Kinney	Other	
Edith	Kirkwood	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Simone	Klass	Midtown	
Sheryl	Klein	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Barbara	Klein	94304	
Mary	Klein	Midtown	
Phyllis	Klein	94301	
Kully	Kooner	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Ann	Krohn	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Cathy	Kroymann	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Sue	Krumbein	Old Palo Alto	This is very important. Thanks!
Deb	Kullman	Midtown	Will attend Council meeting
Pravin	Kumar	Midtown	This is a great idea.
John	Kunz	Green Gables	
Virginia	Laibl	94301	
Jennifer	Landesmann	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Eleanor	Laney	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Karen	Latchford	Green Gables	I strongly support this proposal.
Karen	Law		
Steven	Lee	Southgate / Evergreen Park / Mayfield	
Mary Ruth	Leen	Midtown	
James	Leontis	Midtown	
Myra	Lessner	Barron Park / Green Acres / Palo Alto Hills	
Nina	Leviten		
Mary Jo	Levy	Midtown	
Michele	Lew		
Winnie	Lewis	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Judy	Logan	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Carol	Louchheim	College Terrace / Stanford	
Emma	Louie	College Terrace / Stanford	
Hannah	Lu	Midtown	
Teresa	Lunt	Midtown	
Susan	Luttner	Barron Park / Green Acres / Palo Alto Hills	
Jean	Lythcott	Barron Park / Green Acres / Palo Alto Hills	
Heather	Macdonald	Midtown	
Maggie	Maese	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	

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Larry	Magid	Midtown	
Lynn	Magill	South Palo Alto	
Claudio	Malagrino		Capping individual donation promotes more democratic elections
Laura	Malagrino	Old Palo Alto	
Caroline	Manley	Midtown	
Liz	Mann	Southgate / Evergreen Park / Mayfield	
Drew	Maran	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Joe	Margevicius	Crescent Park / Community Center	please keep donations to below \$500 ... please.
James	Marks	94303	
Mary	Marsh	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Sandra	Martignetti	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Amanda	Martin	Midtown	
Christine	Mathews	Ventura / Charleston Meadows	
Locke	McCorkle	94301	
Theresa	McDonald	94301	
John	McIntosh	Midtown	Am available to volunteer my time
Terry	McMahon	South Palo Alto	
Betty	McNamara	94306	
Tamara	Mead	Barron Park / Green Acres / Palo Alto Hills	
Susan	Meade	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Mary	Meeks	94303	
Lynnie	Melena	Barron Park / Green Acres / Palo Alto Hills	
Margarita	Merz	South Palo Alto	
Danielle	Mewes	Old Palo Alto	
Robert	Millavec	94303	
Robert	Millavec	Other	
Katharine	Miller	Crescent Park / Community Center	
William	Miller	94301	
Beth	Mills	Midtown	
Parissa	Mohamadi	Midtown	
Terrence	Moore	94306	
Elizabeth	Moragne	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Frances	Morse	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Nancy	Moss	Other	
Shelah	Moss	Midtown	
Kathryn	Mouton	Midtown	
Jasmine	Mueller-Hsia	Old Palo Alto	
Carol	Muller	Green Gables	
Neha	Muthiah	Midtown	
Debbie	Mytels	Midtown	Let's reduce the influence of money in our local elections -- and save those resources (both financial and material) for more necessary community needs.
Nancy	Neff	Midtown	
Robert	Neff	94306	
Briggs	Nisbet	South Palo Alto	
Eric	Nordman	94301	

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Sheri	Novack	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Ken	Novak	Green Gables	
Rosemary	Nurre	South Palo Alto	
Mary	O'Kicki	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Robert	Ohlmann	94306	
Satomi	Okazaki	Old Palo Alto	
Stacey	Olgado	Crescent Park / Community Center	Thank you for leading the charge on this important issue!
Donald	Olgado	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Nancy	Olson	94301	
Andrew	Oman	Other	
Elinor	Osborne	Midtown	
Joseph	Outa	Old Palo Alto	
Susan	Owicki	Midtown	
D	P	Midtown	
Bonnie	Packer	South Palo Alto	
Theivanai	Palaniappan	Midtown	
Kusum	Pandey	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Sandra	Park	South Palo Alto	
Robin	Parker Meredith	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Dahna	Pasternak	Midtown	
Aditi	Periyannan	Midtown	
David	Perry	94306	
Sandra	Peters	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Nancy	Peterson	South Palo Alto	
Katherine	Philips	South Palo Alto	
Laurie	Phillips	Crescent Park / Community Center	Thank you
Judith	Pickering	Ventura / Charleston Meadows	
Jane	Piller-Wilson	Other	
Susan	Pines	Barron Park / Green Acres / Palo Alto Hills	
Philip	Pines	Barron Park / Green Acres / Palo Alto Hills	Get money out of local politics anyway!
Sigrid	Pinsky	South Palo Alto	
Tahira	Piracha	South Palo Alto	
Aisha	Piracha-Zakariy	Barron Park / Green Acres / Palo Alto Hills	Agree with this cap and thank you LWVPA for pursuing this important issue!
Ken	Poulton		
Rosalie	Price	I don't live in Palo Alto	I lived in the Barron Park area for 40 years and care deeply about the city even though I now live in Saratoga.
Gail	Price	Barron Park / Green Acres / Palo Alto Hills	This is long overdue and should be coupled with a voluntary cap on total expenditures. Without restraints this will only get worse and discourage people from running and serving.
Carter	Quinby	Barron Park / Green Acres / Palo Alto Hills	
Jacqueline	Raine	Midtown	
Vidya	Rajagopalan	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Jamie	Rapperport	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Lisa	Ratner	South Palo Alto	This is an essential beginning step to campaign finance reform for our city.
David	Rees	Crescent Park / Community Center	

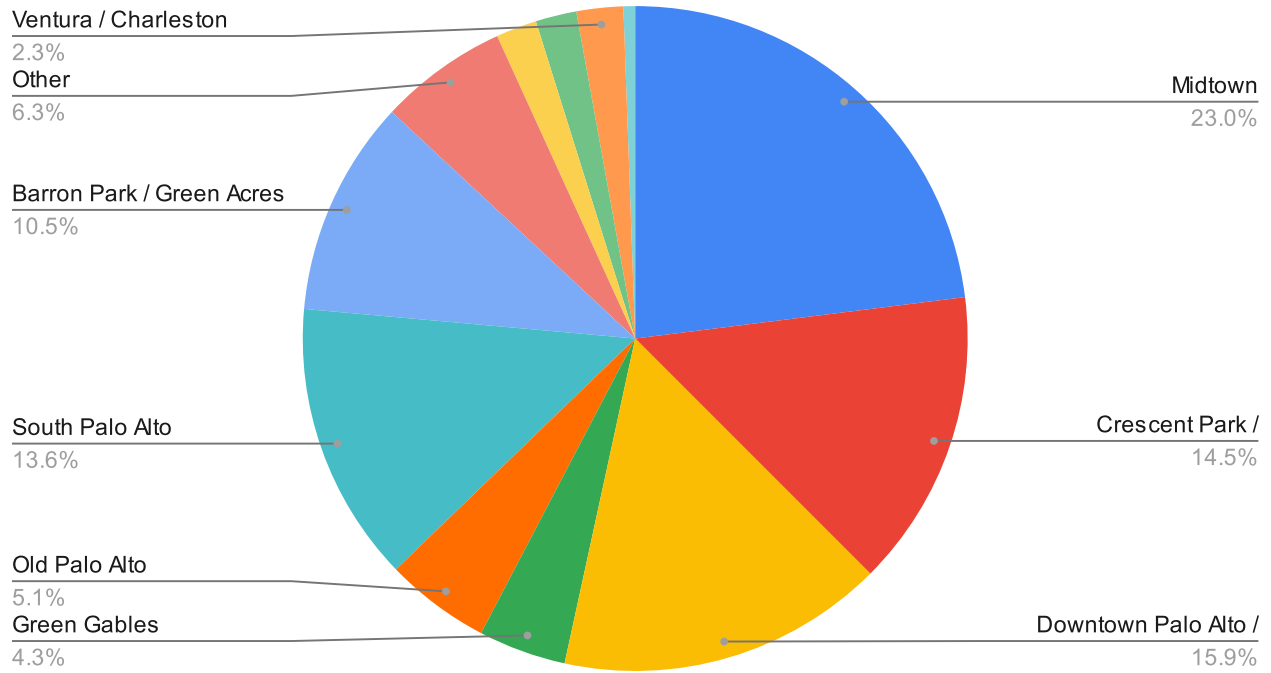
First Name	Last Name	What Palo Alto neighborhood do you live in?	Comment
Julie	Reis	Old Palo Alto	I strongly support the effort to put a \$500 cap on campaign donation for city council elections.
Stephen	Reller	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Catherine	Renati	South Palo Alto	I also support limiting the amount candidates spend on their campaign.
Barbara	Rieder	Old Palo Alto	This action will help more "Leaders"vs politicians be able to run for elected office! Our community benefits having many committed persons who would run for office with a more balanced competition.
Gayle	Riggs	Other	
Judy	Rock	Other	
Stephen	Rock	Other	Rich people should not have more influence over elections than others!
Maureen	Roddy	Midtown	
garth	rogers	Ventura / Charleston Meadows	
Karen	Rohde	Midtown	
Diane	Rolfe	Old Palo Alto	An excellent idea! Thank you LWV of Palo Alto. Let's end corruption.
Deborah	Rose	94303	
Margaret	Rosenbloom	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	Good to get money out of politics, at least in Palo Alto if not more widely
Eric	Rosenblum	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Jan	Rubens	94306	
Bryson	Runser	Barron Park / Green Acres / Palo Alto Hills	
Skyles	Runser		
Rory	Runser	Barron Park / Green Acres / Palo Alto Hills	
Jason	Rusoff	South Palo Alto	
Lynne	Russell	South Palo Alto	
Sarah	Sands	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Samir	Sane	Midtown	Less money would also mean less wastage of resources which I like.
Sribalan	Santhanam	Crescent Park / Community Center	
M D	Savoie	Southgate / Evergreen Park / Mayfield	
Alice	Schaffer Smith	94301	
Kathryn	Schmidt	Crescent Park / Community Center	
C	Schmidt	94301	
C. Eric	Schulman	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
William	Schultz	Midtown	
Anne	Schultz	Midtown	
Heidi	Schwenk	Other	Leland-Manor Neighborhood in Palo Alto Resident
Naomi	Seid-Cronkite	Midtown	
Nancy	Shepherd	Southgate / Evergreen Park / Mayfield	Let's do this!
Rosalie	Shepherd	Old Palo Alto	
Beth	Sherman	94306	
Wendy	Sinton	Crescent Park / Community Center	Good idea@!
Wayne	Siu	Midtown	
Joy	Sleizer	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	

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Alice Schaffer	Smith	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	Well done. We need this to stop people from buying elections and advertisements.
Margaret	Smith	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	Please, let this become a reality.
Ellen	Smith	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Dennis	Smith	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Naida	Sperling	Midtown	
Laura	Stefanski		
Lauren	Stein	Other	
Ileana	Sterental	Ventura / Charleston Meadows	
Harriet	Stern	Other	
Jane	Stern	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
John Todd	Stewart	Other	
Georgia	Stewart	Other	
Nicolas	Stier	Midtown	
Valerie	Stinger	South Palo Alto	
Alan	Stivers	Midtown	
Ellen	Stromberg	Barron Park / Green Acres / Palo Alto Hills	
Eva	Suhr	94306	
Barbara	Susco	Green Gables	
Lauren	Swezey	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Kirk	Swezey	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Avi	Tachna-Fram	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Carol	Tannenwald	Barron Park / Green Acres / Palo Alto Hills	
Miriam	Teeter	South Palo Alto	
Cari	Templeton	Barron Park / Green Acres / Palo Alto Hills	
Sven	Thesen	94306	
Todd	Thiemann	Other	
Sima	Thomas	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Gail	Thompson	Green Gables	I glad you have started this campaign.
Emanuela	Todaro	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Margaret	Toews	94306	
Kristina	Toland	Southgate / Evergreen Park / Mayfield	
Dana	Tom	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Sally	Tomlinson	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Lucy	Tompkin	Midtown	
Preeva	Tramiel	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Cindy	Traum	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Elizabeth	Tsai	Crescent Park / Community Center	Limit donation to campaigns for the reasons stated in the petition.
Carolyn	Tucher	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Samir	Tuma	Barron Park / Green Acres / Palo Alto Hills	
Louise	Valente	Midtown	This is long overdue.
Virginia	Van Kuran	Green Gables	I live in Leland Manor. I support the cap as a more equitable way to fund a campaign.
Georgy	Vladimirov	94303	
Lisa	Voge-Levin	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Jennifer	Wagstaff Hintor	Barron Park / Green Acres / Palo Alto Hills	
Gregory	Wait	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Anna	Walker	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	

First Name	Last Name	What Palo Alto neighborhood do you live in?	Comment
Mara	Wallace	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	Thank you, LWV!
Diana	Walsh	Old Palo Alto	
James	Washburn	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Judith	Wasserman	Other	Long overdue!
Elizabeth	Weal	Midtown	
Margaret	Weil	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Debra	Weinstein	Barron Park / Green Acres / Palo Alto Hills	
JoAnne	Wetzel	South Palo Alto	
Sallie	Whaley	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Jackie	Wheeler	South Palo Alto	City Council elections should not be about who has the most money. We need to level the playing field.
Alison	White	Old Palo Alto	
Mary	Wilbur	Green Gables	
Christine	Witzel	Barron Park / Green Acres / Palo Alto Hills	
Mimi	Wolf	Midtown	
Terry	Wood	Crescent Park / Community Center	
Gail	Woolley		I now live in Cupertino, but am a former Mayor of Palo Alto.
David	Ye	Downtown Palo Alto / Professorville	
Emily	Young	South Palo Alto	this is a great idea!! money should not determine who is elected!!!!
Helen	Young	South Palo Alto	What an excellent idea!

Say Yes to \$500 Cap Petition Signers' Neighborhoods

Count of What Palo Alto neighborhood do you live in?





Dear Council,

Please join with the following former mayors of Palo Alto in supporting the League of Women Voters of Palo Alto proposal that Palo Alto adopt a \$500 cap on individual (single source) campaign donations for city council races.

Signatories:

Betsy Bechtel
Peter Drekmeier
Judy Kleinberg
Liz Kniss
Le Levy
Dena Mossar
Nancy Shepherd
Lanie Wheeler
Gail Woolley

From: [Dilma Coleman](#)
To: [Rabbi David Booth](#); [Council, City](#)
Cc: hprice@fairfield.ca.gov; [Laura Hubbard](#)
Subject: Fwd: Egyptians healing cloths reserved for the appropriate Alexandria University law student reverse Metaverse as it's a healthcare scandals on Atari game(indexes sold at ToysRUS) Centipede transferred on to game board Battleships. Santa Cruz, CA to Sa...
Date: Thursday, May 12, 2022 2:50:31 PM

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From: **Dilma Coleman** <dhappinessforever@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, May 12, 2022, 2:39 PM

Subject: Egyptians healing cloths reserved for the appropriate Alexandria University law student reverse Metaverse as it's a healthcare scandals on Atari game(indexes sold at ToysRUS) Centipede transferred on to game board Battleships. Santa Cruz, CA to Saudi Arabian King Salmon's favorite game"Operation" today's banjos is a retail not rattails. Argue yes yes

To: <mail@tgmu.ru>

Cc: <mbriscoe@scdefenders.com>, <dao@co.santa-cruz.ca.us>

BB so good hair drive towards the Fairgrounds take up a system connected to Fernando's suburban vehicle (across from CEVA Logistics Hayward,CA not Tower Records outsourced) toss it over(hit n pedestrians) there on Lake (Tahoe) (Mercedes-Benz)what led attachment #8 (Members of the state of Duma) into drug sales, embezzlements of California lottery winnings(2001) Sardana Avksentyeva+ Dionisia Goes victimized negros hurt by Oprah's Network in the geographic locations for Alameda County /Santa Clara County to wears underground indigenous caves clothes to kill Edward Debartolo Sr in Ohio from Reno NV gas station? Turning(Milpitas CA) De Anza College,Foothill College turned into Las Vegas NV Raiders headquarters the conservative Spike Lee on the radiology centers in Sunnyvale CA. Reverse victims injury compensation generated from those who administered the GHB blackout drugs+Benadryl from near Nob Hill grocery store near Santa Teresa Blvd near the Kaiser Permanente. Lists the geographic locations in San Jose CA whereas it's over there on drugs sales , arsonist serial killers who are kleptomaniac sorcerer's stealing electric wiring tape(Azores Portuguese decent) on beer gardens at SF giants stadium and Berryessa bart station. Make it on pink lipgloss and lipsticks without any documentation on CBD oil infused bubble gum near Del Mar street San Jose CA near Valley Medical center across down (strictly braids academy) Ashley (Ninja not Sophia's) Benjamin. Best regards Dilma Coleman aka Hadley (Diva) Lee MD JD

From: [Mary Brooks](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Subject: Support Castilleja!
Date: Thursday, May 12, 2022 2:23:29 PM

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

I've been resident of Palo Alto for many years - I moved to Palo Alto in 1994, moved away for 7 months in 2001, and then came back very quickly and have lived here ever since.

