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**From:** [Charlie Weidanz](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce - Annual Membership Meeting- Dec. 1  
**Date:** Monday, November 7, 2022 9:45:16 AM

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We look forward to seeing all of our members at the 2022 Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting. Enjoy light refreshments and drinks, sponsored by City National Bank, proud member of Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce.

**Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce - Annual Membership Meeting**  
**Thu, December 1, 2022, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM PST**  
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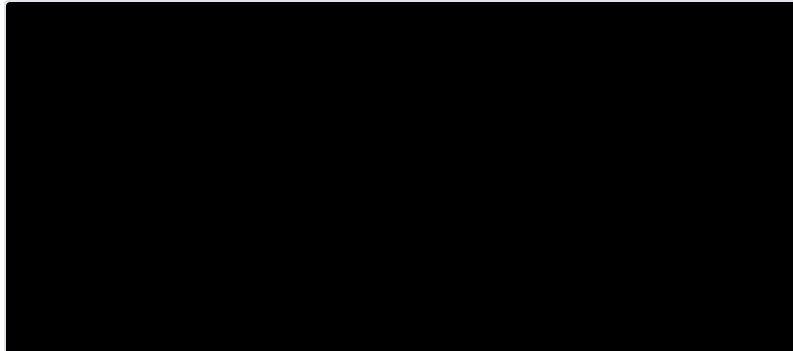
**From:** [Yahoo Mail.®](#)  
**To:** [Honky](#)  
**Subject:** EXECUTIVE ORDER 14067 MARCH 9 2022 TO BE IMPLEMENTED 12/13/2022 ? "DIGITAL CURRENCY" ?  
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**Maria Zeee: Executive Order 14067 & Avoiding  
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Clay Clark joins Maria Zeee for a deep dive into the NWO from a Biblical perspective, covering Executive Order 1...

**From:** [Bruce Arthur](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#); [Burt, Patrick](#); [Kou, Lydia](#); [Cormack, Alison](#)  
**Cc:** [PABAC](#)  
**Subject:** Comments On Alternatives for Meadow and Charleston for November 18th, 2022 Rail Committee meeting  
**Date:** Sunday, November 6, 2022 5:25:27 PM

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Honorable City Council Rail Committee Members,

In a November 2 PABAC Rail Grade Separation Subcommittee meeting, the subcommittee drafted the following comments and requests for your consideration. There is no PABAC meeting scheduled between this meeting and your November 19 meeting, so these comments represent the position of the Subcommittee only. PABAC Members are copied here.

### **Comments On Alternatives for Meadow and Charleston**

#### **Problem: Detouring bikes during the construction period**

Without a nearby safe and comfortable alternative bike/ped construction detour, students who live near Meadow and Charleston will have a circuitous detour via a proposed bike/ped crossing in the vicinity of Matadero Creek during the multi-year construction period. A recent Gunn High School survey (presented at your last meeting) provided a snapshot of how this detour is likely to negatively affect mode choices of current Gunn bicyclists. For many students south of Meadow and Charleston, the proposed construction detour will more than double the length of their bike commutes.

#### **Current designs for the Underpass and the Hybrid demand an additional permanent bike/pedestrian crossing south of Meadow**

The Partial Underpass design, even after construction, will have steep grades, tight turns and difficult and potentially hazardous crossings which will deter less-skilled cyclists from using them. It also lands bicyclists on the wrong side of the street at a location where there is no safe crossing.

While the Hybrid option offers a simpler approach and a fast, direct route for skilled vehicular bicyclists, it requires users to roll down into the fast-moving, six-lane intersection at Alma. Young or less skilled riders may not have skills to maintain safe control as they roll down toward the busy arterial, creating potential for conflicts with autos. Less skilled cyclists may find this intimidating, and an additional lower-stress crossing will be welcomed by them. Requiring bicyclists to cross Alma is not consistent with Council's Adopted Connecting Palo Alto Evaluation Criteria -- "clear safe routes for pedestrians and cyclists crossing the rail corridor separate from motor vehicles."

New grade changes for both of these options will likely create new challenges for people in wheelchairs and with walkers as well.

#### **Solution Proposal:**

Please pursue a concept for a permanent dedicated pedestrian/bicycle grade separated crossing south of East Meadow to be built in advance of the Meadow and Charleston construction

period. This will provide a safe crossing of Alma and the rails for less experienced and skilled commuters during and after construction. (This would be in addition to the dedicated bike/ped crossing in the vicinity of Matadero Creek.)

**Possible locations for this crossing are:**

- Lindero Drive/Alma Expressway intersection which has a short, quiet street connection from East Meadow to the Bryant Street Bicycle Boulevard Extension, to Lindero Drive via Redwood Circle. It also has a connection from Charleston via Wright Place and Starr King Circle. Lindero provides a very wide approach to Alma. A crossing at this location would provide connectivity to Park Bicycle Boulevard and Robles Park where there is an off-road cut-through connection to the Wilkie Way Bicycle Boulevard/Walk & Roll suggested school route (this option will require some wayfinding signage through the East Meadow Circles); or
- Greenmeadow Way/Alma Expressway intersection which also connects to the Bryant Bicycle Boulevard Extension via Creekside Drive. This option was recommended in the January 22, 2013 City of Palo Alto Rail Corridor Study. It is shown on page 4.05 (Fig. 4.2) of that report.

**Improved Comfort and Safety For All**

The proposed dedicated crossing would eliminate the conflict with the Council-adopted evaluation criteria mentioned above and conform with Comp Plan policies related to school commute safety. While plans for Meadow and Charleston will provide complete street facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians, many people would prefer a quieter, dedicated pedestrian/bicycle crossing that does not expose them to Alma vehicle conflicts or other challenges mentioned above. The success of fully separated crossings of Alma and the tracks at University, Embarcadero, and California Ave show how much these types of crossings appeal to pedestrians and cyclists. None like this exist today in south Palo Alto.

**Cost Comparison**

Please consider comparing the cost of building this additional dedicated bike/ped crossing to the cost of lengthening the construction period to alternate closures of Meadow and Charleston. Also, please consider that the increased detoured auto traffic on the street that is open during construction will increase risk to people who walk and bike.

Please act expediently on this option to create plans to take advantage of new federal SS4A funding for bicycle and pedestrian facilities. We missed the opportunity to apply for funding this year, one of only five years this funding stream will be available.

Please help us understand the specific timeframe staff anticipates having the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Update recommendations for additional bicycle/pedestrian grade separated crossings. Please explain how this timing aligns with planning timelines and funding application deadlines. PABAC will want to support the city's efforts to integrate safe and convenient bike/pedestrian facilities as best we can.

The need for this additional dedicated bike/ped crossing is great. Help us help you get the best possible citywide grade separation plan identified, funded and built to transform at-grade rail crossings, weak links in Palo Alto's multi-modal network, into facilities that serve Palo Alto road users of all ages and abilities better than ever.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,

Bruce Arthur, PABAC Rail Grade Separations Subcommittee Chair

Penny Ellson

Richard Swent

Alan Wachtel

Members of PABAC Rail Grade Separation Subcommittee



**From:** [Art Liberman](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Cc:** [City Mgr](#)  
**Subject:** Terminate the City of Palo Alto usage of Twitter  
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The City of Palo Alto should eliminate entirely its use of Twitter. For example, he Utilities rely on Twitter when there is an outage; the Police also has an official Twitter account and City Officials - like you - can share news and information about our city. However, the social network has terminated its content moderation team. Terrible things have happened since Elon Musk took over control of Twitter and fired those employees. A tremendous amount of hate speech and use of vulgar terminology has now appeared. This is not an organization that the City of Palo Alto should associate itself in any way.

Arthur Liberman

**From:** [Aram James](#)  
**To:** [Binder, Andrew](#); [Sean Allen](#); [Jethroe Moore](#); [Jeff Rosen](#); [Joe Simitian](#); [Shikada, Ed](#); [Jay Boyarsky](#); [Julie Lythcott-Haims](#); [vicki@vickiforcouncil.com](mailto:vicki@vickiforcouncil.com); [ladoris.cordell](#); [Rebecca Eisenberg](#); [Doria Summa](#); [Winter Dellenbach](#); [Josh Becker](#); [Greer Stone](#); [chuck jagoda](#); [citycouncil@mountainview.gov](mailto:citycouncil@mountainview.gov); [Council, City](#); [city.council@menlopark.org](mailto:city.council@menlopark.org); [Human Relations Commission](#); [Wagner, April](#); [Reifschneider, James](#); [Perron, Zachary](#)  
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**Subject:** Re: Dr. David Martin post BANNED from FACEBOOK ? ALL ARE CRIMINALS THAT DO THE JABS !  
**Date:** Saturday, November 5, 2022 11:30:30 PM

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Ooops, sorry, I put a "1" instead of a small case "I" in the URL for that trailer. This should fix it... hopefully.

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Best Regards, & Stay Healthy, Wealthy, Wise, And Alive, If You Can These Days !!!  
Pc User

On Oct 31, 2022, at 00:12, PC USER <pc77user@aol.com> wrote:

Matrix Entertainment is in the process of making a documentary about all these ASSHAT KOMMIES who are waging war against the 1A. Here is a link to one of the films trailers..

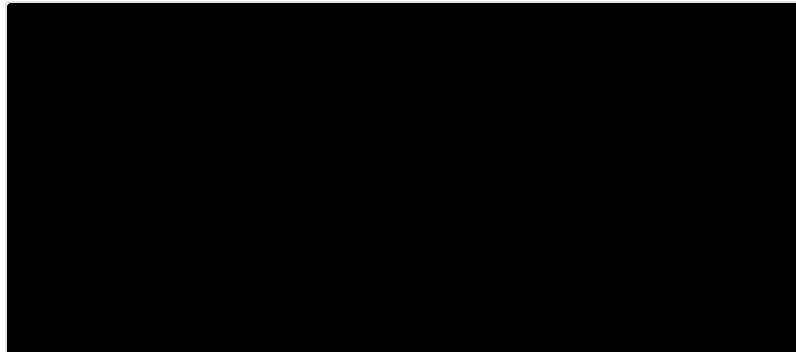
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On Oct 30, 2022, at 21:33, Yahoo Mail.® <honkystar@yahoo.com>

wrote:

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### **DR. DAVID E MARTIN GIVES EXPLOSIVE JAW DROPPING INFORMATION IN CANADIAN ...**

BestNews Here

Here's What People Are Buying Right Now! Explosive testimony from  
Dr David Martin, highly acquainted with these ...

**From:** [Allan Seid](#)  
**To:** [DENNIS LEE](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Asian American solidarity statement  
**Date:** Saturday, November 5, 2022 5:48:16 PM  
**Attachments:** [2022.11.01 AAPI Statement.pdf](#)

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From: Allan Seid, **Michele Lew** , Richard Konda  
Date: Sat., Nov 5, 2022  
Subject: Asian American Solidarity Statement  
Source: Asian Law Alliance, San Jose, Ca.

In response to recent increased hate violence and surge in anti-Asian hate and anti-semitism, expressed via intentional rhetoric and acts to foment divisiveness between marginalized groups of Americans,---the following AAPI Solidarity Statement is forwarded publicly. Allan

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Media Contact:**

Richard Konda, Executive Director, Asian Law Alliance  
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## **SOLIDARITY STATEMENT FROM ASIAN AMERICAN LEADERS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY**

November 1, 2022

We are deeply troubled by recent political campaign activities designed to evoke fear in Asian American voters and drive wedges between Asian American and other communities of color. As Asian American leaders, we condemn divisive, race-baiting and red-baiting campaign tactics. We stand in solidarity with diverse community groups in Santa Clara County.

We have seen recent campaign activity that perpetuates Asian stereotypes and false accusations, such as:

- Implying candidates are Communists
- Implying Asian American candidates are affiliated with the government of China, unpatriotic, and untrustworthy
- Grouping Whites and Asians against Black and Latinx residents
- Disparaging Mexican Americans in Asian media outlets
- Portraying male candidates of color as dangerous
- Darkening the photo of a candidate of color and alleging the candidate is “trying to silence the Asian American community in San Jose.”

In this climate of anti-Asian hate, we refuse to be pitted against other communities of color. We refuse to be treated as political pawns or victims. We are tired of being perceived as perpetual foreigners, with our American patriotism and loyalty doubted. We do not see political power as a zero-sum game.

We embrace Santa Clara County’s racial and ethnic diversity as a strength. We stand united with communities of color to support ethical public sector leadership and public policies that benefit us all.

Sincerely,

*(Affiliations for identification purposes only.)*

- Michael Makoto Honda, former Member of Congress
- Paul Fong, former State Assemblymember

- Ash Kalra, State Assemblymember
- Alex Lee, State Assemblymember
- Evan Low, State Assemblymember
- Otto Lee, Santa Clara County Supervisor
- Margaret Abe-Koga, Councilmember and former Mayor of Mountain View
- Dr. Michael Chang, Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute and former Mayor of Cupertino
- Ellen Kamei, Mountain View City Councilmember
- Marico Sayoc, Council Member, Town of Los Gatos
- Pearl Cheng, Foothill-DeAnza Community College District Trustee
- Wendy Ho, San Jose-Evergreen Community College District Trustee
- Gilbert Wong, Foothill-De Anza Community College District Trustee
- Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto, Fremont Union High School District Trustee
- Bruce T. Akizuki, San Jose Nikkei Resisters
- Ralph Leano Atanacio, South Bay Youth Changemakers
- Zahra Billoo, CAIR San Francisco Bay Area
- Erika Boas, San Jose Nikkei Resisters
- Alex Boyder, Asian American Recovery Services, a Program of HealthRIGHT 360
- Jennifer Briscoe, LMFT
- Melissa R. Cerezo
- Van Dang, Retired Executive
- Hien Duc Do, Ph.D., Professor, SISS, San Jose State University
- Betty Duong
- Akemi Flynn
- Stephen Fugita
- Naoko Fujii, San Jose Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) Member
- Mary Cheryl B. Gloner
- Carmelita (Lita) Gutierrez
- Susan Hayase, San Jose Nikkei Resisters
- Chris Hioki
- PJ Hirabayashi, Creatives for Compassionate Communities
- Sharon Hirozawa, Nihonmachi Outreach Committee (NOC)
- Tiffany Ho, M.D.
- Jimmy Hong
- Robin Goka Huynh, San Jose Nikkei Resisters
- Tom Izu, San Jose Nikkei Resisters
- Aftab Jamil
- Mike Kaku, Japanese American Citizens League, Sequoia Chapter
- Will Kaku, Nihonmachi Outreach Committee
- Carolyn Kameya

- Alice Kawazoe
- Yvonne Y. Kwan, Assistant Professor of Asian American Studies, San Jose State University
- Sarita Kohli, Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI)
- Richard Konda, Asian Law Alliance
- Neil Kozuma, San Jose Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League
- Lucien Kubo, San Jose Nikkei Resisters
- Nick Kuwada
- Deepka Lalwani, Founder, Indian Business & Professional Women
- Anthony Lê, PVT L MOMENTS
- Lucretia Lee
- Michele Lew
- Camille Llanes-Fontanilla
- Alex Mabanta, Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO
- Clarence Madrilejos, Santa Clara County Democratic Party, Director of Endorsements
- Jackie Maruhashi
- Elly Matsumura, PowerSwitch Action
- David K. Mineta
- Derek Miyahara
- Philip Nguyen, Vietnamese American Roundtable
- Trung P. Nguyen, Ph.D., Professor, Asian American Studies, San Jose State University
- S. Kiyasu Nose, Japanese Americans Citizens League (JACL)
- Thomas Oshidari
- Parivar Bay Area
- Angelica Ramos
- Emily Ann Ramos, California Democratic Party API Caucus, Northern Vice-Chair
- Neil Rufino
- Allan Seid, M.D.
- Vanessa Shieh
- Silicon Valley Asian Pacific American Democratic Club (SVAPADC)
- Jason Su
- Bonnie Sugiyama
- Lorna Sumaraga, Chair, Southbay APALA (Asian & Pacific American Labor Alliance) chapter
- Masao Suzuki, Ph.D., Skyline College, Economics
- Victoria Taketa, San Jose Nikkei Resisters
- Edwin Tan, Ph.D.
- Barry Tao
- Gregory K. Tanaka, San Jose City College
- Buu Thai
- Margaret Toita



- Huy Tran, Justice at Work Law Group, LLP
- Marjorie Tsuji, , Japanese American Citizens League
- Mari Ueda-Tao
- Wisa Uemura, San Jose Taiko
- Warren Uesato, San Jose Nikkei Resisters
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- John Zhao, South Bay Youth Changemakers

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**From:** [Jo Ann Mandinach](#)  
**To:** [Council](#), [City](#), [City Mgr](#)  
**Cc:** [Kou Lydia](#); [Ann Balin](#); [Andie Reed](#); [Mary Gallagher](#); [Mary Sylvester](#); [Dave Price](#); [Port Ross](#)  
**Subject:** Item 9: Leave Town & Country RETAIL Zoning Alone  
**Date:** Saturday, November 5, 2022 3:54:42 PM

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Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council and City Manager,

Please leave Town & Country retail /restaurants alone unless you want us driving more to service our basic shopping needs, forcing us to go to Menlo Park and Los Altos and spend our money there. Why are you so determined to make the lives of residents tougher in your rush to placate landlords??

Didn't the city just hire a senior manager of Retail DEVELOPMENT? How about *developing* retail instead of killing it? And why are you simultaneously pushing for more commercial gyms when the city's contemplating spending \$\$\$\$ on a city-run gym??

The conversion of Town & Country was laughably pushed last year by Ms Cormack at the urging of Ellis Partners who was pleading poverty due to the pandemic lockdown which was lifted **WEEKS** after the proposal was made. Surprise surprise, shoppers returned and the biggest problem is now finding parking!

Staf didn't even bother to define "medical/retail" -- they just wasted time and our tax dollars when common sense should have told them shoppers would return when the lockdown was lifted, And surprise: they did!

We need the sales tax dollars. We DO not need more offices and gyms. Please do not recycle the absurd claims that people sweating after their workouts or hurting after their medical procedures are going to increase shopping. What retailer wants sweaty people trying on clothes as was absurdly claimed during the last go round?

Since staff never bothered to contact any of the past and present retailers about their treatment by the landlords Ellis Partners, several of us concerned shoppers joined with Lydia Kou to do just that -- on our own time and our own dime. We contacted present and past retailers. We learned how Ellis had systematically chased out long-time family businesses like the owners of Village Cheese House, eye doctor Lisa Berkowitz -- WHILE Ellis was claiming to want medical practitioners -- the multi-generational women's boutique Prestige -- and so many more.

Where was the city staff on this?? They're supposed to be supporting retail

development and working with landlords to PRESERVE retail, not kill it. Vice

The shopping center is thriving and serving community needs. Why do you keep trying to destroy what's working for the community??

Please leave it alone. In the immortal words of John Mitchell: If it ain't broke, don't "fix" it!

At the very least survey the community about whether we want a new gym when the city is proposing using OUR tax dollars to build a city-run gym!! Where's the common sense?? I thought we were broke and needed more tax revenues? At least that's what you keep saying.

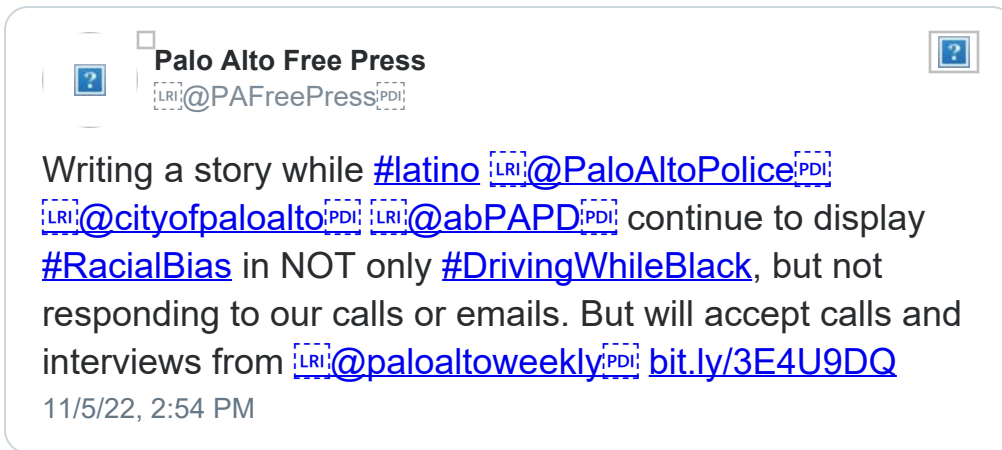
Most sincerely,  
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650 269-0650

**From:** [Palo Alto Free Press](#)  
**To:** [Stump, Molly](#)  
**Cc:** [Council, City](#); [Burt, Patrick](#); [Binder, Andrew](#); [Reifschneider, James](#); [Milton, Lesley](#); [Gennady Sheyner](#); [Sean Webby](#); [Sue Dremann](#); [Bill Johnson](#)  
**Subject:** Outright flagrant display of racial bias - Tweet by Palo Alto Free Press on Twitter  
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**Subject:** Why So Many Jails Are in a 'State of Complete Meltdown' | The Marshall Project  
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**Subject:** Re: Two Cops On Leave After Graphic Brutalization Of Complying Suspect - YouTube ( or why I love cops)  
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> On Nov 4, 2022, at 3:54 PM, Sean Allen <sallen6444@yahoo.com> wrote:

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**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Cc:** [Executive Leadership Team](#); [ORG - Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Council Consent Agenda Questions for 11/07/22: Items 5 and 7  
**Date:** Friday, November 4, 2022 3:08:02 PM  
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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

On behalf of City Manager Ed Shikada, please view the following links for the amended agenda and staff responses to questions from Councilmember Cormack and Councilmember Tanaka regarding Monday night's Council Meeting:

- [November 7, 2022 agenda](#)
- [Q&A for Consent Calendar Items 5 and 7](#)

Thank you,  
Danille



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**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** CLIMATE COLLABORATION SUMMIT - NOVEMBER 12  
**Date:** Friday, November 4, 2022 2:56:19 PM

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**“A Collaborative Summit and Workshop  
Between Science, Government, and You”.**

Join us and share the word about the Climate Collaboration Summits on Saturday, November 12th from 1:00 -4:00 PM at Henry M. Gunn High School's Bow Gym,

Participants will hear from top local, state, and federal climate leaders as we share solutions, drive collective action, and take the next sustainable step forward, together.

For more information about the event, please visit [www.cityofpaloalto.org/climate-collaboration-summit](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/climate-collaboration-summit)  
Link to register: [tinyurl.com/Nov12climate](https://tinyurl.com/Nov12climate).

You've heard about the recent unprecedented commitments from the Federal Government and the State of California on climate initiatives. Regional and local funds and programs are rapidly emerging to support the transition to clean electricity for our homes, businesses, and transportation. But when will these funds be available and how will they be accessed? Hear from leading experts and local policy innovators at this engaging in-person event in Palo Alto.

The second half of the event will be for attendees to participate in breakout groups and visit tabletop exhibits to discuss their interests. They will be able to learn more about home or transportation electrification, understand the basics of climate change and exciting technology developments, meet other climate activists, and discuss public policies and other topics. We hope you will leave empowered and excited to take your next sustainable steps forward.

Presenters:

- Dr. Ali Nouri, Assistant US Secretary of Energy,
- Professor Michael Wara, Policy Director of the Stanford Doerr School of Sustainability,
- State Senator Josh Becker addressing California's recent \$40 Billion state climate investments,
- Palo Alto Mayor Pat Burt and Menlo Spark Executive Director Diane Baily updates on the leading local electrification programs and climate plans.
- John Hamilton, Mayor of Bloomington, Indiana to share the new heartland and coastal state climate collaborations.

The speakers will discuss how the dramatic new federal funding and programs will support local climate initiatives.

Several hundred attendees are expected including policymakers, activists, students, and people who are seeking to become engaged.





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**From:** [pol1@rosenblums.us](mailto:pol1@rosenblums.us)  
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**Subject:** Consent Calendar Item5 of Meeting on November 7th  
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Dear Council Members:

Why is the City continuing to spend increasing amounts of money on improving the gas delivery system when it is clear that methane will be phased out of service in California within the next decade. We are throwing good money after bad. I suggest you pull this item from consent and have a debate on whether to continue this project.

Sincerely,

Stephen Rosenblum

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**To:** [Michael Gennaco](#)  
**Cc:** [Binder, Andrew](#); [Council, City](#); [Shikada, Ed](#); [Burt, Patrick](#); [Reifschneider, James](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Complaint of Unnecessary Search and Discourtesy #C 2009-001  
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Mr. Gennaco,

It was only after a years passing the PAPD changed it's "Pat Down" policy only after I point this out and I have retained the emails to prove it sir.....

You're up and coming November 14 review with city council please point out what other policy changes you have suggested and were implemented by the PAPD since that time.

This should determine your net worth or ROI... Sir!

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See: The time has come for a police crimes unit in the DA's office

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Date: Thu, Nov 3, 2022 at 2:31 PM  
Subject: Before you vote, please check this out...  
Source: Nana Chancellor, Susie Richardson.

Dear Palo Alto Friends & Neighbors,  
I wanted to forward this crisp, clear and compelling email from our dear friend and community leader Susie Richardson. She does an outstanding job spelling out all the reasons why [Nicole Chiu-Wang](#) is an excellent candidate for School Board. If you know people who have not voted yet or who have questions about "why Nicole", please forward this to them. As a matter of fact, if you are as impressed with Nicole as I am, please share this as widely as you can. And you may want to point people to her website for her impressive list of endorsements. This race is predicted to be close and every vote counts! Only 5 days to go!! Let me know if you have any questions about how you can help make a difference during this final sprint (for any of the 5 local candidates I support: Nicole/Shounak for School Board and Julie/Lisa/Vicki for City Council). Happy Voting!!  
Warmly, Nana  
650-504-1162

Dear Palo Alto Voters,

**My name is Susie Richardson.** I was on the Palo Alto School Board for 8 years, and now serve on nonprofit boards focused on educational equity and civic engagement. [\*\*I'm writing to let you know why I'm supporting Nicole Chiu-Wang for School Board.\*\*](#)

**I'm supporting Nicole because she is the candidate we need!**

It is astonishing how many things have changed since I was first elected to the School Board in 1991. The iPhone wouldn't be released for 16 years. Most classrooms didn't have computers.