Castilleja's excellent proposal is supported by the following:

- 115 years in Palo Alto
- Six years working within the city's rigorous process
- 55+ neighbor meetings
- 31% reduction in traffic since 2012
- 30% reduction in events
- 52% reduction in proposed parking garage
- Countless city hearings
- Six rounds of project revisions

The above is what Castilleja, a nationally-renowned girls' school, has gone through so it can modernize its outdated buildings and request a new conditional use permit to gradually increase its enrollment to 540 students. It's also important to note that the project is supported by a gold-standard EIR that concluded Castilleja's project had no significant impacts.

Castilleja has been diligent during the last 10 years under new leadership to self-report its over enrollment and then reduce enrollment to come into compliance with its current CUP.

Today's leaders have worked to rectify the errors that occurred 20 years ago, rebuild the community's trust, and find a path forward. It is disappointing that this small girls' school is subject to so much scrutiny, particularly when other much larger schools in the area have many more freedoms to operate as they choose. Other schools in Palo Alto (co-ed, for the most part) don't have restrictions on the number of events including athletic competitions, student showcases and performances. These schools are not required to monitor traffic on a daily basis. Equity is important, regardless if a school is all girls (Castilleja), co-ed or a boys' school. Castilleja has been thorough, demonstrated its willingness to compromise, and worked hard to prove they can operate within the constraints.

I, like many other Palo Altans, don't believe that a plan should be approved solely because it furthers women's education. But the plan is excellent: it removes cars from streets, it

aligns with Palo Alto's environmental goals, and it improves the look and feel of the neighborhood. It has countless measures to ensure the school cannot exceed the authorized enrollment and penalties that include reducing enrollment. It adds 100 new trees to the neighborhood. It's supported by data that says there are no negative impacts. And that's why it should be approved. It's infinitely better than anything you've seen before.

Thank you,
Mary Brooks

From: [Aram James](#)
To: [Human Relations Commission](#); [City Mgr](#); [Council, City](#); [Joe Simitian](#); [Sameena Usman](#); [Sajid Khan](#); [Winter Dellenbach](#); supervisor.ellenberg@bos.sccgov.org; [Cindy Chavez](#); [Jay Boyarsky](#); [Binder, Andrew](#); [Jeff Rosen](#); [Raj; Richard Konda](#); [Stump, Molly](#); [Shikada, Ed](#); [Jonsen, Robert](#)
Subject: Judge approves \$500K in Richmond police failure to intervene case
Date: Thursday, May 12, 2022 1:52:14 PM

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<https://www.ktvu.com/news/judge-approves-500k-in-richmond-police-failure-to-intervene-case>

Sent from my iPhone

From: mark.weiss
To: jackie@popcornvan.com
Cc: [Shikada, Ed](#); [O"Kane, Kristen](#); [Council, City](#); [Tom DuBois](#); [Jeff LaMere](#); [Gathering Permit](#)
Subject: Fwd: Mark Weiss booking requests
Date: Thursday, May 12, 2022 11:44:05 AM
Attachments: [Mark - Lytton Bookings Receipt - CivicRec.pdf](#)

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Hi Jackie I don't believe Palo Alto ordinance permits what you do and I will follow up with leadership here and staff but if you want to start with not being here on the dates below that would be great.

Mark Weiss

(650) 305-0701

Popcorn for what I can tell is a venture back company with billions of dollars and they can rent a store front in Palo Alto just like salesforce and Palintir and they don't need to commercialize our park or Plaza.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Gathering Permit <Gathering.Permit@cityofpaloalto.org>
Date: April 7, 2022 at 10:13:59 AM PDT
To: Gathering Permit <Gathering.Permit@cityofpaloalto.org>
Cc: mark weiss <earwopa@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Mark Weiss booking requests

Hi Mark,

I now have the following Lytton Plaza amplified permit requests for you in the system and I have attached a copy of the receipt for permit #7951.

Lytton - Amplified Sound Permits

4/18 (4pm - 8pm)

5/13 (5pm - 11pm)

5/14 (Noon - 11pm)

6/9 (5pm - 10pm)

6/14 (5pm - 10pm)

6/20 (5pm - 10pm)

6/25 (Noon - 11pm)

8/19 (5pm - 11pm)

I also have you down for the following

Rinconada Bowl - Rental

6/5 (12pm - 5pm)

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Best,
Andrew

City of Palo Alto
Community Services Department
650.463.4900 | gathering.permit@cityofpaloalto.org

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

From: scanner@cityofpaloalto.org <scanner@cityofpaloalto.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 7, 2022 9:56 AM

To: Gathering Permit <Gathering.Permit@CityofPaloAlto.org>

Subject: Mark Weiss booking requests

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04/07/2022 09:37 AM

Account Information

Mark Weiss
169 Bryant St
Palo Alto, CA 94301 United
States

Payment

Credit/Debit
VISA 6865
Merchant Code
4952d592-9e61-45de-a395-
38e518945e02

\$755.00

Received By

Andrew Joice at Web and Hand-
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Item	Amount Paid
Lytton Plaza Lytton Plaza May 13, 2022 5:00 PM-11:00 PM - Gathering Permit: \$0/Block - PERMIT #7951	\$0.00
Amplified Sound Permit	\$90.00
Lytton Plaza Lytton Plaza May 14, 2022 12:00 PM-11:00 PM - Gathering Permit: \$0/Block - PERMIT #7951	\$0.00
Amplified Sound Permit	\$90.00
Rinconada Park Rinconada Park Bowl Jun 5, 2022 12:00 PM-5:00 PM - Bowl: \$25/Hour - PERMIT #7951	\$125.00
Lytton Plaza Lytton Plaza Jun 9, 2022 5:00 PM-10:00 PM - Gathering Permit: \$0/Block - PERMIT #7951	\$0.00
Amplified Sound Permit	\$90.00
Lytton Plaza Lytton Plaza Jun 14, 2022 5:00 PM-10:00 PM - Gathering Permit: \$0/Block - PERMIT #7951	\$0.00
Amplified Sound Permit	\$90.00
Lytton Plaza Lytton Plaza Jun 20, 2022 5:00 PM-10:00 PM - Gathering Permit: \$0/Block - PERMIT #7951	\$0.00
Amplified Sound Permit	\$90.00
Lytton Plaza Lytton Plaza Jun 25, 2022 12:00 PM-11:00 PM - Gathering Permit: \$0/Block - PERMIT #7951	\$0.00
Amplified Sound Permit	\$90.00
Lytton Plaza Lytton Plaza Aug 19, 2022 5:00 PM-11:00 PM - Gathering Permit: \$0/Block - PERMIT #7951	\$0.00
Amplified Sound Permit	\$90.00
Subtotal	\$755.00
Total Payment	\$755.00

Facility Notes**Lytton Plaza Lytton Plaza**

Please direct any questions to gathering.permit@cityofpaloalto.org

Rinconada Park Rinconada Park Bowl

Please direct any questions to csd@cityofpaloalto.org

Thank you for registering with the City of Palo Alto! Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions!

City of Palo Alto Tax ID #94-6000389

From: [Aram James](#)
To: [Human Relations Commission](#); [Council, City](#)
Subject: Fwd: Nakba Day: Take action and join a rally near you
Date: Thursday, May 12, 2022 11:28:20 AM

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Dear Aram,

This year, like every year, Palestinians in Palestine and throughout the diaspora will mark May 15th as Nakba Day ("catastrophe" in Arabic). It is a day that marks Israel's declaration of independence in 1948, and the ethnic cleansing of at least 750 000 Palestinians that took place between 1947-49.

The Nakba is sadly not a tragedy confined to history. It is alive and continuing today with Israel's daily violence, displacement, and apartheid inflicted upon Palestinians. Echoes of the Nakba were felt throughout Palestine last week, when [the Israeli high court of justice ruled](#) to give a green light to the ethnic cleansing of Masafer Yatta. [Masafer Yatta](#) is an area with 2800 Palestinian residents in the south of the occupied West Bank, who now face what could be the largest mass-expulsion of Palestinians since 1967.

The Nakba is felt each time a Palestinian family is forcibly removed from their home. The Nakba is felt each year that the crushing siege on Gaza continues, and with each Israeli air strike. And the Nakba is felt each time Israeli forces [violently raid some of Islam's holiest sites](#), as was the case with the numerous attacks on the Al Aqsa compound during Ramadan last month.

This daily violence cannot continue. This year is the 74th year of the Nakba, and that is 74 years too long. As Jewish people of conscience, we cannot allow Israel to carry out these atrocities and perpetuate the Nakba in our names.

The situation is tragic, yet hopeful at the same time. Hopeful because the world is starting to wake up to the reality of these injustices. Over the last couple of years, the world's [leading human rights organizations](#) have come to the conclusion that Israel is practicing apartheid. Here in Canada and around the world, members of parliament, human rights experts, academics, artists, Palestinians, Jews and people from all walks of life are coming [together against apartheid](#). You can join them by signing the [Together Against Apartheid pledge](#).

Sign the Pledge

On **Thursday, May 12th at 7pm ET**, please join us for an [online commemoration of the Nakba](#), featuring personal stories and discussion. IJV's national coordinator Corey Balsam will be one of the many wonderful speakers at this event.

Then on May 14th-15th, Nakba Day demonstrations and rallies will be happening in several Canadian cities. We encourage you to attend, and raise your voice in solidarity with Palestine. Different IJV chapters will have contingents in many of these rallies, so come look for IJV banners or placards, and march with us!

List of Nakba Day rallies across Canada (all times are local)

Saturday, May 14

[Guelph](#) – 2pm, City Hall

[Kitchener-Waterloo](#) – 3pm, Waterloo Park

Sunday, May 15

[Vancouver](#) – 2pm, Vancouver Art Gallery

[Calgary](#) – 1pm, Calgary City Hall

[Winnipeg](#) – 2pm, Winnipeg City Hall

[Toronto](#) – 1pm, Yonge-Dundas Square

[Ottawa](#) – 6pm, Human Rights Monument

[Montreal](#) – 2pm, Israeli Consulate

[Saint-John, NB](#) – 1:30pm, St-John City Hall



Corey Balsam

IJV National Coordinator

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Chère/Cher Aram,

Le 15 mai prochain, comme chaque année, les Palestinien-ne-s de Palestine et de la diaspora commémoreront le Jour de la Nakba (la « catastrophe » en arabe). Cette journée marque à la fois la déclaration d'indépendance d'Israël et le nettoyage ethnique d'au moins 750 000 Palestinien-ne-s entre 1947 et 1949.

La tragédie de la Nakba n'est malheureusement pas confinée à l'histoire. Elle est bien en vie et se poursuit aujourd'hui dans la violence quotidienne, les déplacements forcés et le régime d'apartheid qu'inflige Israël au peuple palestinien. Les répercussions de la Nakba se sont à nouveau fait sentir dans toute la Palestine la semaine dernière, lorsque [la Haute cour de Justice d'Israël](#) a autorisé le nettoyage ethnique de Masafer Yatta. Masafer Yatta est une région du sud de la Cisjordanie occupée où vivent quelque 2 800 Palestinien-ne-s, lesquel-les font face aujourd'hui à ce qui pourrait être la plus importante expulsion massive d'une population palestinienne depuis 1967.

La Nakba est ressentie chaque fois qu'une famille palestinienne est expulsée de son foyer par la force. La Nakba est ressentie chaque année que se prolonge le siège écrasant de Gaza et chaque fois

qu'Israël y lance une nouvelle frappe aérienne. Et la Nakba est ressentie chaque fois que les **forces israéliennes mènent des raids violents** sur certains des sites les plus sacrés de l'Islam, comme elles l'ont fait en lançant plusieurs attaques contre le complexe d'al-Aqsa pendant le Ramadan, le mois dernier.

Cette violence quotidienne ne peut plus continuer. Cette année marque le 74e anniversaire de la Nakba, et c'est 74 ans de trop. En tant que Juifs et que Juives de conscience, nous ne pouvons permettre qu'Israël commette ces atrocités et perpétue la Nakba en nos noms.

La situation est à la fois tragique et porteuse d'espoir. Porteuse d'espoir, parce que le monde commence enfin à s'éveiller à la réalité de ces injustices. Au cours des dernières années, **les principales organisations internationales de défense des droits de la personne** en sont arrivées à la conclusion qu'Israël pratique l'apartheid. Ici même au Canada, des député·e·s, des spécialistes des droits de la personne, des universitaires, des artistes, des Palestiniens et Palestiniennes ainsi que des Juifs et Juives de tous les horizons font le choix de lutter **ensemble contre l'apartheid**. Vous pouvez vous joindre à eux en signant **l'engagement « Ensemble contre l'apartheid »**.

Signez l'engagement

Le jeudi 12 mai, à 19 h (HNE), vous êtes invité·e à participer à une **commémoration virtuelle de la Nakba**, qui sera ponctuée de discussions et d'histoires personnelles. Le coordonnateur national de VJI, Corey Balsam, sera l'une des nombreuses personnes à prendre la parole à cette occasion.

Puis le 14-15 mai, des manifestations et rassemblements du Jour de la Nakba auront lieu dans de nombreuses villes canadiennes. Nous vous encourageons fortement à y participer et à faire entendre votre voix en solidarité avec la Palestine. Des sections locales de VJI formeront des contingents dans plusieurs de ces rassemblements, alors cherchez les bannières et pancartes de VJI et marchez à nos côtés!

Liste des rassemblements de commémoration du Jour de la Nakba à travers le Canada (heure local pour chaque événement)

Samedi, 14 mai

[Guelph](#) – 14h, City Hall

[Kitchener-Waterloo](#) – 15h, Waterloo Park

Dimanche, 15 mai

[Vancouver](#) – 14 h, Vancouver Art Gallery

[Calgary](#) – 13 h, Calgary City Hall

[Winnipeg](#) – 14 h, Winnipeg City Hall

[Toronto](#) – 13 h, Yonge-Dundas Square

[Ottawa](#) – 18 h, Human Rights Monument

[Montréal](#) – 14 h, Consulat d'Israël

[Saint-John, N.-B.](#) – 13 h 30, St-John City Hall



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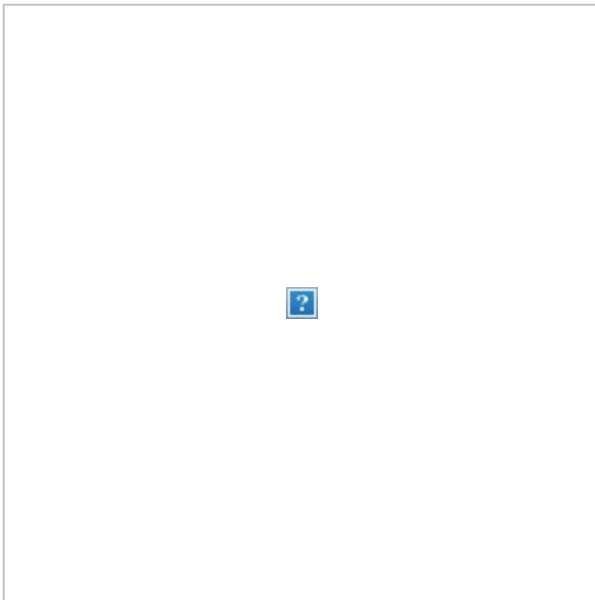
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REGENERATE MEXICO

El Grito (“The Cry”)

OCA and our allies have campaigned for years against GMOs, toxic pesticides, and so-called “Free Trade” agreements such as the 1994 NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement), the 2020 U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) and WTO

(World Trade Organization) treaties and regulations. **These trade agreements put the profits of multinational corporate agribusiness and the GMO/agrotoxics complex ahead of the needs of family farmers and ranchers, while undermining public health, the environment, and climate stability.**

In Mexico our sister organizations such as [Via Organica](#) and networks such as [Sin Maiz no hay Pais](#) (“without corn there is no country”), and [the Real Tortilla Project](#) have achieved notable successes through litigation and grassroots lobbying, with federal courts banning the commercial planting of GMO corn and soybeans, and the Mexico City government announcing a phase-out of Monsanto/Bayer’s Roundup/glyphosate and the importation of millions of tons of GMO corn as livestock feed. In addition, Mexico has signed the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement and the “4 for 1000” Soils for Climate and People agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to sequester excess atmospheric CO2 through regenerative farm and land-use practices. The federal government recently announced that agroecology is now the official national organizing principle for agriculture and food policies.