And our students were primarily white.

Over 30 years later, most of our secondary students carry smart phones, computers are as essential as textbooks, and close to 40% of our students identify as Asian.

In 1991, I was confident that “knowing” our community well qualified me to be a member of the School Board, and Palo Alto voters agreed. BUT, when I took my seat on the Board, I quickly discovered that I was ill-equipped to handle budgets, contract negotiations, HR issues and organizational strategies, all of which were key to my new responsibilities. I’m a bit horrified as I reflect on how much I had to learn on the job. I wouldn’t vote for someone like me today.

**Nicole is ready to serve.** Nicole has management experience, both running her own startup and now working for Google, which will be invaluable to the Board which has vital financial decision-making and oversight responsibilities for our complex District. Another benefit is that Nicole can speak “High Tech.”

**Nicole’s commitment to education and equity runs deep.** With college degrees in gender and ethnic studies, Nicole has spent her entire adult life advocating for equity - in schools, in workplaces, in communities - through volunteer work in schools, service on nonprofit boards, and mentorship programs. She has seen the opportunity and achievement gap firsthand through her volunteer work with high school and middle school students from historically underrepresented and socioeconomically disadvantaged communities and was part of a team that created supplemental learning materials used throughout an entire district. Nicole’s family moved to Palo Alto for the schools, and she wants to bring her commitment and experience working for equity to our district - we are lucky to have her want to serve.

**Nicole is a listener and a learner.** The Campanile, a Paly student paper, endorsed Nicole because, I suspect, our kids were impressed with her genuine listening skills, her curious mind, and her ability to synthesize information. They must have heard, loud and clear, her commitment to student mental health, and her refreshing belief that we must help ALL students find their



passions, and develop knowledge and essential skills to find their unique pathways to success.

I am truly impressed by Nicole's commitment to research, her focus, and her ability to learn incredibly quickly. (Nicole has watched years of past School Board meetings!). She will bring both data-based reasoning and fresh eyes to problem solving.

**Nicole has a lived experience of diversity.** It is painful to realize that even in the "simpler times" of the '90's, we did not adequately attend to our students of color. Nicole's blond-haired mother grew up on a farm in the Midwest. Her Chinese father grew up in Arkansas. She has a lived understanding of the dangers of stereotypes and has been a bridge builder her entire life.

**Nicole is looking forward.** As a parent of two young children attending PAUSD schools, Nicole has a long-range view. Nicole will support sound and innovative classrooms for today—and for tomorrow!

Thanks for taking the time to read this message, and I hope you'll join me in voting for Nicole. She's the real deal, and you'll be proud you voted for her.

*Regards, Susie*

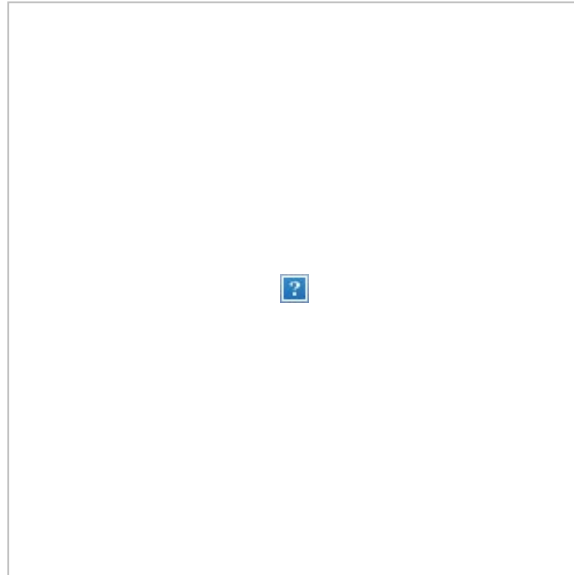


*A picture I took at a campaign event that I hosted for Nicole. From left to right: former School Board Member Cathy Kroymann, Our next School Board Member Nicole Chiu-Wang, Susie Richardson (me), and retired Paly Principal Sandra Pearson.*



**From:** [Friends of Rebecca Eisenberg for Santa Clara Valley Water District](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** Rebecca Outraises the Incumbent!  
**Date:** Thursday, November 3, 2022 1:31:59 PM

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Dear City,

I strongly believe that money's outsized influence on politics is killing our democracy. But here in Santa Clara County, my race for District 7 of the Santa Clara Valley Water District has no campaign contribution limits. Because campaign finance reform (contribution and spending limits in particular) are considered essential to level the playing field between challengers (like me) and incumbents (like my opponent), my opponent has every advantage in the world to beat me in positive press and fundraising.

[According to news reports about our most recent fundraising cycle](#), we outraised the incumbent by almost 250%, bringing in almost \$42,000 during the most recent period, to his almost-\$17,000. When it comes to donations from individuals, that difference is even more stark. We do not accept donations from PACs or Special Interest Groups - but his funding comes virtually entirely from his own pockets, PACs, and Special Interest Groups.

While my opponent received only 3 donations from individuals during the most recent funding cycle, we received donations from 59 people! That means that his donor list from last period is approximately 4% the size of ours. **Four percent.**

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Overall, according to the Palo Alto Weekly, our campaign has raised more than 150% times the

amount of money than our opponent: the incumbent. This success is highly unusual for a political outsider and challenger like us.

This has to do with the fact that our District is ready for high-integrity leadership with a 100% track record of treating staff with kindness and respect. We also think that this reflects that voters are hungry for water plans that further sustainability goals rather than tear up the earth, like the dams and tunnels championed by my opponent.

We could not have done this without YOU! So, THANK YOU, supporters, for believing in our messages and goals.

As we progress through the Final Five days of the campaign, we will not stop fighting for high-integrity leadership and sustainable water management for District 7 of the Valley Water District. If you have time to canvas, send text messages, make phone calls, or visit Farmers' Markets, we would be thrilled to have you join us. If there is room in your budget for another contribution - as much as we hate to ask - we could use that as well.

There is so much at stake in this election. With your support, together, we will ensure that all people in Santa Clara County have dependable access to safe, clean, affordable water today and for generations to come.

With gratitude,  
Rebecca

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Donate

We Plan to Finish this Campaign Strong! In hopes to send out another mailer to share this exciting news, please DONATE! Each \$1000 will send a postcard to 2500 voters. \$5000 could bring us to victory this week! If you already donated, please consider another donation. 5 Days To Go!

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**To:** [Shikada, Ed](#)  
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**Subject:** PetsInNeed - No Appointments for Spay and Neuter  
**Date:** Thursday, November 3, 2022 11:19:50 AM

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Dear Council members and Mr. Shikada,

I am following up on an email from last year where I expressed concern about PetsInNeed. Recently we were able to final capture the feral female cat who escaped while waiting to get into PetsInNeed a year and a half ago, along with two kittens she gave birth to in August. A third kitten was seen with an injured leg and is presumed dead. While I was able to get an appointment to spay the mama cat at PetsInNeed, I am now being told that I can't make an appointment and I will need to wait months on a waitlist to spay and neuter her newest batch of kittens if I don't want to clip their ears. It will be more difficult to find homes for the kittens if their ears are clipped. The city has contracted with PetsInNeed to provide spay and neuter services, so why are they not making appointments? The [website says there are over 500 pets on the waitlist](#). If PetsInNeed can't live up to their contract, I encourage the city to take over the clinic or find another more dependable provider.

Best,  
Kristen Andersen

On Nov 4, 2021, at 7:43 AM, Shikada, Ed <[Ed.Shikada@CityofPaloAlto.org](mailto:Ed.Shikada@CityofPaloAlto.org)> wrote:

Dear Ms. Anderson,

I am acknowledging receipt of your email, and will discuss with staff appropriate follow-up. Thank you for bringing this concern to our attention.

Sincerely,  
--Ed

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**From:** Kristen Andersen <[kristenandersen@me.com](mailto:kristenandersen@me.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 3, 2021 3:11 PM  
**To:** Council, City <[city.council@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:city.council@cityofpaloalto.org)>; City Mgr <[CityMgr@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:CityMgr@cityofpaloalto.org)>  
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Dear Councilmembers and Mr. Shikada,

I am writing to you after seeing the very concerning article by Sue Dremann in the Palo Alto Weekly regarding inhumane treatment that resulted in the death of seven pups at the Palo Alto Animal Shelter. Below is a letter I drafted to the Council last January but did not send due to concern that it could negatively impact the relationship between local rescue organizations and PetsInNeed.

***PetsInNeed Failing to Provide Services and Accountability***

Ten months have passed since I wrote this letter. While PetsInNeed has started performing some of the services they were contracted to perform, they are still only open for public spay and neuter one day per week. So, what have they been doing? The last Asilomar / Maddies Fund Report published on its website was for the period 02/19/2019 to 10/31/2019. Has the City of Palo Alto received a more current version that details what they have been up to over the past two years? I heard that PetsInNeed was bringing many animals in from the central valley while refusing to provide services to the residents of Palo Alto who pay for this shelter and this article confirms that. As I predicted, the feral cat population has grown in Crescent Park. PetsInNeed finally agreed to spay and neuter the adult cats that we could trap in February 2021, however when we caught the mother of the six kittens I fostered, we could not get an appointment for several days and she escaped. She had another litter of 5 later in the Spring. Two have died already. In the past several

weeks Animal Control has captured 6 cats and kittens on Dana Avenue. There are more, but now residents will be reluctant to trap and surrender to PetsInNeed because there is a loss of public trust.

#### ***Not An Isolated Incident***

If you investigate, I think you will discover this is not an isolated incident. I have heard other stories on inhumane treatment, such as transferring a feral to another organization in San Jose for release - a community the cat wasn't familiar with and would not know where to find food and water. Apparently transferring animals with unfavorable outcomes is a way to make your reporting look better.

#### ***PetsInNeed Culture of Coverups***

Why were Shelter workers leaking out these stories of inhumane treatment instead of going to leadership prior to the puppy incident? After reading Ms. Dremann's article I reached out to multiple sources with contacts at the shelter. One of them provided me with a copy of the letter that PetsInNeed staff wrote to its Board in August (Attached). The letter talks about Executive Director Al Mollica being "combative and dismissive" and how he is not transparent, provides incomplete information to staff and elected to keep the incident internal and not take any disciplinary actions. This behavior is consistent with my own personal experience where Mr. Kalman denied that his staff told me they would likely euthanize kittens. Now that Ms. Dremann's article has come out, PetsInNeed has published a statement on their website that they are going to conduct a "thorough investigation into this incident." How could we possibly trust PetsInNeed to investigate themselves? Especially when the staff that reported the incident are experiencing retaliation. If PetsInNeed leadership was really concerned about the welfare and safety of the animals they would have investigated months ago and taken actions.

I urge the Council to replace PetsInNeed with a reputable and trustworthy provider who will perform the services they are contracted to provide to the residents of our community.

Best,  
Kristen Andersen

#### **LETTER DRAFTED IN JANUARY 2021 BUT NOT SENT**

Dear Councilmembers,

In February 2019 PetsInNeed took over operation of the Palo Alto Animal Shelter. On the city's website it states that its responsibilities include animal adoption; dog licensing; lost and found reports; spay & neuter clinic; vaccine clinics; animal surrender; humane trap rentals; volunteering; and community programs. It is my understanding that many of these services are not being provided to our community despite the fact that our community has funded PetsInNeed to provide these services. For example, in the two years that they have had the contract PetsInNeed has not done a single public Spay & Neuter Clinic or Vaccine Clinic. I am writing to you to ask you to audit their practice and hold PetsInNeed accountable for fulfilling the terms of their contract.

I am a resident of Crescent Park. We have a growing feral cat population that I am trying to address. On December 16, 2020 at 12:49 pm I contacted PetsInNeed to seek assistance with trapping 6 kittens and several adult cats. Despite their stated mission to "advance the no-kill movement, reduce pet homelessness, and find every dog and cat a loving home," the representative on the phone told me during our 11 minute conversation that their office wasn't currently open to the public due to Covid, that they currently didn't have a veterinarian, and that feral kittens older than 8 weeks would likely be too old to be socialized and therefore not adoptable and would probably be euthanized if Animal Control was able to capture them. Since I was very concerned about the kittens getting euthanized, I immediately reached out to Humane Connection, a no-kill cat rescue organization who I had adopted cats from in the past. Humane Connection put me in contact with the Palo Alto Humane Society who has been helping me capture, spay and neuter, and vaccinate the kittens and will be helping me find them loving homes. These are all services that PetsInNeed should be providing to our community per their contract, but instead we have been forced to go out of the county to receive these services. When Palo Alto Humane Society reported my conversation with the Palo Alto shelter representative to PetsInNeed President Rob Kalman, he denied that any of his employees would say feral kittens older than eight weeks would be euthanized and dismissed me as "not credible" even though he doesn't know me or even know my name.

PetsInNeed is using the remodel and Covid as rationale for why they aren't providing services to the public, while shelters in neighboring communities have been safely providing these services to their constituents. Furthermore, it is my understanding that while not providing services to the Palo Alto public, PetsInNeed is bringing in animals from shelters outside of the area and providing services to these animals. While I would support assisting other communities, we need to meet the needs of our own community first. Our residents are paying for the operation of the Palo Alto shelter. The inability to spay and neuter our feral population now will result in more kittens this spring and exponential growth of feral cats in our Palo Alto neighborhoods. This is inhumane. Please demand that they start fulfilling the terms of their contract now.

Thank you for giving this your time and attention.

Kristen Andersen

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**To:** [Council, City; Guagliardo, Steven](#)  
**Cc:** [Gillian Robinson; Lara Ekwall](#)  
**Subject:** Vehicle on California Avenue this morning  
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Hi all,

I'm forwarding some footage of a car that drove onto California Avenue this morning, apparently to pick up something at Starbucks. One of our employees told the gentleman that the street was for pedestrians only. He said it was discrimination, and that the bikers should be the ones not allowed on the street.

Video attached.

Thanks,

Don

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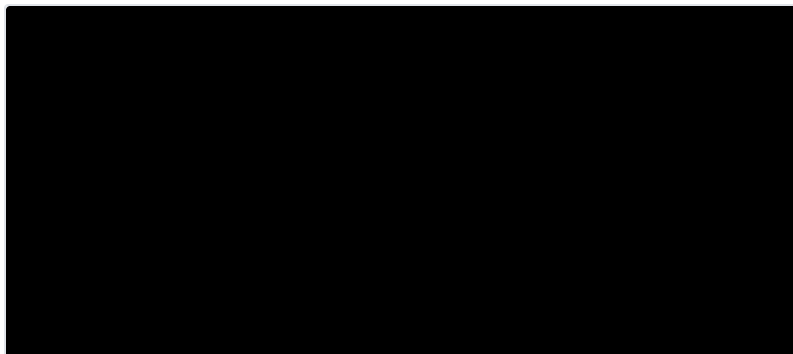
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**From:** [herb](#)  
**To:** [UAC](#)  
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**Subject:** November 2, 2022 UAC Meeting, Item #VII.6: Fiber Projects  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 2, 2022 5:48:47 PM

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

November 2, 2022

Utilities Advisory Commission  
City of Palo Alto  
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**NOVEMBER 2, 2022 UTILITIES ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING, AGENDA  
ITEM #VII.6  
FIBER BACKBONE AND FIBERTO-THE-PREMISES**

Dear Utilities Advisory Commission:

I support the construction of an active (point-to-point) Ethernet protocol fiber optic network that provides 1 gigabit per second (Gbps) symmetrical (bidirectional) bandwidth where each subscriber is connected to the network by fiber.

The staff report for this agenda item proposes building a fiber network that would take at least five years to complete.

The information staff has provided to date does not include the details required for the Commission and Council to critically evaluate staff's proposal, while some Commissioners and Council Members believe their role is advocacy rather than requesting and reviewing the information needed to make an informed and reasoned decision about staff's proposal.

Since staff's proposed project would take at least five years to build, I suggest that your recommendation include a priority sequence for neighborhoods to be connected to the fiber network that would motivate you to decide whether a fiber project that takes five years to build is worthwhile when some neighborhoods would have to wait five years to receive the benefits of the fiber project, and where some neighborhoods would never get fiber if the project fails before the five years occur.

I urge you to recommend to the City Council the following reverse order of neighborhood sequencing for the fiber project:

1. The last neighborhoods to receive fiber would be the neighborhoods where the current Council Members live.
2. The next-to-last neighborhoods to receive fiber would be the neighborhoods where the three Council Members elected next week live if they don't live in the neighborhoods of the

current Council Members.

3. The neighborhoods of the members of the Utilities Advisory Commission who don't live in any of those Council Members neighborhoods would receive fiber before the Council Members neighborhoods and after everyone else's neighborhoods.

Do you believe your neighborhood would ever receive the City's fiber project if that schedule was adopted as part of the staff's proposal?

### **Cost Estimates and Funding Allocation**

The cost estimates on Packet Page 110 say the fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) project would cost \$102.3 million and that if the FTTP project and Backbone project were built jointly there would be a savings of \$10.9 million, while the existing Fiber Fund would provide \$34.0 million, and the total new funding required would be \$98.0 million.

The spreadsheets in the 9/19/2022 staff report to the City Council and UAC on FTTP (ID # 13956) at Packet Pages 82, 87, and 92 of the September 19, 2022 City Council Agenda Packet show that the FTTP project would receive \$25 million from the Fiber Fund and would borrow \$86.4 million, or more than the maximum shown in cost estimates.

Subtracting those amounts from the total cost of the FTTP project yields less than \$1.0 million of cost savings for the FTTP project from building the two projects separately, while over \$10.0 million of savings are credited to the Backbone project.

Before making a recommendation, you need to see the cost accounting of both projects together to evaluate whether there is proper cost allocation to the two projects.

For example, there would be construction savings if the two projects have fiber strung along the same path, but since the same labor is required for a loose-tube fiber of as many as 864-count loose fiber cable as for a single fiber, the cost savings should be divided equally between the two projects. (Twelve 12-fiber cables can be bundled together for a total of 144 fibers, and up to six 144-count fiber bundles can be placed around an empty core to get 864 fibers.)

### **Depreciation**

The useful lives used to calculate annual depreciation do not correspond to those used by the City of Palo Alto.

I submitted a Public Records Act request that was answered by former Director of Administrative Services Lalo Perez that showed the following depreciation schedules:

Dark fiber is amortized over 30 years.

Equipment is expensed if it is \$5,000 or less.

Equipment costing more than \$5,000 is amortized over 5 years.

### **Dark Fiber Lease Revenue**

The revenue projections for New Business Internet in the spreadsheets do not indicate the extent to which business customers would be cannibalized from the resellers who are customers of the Dark Fiber business.

The FTTP project would be attractive to many customers who can now obtain service only from those resellers.

### **Optronics**

The slides attached to the 8/3/2022 staff report to the UAC (ID # 14582 at slide 17 indicate that only the Commercial 1 Gbps price includes "Dedicated Packages". Does that term mean point-to-point Internet?

The most recent report to the Council and the UAC implies that all customers will have symmetrical packages that AT&T does not have provide.

The consultant and the staff need to be explicit now about whether the proposed FTTP project is for point-to-point or point-to-multipoint Internet.

### **Fiber Huts**

The 10/6/2022 staff report to the UAC (ID #13591) at slide 12 shows a potential Fiber Hut at Fire Station on 5 at 600 Arastradero Road.

The subsequent report to the City Council, shows a Fiber Hut at the adjacent Juana Briones Park that would require an ordinance subject to referendum that could be financed by the incumbents.

### **Survey Results and Projections**

The survey results are from individuals who selected themselves, which creates a biased sample with nonprobability sampling that cannot be used in the Conjoint Analysis because nonprobability samples cannot be used to determine the behavior of all residents in statistical terms.

Further, nobody except the staff and consultants have seen the results of the companion business survey.

### **Proposition 218**

For practical and legal reasons, it makes sense to separate the City as the owner and operator of the FTTP system from the Internet Service Provider.

## **Organization**

I believe the FTTP project should be a customer of the Dark Fiber Fund.

The Dark Fiber additions needed for the FTTP project would be owned by the Dark Fiber Fund.

The FTTP project would be entitled to pay a special rate for leasing the dark fiber from the Fiber Fund, because the FTTP project would pass all premises, and because the premises could become customers at any time rather than only during a specific time window when the project is being constructed in their neighborhood.

The special rate I propose is based on the City's depreciation schedule for the dark fiber system.

I also believe the City should hire an experienced Network Operator and an Internet Service Provider (ISP) with a demonstrated commitment to network neutrality and protection of customer privacy.

The Network Operator would install the optronics and connect customers to the dark fiber.

Customers would pay for those connections either all at once or in installments.

That is not the same thing as a public-private partnership, because the City would own and control the FTTP system and choose an operator that would be a contractor and not a partner.

The contractor would unbundle the fee for Network Operation and ISP so that other ISPs could access customers by paying the Network Operator fee that would then be passed on to customers.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Herb Borock

cc: City Council  
City Clerk

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Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2022

Mr. Doug Vagim-

Doug- Here is a boondoggle in the making. Measure P which we support through an enforced extraction of our money via a sales tax, has all sorts of issues. Looks like a mine-field. Dyer opposed Measure P. I am sure I did too.

[Measure P | Fresno | A Is City Council micromanaging arts funding? \(munroreview.com\)](#)

I do NOT like all of the sales tax hikes in Fresno. The sales tax is the most regressive tax. It falls most heavily on those least able to pay it. Rich people north of Herndon love the sales tax. They don't care if their new Mercedes costs a little more. A big hike in their income tax or capital gains tax bothers them a lot though.

An even bigger boondoggle will be discussed by the Fresno CC tomorrow, Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022: whether to spend significant money for a study on whether Fresno should hive off the electricity portion of PG&E service and start a municipal electric utility here to provide that in Fresno. My first reaction: That would be a heavy lift.

The City of Fresno would have to sell a billion \$ or more of utility bonds to begin such a project. then try to service that debt with receipts from Fresno electricity customers. PG&E says their assets are not for sale, so the City would have to sue them and get a court to compel them to sell their assets- Substations, trucks, lines, and entire corporation yard PG&E no doubt has here, all of the components and materials, plans, schematics, all of the customer records, all of the records of the history of the system, when lines and components were bought and installed, the history of suppliers they use. The City would probably step in as

party to litigation under way now by PG&E in Fresno. Think of the management structure the City would have to develop now in place by PG&E here. They would have to hire and train an army of maintenance and repair staff. We could not compel these people to leave PG&E and go to work for a new City utility. Abraham Lincoln saw to that. PG&E's service area runs from the Oregon border to the grapevine, probably. They have advisors and experts throughout that system who can deal with issues that arise anywhere in the system. Fresno would have to develop all of that locally. Fresno would really have crews with trucks and equipment to get out into the eastern reaches to solve problems when ice or wind brings down lines at 2 AM? PG&E gets sued plenty, and the City of Fresno would be stepping into that line of fire. Right now, they are being sued for the wrongful death of two people who died in the recent fire in far northern California. PG&E probably gets support from federal and state money. Fresno would have to duplicate its share of that.

As I said, this looks like a heavy lift. For just one thing, billions of dollars of debt would have to be incurred to pull this off. Mayor Dyer said at the news conference that there would be no guarantee that residential and other customers here would have lower electricity bills!! Then this whole thing would be to further enrich some developers who can't get their new developments electrified. Maybe Mayor Dyer mispoke again.

Rather than start down this rat hole, I suggest that the Fresno City Council take up the issue of transformers not being available with the State of California, the PUC, and the US Department of Energy. It seems that the US can manufacture anything. Get with the State of California, DOE, Congress and the WH and document the issue of some electrical components having supply chain issues that prevent new construction from going into service. PG&E has told the City what their problem is. The answer is not for the City of Fresno to try to duplicate the entire electricity infrastructure of PG&E here and all of the ancillary bureaucracy that goes with it. Focus on getting the components that PG&E cannot obtain. The State of California (does it have a Department of Energy?), the DOE, the Congress and the WH can solve the issue is component shortages.

PG&E is indeed a monopoly, as Mayor Dyer says, but it is a regulated utility. Take your problem to the California PUC. They have oversight aplenty over the company. We should not have whole new tracts of new homes sitting empty because PG&E can't get some electrical components, agreed. Where is Governor Newsom in this problem? Aim your documentation at him and the California legislature. If this is a problem in Fresno, it must be a problem for developers all over California, or at least all over the PG&E service area.

So please cancel the vote on hiring a study of the feasibility of Fresno starting its own electricity utility. You are talking about an undertaking that would be a very heavy lift, and fraught with almost insurmountable challenges. There are economies of scale that PG&E enjoys now. I think they get 20% of their electricity now from Diablo Canyon nuclear plant. Is Fresno going to build a big nuclear plant here? There are far better ways to get this solved. I suggest that the City spend the consultant money on filling potholes here instead.

L. William Harding  
Fresno, Ca.

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**To:** [UAC](#)  
**Cc:** [Hoel, Jeff \(external\); Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: How to fight FUD from ITIF?  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 2, 2022 2:24:07 PM

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Commissioners,

In a 10-13-22 message to UAC, Hamilton Hitchings, in opposing citywide municipal FTTP, cites two documents.

At my request, Christopher Mitchell, Director of the Community Broadband Networks Initiative with the Institute for Local Self-Reliance, <https://muninetworks.org/users/christopher> has provided this rebuttal of one of the documents, which I am forwarding to you. He previously rebutted the other document here: <https://muninetworks.org/sites/www.muninetworks.org/files/fiber-fallacy-upenn-yoo.pdf>

Thanks.