While we are pleased to see the Mexico government (led by President Lopez Obrador and the MORENA Party-the Movement for National Regeneration) make these announcements, and will work overtime for similar policy changes in the U.S. and internationally, the time has come to move from promises and rhetoric to action.

[Read more about El Grito, The Cry for Regeneration here](#)

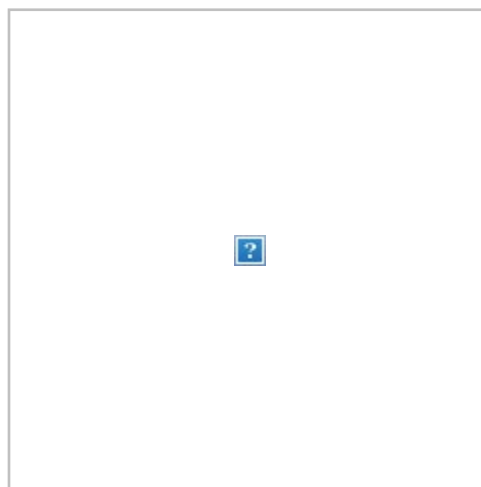
COVID ORIGINS

Why is Billionaire Charles Koch Funding the COVID Origins Cover-Up?

OCA’s Alexis Baden-Mayer reports:

“Just as [Event 201](#) eerily predicted COVID-19 and delivered the pandemic playbook to policy makers, the [COVID Commission Planning Group](#) intends to write the official story of COVID-19, shaping whatever investigations a Republican-controlled Congress may launch after the 2022 elections. From the origin of SARS-CoV-2 to the impacts of lockdowns, banned treatments and forced injections, the COVID Commission Planning Group will shape Congress’s “[#pandemic](#)

[#storytelling](#).” The Planning Group is staffed by the same team that organized Event 201: the [Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security](#).



This article is about the billionaires who are backing the COVID Commission Planning Group, specifically why Charles Koch is funding it.

If you'd like more information on the Planning Group and its director Philip Zelikow, I recommend Edward Curtin's "[Second Stage Terror Wars](#)," James Corbett and [James Evan Pilato's "Philip Zelikow, Former Exec. Dir. Of 9/11 Commission, To Chair Covid Commission](#)," Covert Action Magazine's "[Philip Zelikow's Role in Proposed Bipartisan COVID-19 Commission Raises Serious Doubts About its Credibility](#)," and Dr. Joseph Mercola's "[Coming COVID Commission Is a Gates-Led Cover-Up](#)."

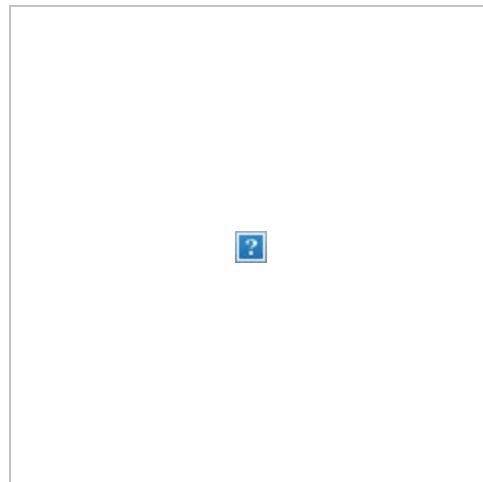
[Learn more: Why Is Charles Koch Funding the COVID Origins Cover-Up?](#)

[Read Alexis' recent article "Is the Bird Flu Being Weaponized?"](#)

REGENERATE USA

USA: A Cry for Regeneration

Unfortunately, both Democratic and Republican politicians in the U.S. appear to have lost touch with reality and the needs of everyday working class, middle class, low-income, and rural communities. America's political duopoly appears hell-bent on demonizing "the other party" for partisan gain meanwhile working full-time for their respective donors in the billionaire class, with their primary paymasters coming from corporate agribusiness, Big Pharma, Silicon Valley, Wall Street, the fossil fuels industry, and the military-industrial complex.



While most Democrats apparently believe in mandatory injections of experimental vaccines, vaccine passports, and dictatorial CDC/Fauci/Gates/Pentagon control over health and economic policies, Republicans have recently gained the support of many by talking about the Constitution, free speech, and people's right to choose whether to wear masks, shut down schools, lockdown businesses, and inject experimental drugs into their bodies.

Unfortunately, the most vocal Republican champions of "freedom" are simultaneously stepping up their efforts to eliminate women's rights to choose abortion, persecuted migrants' rights to asylum, and everyone's right to rein in criminal polluters so we can co-exist with a clean environment and a stable climate. Despite the obvious disaster of the Biden administration's response to COVID-19 (following very similar practices carried out during the Trump administration), there has been little or no self-criticism or admissions of error coming from the Democrats or their allies in Silicon Valley and the mass media. Republicans similarly have now conveniently forgotten that it was the Fauci-led Trump NIAID (National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases) and NIH

(National Institutes of Health) that resumed funding to the disastrous Wuhan lab in 2017 that led to COVID, and that the equally disastrous “Warp Speed” COVID vaccine program was championed, not just by Fauci, Gates, and the vaccine profiteers, but by Trump and other Republicans in Congress.

Meanwhile [recent polls](#) indicate that Democratic-leaning voters support government, Silicon Valley, and mass media surveillance and censorship (in far greater numbers than Republican-leaning voters); incorrectly believe that experimental vaccines are safe and effective (even for students, children, pregnant women, and infants who face little risk from COVID); and approve of the illegal, reckless, and unconstitutional activities of the CDC, NIH, FBI, and the CIA. Both parties, with few exceptions (Bernie Sanders and Rand Paul) are now calling for military escalation in the Ukraine, rather than negotiation, prolonging the misery and death of a war that was preventable and which is now unwinnable. The bi-partisan cry to “bleed the Russians into submission,” is actually a recipe for a nuclear holocaust.

Establishment Democrats and Republicans (with a few exceptions) behaved like indentured puppets and Orwellian authoritarians during the COVID-19 crisis, utterly failing to expose the true origins, nature, virulence, prevention, and treatment of the SARS-CoV-2 lab-engineered virus. Both parties went along with the Gates-Fauci-Big Pharma narrative that the underlying diet-and environmentally related comorbidities of COVID-19 victims (over 90% of all COVID deaths occurred in elderly, obese, or severely health-compromised people) are simply a “fact of life” that cannot be addressed, and continue to lump together “dying from COVID” with multiple comorbidities to “dying with COVID” based upon a non-diagnostic COVID PCR test.

Leaders of both parties, ignoring the science, have tried to tell us that only Trump/Biden “Warp Speed” experimental vaccines (ineffective and causing serious and deadly side effects for millions), rushed to market would be able to “save us.”

With Establishment Democrats and Republicans continuing to discredit themselves, Trumpers and Progressives alike, it’s time for a new grassroots rising. It’s time for a game-changing grassroots-powered politics based upon Regeneration, rather than “business as usual” and “politics as usual.”

OCA and our allies believe that a global awakening and [Grassroots Rising](#), based upon the principles and practices of regenerative food, farming, and land-use, has the awesome potential to inspire and provoke a multi-partisan, multinational, populist Movement—Democrat, Independent, and Republican; liberal, radical, conservative, and libertarian; rancher, farmer, and indigenous; urban and rural; consumer and farmer; North and South.

Once it reaches critical mass, a new united front will have the power to “make the polluters pay” and stimulate a massive transfer (divestment) of government and private capital away from degenerative practices (unhealthy, highly-processed food, factory farms, GMO seeds, chemical and energy-intensive agriculture, soil and environmental degradation, and rampant deforestation) to regenerative practices instead.

Instead of shredding the Constitution, destroying the Earth, undermining public health, and impoverishing rural communities with “business and politics as usual,” we must instead embark on a local-to-global transformation. We must identify regenerative best

practices for food, farming, land use and health, and free up the funds to scale these best practices up to critical mass.

A Regeneration Revolution will require us to revitalize and re-carbonize our soils and vegetation; [rehydrate our deserts and semi-arid lands](#); rejuvenate our forests; nurture soil fertility; stop erosion; recharge our ground water and aquifers; restore our wildlife and pollinizer habitats; and preserve and restore our marine eco-systems.

This Great Regeneration, alongside a renewable energy revolution, will re-stabilize the climate by reducing greenhouse gas pollution and drawing down excess CO2 (currently 419 ppm) from the atmosphere, returning this excess carbon to where it belongs, in our soils and landscapes, utilizing the miraculous power of human stewardship, animal husbandry, and natural photosynthesis.

This regeneration of our lands and environment, in turn, will help us restore our natural immune systems and revitalize public health (both physical and mental), bring together our fractured body politic, restore rural economic livelihoods, create jobs, and reduce the economic pressures that bring about forced migration.

For more information you can find [OCA's Regenerative Agriculture campaign here](#), or go to the Search Engine box on the upper right side of the [Organic Consumers homepage](#) and type in “Regeneration.”

ECONOMIC DEVASTATION

The Real “Long COVID”

Colin Todhunter writes:

“The ‘pandemic’ has already plunged a quarter of a billion people into poverty, and IMF (International Monetary Fund) ‘COVID loans’ are set to make it all much worse... here is a [terrifying prospect](#) that in excess of a quarter of a billion more people will fall into extreme levels of poverty in 2022 alone. Without immediate radical action, we could be witnessing the most profound collapse of humanity into extreme poverty and suffering in memory.



That is according to Oxfam International Executive Director Gabriela Bucher.

She adds this scenario is made more sickening given that trillions of dollars have been captured by a tiny group of powerful men who have no interest in interrupting this trajectory.

In its January 2021 report ‘[The Inequality Virus](#)’, Oxfam stated that the wealth of the world’s billionaires increased by \$3.9tn between 18 March and 31 December

2020. Their total wealth then stood at \$11.95tn, a 50 per cent increase in just 9.5 months.

Barely days into the shutdown of the global economy in April 2020, the Wall Street Journal ran the headline '[IMF, World Bank Face Deluge of Aid Requests From Developing World](#)'. Scores of countries were asking for bailouts and loans from financial institutions with \$1.2 trillion to lend.

Prior to that, in late March, [World Bank Group President David Malpass](#) said that poorer countries would be 'helped' to get back on their feet after the various COVID-related lockdowns. However, any assistance would be on condition that further neoliberal reforms became embedded."

[Learn more: Economic Devastation: The Real "Long COVID"](#)

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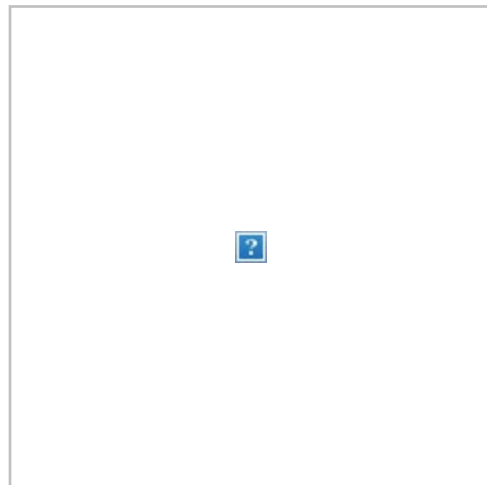
Ending the Climate Crisis in One Generation

Paul Hawken's new book, *Regeneration: Ending the Climate Crisis in One Generation*, offers up a broad vision and strategy for the global Regeneration Movement along the lines of what we and our fellow Regeneration International founder Vandana Shiva has always said: "Regenerative agriculture provides answers to the soil crisis, the food crisis, the climate crisis and the crisis of democracy."

As [Kirkus Reviews](#) describes Hawken's new book:

"Along with a host of researchers, scholars, and other contributors, Hawken assesses our 'dying planet'—a phrase that may have sounded inflated or over the top not long ago.

In order to mitigate the disastrous effects of climate change, we must figure out ways to contain carbon and reduce the surface temperature of a rapidly overheating globe. It also requires rethinking how we make our livings in an extractive economy governed by short-term thinking. 'Regeneration,' as Hawken conceives it, is a project that restores every corner of the world to health. The process involves replanting overlogged forests, cleaning up the oceans, bringing sustainable power to consumers, and inculcating a new attitude of respect for all forms of life on the planet, among other goals. Hawken and a phalanx of contributors—including novelists Richard Powers and Jonathan Safran Foer and ecologists Carl Safina and Isabella Tree—examine carefully pinpointed strategies. One is to develop marine preserves around the world that are 'absolute no-take



zones,' forbidding fishing in large swaths of what is essentially a 'lawless commons.' These marine preserves and other areas would be subject to 'marine reforestation,' building kelp forests that have been depleted by chemical pollution and shifting oceanic currents. Another is to build sustainable food chains..."

[Read more and order the book or e-book online](#)

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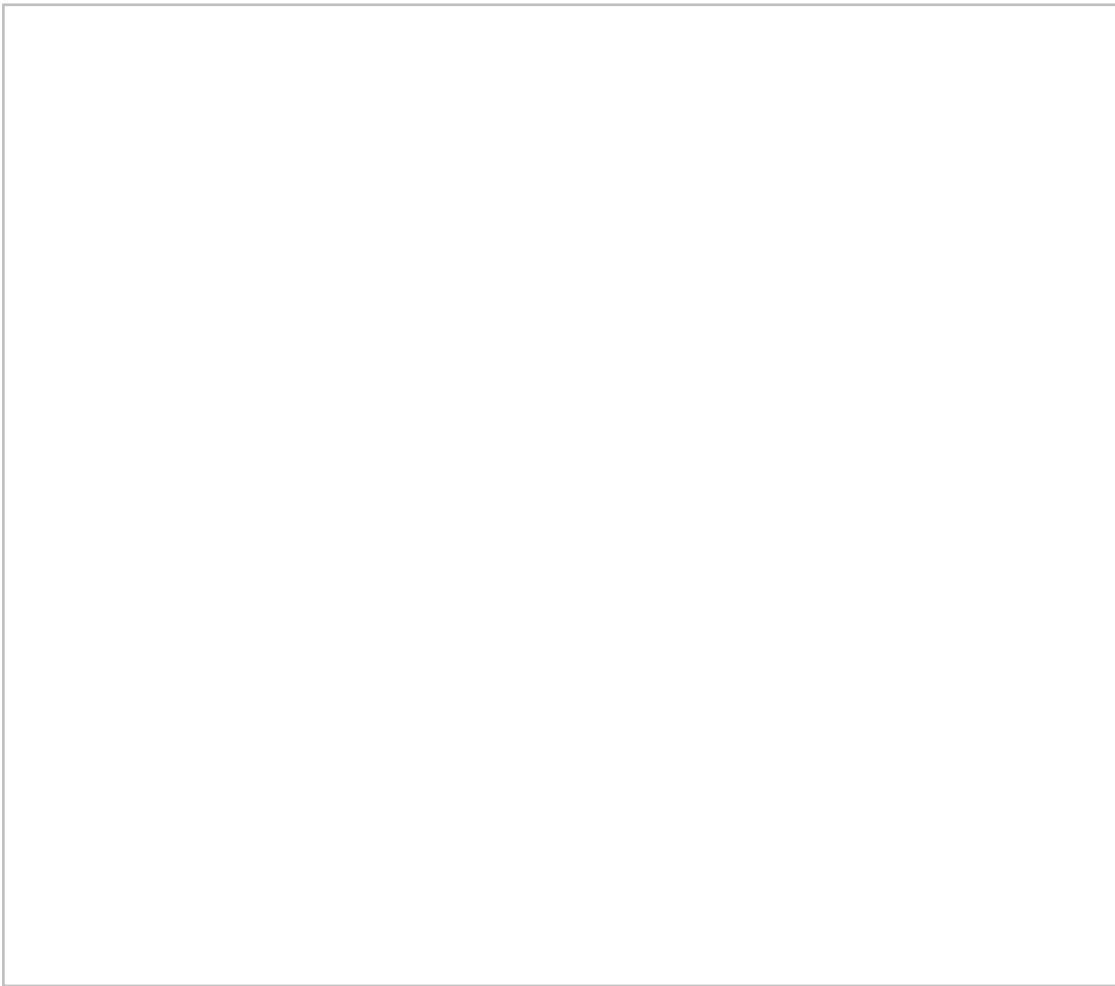
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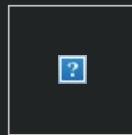
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Dear Palo Alto City Council,

Until very recently, I had lived in Palo Alto for 3 years. When I was a Palo Alto resident, I spoke at City hearings to express my support for Castilleja's project. As a three years resident, I would like to take a moment to share why I believe Castilleja's project is ready for approval.