Jeff

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**From:** Christopher Mitchell <[christopher@ilsr.org](mailto:christopher@ilsr.org)>  
**To:** Jeff Hoel <[jeff\\_hoel@yahoo.com](mailto:jeff_hoel@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 05:34:49 PM PDT  
**Subject:** Re: How to fight FUD from ITIF?

I hadn't read this before - the link in the email gave me a 404. I think this is what it was referencing:

<https://itif.org/publications/2021/06/24/broadband-myths-does-municipal-broadband-scale-well-fit-us-broadband-needs/>

Short version...

It contains several arguments:

Unlike traditional utilities that are relatively static, like electricity distribution, broadband is dynamic, requiring consistent investment to keep up with technological change. The private sector can better adapt and drive continual improvement.

If the private sector kept up with technological change, we wouldn't see pressure on cities to be building better networks than they are stuck with. In general, the idea of the "private sector" mashes together a lot of different entities that aren't remotely similar... local companies often invest in the community and are focused on helping their neighborhoods in ways that AT&T and Comcast never do. Local companies have more in common with municipal networks than they do publicly traded Fortune 500 companies.

Municipal networks often deploy first in low-cost, high-return business-improvement districts and are necessarily limited in their jurisdiction, making it difficult for regional providers to support areas outside city limits.

I don't think so. In states that allow munis to serve their neighbors, they often have.

Municipalities do not support innovation as well as the private sector does. For example, they do not contribute to standards-setting organizations or invest in R&D.

Most small private companies don't do this either.

Several municipal networks have failed, and those that remain financially viable often owe their success more to federal subsidies or unique circumstances than to their ownership model.

This is just lies based on the Yoo paper that made many errors.

Many municipal advocates seem to think that once supposedly "future-proof" technologies are deployed, there is no more necessary investment or upkeep.  
Straight up bullshit.

If the goal is additional competitors to provide more consumer choice—something that comes at a cost of duplicate facilities—there is still much that local governments can do to lower the barriers to market entry and facilitate low-cost deployment by private firms. Rather than enter the market directly, local authorities should ensure a streamlined process to access rights of

way and attach to poles, for example. Enabling dynamic competition would best serve consumers in the long term. But mandating additional facilities-based, government-owned competitive “overbuilding” would increase national broadband costs with little benefit. In crafting a national broadband infrastructure package, Congress should avoid elevating the role of municipal and nonprofit providers.

Hundreds of governments have engaged in this stream-lining only to see no new investment or cherry-picking. ITIF will say anything to further the interest of the large firms that fund it to further their interests.

There are these totally unsupported claims which I cannot even understand.

When a new “competitor” in the form of a local government enters a duopoly market, the overall costs of providing the infrastructure to that area go up by roughly 50 percent.

The last thing I'll say is that ITIF doesn't care about whether a given community thrives or not. It is focused on whether tech firms are able to increase the profits they return to shareholders. That is its focus. This is quite evident from the perspective it takes of Chattanooga.

Chattanooga's EPB build was wasteful overbuilding. Municipal networks should really only be reserved for areas where there are not already private providers.

Chattanooga's network has seen more than half of all subscribers choose it over the supposedly more innovative AT&T and Comcast. It has kept prices steady for more than a decade while dramatically increasing speeds. It has returned some \$2.7 billion to the community from the various direct and indirect benefits. [https://assets.epb.com/media/Lobo%20-%20Ten%20Years%20of%20Fiber%20Infrastructure%20in%20Hamilton%20County%20TN\\_Published.pdf](https://assets.epb.com/media/Lobo%20-%20Ten%20Years%20of%20Fiber%20Infrastructure%20in%20Hamilton%20County%20TN_Published.pdf)

But ITIF says it wasn't needed because Comcast and AT&T were already there. That should tell you a lot about the perspective of ITIF and what they value. If AT&T and Comcast dramatically raise prices in Palo Alto, ITIF will celebrate it because supposedly those firms will put more into R&D and innovation. But that is not how the world actually works - and I'm pretty sure the folks at ITIF know this.

Christopher Mitchell  
Director, Community Broadband Networks  
Institute for Local Self-Reliance

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On Tue, Nov 1, 2022 at 2:42 PM Jeff Hoel <[jeff\\_hoel@yahoo.com](mailto:jeff_hoel@yahoo.com)> wrote:

Chris,

In Palo Alto, Hamilton Hitchings opposes citywide municipal FTTP. See his message of 10-13-22 to UAC (pages 2-53 here). (Page 2 is his message -- see below the "#####" line. Pages 3-53 are copies of the two documents he cites.)  
<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/files/assets/public/agendas-minutes-reports/agendas-minutes/utilities-advisory-commission/archived-agenda-and-minutes/agendas-and-minutes-2022/11-02-2022/11-02-2022-public-letters-to-uac.pdf>

It cites the Yoo et al. paper, for which you've provided a rebuttal. Thanks.  
<https://muninetworks.org/sites/www.muninetworks.org/files/fiber-fallacy-upenn-yoo.pdf>

It also cites a 06-24-21 article from ITIF. Is there a rebuttal for that, too?

Thanks.

Jeff

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From: Hamilton Hitchings  
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Several folks have asked for the link to the U Penn study on municipal fiber which showed very poor financial performance by most of the 20 municipalities studied. So I figured I'd send it to you along with the summary article I quoted from. I highly recommend reading them as a counter point to Magellan's optimistic forecasts.

Article: <https://itif.org/publications/2021/06/24/broadband-myths-does-municipal-broadband-scalewell-fit-us-broadband-needs/>

U Penn Paper: <https://www.law.upenn.edu/live/files/6611-report-municipal-fiber-in-the-united-statesan>

Best wishes,



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Dear Ms. Gonot,

On behalf of the City of Palo Alto and the North County VTA Policy Advisory Group members, please see attached letter from Mayor Burt regarding the Request for Transit Service Planning on San Antonio Road Corridor.

Thank you,  
Joanna



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Request for Transit Service Planning on San Antonio Road Corridor

October 12, 2022

Carolyn Gonot, General Manager  
Valley Transportation Authority  
3331 North First Street  
San Jose, CA 95134

Re: Request for Transit Service Planning on San Antonio Road Corridor

Dear Ms. Gonot,

On behalf of the City of Palo Alto and the north County VTA Policy Advisory Group members, I am writing to request that VTA direct transit service planning resources to the San Antonio Road corridor serving the four north County cities of Mountain View, Palo Alto, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills.

Over recent years, this corridor has experienced massive new office and residential development, primarily in Mountain View to date. Mountain View, Los Altos, and Palo Alto are all planning for many thousands of units of housing along the corridor within the next few years as central parts of their state-mandated Housing Elements. In addition, Mountain View and Palo Alto have located their Project Homekey/LifeMoves transitional housing projects, requiring lifeline transit service, toward the lower end of the San Antonio Rd corridor. Congestion in the corridor is already significant and that problem will be very compounded in the next few years. While VTA staff have recently agreed to include consideration of the corridor as part of the 2024 Transit Service Plan development effort which will begin in the spring of 2023, this letter provides the land use and transportation context for this request and seeks partnership in developing a robust transit network for the single corridor. We believe that VTA needs to incorporate significant changes to development plans in the north County when considering its service patterns, similar to the VTA commitments to investing in the upcoming development pattern in the Diridon station area.

In addition, the San Antonio Caltrain station currently will soon go from one train per hour except during peak periods to a train every 30 minutes. Serving this station with appropriate transit will be key to supporting mobility and reducing congestion in this area. VTA needs to place a greater emphasis on integrating its network with the electrified Caltrain network coming in 2024. Together, these two systems make a single network for the County.

VTA is leading on the upcoming re-design of the US101 interchanges at San Antonio Road and at Rengstorff Avenue to improve safety and add the missing southbound on-ramp at San Antonio Road. This redesign will support plans to improve bike and pedestrian plans for the corridor.

Palo Alto City staff look forward to working with VTA Transit Planning staff on the 2024 Service Plan. In particular, City staff is interested in partnering on grants that would plan for this area. A corridor study of San Antonio Road that included all affected jurisdictions may be an effective approach.

Recent conversations between City and VTA staff surfaced the following considerations and some constraints to adding bus service in the near term to San Antonio Road:

- Budget: VTA has not been able to add service due to budget constraints, although the FY24 budget may allow some additional service.
- Frequent Network Preference: VTA prefers development to be located along its frequent network.
- Land Use: VTA does consider existing and long-term development plans in their network planning.
- Connectivity: New routes need to improve connections and connectivity with the rest of the network.
- Complete Streets: VTA looks for improvements to the roadway network that are pedestrian- and transit-friendly.
- Timing: Annual service planning begins in the spring of the prior year, community engagement occurs in the summer, VTA committees and board adoption in October, and the new service is implemented in January.
- Title VI Service Equity Analysis: New routes cannot have disparate impacts on groups identified by race, color, or national origin. This FTA-mandated analysis includes outreach to the entire VTA service area to weigh in on a proposed new route. New routes that require VTA to pull service or resources from a community where more people of color are served would not pass the equity analysis.
- Route Productivity/Partnerships/Grants: Given the equity analysis requirement, the north County cities would have a better chance of adding a route if the route were productive or if the cities provided some funding so that resources from other parts of the transit network would not need to be recruited. For example, Stanford Research Park (SRP) subsidizes 25% of the costs of express buses that serve SRP. VTA would also be open to partnering on grant funding. The Valley Medical Hospital shuttle is supported by a partnership between the County, VTA, and TFCA funds. An Equity Analysis was done before this service was added.
- Collaboration with Neighboring Jurisdictions: Staff noted the importance of including adjacent cities in any planning effort as they have also expressed a desire for more transit service in the corridor.

San Antonio Road will be the backbone of future bus network connectivity in South Palo Alto, Mountain View, Los Altos, and Los Altos Hills (Foothill College) as land uses intensify around the corridor and as transportation upgrades accrue at US101 and by Caltrain. Beyond moving forward in the spring to discuss what might be possible in the near-term, future collaboration with VTA

and the north County cities needs to include a comprehensive planning process for transit service and multi-modal mobility in this part of the County.

Thank you for your partnership and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia Burt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Patricia" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Burt".

Mayor Pat Burt

**From:** [Patrick Butler](#)  
**To:** [UAC](#)  
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Dear Commissioners:

On page 50 of the packet it is recommended that the City Council state:

SECTION 10. The Council finds that the fees and charges adopted by this resolution are charges imposed for a specific government service or product provided directly to the payor that are not provided to those not charged, and do not exceed the reasonable costs to the City of providing the service or product.

Given the round numbers of the charges proposed for those residences that opt-out of the new metering system, a \$100.00 fee plus \$25.00 per month, there is no data provided to support the statement that the fees do not exceed the costs for this service. Given that the current residential minimum electric bill is about 34 cents per day, or just over \$10 per month, I assume that is the cost of the City to read a meter with no or very little electric usage and to bill the customer.

As for the proposed opt-out rate charges, I feel that the amounts are excessive. All public utilities in California charge a one-time fee of \$75.00, \$10 per month for three years and nothing after three years.

The proposal to require all users who opt out to read their own meters and report on a monthly basis looks like an attempt to discourage anyone from taking the new meters and not a cost-cutting proposal. PG&E reads the meters of those who opt out every other month. As the City staff are proposing that those who are charged \$25.00 per month would have their meters read by the City once per year, why not read them three more times per year, once every four months and prorate the billing? That would cost the City a bit extra, but it would eliminate the need to process a stack of mail-in cards and maintain a reporting website for those who are required to read their own meters.

Best regards,  
Patrick Butler

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achievements, Dr. Bennett has written award-winning children's science books. He educates and inspires children and young adults in science and astronomy through workshops, curriculum development, writing and more. Don't miss this space flight and the chance to better understand the solar system we call home.

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Hi Mr. Patrick,

I would love to invite you to my African Storytelling Reimagined sessions at Nordstroms in Palo Alto (11/12) and San Francisco (11/13). My name is Ada and I was inspired by my children to become a children's author. A Nigerian immigrant, I wanted them to enjoy the stories that I grew up on, so my books are retellings of some of the most cherished African folktales that have been passed down orally for generations and lost to centuries of migration.

**I will be hosting several readings in the Bay Area area as part of my partnership with Nordstrom and I would love to invite you to attend this reading and also drive awareness of my initiative.** Since I launched, I have had and had an amazing time presenting my program around the country. In addition to reading, my sessions include geography and cultural lessons, African dance, and touch/feel interactions with authentic African artifacts. I have been featured on numerous media outlets such as [Fox5](#) and [WPGC 95.5](#).

We are living in a time where diversity is so encouraged and celebrated and I know that you would love not just the story behind my books, but the geography and culture inserts included. Storytelling is a way that African elders share moral lessons with young children, and it is a treat being able to share this bit of our culture to new audiences. Please check out this [brief YouTube Video showcasing my book and its features](#) and let me know your thoughts.

Thank you,  
Ada  
[www.ada-ari.com](http://www.ada-ari.com)  
Instagram: [@ada\\_ari](#)

**From:** [Kathleen Early](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** Far-right-wing books displayed at Mitchell Park Library Today  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 1, 2022 4:52:11 PM

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Dear City Council,

Today, just one week before the mid-term election, several books by far-right-wing authors are on display at Mitchell Park Library, in a section that is nominally devoted to election information.

These books include: *A race for the future*, by Heritage Foundation Senior Fellow Mike Gonzalez; *One Vote Away*, by Ted Cruz, who as recently as Oct 24, 2022 refused to admit that Joe Biden won the 2020 election; and *Extortion*, by Peter Schweitzer, Senior Editor-at-Large for Breitbart News.

Somehow, I don't imagine that I am the only citizen in Palo Alto who may find this to be objectionable. My question: What is the policy here?

Attached are a couple photos as verification. Please note, this table is meant to be noticed by anyone on their way out of the library. It's not some obscure corner.

Sincerely yours,

Kathy Early

**From:** [Palo Alto Free Press](#)  
**To:** [Binder, Andrew](#); [Shikada, Ed](#); [Reifschneider, James](#); [Milton, Lesley](#); [Horrigan-Taylor, Meghan](#); [Michael Gennaco](#)  
**Cc:** [Council, City](#)  
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Andrew Binder for public comment:

[Andrew.Binder@CityofPaloAlto.org](mailto:Andrew.Binder@CityofPaloAlto.org)

- 1 Palo Alto Weekly
2. Palo Alto Daily Post
3. Palo Alto Free Press
4. Others

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The City has reviewed its files and has determined there are no responsive documents to your request.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me by responding to this message.

Sincerely,

Billy Gray  
Records Lead  
Police Department

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Scott O'Neil](#)  
**To:** [Council, City; Planning Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Groundtruthing letter - Nest, T&C, Portage  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 1, 2022 2:46:36 PM  
**Attachments:** [Groundtruthing Letter - TnC Portage Nest.pdf](#)

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Dear Mayor Burt, Palo Alto City Council, Palo Alto Planning and Transportation Commission, and Palo Alto City Staff,

Please find attached a letter examining sites that are being considered for inclusion in the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element.

Sincerely,  
Scott O'Neil

November 1, 2022

Dear Palo Alto City Council; Palo Alto Planning and Transportation Committee; and City Staff:

I am writing today to share Housing Element ground-truthing results about various sites in Palo Alto, comprising the remaining sites that I do not believe other groundtruthers had visited yet. This should be my last letter prior to the anticipated release of the Draft Housing Element. Congratulations in advance on reaching this important milestone!

There are just three more sites that I believe should have additional consideration before the release of that draft.

## 340 Portage - Cannery Building

This site has public information from open meetings indicating that both the owner and the City are committed to treating the existing structure as an historic resource.

*"Sobrato [owner] is proposing preserving and rehabilitating a major portion of historic cannery building at 340 Portage Ave.*

*...*

*But while council members lauded some elements of the Sobrato plan — namely, the proposed improvements to the preserved cannery building — they roundly rejected Jay Paul's concept."*

As the city is on a path of "*relatively modest ambitions*"<sup>2</sup> in this area, I would encourage staff to ensure densities presented to HCD for this site are compatible with the public record on the trajectory of the process. While acknowledging that our information could be dated, it currently looks like this site is slated for 91 units in the inventory, as opposed to the 74 that the city seems on track to choose<sup>3</sup>:

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<sup>1</sup>

<https://www.paloaltoonline.com/news/2021/09/21/palo-alto-advances-redevelopment-plan-for-ventura-property-owners-have-other-ideas>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.paloaltoonline.com/news/2022/10/25/residents-activists-irked-by-evolving-ventura-plan>

<sup>3</sup>

<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/files/assets/public/agendas-minutes-reports/agendas-minutes/city-council-agendas-minutes/2022/20221024/20221024pccsm-amended.pdf#page=169>

### 340 Portage Sobrato Development Agreement

Earlier this year, the City Council Ad Hoc, staff, and representatives of the Sobrato Corporation (owner of 340 Portage Avenue) were in discussions regarding the subject site. The intent was to find common ground for the future use of the site, which is a key parcel within the NVCAP area. The August 1, 2022, City Council staff report provides background on these discussions.<sup>4</sup> In

<sup>4</sup> August 1, 2022 City Council Staff Report:

summary, a potential development agreement is under consideration for the site. The development agreement proposal would differ in some ways from the NVCAP plan concept; highlights of the key differences are shown in Table 1 below.

**Table 1: Key Differences Between NVCAP and Sobrato Development Agreement**

Highlights	NVCAP Plan	Sobrato Development Agreement
Cannery	Adaptive reuse	Portion is demolished and existing R&D uses remain
Open space	2.1 acres for open space and creek	2.25 acres for open space and creek (Sitewide w/Sobrato DA total open space for NVCAP would be 3.25 acres.)
Creek	Concept #3	Modified Concept #2 or 3
Housing	Townhouses	74 Townhouses & 1-acre affordable housing site (units TBD)
Office space	R&D to remain but transition over time to other uses	R&D to stay in remaining portion of cannery building and would be

## 3901 & 3903 El Camino Real - Nest Hotel

I believe these two parcels are both used by the Nest Hotel, which according to coverage in Palo Alto Online was built just 7 years ago.<sup>4</sup> It's not impossible to imagine this low-intensity use being redeveloped during the planning period. However, since it does not appear to conform with the city's site selection criteria due to having been developed too recently<sup>5</sup>, it stands out in having no obvious justification for inclusion on the inventory at all –much less meet the heightened bar for a low-income site.

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.paloaltoonline.com/news/2015/10/05/shop-talk-the-nest-comes-to-palo-alto>

<sup>5</sup> This point should not be taken as walking back of criticisms I have made of those criteria in public comment, ie: for the Housing Element Working Group sessions.



I acknowledge that I'm working from limited information, and it is possible the city has evidence it can use to meet or exceed that burden. But since the site stands out in this way, I wanted to raise the question in case its inclusion was simply in error.

## 841 El Camino Real - Town and Country

While this shopping center has some vacancies, there are also many thriving local businesses operating on this site, which has been a local fixture for generations. When I talk about this site with folks more connected to North Palo Alto, I get a unique degree of incredulity about it being included as an inventory site. One North Palo Alto neighbor called it “really shocking.” Town and Country is also about the only thing I’ve ever heard my mother wax nostalgic about from her early childhood in the South Bay:

*“So sad. As a child growing up in San Jose we went to Town and Country for all special occasions. They had the fancy ice cream shops and the high end children's shoe and clothing boutiques my mom shopped at, much to my Dad's chagrin.”*

These are anecdotes, but they leave me convinced that there is a deep well of nostalgia for and attachment to this site among certain segments of the community. Particularly older folks, and people living in North Palo Alto.

Reinforcing this belief is the Council's recent decision to disallow even the modest change of permitting some medical uses to complement the existing retail.<sup>6</sup> Given these signals pointing to a lack of community appetite for conversion of use at this site, I would suggest that to count any units at all, the city should commit to ensuring that flexible, ministerially-administered objective standards exist for the site at economically feasible densities and uses, sufficient to fully insulate any future projects at Town and Country from political interference. If strong political insulation measures cannot be taken here *especially*, these units might be best found by increasing density at other sites in the inventory.

Furthermore, and apart from the above considerations, the Town & Country site houses Trader Joe's, one of the few grocery stores serving North Palo Alto. Inclusion of this site further problematizes the partial inclusion of Whole Foods sites, which I mentioned in an earlier letter. In the Nonvacant site analysis methodology section of the Housing Element Handbook, HCD includes a number of factors that might make a site unsuitable, including “the only grocery store in the city.”<sup>7</sup> Unless we think HCD would allow San Francisco to pass a Housing Element that converted all but two grocery stores, we should take the wording “the only” as illustrative of a

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<https://www.mercurynews.com/2021/06/08/palo-alto-council-denies-town-and-country-villages-bid-for-shift-to-allow-retail-oriented-medical-offices/>

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[https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/housing-element/docs/sites\\_inventory\\_memo\\_final06102020.pdf](https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/housing-element/docs/sites_inventory_memo_final06102020.pdf)

condition that would clearly be problematic and not literally limiting the consideration to only cities that purport to eliminate all groceries.

My understanding is that in practice, HCD has found that elements which include too many of their grocery must reduce unit counts to reflect the implausibility of **all** such sites converting by applying a probability factor to all such sites and reducing unit counts appropriately. In this case, if Palo Alto were to include both these North Palo Alto grocery sites (and if those were deemed allowable on other grounds) then I believe HCD would insist they both be counted at 50% of realistic development to reflect a presumption that if one converts, the other will not.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

-Scott O'Neil

**From:** [Charlie Weidanz](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** Women of Wine: Napa Valley Tasting Event  
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This exclusive wine tasting event will feature women-owned wine brands from the Napa Valley. Taste through each portfolio of wines as you talk with the winemakers and vintners of each brand.

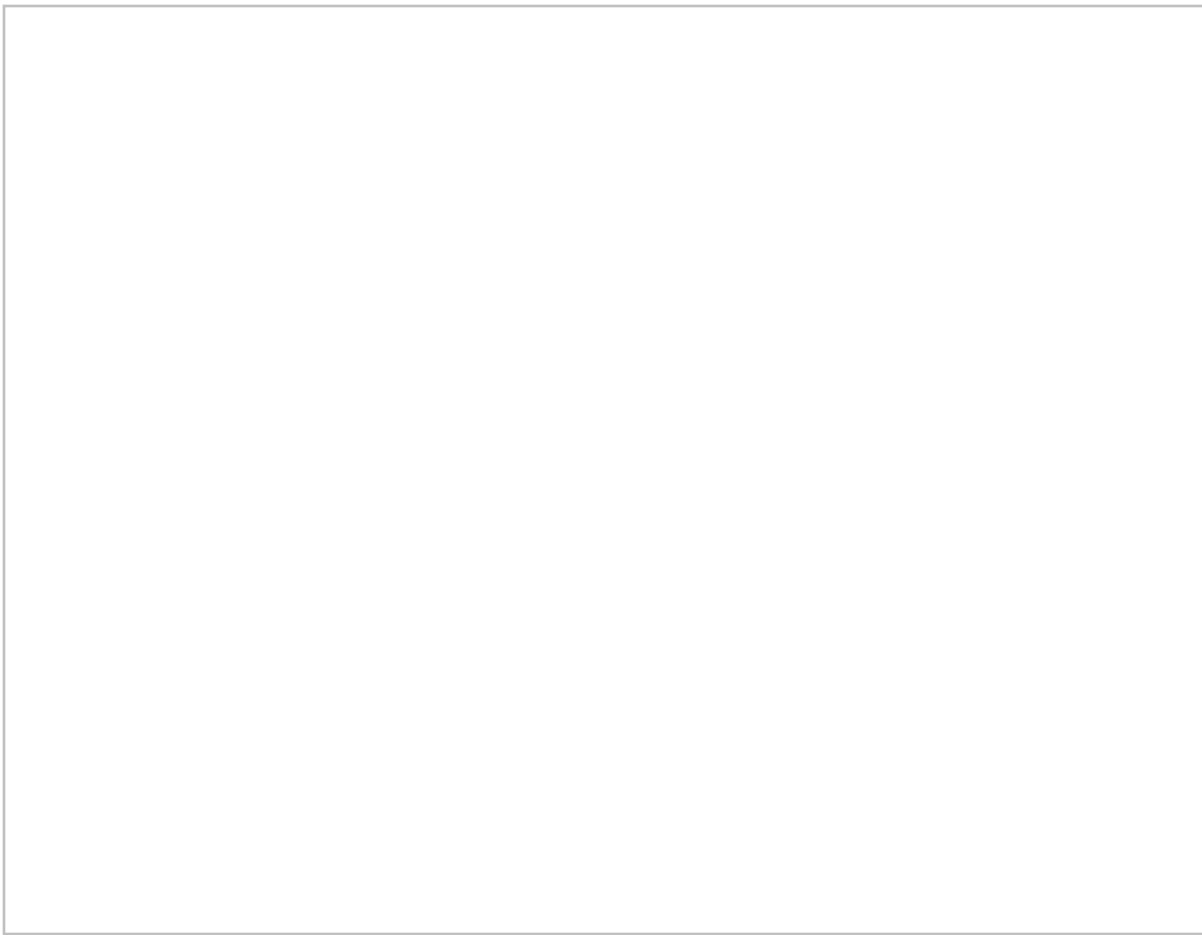
Join the owners & winemakers of Goosecross Cellars, Fontanella Family Wines, Olet'te Vineyards, Tribe & Arrow Napa Valley, Duhig, Red Thread Wines, Stellareese Wines and McKahn Family Cellars for an evening of sipping and giving.

10% of wine sales will go to Second Harvest of Silicon Valley.

Join us in the South Bay on November 3rd at the [el Prado Hotel](#) from 6 - 8 PM. We will be pouring our new releases along with select library & future offerings.