As many know, Castilleja's plan has gone through several iterations, and the school has worked tirelessly with the community for years to develop a project that meets everyone's needs. The school has compromised over and over, but the neighbors haven't. This is not a fair process.

I want to emphasize a singular point that seems to have been a bit lost in the mix: the FEIR found that Castilleja's master plan to modernize their campus and increase enrollment will have no significant impacts on the neighborhood. This is an impressive feat, and a testament to the time and thought Castilleja has put into designing this project and their extensive transportation management plan.

I understand that many people have opinions about the project and want to have a say about what goes on in their community. But there's a reason why we use the FEIR to study new developments and their potential impacts--and we should trust the expert findings within the document. **I hope you will make your decision based on the findings of the FEIR:** Castilleja's project proposal poses no significant impacts to our community.

I hope you will make your decision grounded in the numerable FACTS of the project:

- 30% event reduction
- 69 cars in an underground garage is permissible by code
- The campus will be net zero and fossil fuel-free
- 100+ new trees will be planted

- CUPs are designed to help schools thrive in R-1 Zones
- Six rounds of revisions, six years, 55 neighbor meetings have given PLENTY of time for community input
- Enrollment can ONLY increase IF car trips are capped! It's not even guaranteed that the school will ever reach 540 students. That's why the new conditions are proposed.

Time to approve Castilleja's research-backed and evidence-based proposal on May 23.

Thank you,
Yanting Zhang

From: [JyothsnaChodagam4](#)
To: [Burt, Patrick](#); [Cormack, Alison](#); [DuBois, Tom](#); [Kanth, Gayathri](#); [Council, City](#); [Sarwari, Khalida](#)
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please add dvd drive in the monitor like Cupertino library

please add more computers since there are SEVERAL children in Palo alto who like gaming too.

Please order more childrens books and children 's dvd to mitchel park library

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Dear City Council,

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter in support of Castilleja's conditional use permit. It's time to clear up a common misconception: Castilleja's project will **not** bring any new car traffic to the surrounding neighborhood - even with an underground parking facility.

The project's Conditional Use Permit includes a robust transportation management plan, which includes the addition of electric shuttles, enhanced monitoring through traffic meters, and moving cars to an underground facility. The school will be subject to third-party monitoring, and **will not be permitted to add any new students unless they meet the strict car trip benchmarks laid out in the CUP**. The underground parking will not accommodate more cars coming to campus - it will simply remove them from neighborhood streets. Isn't that something neighbors have wanted all along?

Maintaining and reducing car trips to the neighborhood also means that the streets will continue to be safe for bicyclists. One of the school's TDM measures is encouraging students and employees alike to bike to school, and many do. Castilleja's project expands accessibility to biking and promotes the safety of cyclists.

Castilleja's Conditional Use Permit is an improvement for both the school, for neighbors, and for Palo Alto. For these reasons, it's time to approve their plan on May 23.

Thank you,
Sujata Kadambi

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Dear Council,

I am writing to express my support for Castilleja's renovation project. This project will improve the school and help make world-class education available to girls in Palo Alto. Nearly every school in the area has been renovated to reflect the changes in Palo Alto. How many of those schools went through the same level of scrutiny as Castilleja? Did they have to go through copious rounds of revision throughout a years-long process, all in the name of advancing the next generation? I don't think so. To me, that doesn't sound like fair treatment.

I support Castilleja's project because it is a solid proposal. Years of discussion, expert advice, independent analysis, and compromise have culminated in a project that is **ready for your approval**. The plan checks all the boxes. It removes cars off the street. It increases the existing canopy of trees. It will maintain current car trips and cause no new trips. Yes, it will require construction, but how else do we build for the future? Tons of homes in Palo Alto are undergoing reconstruction. Clearly, construction is not the issue holding up approval of Castilleja's project.

Building for the future requires compromise. Castilleja has delivered on compromise over and over again. Numerous elements of the school's plan are intentionally designed to meet neighbors' expressed needs while also allowing the school to operate as an well-respected institution to educate girls. Castilleja has compromised. They have listened to more than six years of neighbor's commentary since the project first appeared on the City agenda. And at each juncture, the School has returned with plans that directly address neighborhood voices. But it never seems to be enough for a small group of vocal neighbors. Their strategy has been to pick apart every single element of the proposal rather than agree to a rational compromise.

Two months ago in March, the ARB voted in support of an underground garage option that would allow 69 cars. I understand you debated that the garage should hold 50% of allotted cars (52 cars), but 69 cars is only 17 more than 52. That's 17 more cars off the street. In the long run, it's such a small number that it just makes better sense to park the cars underground so the streets are safer for cyclists. With a capacity of 69 cars, the school fulfills the number of spots required by city code AND maintains the goal of getting more cars off our streets. Adding 17 cars creates no additional traffic AND it does not affect any trees. Please support the maximum capacity. I hope you concur that this is a good

compromise. The ARB does.

The plan you have before you addresses comments from key stakeholders: neighbors, City Council, the PTC, the ARB, citizens from throughout Palo Alto, and the Castilleja community. Please take into account comments from neighbors like me, who support Castilleja's project. There are many neighbors who are ready for the school to modernize and support more girls in their educational journey.

Thank you,
Ben Rubin, Emerson Street

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Dear city council members,

I live off Embarcadero Road, and I support Castilleja.

Yes, I encounter traffic on Embarcadero road.

No, I will not falsely argue that the traffic is caused by Castilleja.

In fact, I know—just as you should from reading the exhaustive traffic reports in the EIR—that Castillej is reducing traffic in Palo Alto, not adding it.

Even if you haven't read the reports, though, the No New Trips cap moving forward offers yet another level of assurance. The school cannot permit more cars if it hopes to enroll more girls. Since Castilleja has spent the last six years tirelessly working to gain permission to enroll more girls, we can all realize the depth of their commitment to not allowing more daily trips.

I am grateful that you asked the PTC to find a path to 540 students. The request proves that you understand that the school should be permitted to grow as long as trips remain level.

Finally, I think the guidance that the PTC offered about events was completely unreasonable and was meant to drive the school into the ground. With the news that the garage was permissible and the realization that a path to 540 could be trusted with traffic caps, this limit on events seems like an obvious Hail Mary attempt to stifle the school's future. The notion that the previous CUP meant "three" events with the word "several," and posited by commissioner Suma just proves that the conversation was not based in any reality. Name a school in Palo Alto that offers three events per year. Most of them exceed that count in one week.

The new CUP with 70 events, already is a drastic cut for the school. Any less if not a reasonable limit or fair treatment under the law.

Thank you for taking my opinions into consideration. Approve this proposal,

Priyanki Gupta



Save Soil is a global movement launched by Sadhguru to save soil from extinction, and bring the necessary policies to address the catastrophic issue facing humanity.

This movement has garnered support from global leaders including Marc Benioff, Jane Goodall, His Holiness the Dalai Lama and institutions such as the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, the World Economic Forum and many more.



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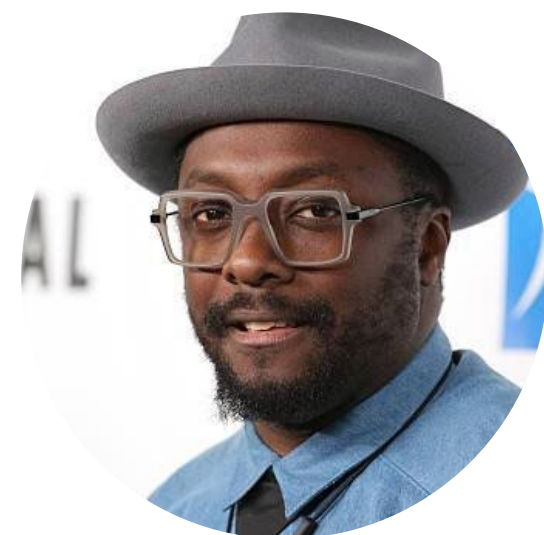
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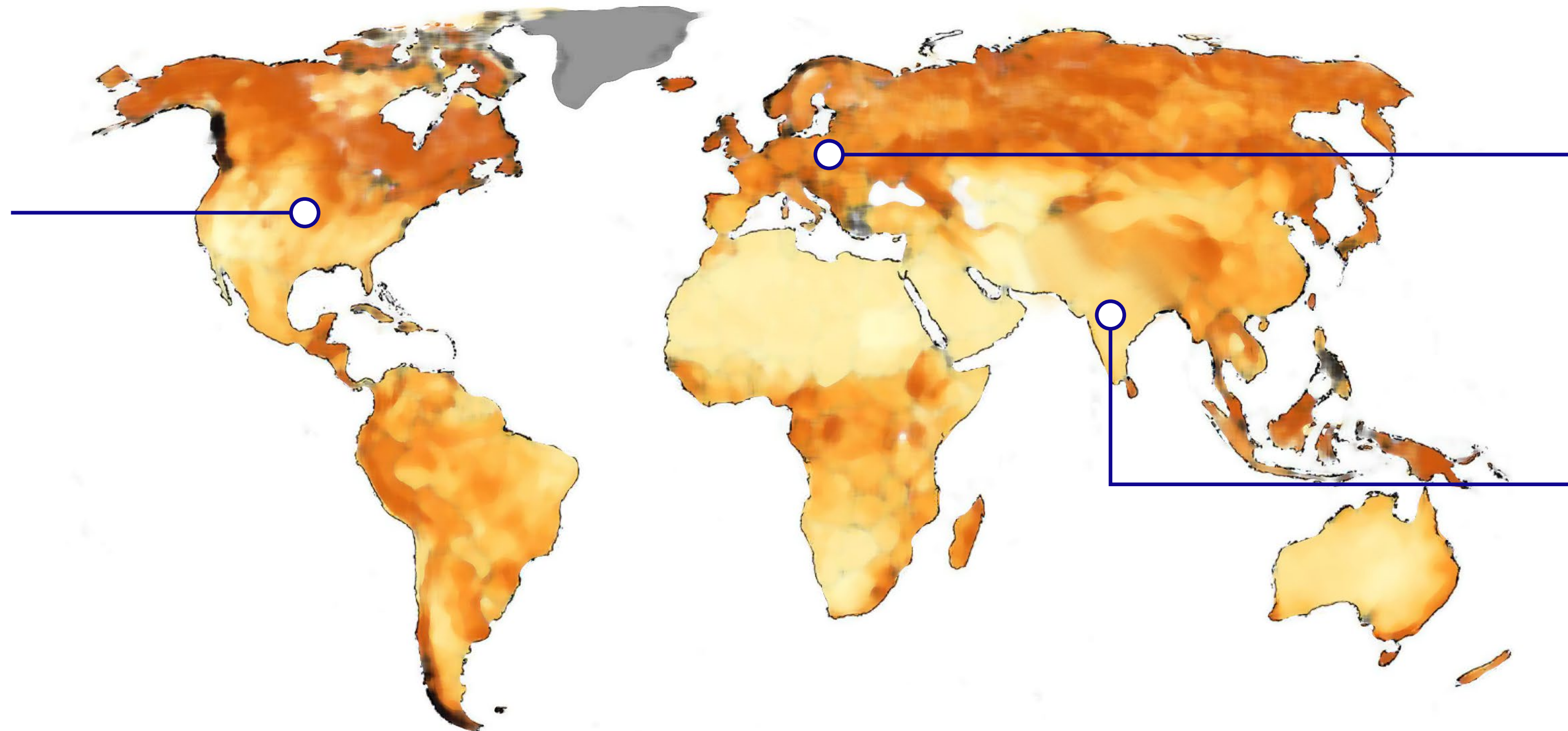


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SOIL DEGRADATION - A GLOBAL ISSUE

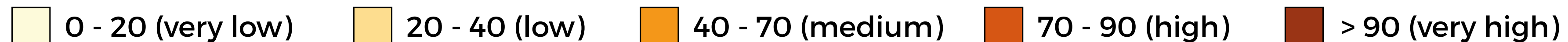
The United States has lost **50%** of its topsoil

52% of the world's agricultural soil has already degraded



In European agricultural nations, **75-85%** of soil has less than **2%** organic content

62% of India's soil has less than **0.5%** organic content



Map S.5 GLOBAL SOIL ORGANIC CARBON, 2019 (tonnes/ha)

Note: The three largest SOC stocks are found in boreal moist regions (130.5 Pg of carbon) followed by cool temperate moist regions (98.8 Pg of carbon) and tropical moist regions (80.4 Pg of carbon).
Source: FAO, 2019, modified to comply with UN, 2021.

Issue: Loss of organic content in soil turns it into sand

Solution: Increase organic content in soil to a minimum of 3-6%

Ways to increase the organic content in soil:

- ▶ Bring agricultural land under vegetation and shade
- ▶ Enrich the soil through plant litter and animal waste



LIVING SOIL

- ▶ Soil is by far the most biologically diverse part of Earth
- ▶ A teaspoon of soil can contain more organisms than there are humans living on Earth
- ▶ The organisms interact with one another and with plants and small animals forming a web of biological activity which plays a key role in nutrient cycling

WE SHOULD ACT NOW!

HERE ARE A FEW 2050 PROJECTIONS:




**Crop yields could fall 50%
in certain regions due to
climate change and soil
extinction**

- UNFAO



**50% of agricultural land
in Latin America and
the Caribbean could
become desert**

- UNFAO



**Food and water scarcity
could force over 1 billion
people to leave their
homes and migrate**

- UN

Save Soil aims to: **Increase organic content in soil to a minimum of 3-6%**



To effect this change we need to:
Advocate for policies across all nations towards soil restoration

Raise awareness of this imminent crisis among 3.5 billion people to garner their support for these policies



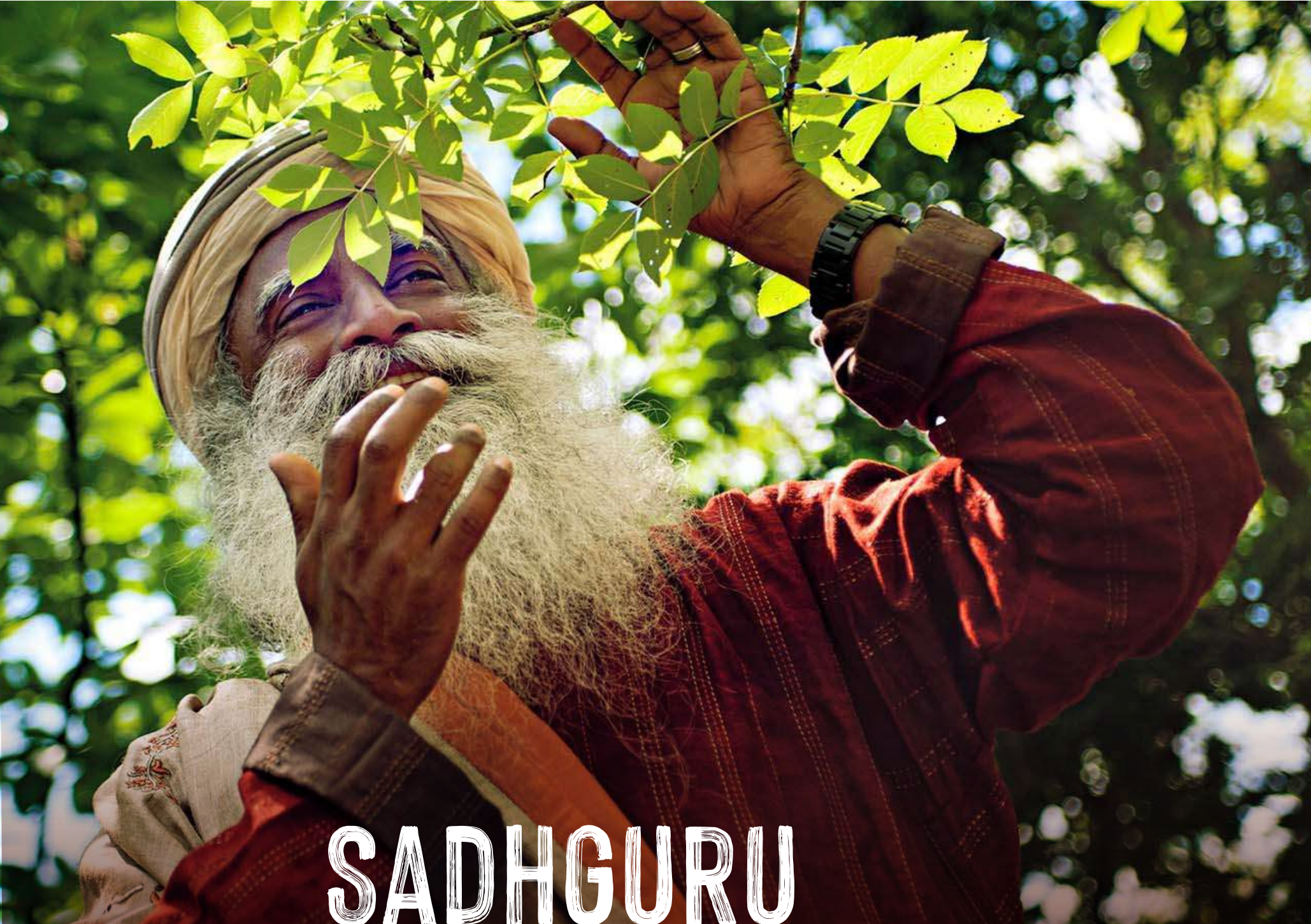
Towards this, on March 21st Sadhguru will start an arduous 30,000 KM journey as a lone motorcyclist traversing 26 nations, from London to Southern India, meeting with global leaders, influencers, citizens and their elected representatives to raise awareness of the issue of Soil Health and activate people's support for the Save Soil movement.



100 Days
26 Nations
30,000 KM

1 Lone Motorcyclist





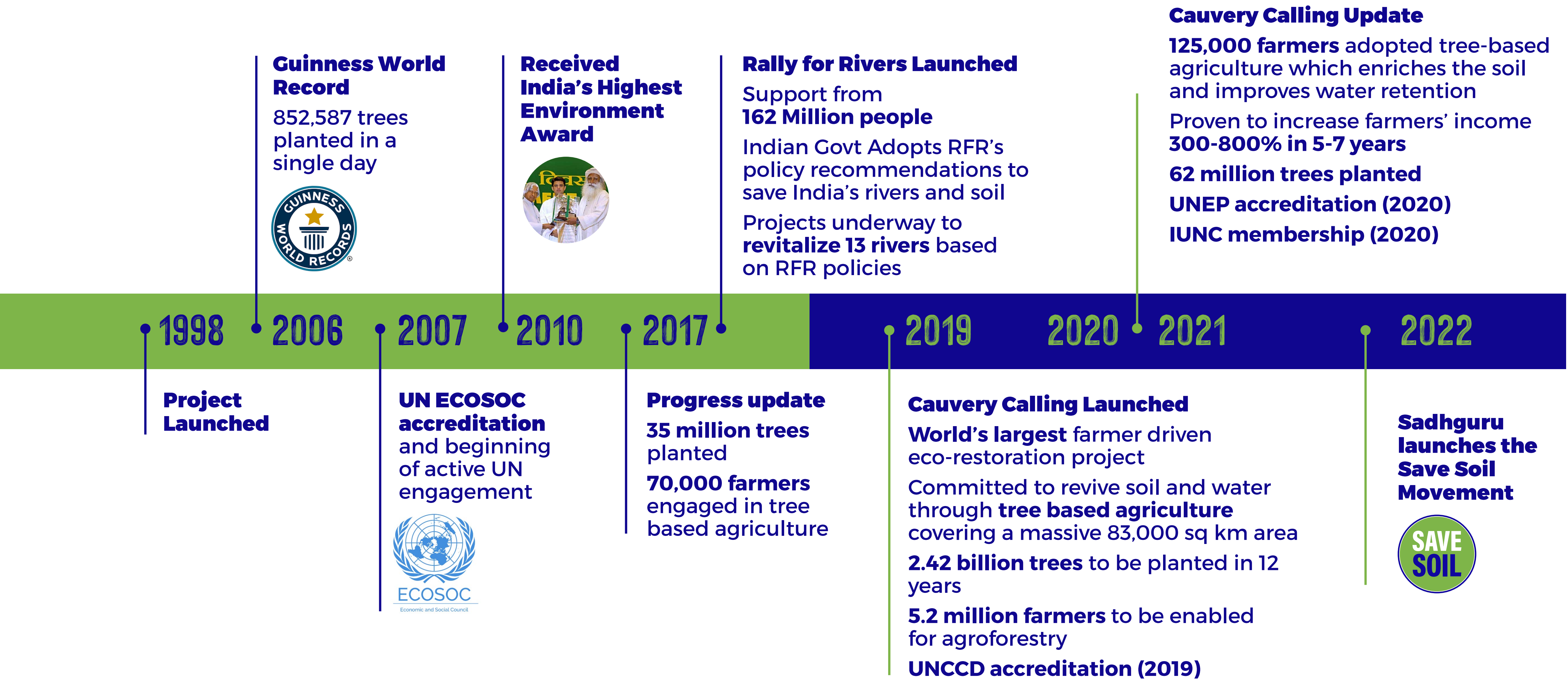
Sadhguru is a yogi and visionary, known over the last 4 decades for his colossal initiatives to foster human wellbeing and global harmony. He has implemented large-scale projects for environmental restoration through mass tree planting and river revitalization.



He established Isha Foundation, an international, not-for-profit organization. His transformational yoga and meditation programs have touched the lives of millions and his YouTube channel received over 2.5 billion views in 2021. He is a New York Times bestselling author and a speaker at institutions such as the United Nations, World Economic Forum, Google, London Business School, Harvard and more.



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Save Soil Addresses

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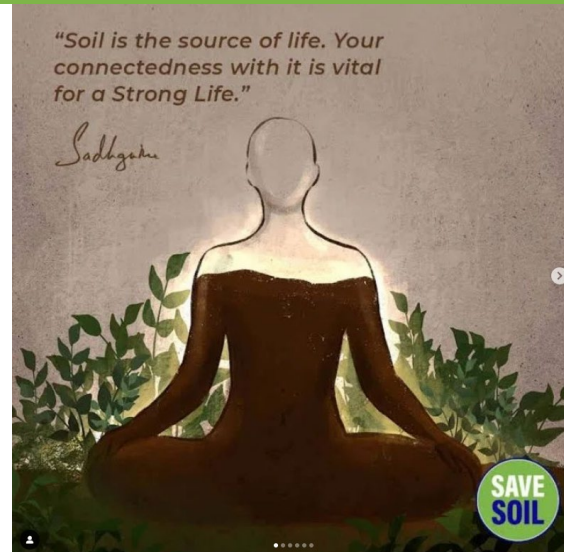
of the 17 total
United Nations
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Development Goals



SUPPORT THE MOVEMENT

SAVE SOIL

SaveSoil.org



Earth Buddy

For a 100 days during the journey - daily share about soil degradation



Video

Record a video about soil degradation and share on your social media



Post

Share about soil degradation on your social media

Increasing soil carbon
by 0.4% a year can
increase water stored
in soil by

**37 TRILLION
LITERS.**

(IUCN, 2020)



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Organic matter can hold up to


**90% of its
weight in water**

and release it slowly over time.
This is a big help in
drought-prone areas.

(Politico, 2017)



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**IF ORGANIC MATTER IN
THE SOIL IS INCREASED
FROM 1% TO 3%,
EROSION CAN BE REDUCED
BY 20-33%**

**because soil structure
will be more stable and
water run-off reduces.**

(Noble Research Institute, 2001)



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Soil diversity plays a big role in purifying water that seeps into soil. Contaminants are absorbed by soil particles, making the water both clean and safe. The more biodiversity in soil, the better the purification.

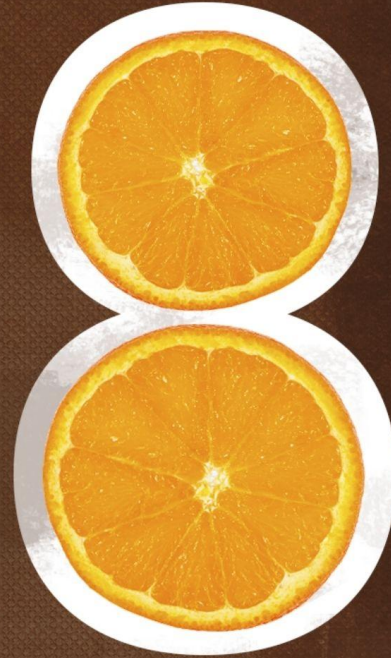
(European Union, 2010)



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A study on nutrients in food concluded that we would have to eat 8 oranges to get the same amount of Vitamin A as our grandparents did with one orange, because soil depletion has caused massive drops in nutrient levels in food.

(Scientific American, 2011)



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Studies say that 35% of the Corn Belt region in the US, which produces ~75% of US corn, **HAS LOST ITS TOPSOIL COMPLETELY.**

(Smithsonian Magazine, 2021)



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The average mineral content of
**calcium, magnesium,
and iron in cabbage, lettuce,
tomatoes, and spinach has
dropped 80-90% between 1914
and 2018 in the US.**

(Nutrients, 2018)



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45% of Americans are magnesium deficient,
a condition linked to hypertension, diabetes
and neurological disorders.

**Magnesium deficiency results
from various factors, including
nutrient depletion in vegetables
due to soil depletion.**

(Nutrients, 2018)



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**Increasing soil organic
carbon by 0.4%** would
increase production of
major food crops by
around 20-40%

(IUCN, 2020)



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If the world's soils are not revitalized,
they could release **850 billion tonnes**
of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere
due to **global warming**.

**THIS IS MORE THAN HUMANITY'S EMISSIONS
IN THE LAST 30 YEARS COMBINED.**

(ScienceDaily, 2020)



Increasing soil organic carbon can dramatically increase the total amount of nitrogen in the soil.

NITROGEN IS A CRITICAL NUTRIENT FOR PLANT GROWTH.

(Journal of Environmental Management, 2021)



By 2050, 90% of
Earth's soils could
be degraded,

UNLESS WE ACT NOW.

(UNCCD, 2020)



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From: [Mamata Godthi](#)
To: [Burt, Patrick](#)
Cc: [Council, City](#)
Subject: Re: Seeking your support for SAVE SOIL – a global initiative
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Date: May 11, 2022

To: Mayor Patrick Burt
City of Palo Alto
California, USA

Subject: Follow up to my earlier Email - with additional **Soil Facts** and a recent tweet from **our Senator Dave Cortese**

Dear Honorable Mayor Burt,

We have been residents of Santa Clara County for the past 20-plus years and feel privileged to be a part of Bay Area's thriving culture, the beautiful parks and the many open spaces for recreation. I applaud Palo Alto's commitment to **reduce our greenhouse gas emissions 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2030**. It is certainly an important step towards building a resilient future. Towards the climate action plan, we would also like to see policies taken in the direction of soil revitalization and keeping the soil health intact.

Soil is the most complex ecosystem that exists on the planet and allows all living beings to nourish and thrive. It is deeply concerning that soil degradation globally and locally is approaching levels that could threaten food production, climate stability and human life on this planet in a few short decades. This will lead to poverty, social inequity, migration, and food insecurity to name a few threats. **If we fix soil, we have the best chance of fixing the whole**. It is the very basis of life but does not receive the attention it needs. Therefore, I kindly request you to be a **Voice for the Soil** and amplify the message to prioritize soil health.

Below are a few ways to show support:

1. Share the attached **SaveSoil presentation** with the network of stakeholders. This can include sending emails/newsletters, talking to leaders and at internal meetings/events.

2. Posting on Social media to raise awareness about Soil Degradation. Here is a recent post from our **Senator Dave Cortese tweeting “No Soil No Food”** and people do look up to their leaders for direction.

Twitter: <https://mobile.twitter.com/SenDaveCortese/status/1512108201805684737>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CcDpSlspjxl/>

Facebook : <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=397850065678708&set=a.269891385141244>

Lastly, I would like to share a few soil facts to highlight the urgency of this serious yet silent crisis unfolding under our feet. Did you know?

We would have to eat 8 oranges to get the same amount of Vitamin A as our grandparents did with one orange, because soil depletion has caused massive drops in nutrient levels in food. ([Scientific American](#)), source: savesoil.org

A University of Texas study on nutrients in fruits and vegetables in the USA found declines in the amount of protein, calcium, phosphorus, iron, riboflavin (vitamin B2) and vitamin C over the past half century due to soil depletion. ([Scientific American](#)) source: savesoil.org

I hope you will be among the leaders in our generation to raise awareness about soil health. Thanks for your attention to this urgent matter. Look forward to hearing from you. Please acknowledge this Email.

With Warm Regards,
Mamata G

(San Jose, CA)

On Monday, May 2, 2022, 04:27:02 PM PDT, Mamata Godthi <mgodthi@yahoo.com> wrote:

Date: May 2nd, 2022

Re: Seeking your support for *SAVE SOIL* – a global initiative

Dear Mayor Burt and Council Members,

I’m a resident of Santa Clara County, volunteering for Conscious Planet- **Save Soil initiative**, a nonprofit, aimed to bring the issue of soil extinction to the forefront. Over the last 3 months, I have researched, and learned so much about our soil and it has broadened my perspective on nutrition, biodiversity, and climate change. Soil and our health are intricately connected.

While we raise awareness about air quality, global warming and glaciers melting, we seldom recognize the importance of soil health . Soil degradation is a silent crisis with people largely unaware of the disaster unfolding beneath their feet. Consequences will be disastrous if we do not act promptly.

It is for this reason that Sadhguru - A global leader and visionary with a proven track record for over 30 years of operating multiple [large scale environmental initiatives](#), launched SaveSoil movement in partnership with the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), with the goal of actively engaging at least 3.5 billion people globally and spread awareness about desertification and the importance of soil health.

This initiative seeks to encourage the global community and world leaders to support their leaders in instituting policies and actions to ensure a ***minimum of 3% organic content in soils globally as a measure to address soil health.***

Several international organizations and world leaders like **Dr.Jane Goodall, His Holiness The Dalai Lama & Marc Benioff** have committed support for this SaveSoil initiative. Leaders worldwide and several nations are implementing policies to support and maintain healthy soil. Save Soil aims to build momentum ahead of **UNCCD's COP15** in Côte d'Ivoire in May 2022, appealing to the leaders convened to act decisively in addressing this crisis.

Requesting your support for this important initiative. Please let me know if you are interested in learning more about the SaveSoil initiative. Would be happy to set up a call to share

Thanks for your time,
-SaveSoil Volunteer



Learn More: [SaveSoil.org](https://www.savesoil.org)

Supporters: <https://www.consciousplanet.org/our-supporters/>

Short Video Explaining the issue: [What's the Biggest Threat to Our Lives? | Sadhguru](#)

From: [Ashmeet Sidana](#)
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Dear City Council -

Please approve Castilleja's project on May 23rd.