**RSVP: <https://womenofwines.com/>**

Location:  
[el Prado Hotel](#)  
[520 Cowper Street](#)  
[Palo Alto, CA](#)



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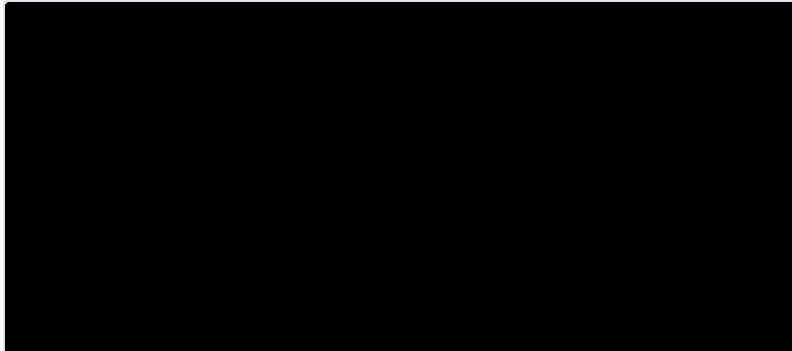
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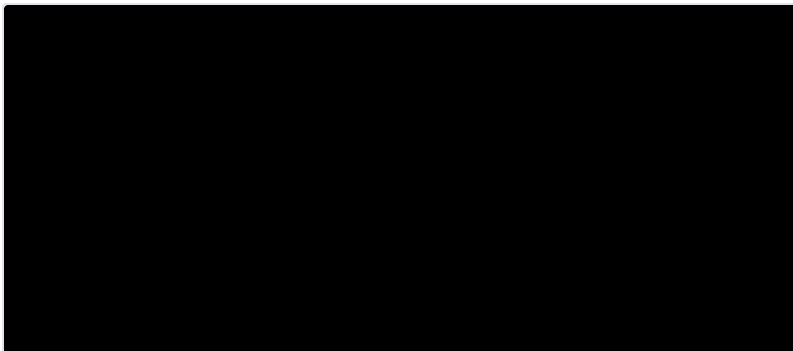
FACEBOOK BANNED this Dr. David E. Martin post but I'm reaching MILLIONS on all the OTHER VENUES and GROUPS of VENUES.  
People are DYING from the VACCINES (REMDESIVIR)

On Sunday, October 30, 2022 at 10:00:22 PM EDT, Teresa Dixon <tellallwtc7@gmail.com> wrote:

Frank, A Huge Fat Thank You !!!

On Sun, Oct 30, 2022 at 9:33 PM Yahoo Mail.® <[honkystar@yahoo.com](mailto:honkystar@yahoo.com)> wrote:

[DR. DAVID E MARTIN GIVES EXPLOSIVE JAW DROPPING INFORMATION IN CANADIAN ZOOM MEETING - best news here](#)



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from Dr David Martin, highly acquainted with these ...

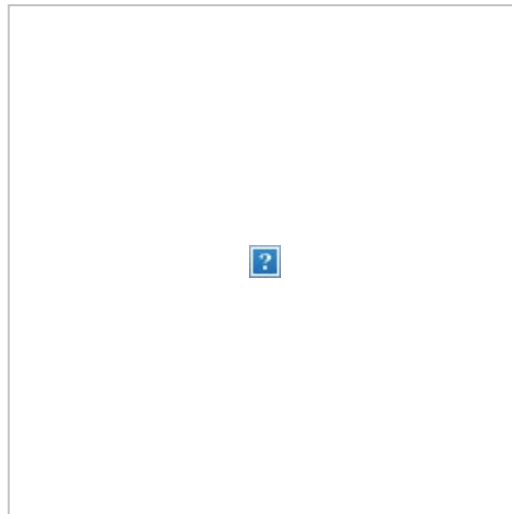
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**Subject:** LWVPA November VOTER - Don't Forget to Vote by November 8  
**Date:** Monday, October 31, 2022 6:52:48 PM

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## November VOTER

October 31, 2022

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## Message from our President

Hi Everyone!

As the League prepares for the fast-approaching November 8th election, our **Voter Services volunteers** have diligently covered many grounds. They: organized two Candidate Forums and two Pros and Cons presentations, both well-attended and successful; developed and disseminated the League's *Voter Guide*; served as local coordinators for Voters Edge; and engaged and educated students as part of our Youth Voting Team. **Liz Jensen** has been especially hard at work distributing voter materials around town, tabling at events, and speaking to various groups about voter registration—totaling more than 30 organizations and events. We thank our tireless volunteers for their important contributions to uphold democracy!



PAUSD received an Outstanding School District Award from the State Department of Education for the work done around the State Seal of Civic Engagement (SSCE). Congratulations to **Nancy Shepherd** and **Jenn Wagstaff Hinton** who advocated for LWV Palo Alto's partnership with the PAUSD to establish SSCE as part of the club structure at the high schools. The program was mentored by **Jenn Wagstaff Hinton** and teacher **Rachael Kaci**, under the leadership of **Dr. Jeong Choe**.

Gun Violence Prevention Committee Co-chair **Stacey Ashlund** tabled at the Diwali Festival at Barron Park Elementary School, and shared brochures with parents on how to normalize talking about gun violence prevention to ensure

safety of our children.

We are excited to invite members and their guests to join League's Winter Luncheon on December 7, with guest speaker **Judge LaDoris Cordell**. This is a great opportunity to meet Judge Cordell, connect with each other and welcome new people. Thank you, **Myra Lessner** and the **Events Team**, for bringing this special in-person event back again.

Please don't forget to vote by November 8!

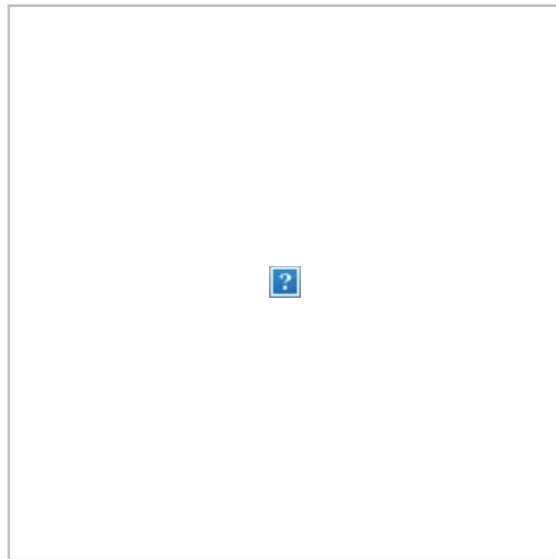
**Liz**

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**Wednesday, December 7, 2022**

**12:00 - 2:00 pm**



520 Cowper St.  
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Featuring our Guest Speaker  
**Judge LaDoris Cordell**

**“Her Honor: My Life on the Bench. . . What Works, What’s Broken, How to Change It.”**



Judge Cordell will discuss her newly released book, *Her Honor*, where she provides a rare and thought-provoking insider account of our legal system, sharing vivid stories of the cases that came through her courtroom and revealing the strengths, flaws, and much-needed changes within our courts.

***Ticket Price: \$40.00 per person*** (additional donation optional)

This event is for members and their guests only. Members, feel free to invite a friend or family member. This is a great chance to meet new people and

introduce them to the League of Women Voters of Palo Alto.

**Register Now**

Please register early as space is limited.

**If you have your own copy of *Her Honor* please bring it with you and Judge Cordell will sign it for you.**



Judge LaDoris Hazzard Cordell is a legal commentator and police reform advocate and is a frequent commentator on news outlets including NPR, CNN, and MSNBC. A graduate of Stanford Law School, she became the first African American woman jurist in Northern California, a position she held from 1982 to 2001.

She has received numerous awards, including Silicon Valley NAACP's William E.B. Dubois Award, the Iola Williams Public Service Award, the National Council of Negro Women's Public Service Award, the Social Justice Award from Legal Advocates for Children & Youth, and the Rose Bird Memorial Award from the California Women Lawyers. Judge Cordell founded the African American Donor Task Force to increase black participation in the national bone marrow registry. She is the co-founder of the African American Composer Initiative and CA Parks for All. An artist and pianist, she resides in California with her partner and is the proud mother of two daughters.

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## League of Women Voters Election Updates



## GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 8, 2022

Have you made your voting decisions yet? Check out the resources below before casting your vote.

### 2022 Candidate Forums

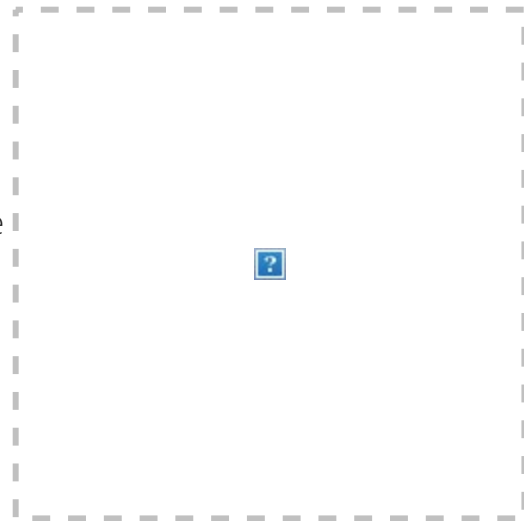
Hear directly from candidates for local, county, state, and Congressional offices by watching the video recordings posted on our [League's website](#) and our [YouTube channel](#) and linked below.

- [Palo Alto Unified School District Candidate Forum](#)
- [Palo Alto City Council Candidate Forum](#)
- [Santa Clara County Sheriff Candidate Forum](#) (Jensen/Jonsen)
- [Santa Clara County Water Board District #7 Candidate Forum](#) (Eisenberg/Kremen)
- [Congressional District #16 Candidate Forum](#) (Eshoo/Kumar)
- [California Assembly District #23 Candidate Forum](#) (Berman/Dec)



## 2022 Pros and Cons

Click [HERE](#) to watch a video recording of LWV of Palo Alto's Zoom webinar presentation of the pros and cons of state and local measures. This recording is also posted on our [League's website](#) and on [our Youtube channel](#). In addition, we recommend [the pros/cons videos of individual state ballot propositions](#) prepared by LWV of Diablo Valley in collaboration with students at St. Mary's College.



The pros and cons of the local measures and state ballot propositions are also available at [votersedge.org](#) and in the [LWV of Palo Alto Voter Guide](#). The California State League-produced [Easy Voter Guide](#), which is available for download in five languages—English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Korean—also contains an overview of the ballot measures.

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## Where, When, and How to Vote

All registered voters can vote using a vote-by-mail ballot. Mail-in Ballots were sent out by the SCC Registrar of Voters starting **October 10, 2022**. Mail-in Ballots can be returned in the postage-paid envelope in one of three ways: (1) via the US Post Office; (2) via an official, secure [Drop Box](#); or (3) in person at a [Vote Center!!](#)

Check out [VotersEdge.org](#) for fact-based information:

- Look up your personal ballot.
- Look up ballots by county.
- See ballot measures and races for the State of California.
- See a list of past elections.

To learn more about Vote-by-Mail, go to the [Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters](#) or the [California Secretary of State](#).  
How to [Return your Vote-by-Mail Ballot](#).

How to [Track your Vote-by-Mail Ballot](#).

Learn [11 Ways to Avoid Getting Your Vote-by-Mail Ballot Rejected](#).

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## Event by Our County Leagues

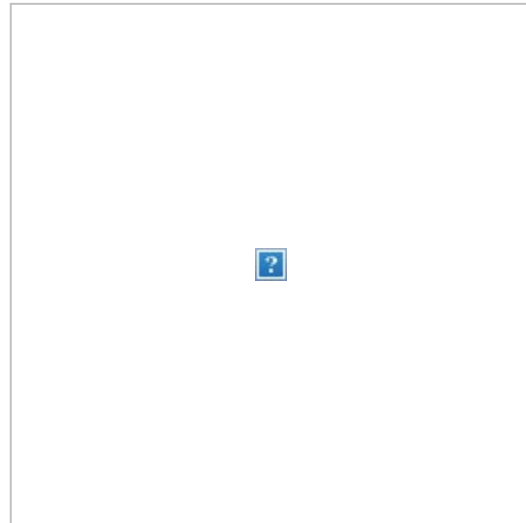
### **Policing: What Should We Do to Ensure Fair Treatment and Keep Neighborhoods Safe for Everyone?**

**LWV Santa Clara County Civil**

**Discourse Committee**

**Saturday, November 12, 2022**

**1:30 pm - 3:00 pm**



Join the discussion and share your ideas about meeting the goal of treating all people fairly while still enforcing the law.

How would you prioritize these objectives?

- Increase police accountability
- Address racial bias among officers
- Rethink how police and communities respond to nonviolent, “victimless” disturbances
- What would you add?

See [flyer](#) for details. If you missed our first program in this four-part series—How to Maintain the Public's Rights and Its Safety—you can view it [HERE](#).

**Register Now**

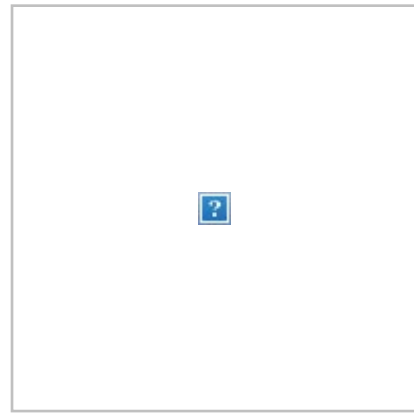
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## October 2022 Board Meeting Highlights

The Board heard a report from Housing and Transportation Action Committee Co-Chair Steve

Levy about the status of housing in Palo Alto and the need for further engagement in this local program priority.

We also received updates on fundraising (please include the League in your giving), membership renewals that will begin on November 1, and plans for the Winter Luncheon on Wednesday, December 7, at Il Fornaio Restaurant.



Approved Motions:

1. Approval of Consent calendar including August minutes.

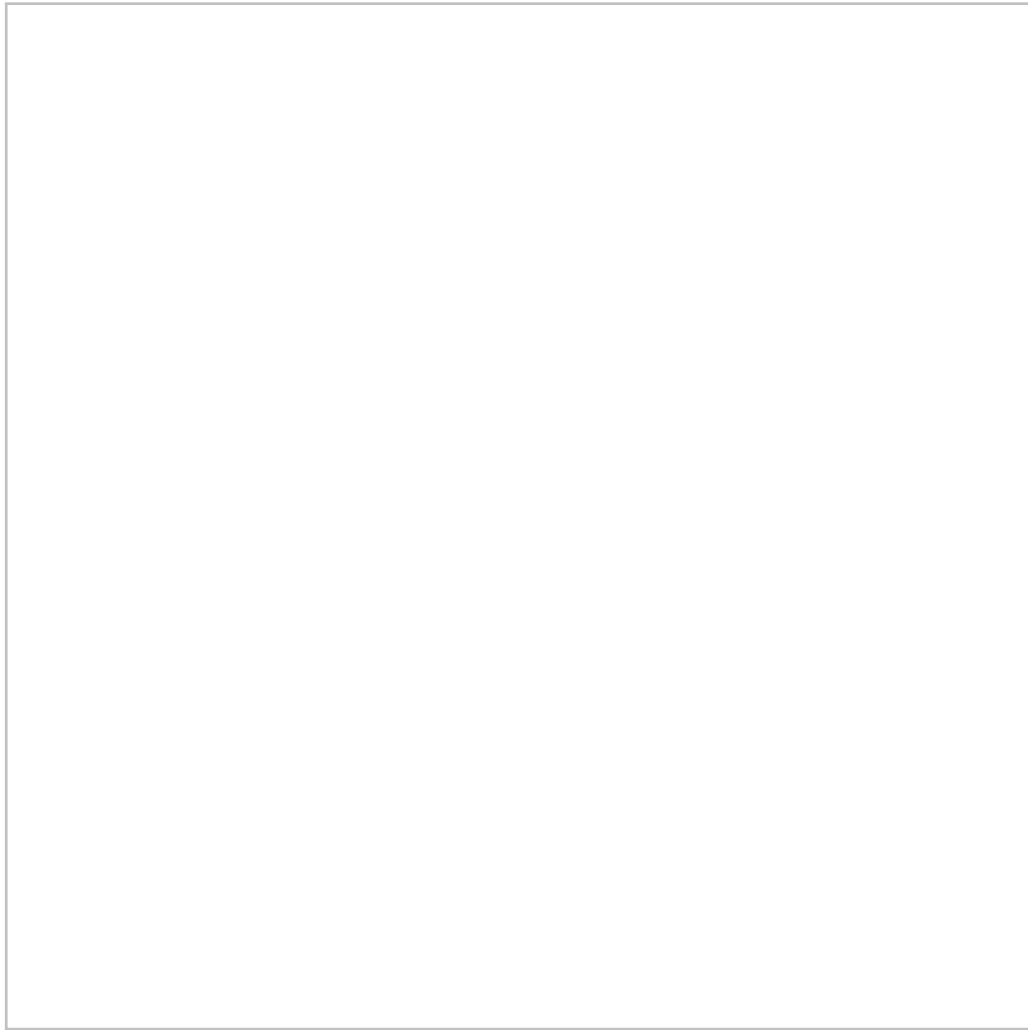
Our next Board Meeting is on Tuesday, November 22, 7 pm - 9 pm. All members are welcome to join the meeting using [this Zoom link](#).

**- Megan Swezey Fogarty, Secretary**

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## Advocacy Reports





## Local

### LWVPA Ballot Recommendations

Yes--Measure K—business tax to support essential city services

Yes--Measure L—transfer of utility revenues to general fund for essential services

## State

### LWC State Ballot Recommendations

Yes on Prop 1—constitutional right to reproductive rights

Yes on Prop 31—ban on flavored tobacco products

LWVC has no recommendations on Props. 26 and 27 and is neutral on Prop. 28 (art and music funding) and Prop. 28 (kidney dialysis clinic requirements).

## National

LWV, DC, and all state League chapters filed an amicus brief in *Moore v. Harper*, which concerns the so-called “independent state legislature” theory. The Supreme Court will hear the case this session.

The case asks the Supreme Court to reinstate the partisan gerrymandered congressional maps in North Carolina, which had been struck down by the state Supreme Court for violating the state constitution’s guarantee of free and fair elections. North Carolina legislators appealed on the theory that the state legislature has unlimited power to set rules about federal elections, immune from review by the state courts, governor’s veto, or state constitutional provisions.

The U.S. Constitution’s Election Clause gives state legislatures the power “to prescribe the times, places, and manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives; but Congress may any time by Law make or alter such regulations.”

“Legislature” has long been understood to mean the state’s general lawmaking process, including all normal procedures and limitations, such as a state constitution.

The “independent state legislature theory” would give a state unlimited legislature power to pass voter suppression laws, overturn elections, and pick its own slate of electors. Donald Trump based his attempt to reject the certified result of state elections on January 6, 2020, on this theory. Up to now, it has been considered a fringe theory at odds with our long-established system of checks and balances between legislatures, courts, and executive power.

Because the Election Clause gives Congress the power to overrule state regulations and to set minimum standards for federal elections, it is imperative that Congress act. That is why LWV supports H.R. 746, the Freedom to Vote Act, which would supercede state laws that make it harder to vote, allow voter suppression, and permit partisan and racial gerrymandering.

The dangers of the “independent state legislature theory” are explained [here](#).

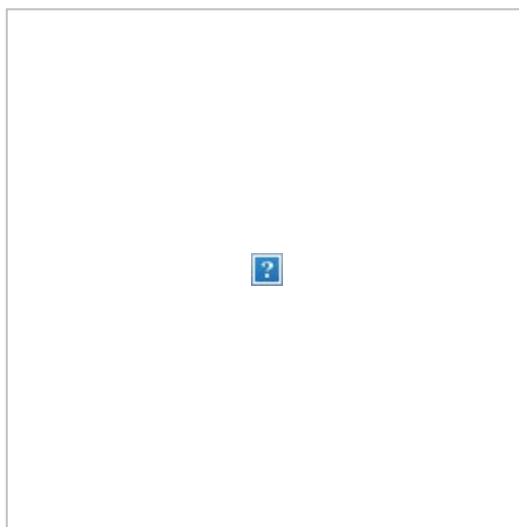
**- Lisa Ratner, 2nd Vice President and Advocacy Chair**

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## Membership Renewal

We are beginning our annual membership renewal cycle and we hope you will continue to support LWVPA by renewing your membership and participating in League events and activities.

Members will receive an email notification on November 1, and will need to log in to their Member account to complete the renewal. Members will be able to pay online using PayPal, credit card (after choosing the PayPal option), or by mailing us a check.



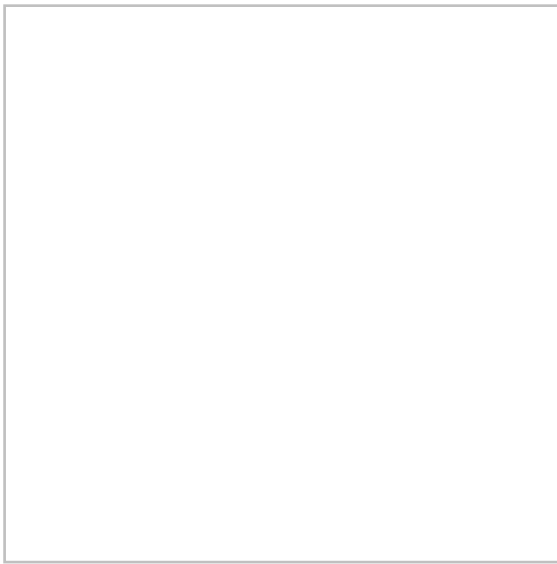
To log in to your account, just go to [LWVPA website](#) and click [<Member Login>](#) at the top right. If you do not remember your username or password, click the button [<Forgot My Username/Password>](#).

Questions? Please contact [members@lwvpaloalto.org](mailto:members@lwvpaloalto.org). Thank you for your continued support of LWVPA. We also welcome new members to join [HERE!](#)

**- Cari Templeton, Membership Director**

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## Climate Calls



### ***Your electric vehicles during an emergency***

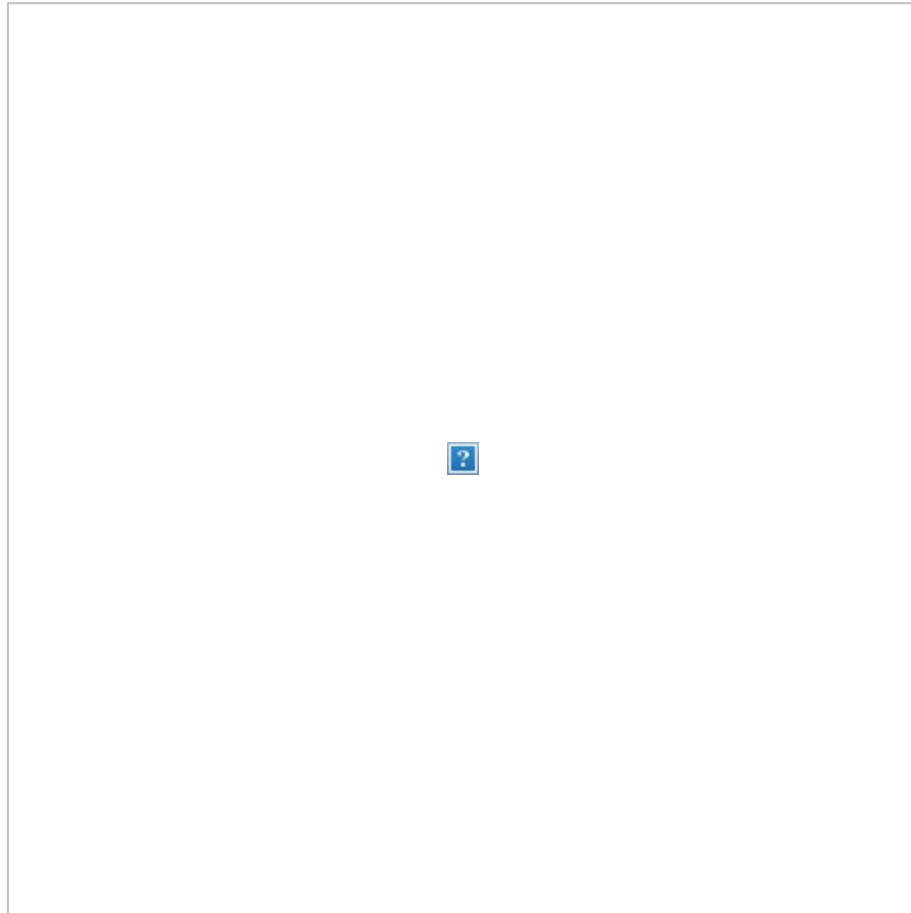
- If there is a power outage during an emergency and you need to evacuate in an electric car with a typical range of 200 miles, it's advised to charge it to 80 to 90% daily.
- If you are in a long evacuation line, remember that electric cars are efficient in stop-and-go traffic and use very little battery. On the contrary, depending upon the vehicle, gas-powered cars will continue to burn fuel up to half a gallon per hour when idling.
- In major natural disasters, there can be widespread destruction of infrastructure such as energy production and grid, roads and ports. Even though both gas and electric vehicles are affected, an EV can be charged once power is restored, but because gas stations need electricity to operate their pumps, gas-powered cars will need to find a gas station with both power and fuel supplies. In many disasters, power is restored before gasoline deliveries resume.
- Off-grid, [solar EV charging solutions](#) are available today. These stations store energy in batteries and are completely independent of the electrical grid.
- Some electric vehicles, such as the [Nissan Leaf](#), have the ability to bring power to disaster areas to support relief efforts such powering essential equipment at hospitals.
- Most vehicles of all types can power devices such as phones and tablets and some have 110-volt outlets.
- [Electric vehicle to home power](#) is offered in one vehicle today with

several options coming in the next few years.

Want to share your ideas or need further information? Please write to us at [climate@lwpaloalto.org](mailto:climate@lwpaloalto.org).

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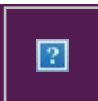


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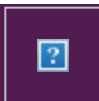
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