We are long term RESIDENTs of Palo Alto who support the school and its years of compromise and efforts to regain trust in the neighborhood.

We have looked at the facts. It is our understanding that the EIR and Conditions of Approval support Castilleja's proposal to modernize the campus, gradually increase enrollment, and reduce traffic in the neighborhood:

- The final EIR confirmed Castilleja project had no negative impacts which could not be mitigated.
- The school can have no new car trips; if they do, they will not be allowed to increase enrollment.
- The garage will bring no new car trips; it simply makes the neighborhood more beautiful by moving cars below ground and preserving greenspace.
- The garage will improve traffic patterns in the neighborhood. Drop off and pick up will be distributed around campus, and the garage will create a distribution such that traffic will improve for everyone.

We believe the facts speak for themselves. However, sometimes, facts can get lost in deliberations, debates, and less informed public opinions. We appreciate that the ARB stuck to the facts during its deliberations and approval earlier this year.

Please follow that example, approve Castilleja's project, and let's keep Palo Alto on the cutting edge of education!

Sincerely,
Yuko Watanabe and Ashmeet Sidana
2130 Byron Street

From: [Megan Hutchin](#)
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I am writing in support of Castilleja AND as a **neighbor** on Churchill.

Schools should always be part of residential neighborhoods. They sustain the children who live in the homes there and are the promise for the future. **Schools should not be driven out of residential zones.** They should be encouraged to thrive.

Every other school in Palo Alto has grown and modernized their campus in recent years. Why shouldn't this very small all-girls school have the same opportunity?

Castilleja has improved this project again and again, and now you have excellent options before you that allow a school to thrive **quietly and sustainably** within a residential zone.

Cutting events to 50 per year **DOES NOT** allow a school to thrive. Those events that would be cut are critical to children's wellbeing. Arts teach children about self-expression and creativity. Sports teach kids about teamwork, compromise, and mental strength. Other activities promote connectivity, bonding, and social interaction. **ALL** of these are absolutely crucial to a child's development into a well-adjusted, happy adult. Why would we even think of taking these things away? I don't get it.

I live down the street from Paly, and I hear the sounds of kids cheering on their football team. Sure, it's sometimes noisy, but I love being part of a vibrant community where life is happening all around me. I'm so grateful to know that children are enjoying their teenage years, especially after learning about the massive detrimental effects the pandemic has had on the mental health of the youth.

Palo Alto has always been concerned about its children's mental health, so again, **WHY** are we even talking about reducing events to a level that would significantly and negatively impact students?

There are reasonable limits to the number of events, but what is being proposed definitely is not one of them. The school can reasonably operate with 70, but even that feels too low. Their original proposal was to cut events by 30% from current numbers. That I believe IS reasonable.

Castilleja's mission to educate girls for leadership is critical in supporting the broader societal movement to place more women in positions of leadership. With a budget of \$3.5 million in Tuition Assistance to grant access to any deserving student, despite her family's financial circumstances, Castilleja is actively working to rectify age-old disparities in access to education. Particularly important to me, Castilleja has a year-round program to support

first-generation college students as they prepare to take steps no one in their families has ever taken before. Supporting this should be a core value for our city, Palo Alto is a bellwether city, a community known for cutting a brave path into a better future. Castilleja is part of that effort working to amplify young women's voices.

Sincerely,
Megan Hutchin

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The rise of the organization Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI) from a volunteer group to the largest human service agency for AAPI and other immigrant and refugee groups to a current service revenue of \$25 million annually in Santa Clara County is described. A second organization, Asian Pacific American Advocates of California (APAAC), a California pan-AAPI coalition supported by 450 independent Asian heritage groups in the state, and a partner of AACI, addressed legislations at all levels of government, and anti-Asian bigotry and violence. The coalition illustrates the power and effectiveness of a collective of community organizations united to address common causes.

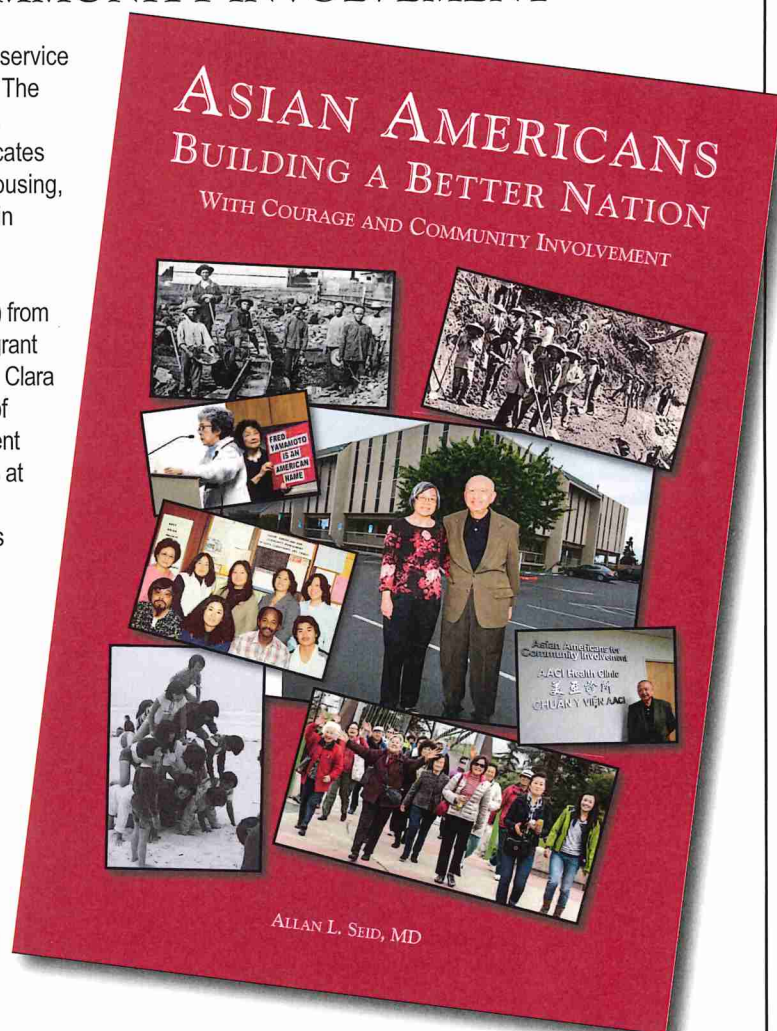
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Allan Seid is a retired psychiatrist and life-long activist for social justice who has been described as the “Asian Martin Luther King.” Born in San Francisco as a fourth-generation American, he comes from a family known for its civic engagement. Since his great-grandfather arrived in San Francisco from southern China during the years of the gold rush and the Civil War, each subsequent generation has continued to work to improve lives in their community.

Allan’s own commitment to serve his community expressed itself from his early years. During his psychiatry residency at Stanford Medical School, he recognized that the individualistic orientation of western psychiatry was inappropriate for many Asian people, whose identity was based more on the family and community. To refine his skills to treat Asian Pacific people, he worked with Stanford faculty to develop a special Master’s program in cross-cultural psychopathology.

Nearly fifty years ago their passion to improve the lives of Asian Pacific Islander peoples lead Allan and his wife, Mary Chan Seid, to cofound Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI), one of the first pan-Asian advocacy groups in the United States. Under Allan’s leadership, AACI was instrumental in responding to the critical needs of refugees from Southeast Asia resettled in the San Jose area following the Vietnam War. Among AACI’s many accomplishments were the establishment of the first Asian Women’s Shelter in Santa Clara County and a successful campaign to reform the representation of Asians and women in California school textbooks. Today AACI remains a vibrant source of services, advocacy, and support for the Asian American Pacific Island community.

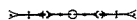
Originally dedicated to service in the Bay Area, AACI led the way to the establishment of Asian Pacific American Advocates of California (APAAC), the first-ever statewide, pan-Asian coalition, which Allan co-founded and chaired. APAAC has since become a national organization.

Allan’s other accomplishments are many. He was the first

Asian American appointed to the California State Board of Education and the California State Board of Mental Health, and he has served on multiple Santa Clara County commissions and boards. He founded the County Human Relations Commission, the County Drug Abuse Coordinating Commission, and the County Commission on the Status of Women. His leadership has been honored by numerous bodies as varied as the US House of Representatives, the US Department of Education, the National Institute Against Prejudice and Violence, nine state-level human service associations, and more than a dozen Santa Clara County government and non-profit organizations, including the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce's Citizen Volunteer of the Year Award and Avenidas' Lifetime Achievement Award.

Despite all these accomplishments, Allan considers the development of his and Mary's three children and nine grandchildren as among his proudest achievements. He continues to be an inspiring teacher and mentor for many who have learned from him what it means to be an Asian Pacific American.

Nancy Flowers



On AACI's Tenth Anniversary, the following poem penned in tribute to Allan by board chair Alice Kawazoe on behalf of the membership expressed best the respect, affection and appreciation of the supporters.

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To: Council, City
Subject: Fwd: public utilities easements question - 4228,4224, 4216,4214 Manuela
Date: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 10:31:40 AM
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Honorable Mayor and Council Members,

I am forwarding you the conversation series on my requested objection to you issuing a permit to my neighbor at 4224 Manuela Ave for a garage conversion, as its sewer line goes through my property. We just bought our property at 4228 Manuela Ave and discovered this encroachment. We are pursuing all legal means to rid of this encroachment, but your granting a permit for garage conversion further complicates the matter, as now essentially two dwellings sewer will go through our property. I want to register a formal protest and complain that by allowing this additional living unit sewer to go through my property, you are encouraging a rogue behavior that happened during the previous owner's possession of the property. City seems to want to wash their hands by saying that it is a private matter, but is it? City should not encourage encroachment behaviors at all. All permits should demand that any structure and utility lines do not cross outside of one's own property and should demand a certification from the owner to that effect, and make such notifications available to the neighbors to make objections.

I would strongly urge you to adopt this policy. I would appreciate it if I could personally come and present to you in the council meeting to help affect that change. I would be willing to obtain necessary signatures from neighborhoods to convince you to make such a policy.

best regards

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From: **Reich, Russ** <Russ.Reich@cityofpaloalto.org>
Date: Wed, May 11, 2022 at 10:12 AM
Subject: RE: public utilities easements question - 4228,4224, 4216,4214 Manuela
To: Ravinder Sethi <ravis.sethi@gmail.com>
Cc: Hoyt, George <George.Hoyt@cityofpaloalto.org>

Hello Ravinder,

Please see the email links below to contact the mayor and the City Council as you requested. Please note this information is also located on our website. I have also provided the link to the City's website for you below. In addition, I have also included for you the email contact for the Planning Director.

Please feel free to reach out to them. When you do, it may be helpful for you to cite any codes, laws, or policies that you believe the neighbor may be in violation of, as I am not currently aware of any inappropriate actions or rogue behavior related to your neighbor's permit request. If you are aware of any codes, laws, or policies that the neighbor has violated, such that we may be able to take action, please let me know.

City Council & Mayor

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<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/Home>

Department Head

Jonathan Lait
Planning Director
pdsdirector@cityofpaloalto.org

Best,



Russ Reich

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Service Feedback

From: Ravinder Sethi <ravis.sethi@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 8:48 AM
To: Reich, Russ <Russ.Reich@CityofPaloAlto.org>
Cc: Hoyt, George <George.Hoyt@CityofPaloAlto.org>
Subject: Re: public utilities easements question - 4228,4224, 4216,4214 Manuela

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Hi Russ,

Thanks for your reply. I respectfully disagree with your assertions. Can I please get emails for the mayor and the councilman responsible? It is unconscionable that the city seems to be encouraging rogue behavior that neighbors are perpetrating.

best

On Mon, May 9, 2022 at 5:03 PM Reich, Russ <Russ.Reich@cityofpaloalto.org> wrote:

Hello Ravinder,

I don't administer what sewer lines are where and who owns what and there is no City process to register an objection to this. This is not a discretionary permit affording the opportunity for any kind of objection. If an adjacent property owner has illegally located a sewer line under your property you would need to handle this matter privately between you and that other property owner. The City will not intervene. As far as the permit goes, if the adjacent neighbor has an existing sewer line that provides a viable code compliant connection for his dwelling unit, then we have no cause to hinder his permit. If the existing sewer line is not legal, then you would need to document this, but we have no cause to question it. What I gather from the emails is that the plans propose to use the existing sewer line rather than to place a new one on/under your property. If there is no issue with the existing line, and they are doing no work on your property, then we have no cause to intervene.



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Service Feedback

From: Ravinder Sethi <ravis.sethi@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 4:43 PM
To: Reich, Russ <Russ.Reich@CityofPaloAlto.org>
Subject: Fwd: public utilities easements question - 4228,4224, 4216,4214 Manuela

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Hi Russ,

I understand that my neighbor in 4224 Manuela is asking for a garage conversion into ADU, and will be connecting to the sewer lines that run through my property. I would like to register a protest/objection to it, as I would like Mr Habib to relocate all of his sewer lines through his own property underneath his driveway. Please let me know how I can register this objection formally

thanks

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From: **Ravinder Sethi** <ravis.sethi@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, May 9, 2022 at 3:28 PM

Subject: Re: public utilities easements question - 4228,4224, 4216,4214 Manuela

To: Mokhtar, Ahmad <Ahmad.Mokhtar@cityofpalalto.org>

Hi Ahmad

Yes, the marked sewer connection is outside of our property line, however, their sewer line travels through our property line to connect to what you are showing. Please see attached images. I want 4224 Manuela owner, Mr Habib to relocate the sewer lines going through my property to where they travel underneath his own driveway area. Therefore, I would like to register a formal objection to his garage conversion permit which proposes to connect to the sewer line that goes through my property. Please let me know how to do that formally.

Also, please notice the copy of the survey record that I have questions on. The PUE is exclusively shown in the driveway on the right in your picture and on the survey record (this driveway belongs to 4216 Manuela house, flaglot, APN 175-01-068). What I need to know quickly is if these easements are for water line, electrical line, sewer line and are meant for both 4224 Manuela and 4216 manuela houses? In other words, is that the space where Mr Habib of 4224 manuela ave house were supposed to locate their utility lines? Please let me know clearly. Thanks

best

On Mon, May 9, 2022 at 2:55 PM Mokhtar, Ahmad <Ahmad.Mokhtar@cityofpalalto.org> wrote:

Hello Ravi,

I looked into this and 4224 has their sewer line in the driveway as indicated by the "sewer cleanout" in the image below. They have a permit (under review) to convert their garage to a living unit which will connect to the same sewer line. Those plans show no encroachments into your property.

Regarding the easements – I can't say reliably what they are for since I don't have the documents that describe them in detail. In this context, it is possible that the PUE has a City water meter, or electrical box, communication facilities, etc.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Regards



From: pwecips <pwecips@CityofPaloAlto.org>
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 1:43 PM
To: Kumar, Ajay <Ajay.Kumar@CityofPaloAlto.org>; Chun, Pamela <Pamela.Chun@CityofPaloAlto.org>; Thurman, Christina <Christina.Thurman@CityofPaloAlto.org>; Mokhtar, Ahmad <Ahmad.Mokhtar@CityofPaloAlto.org>
Cc: pwecips <pwecips@CityofPaloAlto.org>
Subject: Fw: public utilities easements question - 4228,4224, 4216,4214 Manuela

Hello,

This email is from Mr. Ravi who also left the voicemail earlier that I forwarded. Please review.

Thank you,

Anu

From: Ravinder Sethi <ravis.sethi@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 1:40 PM
To: pwecips <pwecips@CityofPaloAlto.org>
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HI,

We are the recent owners of 4228 Manuela Ave., and after survey we discovered that 4224 Manuela owner has encroached on our property to put sewer lines and extend his driveway. We went to the city office at Hamilton to see if he had taken any permits for the sewer line. Did not find any. We looked at the record of the survey (7th dec 2004) that you have at the city under "oakhill tract no 2" record, and found something interesting. We have the following questions:

1. Record of Survey shows Public utility easement on the driveway area for 4216 Manuela, Lot 14, APN 175-01-068. It mentions PUE OR DOC/s: 16898398, 17876160, 3681010. What are these easements for specifically? water, electrical and sewer? and is this easement to supply public utilities for both 4216 Manuela (APN 175-01-068). and 4224 Manuela (175-01-081), the wtwo flag lots?

2. Do you have any maps, plans, or permits etc that shows where the sewer lines are for 4224 Manuela house (APN 1715-01-081)

I would appreciate your help

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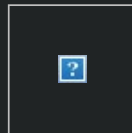
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Cc: [Council, City](#); [Mora Oommen](#); ashley@youthcommunityservice.org; leif@youthcommunityservice.org
Subject: Letter of Support to Reinstate Youth Community Service Funding - Youth Connect Initiative
Date: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 8:00:01 AM
Attachments: [PSN Letter of Support - YCS YCI COPA 2022-23 Budget.pdf](#)

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Sincerely,
Mary C. B. Gloner

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**Mary Cheryl B. Gloner, MPH, MBA - *She/Her/Siya***

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May 11, 2022

Council Finance Committee
City of Palo Alto
250 Hamilton Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94301

RE: Community Services 2022-23 Budget – Youth Community Service

Dear Vice Mayor Kou, Chairperson DuBois, and Councilmember Filseth,

I write this letter to urge the City of Palo Alto's continued investment in Youth Community Service's (YCS) Youth Connect Initiative (YCI) launched in partnership with the County of Santa Clara nearly five years ago. It directly aligns with the City Council's policy priority of "Community Health and Safety," specifically advancing developmental assets and relationships that serve as protective factors against youth suicide and promote youth mental health. Through its YCI Youth Fellows, parent/caregiver workshops, community programs, and partnerships, YCI has advanced the City of Palo Alto's efforts beyond youth wellbeing, mental health, and suicide prevention. YCI was integral in the City's pandemic response, anti-racism efforts, and other high profile civic engagement activities. There is an exponential impact of human lives positively impacted.

I commend the City of Palo Alto leading the way with youth centered initiatives and community services that advance youth well-being. However, the City's partnership with YCI is one of the few nonprofit programs that solely is grounded in youth mental health and suicide prevention framework as a direct response to 2017 Centers for Disease Control Epi-Aid Report on youth suicide in Santa Clara County. A report that was initiated by Palo Alto community leaders, including City of Palo Alto staff, in response to the second of cluster of youth suicides in 2015-16.

YCI has shown that this is a model for replication and garnered support from communities beyond Palo Alto, including South San Mateo County and Mountain View. By continuing to invest in YCS' Youth Connect Initiative, City of Palo Alto will preserve its identity as a leader in youth mental health promotion and suicide prevention among municipalities.

With appreciation,

Mary Cheryl B. Gloner, MPH, MBA
Chief Executive Officer

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

I am a longtime resident of Old Palo Alto and I am nothing short of baffled. Baffled that Castilleja still is on the agenda. Baffled that it's been so arduous to approve a project that seeks to provide more girls with a top-notch education. Are we really on year six of this project? In light of the Supreme Court news, I am even more outraged that six years into Castilleja's project application process, this exceptional all-girls school continues to have to fight for the opportunity to educate more girls. Clearly, women still have a long way to go and our country needs girls' schools to help them get there.

I have been a life-long advocate for human rights, and while human rights look different in every country, every single person deserves to seek and pursue the kind of education they desire. In Palo Alto, we are so fortunate to have multiple options from which our children can choose. For some, an all-girls environment is what's best for them. For some, Castilleja is what they want and need. How lucky are we to have this gem, this nationally and globally-renowned school, right in our backyard!

Data about the benefits of girls' schools abound. I expect you are familiar with the quote from Kofi Annan, former Secretary-General of the United Nations and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize: "When women thrive, all of society benefits." I couldn't agree more. Data from the United Nations supports his statement. Statistically, women give back to their communities at a far higher rate. It doesn't matter which country we're talking about. The evidence is plentiful. The economy needs more women in the workforce. We need more women in STEM. We need more diversity, period. Diversity of all kinds.

Sure, Castilleja isn't the only answer, but it's part of the equation. **And an equation that adds more girls while subtracting car trips sounds like a pretty positive solution.**

Castilleja is an equation that has been proven. The EIR stated there are no significant impacts. Enrollment can gradually increase to 540 through rigorous standards, restrictions, and penalties for noncompliance. An underground garage that maximizes the number of spots without impacting trees (69 underground parking spaces) removes cars from neighborhood streets. Traffic demand management measures promise to keep car trips at bay, increasing alternative forms of transportation like cycling, biking, public transportation, and ride sharing.

Whether you're talking about the benefits of a girls' school and increasing chances for more girls to thrive in that environment, or the numerous ways Castilleja mitigates traffic in the neighborhood, or the sustainable campus in Castilleja's future, I expect you to keep the bigger picture in mind. Our country and our world need more women in leadership positions and we need to implement solutions that will protect our collective future. Castilleja is part of that collective future, if only you solve the equation correctly.

Thank you,

Amy Rao

228 Seale Avenue and a community I am so fortunate to call home!

From: [Rose Karon Tilley](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Subject: Public spaces should be a public matter!
Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 6:29:28 PM

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Dear City Council of the City of Palo Alto,
In anticipation of your meeting on February 28th, we implore you to put the matter of streets and parklet usage to a wider public vote.

The decision of how City property should be used — and how it can benefit the broadest possible group of residents — should be decided by members of our community.

It should not be subject to a subset of influential few.

After two years of increased public engagement on the social and health benefits of our streets, we urge you to consider this as a unique opportunity to further a sense of collective agency over our public spaces.

A concerned citizen of our community,
Rose Tilley

Rose Karon Tilley
917.882.0047

From: [Jennifer Landesmann](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Subject: Policy & Services Committee - comments re Federal Lobbying for addressing airplane noise issues
Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 4:28:26 PM

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Dear Policy & Services Committee,

The update from Steve Palmer, at Van Scoyoc doesn't show any news or updates on airplane noise. As a reminder, Palo Alto's aviation noise problems are about 3 congested highways, not speed bumps and the City should be getting innovative ideas to address these issues in DC.

Given the theme of the report for today's P&S meeting - earmarks, grants, and funding that his office is looking at, I wanted to share a perspective which would be great for Mr. Palmer to be aware of - regarding money.

At the recent UC Davis Symposium, a Kaplan Kirsch attorney spoke about the procedural nature of NEPA challenges and limitations of litigation - that it doesn't always result in a desired outcome or procedure *and* he suggested that the win is not an implementation but *only more "process."* While a win on procedural grounds is more "process", **a new "*process*" has both monetary terms and pre and post implementation features that directly involve the FAA in DESIGN processes to achieve outcomes.** Moreover, the **standards for noise assessment** are orders of magnitude better than the random "samples" used in the lower level screenings.

Van Scoyoc should please let folks in DC know that **the monetary LOSS to communities that result from the sloppy FAA NEPA processes** and using CATEX is not appreciated.. If at all possible, to explore how to get funding or credits for all the dollars and time that the City of Palo is spending on items because the FAA is not doing their job and all the grand benefits of Nextgen are coming off the backs of those under NG highways. If the plan is for the FAA to never, ever do an EA or EIS, then **what ideas could Mr. Palmer see to get necessary money to carry out necessary assessments to inform new procedure design.** Clearly, SFO won't be paying for any of it.

BTW, the Kaplan Kirsch attorney also admitted that **they represent airports**, and in the case of Palo Alto's attorney from Kaplan, they also represent San Mateo.

Given the above, and the recent City of Palo Alto/SFO GBAS meeting **which raised a number of issues about conflicts of interest**, I would like to also ask the City to follow up on the following:

- 1) Please enlist **INDEPENDENT legal advisors for Nextgen noise and NEPA problems** which do not have airport, regional or FAA or aviation interests.
- 2) Palo Alto residents asked the City to follow up on **why SFO is going to the SFO Roundtable to approve procedures affecting Palo Alto**, which raises major ethical and conflict of interest issues. The whole community should be aware of this problem and have a transparent City response to what happened with the recent SFO entries into the IFP Gateway. As a reminder, the City committed to raising community concerns within the 60 day statute of

limitations.

3) **Noise Monitors are imperative.** It wouldn't hurt for Mr. Palmer to confirm what the issues are with using airport grants for noise monitors and what ideas would Van Scoyoc have to make sure that we get noise monitors paid for by all the wonderful billions in gains to the economy from Nextgen.

4) Also, raised in the recent City/SFO GBAS meeting. **We have serious SAFETY issues** from jets leaving the Class B safety containment areas. As well as problems from increasing "efficiency" which is basically reduction in separation between planes. The safety issues are very real crashes that can happen.

Thank you,

Jennifer

From: Palo Alto Free Press
To: Pat Burt; Bart Pansch; Shikada, Ed; Council, City; Shump, Mely; Clerk, City
Subject: Outrageous behavior by city clerk employee
Date: Tuesday, May 20, 2022, 2:26:38 PM

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Look I personally don't like the both of you and I hate having to phone the city of Palo Alto and have any Interaction but I'm writing a story on the protocol of emails sent and received by the city council.

I called the city clerks office and asked the questions how is copyrighted material receive. i.e. See attached. This email with the attached article is illegal to reprint or publish without explicit permission.

The clerk did not understand the question so I Posed the question in a different way. How do you handle Pornographic material. She treated my question like I was some pervert and stated she WAS not going to engage me in this dialog and so hung up on me.

Whether you choose to believe it or not I'm a Journalist I ask probing questions my question was not inappropriate however it was deemed inappropriate and she hung up on me, that treatment is outrageous...

City employees are to serve the general public of the State of California and any other inquiry that they may receive, it's your job!

I would suggest all of you read;

https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=CONS&division=&title=&part=&chapter=&article=1

Included in this is receiving and answering phone calls from reporter.... Not Hanging up on them....

This left me with a very bad taste in my mouth to the point of being very disturbed by my treatment.... Don't appreciate it being viewed as a pervert....

SECTION 1. All people are by nature free and independent and have inalienable rights. Among these are enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and pursuing and obtaining safety, happiness, and privacy.

(Sec. 1 added Nov. 5, 1974, by Proposition 7. Resolution Chapter 90, 1974.)

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From: slevy@ccscc.com
To: Council, City; Planning Commission
Cc: Lait, Jonathan; Wong, Tim
Subject: Fwd: Price op-Ed
Date: Monday, May 2, 2022 10:34:29 AM

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

Subject:Price op-Ed
Date:2022-05-02 09:51
From:steve levy <mongooseslevy@gmail.com>
To:slevy@ccscc.com



Mark Petersen-Perez
Editor in chief
Palo Alto Free Press
Reporting from Nicaragua

Sent from my iPad

From: [Dilma Coleman](#)
To: npd@cityofnewman.com; ncip@scu.edu
Cc: USEmbassyVatican@state.gov; police@cityofsanmateo.org
Subject: Fwd: The financial losses/injury compensation generated included. What could Newark CA City council and Mayor present towards Alameda County DA and Board of Directors.
Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 2:21:18 PM

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From: Dilma Coleman <dhappinessforever@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, May 10, 2022, 2:05 PM
Subject: The financial losses/injury compensation generated included. What could Newark CA City council and Mayor present towards Alameda County DA and Board of Directors.
To: <luís.freitas@newark.org>, <daoffice@sacda.org>
Cc: Erik Rueppel <erueppel@smcgov.org>, <SAC@lvmpd.com>

As a matter of fact, Dilma Coleman did reside in 6229 Thomas Ave Newark CA(1980's) whereas Dilma was kidnapped to that address from another address in Newark CA. Skipped into Atherton,CA. Then had housing on a Goodyear Blimp. The \$50million used thru Christine Watkins's Events Plus business ventures in Milpitas CA. Sneaky approach for Ozzy Williams and his wife Marie Williams whereas Ozzy Williams had pregnanted Christine Watkins's son/daughter a hit pedestrian killing..the way Ozzy Williams collect compensation generated from the death of his son exceeded \$5million. It's over there on the worst way an cocaine herorin morphine addictions on a couple with no remorse yet established a non profit and their cohorts established restaurants they owed Monty and who else racketeering styles of business ventures whereas Ayesha Curry's cookbooks we're plaguerized journals outstanding debts to mafia for drug sales campsites in Northern California that victimimization on OJ Simpson and Nicole Simpson in 1994. That led to the death of Laci Rocha Peterson and it's been targeted trapped by those who mimicking patterns of Christine Watkins's serial killing attacks and those mimicking patterns wearing coverglam lipgloss items from merchandise detective that employees who frequently visited Andre Gulley's God's Way Ministries. Their connected income from other people who are Masonic connected to Golden gate Manager Steve Kerr their magazine distribution center on the Newark CA plants the newspaper ads distributed machines. Those grounds used for sex slavery the increase of the worst santanic sadistic Vigilantes affiliated with filipinos relatives and their cohorts affiliated with African Males whom work at Kaiser Permanente on the way Planned Parenthood workers in front of the recycling truck centers to be treated as a transition for STD testing and recovery. Yes Francesca and Rodney (Afro young male his drug addictions whereas it's over there on Canyon Brook Newman CA and it continued to Ghostship warehouse fire. Rodney's participated in the Ghost fires on it or something like racketeering styles of it.

In 2001-2002 Dilma Coleman had won 50 million California lottery winnings. That's not ok how weather water control treatment plants their employees were targeted trapped attacked by their co-workers winnings whereas the crimins chased into the water quality plants shooting their guns. That explain Diane Urban and Santa Clarita,CA and other locations whereas expensive items,cars and guns were sorted at the water quality plants in Palo Alto CA thru Vacaville CA the shooting thru the water quality plants and the premeditated thinkers whom built the residential neighborhoods and storage business ventures in Vacaville CA near

Fairfield CA. The winnings were illegally distributed thru Christine Watkins's Events Plus business ventures at 506 Valley Way Milpitas CA and Other areas of Masonic connected to business Toastmaster classes done.. Christine Watkins relatives of Japan and Hawaiian natives with filipinos negro Ken Coleman and his Japanese wife Coretha Coleman who resided in Los Altos CA often had Woodland hills CA. Accept that it's true. Their mixes of the Vaughn Patterson CA girl Sophia had a hub of children training camps for pornography sites remodeling projects behind it wasn't Ghislaine Noelle Maxwell. Something like that Santanic sadistic masochist cult member Oprah Winfrey did trapped Dilma Coleman aka Diva Lee MD JD onto repeatedly taking courses at the college knowing it wasn't college level work. De Anza, Mission College and Modesto CA colleges..yet it was taking assignment as merchandise detective that was the first thing Kris's Jenner and Caitlyn Jenner lived doing that type of investigations and making a living in living rooms mixed with transients followed by garbage collectors, culinary artists who had been rejected retailiated natures towards using Latoya Jackson's studios as transplant donors(bring ur own ice,Dry ice and lunch pail the harvested sections of Culinary artists who had to hire butcher's and not have knife. That's a created geographic locations for observations of restaurants business ventures using noose similar appearances of those at Stanford University campus same as those inside Marriott hotel rooms and residential buildings in Patterson CA whereas it's over there on the way back from Canada's finest sadistic masochist Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Attachment # 4. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Attachment#4 must be arrested. Don't spread BBQ scent over their grounds of homicide mysteries especially cold cases.

In the former marshland there between Redwood City CA and Menlo Park CA tribal grounds former marshland there had hidden archeology or human burials hub for Santanic sadistics body parts dig up from Alta Mesa cemetery in Palo Alto CA and other elements to spread the kleidoscope effects of removed items from burial grounds and caskets? Began construction business ventures on those vintage jewelry/clothing stores whereas residential neighborhoods had been established. Whereas Dilma Coleman was guaranteed a home on Aleppo/Mandarin Ave Newark CA. That new home was filled with the worst squatters then moved forward to Airbnb rentals. Francesca known for stealing items for restoration from burials caskets inside the Cemetery whereas family members who bury their loved ones in new items learn about recovering the items later. It's over there on how OJ Simpson trial his earlooms memorable items were found underneath certain casket stores in the interior walls or underneath the underground indigenous caves and storm drains especially those similar appearances of it in Las Vegas,NV. That's a good geographic locations for the observations where Rob Bonta could be arrested along with others racketeering from Milpitas CA apartments complexes buildings. Francesca(Cheek n Chong Hispanic, Hawaiian natives actors) known for exploiting children and training them u can't erased it what franchises did turn into comics book stores wasn't it bakery's or something like older pornographic stores in Hayward CA near those liquor bars,cookies lounges fire prevention in Nail salon stations near Metro Taqueria those individuals who took it advantage of the residential neighborhoods on B street Hayward CA (underground fentanyl herorin morphine distribution)towards the University campus where Carlos Bolanos graduated.

The case of violent threats ultimatums given on a business women doctor lawyer.. that was used. Who's eraser in the California State Capitol redacted licenses and land titles.

It's over there on the way Princess Diana's sons and daughters have targeted trapped Dilma Coleman using income that's not intended for them. It's over there on the way Diana had sex with a negro male who had kleptomaniac mental health and took expensive items from a negro

women . Those items were bartered for Diana. Dilma Coleman was trapped victimized by the negroes who had gotten princess Diana pregnant. The greatest pain in financial loss is the way The British Royals have access to land of the negroes that are not in their possession and it's obvious that the British Royals Adulyadej Bhumibol's relatives who have the same kleptomaniac mental health..the justice system connected to the British Royals acts as if they are exempt from those they victimized. It's over the stress that princess Diana has caused to a negro women who had been targeted trapped in California's homeless shelter since the 1990's. Whereas the negro women has been stripped of compensation generated for her lifestyle

Focus is on real estates fraud including the geographic locations for observations of the Simple loan Real estate broker business in San Jose CA. The licensed brokers who had targeted landowners. Give the geographic locations for observations of the real estates brokers who were former bankers with Silicon Valley Bank and Bank of America.

List the geographic locations for observations of homes on fire as ultimatum where children with guardianships are victimized by the ultimatums targeted trapped their parents gangster activity or something like competitive markets that enslaved their talents. (Palo Alto CA on Park Blvd. Between E.Charlston Rd thru middle field Rd..round up the Santa Clara Sheriffs who need to take the police report to investigate and gather an immediate arrest for Fernando (San Jose CA conservatory charter school corp manager at The use of Gate way hall homeless shelter at Fairgrounds San Jose CA). Fernando San Jose CA conservatory charter school. Why arrest Fernando because of his poor performance and Kleptomaniac sorcerer's behaviors whereas he is the birth son of Princess Diana whom was pregnant by a negro male who possibly is the descendants of Nelson's Mandela wife Winnie. What's the charge on Fernando? Attempted murder, bodily injury on victim murder for hire, the use of inherited income intended for Dilma Coleman. Federal crimes done to mail boxes at Postal service offices. The use of bankers to forge documentation on romance scams transferred money laundering. The use of celebrity identity to Rush kleptomaniac mental health use of financial assistance forced bodily harm to force conservatorship on Dilma Coleman whereas the payee used income to make investment portfolios with bankers in Wells Fargo bank with the use of Nigerian paralegal for wells Fargo bank. Is Fernando a banker? The homeless shelter client doesn't matter if she was a corporal (west indies Airforce military police with highest medal honors) best regards Dilma Coleman aka Diva Lee MD JD.

From: [Robert Reynolds](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Subject: traffic lights in Palo Alto
Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 11:44:01 AM

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Hi: we've loved Palo Alto since moving here in 2020. The city is tidy, safe, and vibrant. There is one issue we noticed right away upon moving here, and again whenever we're back from a trip outside the area. The traffic lights in Palo Alto are very outdated—I find myself idling for a long time at intersections where there is virtually no cross traffic happening, yet the lights don't change. Some specific intersections are Charleston at Middlefield, Arastradero at El Camino Real, and I can go on. As you know, emissions from car idling greatly impact our climate. I've compiled some facts and sources below. Are there plans to install smart traffic light sensors anytime soon? We shouldn't wait for the zero-emissions mandate to kick in, which is over a decade away. Thanks!

Robert Reynolds
Montrose Ave, Palo Alto

An idling vehicle releases harmful chemicals, gases and particle pollution ("soot") into the air, contributing to ozone, regional haze, and global climate change. Every gallon of gas burned produces more than 20 pounds of greenhouse gases.

source: <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/air-quality/motor-vehicles-air-quality/idle-reduction/why-idling-harmful>

An idling engine can produce up to twice as many exhaust emissions as an engine in motion. An idling car can fill up to 150 balloons with harmful emissions every minute.

source: <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/DoingOurBit/Get-Inspired/Clean-green-and-safe/Air-aware/Turning-your-car-off.aspx>

Info on smart traffic light sensors:

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

From: [Mark Jacobstein](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Subject: PArklettes
Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 10:56:04 AM

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From: [Aram James](#)
To: [Human Relations Commission](#); darylsavage@gmail.com; [Sean Allen](#); [Jethroe Moore](#); [Jeff Rosen](#); [Sajid Khan](#); [Council, City](#); [Greer Stone](#); [Rebecca Eisenberg](#); [chuck jagoda](#); [Lewis. james](#); [Cecilia Taylor](#); [Betsy Nash](#); [bob nunez](#); [Raj](#); [Joe Simitian](#); [Winter Dellenbach](#)
Subject: Palo Alto City Council says no to Stand alone hate speech ordinance
Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 10:04:08 AM

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<https://www.paloaltoonline.com/news/2022/05/10/palo-alto-will-not-advance-hate-speech-law>

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From: [John Giannandrea](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Subject: Castilleja planning application
Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 9:30:38 AM

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Dear City Council Members,

I am a resident of the city of Palo Alto and I am writing in support of the Castilleja application for a revised Conditional Use Permit and in support of their Master Plan to upgrade the school classroom buildings.

This project has received a level of due diligence and community feedback that might be unprecedented for the City. The final result is a proposal which has been highly responsive to community and staff input over a period of six years.

This project is extremely important to Palo Alto because it continues to provide the community with a world class school which is at the forefront of women's education. The plan if approved increases access to a highly sought after education with private investment in modern and green buildings on an existing school site. I urge you to approve the project for the betterment of Palo Alto.

Thank-you.

John Giannandrea
1057 Ramona Street
Palo Alto, CA

From: [Palo Alto Free Press](#)
To: [Clerk, City](#); [Shikada, Ed](#); [Stump, Molly](#); [Council, City](#)
Subject: Copyrighted material
Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 9:26:27 AM

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The question was asked, how is inappropriate material received, i.e. Pornographic material received by the city clerk's office, obviously it would be deleted.

The clerk that answered my phone call hung up on me because she said she did not want to engage in this kind of conversation it's inappropriate conversation how is the stuff handled The clerk that answered my phone call hung up on me because she said she did not want to engage in this kind of conversation it's inappropriate conversation how is the stuff handled....?

The other case in point is the city clerk is distributing copyrighted material she needs to be aware of the fact that distributing copyrighted material photographs articles is illegal under the digital millennium copyright act...

The clerk that received my phone call and hung up on me should be summarily terminated because she was rude there is no place in city government for rude employees.

Mark

Sent from my iPad

From: [Aram James](#)
To: [City Mgr](#); [Council, City](#); citycouncil@mountainview.gov; [Greer Stone](#); [chuck jagoda](#); [Jay Boyarsky](#); [Winter Dellenbach](#); [Binder, Andrew](#); [Joe Simitian](#); supervisor.ellenberg@bos.sccgov.org; supervisor.lee@bos.sccgov.org; [Jeff Rosen](#); [Sajid Khan](#); [Shikada, Ed](#); [Alison Cormack](#); [Roberta Ahlquist](#); wilpfpeninsulapaloalto@gmail.com; peninsula_raging_grannies@yahoo.com; [Vara Ramakrishnan](#)
Subject: Webinar Registration - Zoom
Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 12:31:42 AM

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https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xY0eqWfDTI2-SRQ2Md2_BQ

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From: [Aram James](#)
To: [Alison Cormack](#)
Cc: [Council, City](#); [Human Relations Commission](#); [Van Der Zwaag, Minka](#); [Greer Stone](#); [Rebecca Eisenberg](#)
Subject: Thanks for scrutinizing closely whether the FBI is the right organization to partner with on any discussion the city council has re hate crimes
Date: Monday, May 9, 2022 11:16:17 PM

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From: [Public Interest](#)
To: cwelshlaw@gmail.com
Cc: britney.huelbig@jud.ca.gov
Subject: Attorney William R. Bennett
Date: Monday, May 9, 2022 5:54:04 PM
Attachments: [Eviction PDF.pdf](#)
[grand-jury-santa-clara-county-human-relations-commission.pdf](#)
[Robert Ridgeway pleading.pdf](#)
[santa clara county public guardian 2009 internal audit report.pdf](#)

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There has been inquire made regarding William Bennett . He was hired by the superior court and they are looking into what Lisa Herrick may have had to do with this.

They are also digging through some some files regarding an incident about an officer involved shooting which occurred in Saratoga.

Cary Andrew Crittenden

On 5/8/22, 3:28 PM Public Interest <san.jose@california.usa.com> wrote:

Hi Britney,

This is an issue that should be of interest to the Civil Grand Jury . I am therefore passing it along to you.

Take care.

Cary Andrew Crittenden

On 5/8/22, 3:20 PM Public Interest <san.jose@california.usa.com> wrote:

Hi Chris,

By now you understand some of the dynamics as this case in it's relationship to Sunnyvale , as the Sunnyvale Police Chief wax deputy chief over San Jose Police Bureau of administration in 2012. His name is mentioned on the fraudulent audit report that was facilitated by Lisa Herrick. Lisa Herrick also sabotaged the Grand Jury Investigation into the public Guardian and worked with Sheriff Captain. Ricardo Urena , who now heads the west Valley Patrol Division for the sheriff department overseeing the cities of Cupertino, Los Altos Hills and Saratoga.

We know that Ricardo Urena has a history of sending unlawful orders down through that chain of command directing deputies to falsify police reports and to commit other crimes. The Public. Defender and courts know this as well because it is well.

Someone needs to look into all cases brought before the court that came out of the cities of Los Altos Hills, Cupertino and Saratoga because Ricardo Urena has a history of dishonesty and corruption,. any cases heard by the court may have to be overturned

Cary Andrew Crittenden

On 5/8/22, 2:35 PM Public Interest <san.jose@california.usa.com> wrote:

Helo Anthony

I will be invoking San Jose Police Duty Manuel Section S 3102 pertaining to a fraudulent TRAC flier sent to your department from the Sheriff department on or around December 16 of 2015.

This fraudulent TRAC Flier has a corresponding false police report by Sheriff deputies at the Terrains court house . This was supervised by Sheriff captain Ricardo Urena and facilitated by general counsel Lisa Herrick.

Not only did Lisa Herrick sabotage the SEU audit in 2012,. She also sabotaged the civil grand jury investigation into the public Guardian.

Lisa Herrick ALSO screwed up the Blue Ribbon. commission. Investigation into Sheriff Department.

The fake eviction. of Heidi Yaunan occured on 10/03/12.. On 10/18/12, , Deputy city attorney Lisa Herrick was hired by the court as General Counsel .

Cary Andrew Crittenden

On 5/8/22, 2:08 PM Public Interest <san.jose@california.usa.com> wrote:

I did not the issue of Fines and fees on appeal because I'm not taking it to appears court. I am taking to federal court instead.

I am copying the higher courts to make sure they know that you know that I did not raise the issue of Fines and fees on appeal.

Cary Andrew Crittenden

On 5/8/22, 1:21 PM Public Interest <san.jose@california.usa.com> wrote:

Hi Chris,

I did not raise the issue of "Fines and Fees," on appeal. The Appellate court could not rule on any issue that I did not not raise.

Any record stating otherwise is false..

The record on trial must reflect the false that the Appellate court records are falsified and fraudulent.- which means the judgements are VOID

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At the advise of legal counsel , I am copying presiding judge and higher courts to ensure that they know what is expected of you.

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Cary Andrew Crittenden

From: [John Shenk](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Subject: May 9th Agenda Item 10
Date: Monday, May 9, 2022 5:32:06 PM

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Dear City Council, thank you for receiving our comments and please know that we appreciate being included in so many meetings to learn and to provide feedback. Thoits Bros., Inc. has been supporting the vitality of Downtown for more than a century. Thoits were integral to the planning of Ramona Street's historic district as well as the development of the Cardinal Hotel and the Medico Dental Building and many other buildings in the area. We value the hard working retailers who bless our downtown and want to support them at every step.

I have thoroughly reviewed the draft permanent parklet plan and received input from many of our retailers. I want to share a few bullet points with you for your consideration as you prepare your comments for Staff.

1) On Page 161 of the Packet - the fact that Staff and Council have received a significant amount of feedback and requests from non-restaurant retailers to keep Streets open is missing. It critical that you not forget what they say and that the reality of a vibrant downtown is a present daytime population or office workforce to shops and dines and attracts visitors and hotel guests.

2) Compliance with your Pilot Program Guidelines must be enforced now and not kicked down the road until the permanent program is in place. Cleanliness and safety must be paramount for the benefit of all. Enforce today's rules today.

3) Critically is to start this plan from an informed and ideal "base". Please ask Public Works and Traffic to study the streets where parklets are to be allowed to accomplish the following:

1) Ask Staff to study and maximize the space allocated to parklets so that when we give up a parking space we maximize the usefulness by retailers.

2) Narrow the drive isles to slow cars and maximize the area parklets can use Also minimize all of the "setbacks" in the design proposal to the minimum needed for safety.

3) On University and side streets, re-stripe the center drive isle such that it is in the middle of the right of way. This will allow equally sized parklets on both sides of the street and keep cars going straight down the middle. We should also beautify the Avenue's expanded sidewalk space with additional public seating and in ground landscaping.

4) Ultimately parklets should be "expanded sidewalks" built of concrete for ease of maintenance and quality (like Burlingame avenue).

4) Do not mandate one type of heater. No matter electric, propane, or some other type, so long as they are installed and operated safely following codes and best practices the City should not care. Retailers will make the best decisions on this.

5) Do not mandate individual landscape planters on parklets as many will not be maintained, many will fill with trash and house vermin, sprinkler leaks will flows down the streets. Individual retailers should be allowed to decorate their parklet with plants should they choose so long as they do not violate the design guidelines.

6) The issue of parklet construction in front of neighboring properties must be handled thoughtfully. Retailers come and go pretty regularly and their needs for visibility and access vary significantly. Property owners must have a say as they know the status of each tenant. We wouldn't want a tenant to say yes to a parklet that is to be built in front of their store and then leave the next month and the new tenant not be a blessing to operate behind a parklet. Owners know and can communicate to existing and future retailers about the status of parklets in front of their property.

7) When a tenant vacates their location what becomes of the parklet? Who maintains it? Who repairs it? Who is liable for what happens there?

8) Fundamental to a permanent parklet program is to build the long ago designed public parking garage at Waverley and Hamilton. It is worth restudying the design and function of the garage but we need to get going and build it to stabilize the long term needs of the downtown and now make up for the additional stalls to be permanently removed from the Downtown.

Thank you for listening.

Best, John

John R. Shenk

C.E.O.

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From: [Neilson Buchanan](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Dave Price](#); [Gennady Sheyner](#); [Kamhi, Philip](#); [Shikada, Ed](#); [Nose, Kiely](#)
Subject: PA Transportation Management Association
Date: Monday, May 9, 2022 3:03:00 PM
Attachments: [Palo Alto TMA 2022 and 2023 City Council Info Report May 9 2022.pdf](#)

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Dear Finance Committee,

I urge you to incorporate the PATMA into your annual budget review. When you have time, focus on the the following:

1. Investment and ROI for the past 7 years See attached Packet Page 265.
2. Board minutes and quorums
3. Administrative costs
4. The latest goals and sources of revenue.

For example, what is the best use of latest \$200,000 coming from "city resources"? The revenue apparently comes from University Avenue Parking Fund. What is the nature of this fund in terms of sources and uses of the fund? Is this \$200,000 expenditure the highest and best use? For example, in order to boost University Avenue economy, would directional signage to city garages produce a higher ROI? Can the Finance Committee and City Council demonstrate its stewardship for funds spent during the past 7 years? See attached Packet Page 259 and Page 265?

For more complete overview see attached Packet Pages 235-270 (information report at the end of the May 9, 2022 council agenda). If my math is correct, PATMA has consumed over \$2,410,000 during the past 7 years and never has been held as accountable as the smallest city department.

In my opinion, this is not a lapse of city staff. It is a failure of the City Council and its Finance Committee.

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