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**From:** [Lee Christel](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** Short Term Rentals in Palo Alto add to our housing shortage, and ADU's are not helping  
**Date:** Monday, December 12, 2022 11:47:32 AM

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Dear Council Members,

The short term rental of Palo Alto homes and ADU's has become a lucrative business that negatively impacts our community. The City has accepted tax revenues from short-term rental companies but has not considered the impacts of this business on housing and hotels. The City has done nothing to prevent real estate investors from converting housing stock to vacation rentals. Council must act to preserve existing housing units for long term residents of this town, because newly constructed units will never be more affordable than existing housing. If you do nothing, more property owners will decide this is too lucrative an option to bypass, more housing will become non-resident occupied, and housing prices will be driven up further.

What can the City do? Start with real data. **The City should have a rental database, including the subset of all units on short term rental sites.** Then, require those units not be used for short-term leases more than 60 days of a year. With a hefty fine for violators, and consistent enforcement, hundreds of units will return to the market as long term rentals. This should help drive down rents.

The new City short-term rental database should be shared with the State, as evidence of units that are not currently housing residents. As new City rules are implemented, track how many units/homes are returned to owner occupied, or long-term rental status. The State should count "newly available units" as satisfying part of our "additional housing" requirement.

Currently, the City is counting ADU's toward the State requirement for new housing units, but more oversight is needed. These units are *not* being registered and tracked for occupancy. Allowing short-term leasing of ADU's defies the Council's stated purpose in approving these new units; they were intended to provide housing stock, not vacation homes and home offices. Of all the ADU's permitted after loosening the restrictions, do we *know how many are actually adding housing stock*? Unless the building permit requires a commitment to renting that unit for at least a decade, *and* the City *enforces* this commitment, the ADU contribution to housing stock becomes a farce.

Lastly, home owners who do not "live" in Palo Alto at least 6 mo/year ruin the fabric of our neighborhoods. These properties can easily be identified by neighbors. All the City has to do is ask for them to be reported to a City owned database for investigation. Then, levy fines for properties not inhabited at least 6 mo/year. No exceptions. Increase the fines sharply with each additional month of vacancy and see how fast the owners sell or rent.

If adding more housing purportedly lowers housing costs, these efforts should help. At least they won't raise the cost of living here.

Sincerely,  
Amy Christel

**From:** [Bob Wenzlau](#)  
**To:** [Board of Neighbors Abroad](#)  
**Cc:** [Gaines, Chantal](#); [Milton, Lesley](#); [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** Good News at Neighbors Abroad - Transitions in Leadership  
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Board and City Council,

Last night we celebrated our support for children at our holiday party. Our focus is on programs in Palo, Leyte Philippines and Oaxaca, Mexico.

We also announced an important transition. **Sarah Burgess will assume the role of President of Neighbors Abroad.** This is a transition at a high point for our organization - our engagement both internationally and now domestically is strong and caring. I will transition to President Emeritus supporting where my impact is judged most useful.

Additionally we welcomed Nodelyn Smith our newest board member and as a Vice President for Palo, Leyte joining Ellena Valentine in that role. Flor Sanchez will assume the leadership of our Oaxaca programs as the Vice President for Oaxaca. Betty Duran will step down as Vice President of Palo, but stay on our board.

We have had an impactful role around the world. We thank the engagement by our City Council with special attention to our Mayor Burt and Council Member Tom Bubo. Additionally, we thank the engagement by city staff especially Chantal Cotton Gaines and Lesley Milton.

A tradition at Neighbors Abroad is sharing a painting by Raphael Morales of Oaxaca held by the incoming President. I am handing the artwork in my barong from the Philippines to Sarah.





Yours,

Bob

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Bob Wenzlau

President

**Neighbors Abroad of Palo Alto**

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Dear Mayor Burt & Council Members,

Thank you for taking a cold fish eye look at policy concerning Airbnb and the impacts currently imposed on our town.

Statistics demonstrate the burden upon neighborhoods and the egregious elimination of housing stock caused by Airbnb in Palo Alto.

Vacant homes are systemic in our town for the above mentioned reason but also because we have many absentee landlords. The largest developer in Santa Clara County, Stanford Land Management - Real Estate has also purchased homes that sometimes for several years remain ghost houses.

We cannot afford to allow a policy that allows a company to deprive the community of desperately needed housing as is the case with Airbnb.

I know of an Airbnb on Princeton Street that was used as a party pad. Trash was left in the gutters in front of the house including beer cans and bottles and paraphernalia. The parties would go on often all night long. I know for a fact that this landlord lives abroad.

A long-term neighbor on Princeton Street informed me that both houses on either side of her house have absentee landlords. This mother said that it is strange to live next to two houses that are unoccupied. I would add that these houses could be a magnet for break-ins as well.

I do not think that the council is indifferent to the serious impacts upon neighborhoods. Please strengthen policy to stop the further fraying of our community.

Lastly, the city cannot afford to ignore the taxes that are missing with Airbnb as hotels will continue to be underutilized if action is not taken.

Respectively,

Ann Lafargue Balin

**From:** [Aram James](#)  
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**Subject:** SGT Sean Allen describes police canine bites as looking like shark bites  
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FYI:

Sgt. Sean Allen describes police canine bites, occurring in our county, as looking like shark bites. He describes other horrendous indignities visited on police canine victims as well. (See his comments in YouTube video below).

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**From:** [Pete](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** PA City Council consideration of the fiber to the premises (Palo Alto Fiber) project next steps  
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Please consider the following for this project:

1. **Environmental impact** - There are already networks of communication and entertainment cables strung from poles in our neighborhoods. They are ugly. More cables will be worse.
2. **Compatibility with existing networks** - Will AT&T and COMCAST continue to serve the Palo Alto Community. How will the Palo Alto Fiber Project compare in cost and service? Will the PA Fiber capital investment affect my utility bill or property tax?
3. **Other Considerations** - All the Pros and Cons for this proposed project should be made available to the Palo Alto Community.

Respectfully,

Peter Knopf  
927 Paradise Way  
Palo Alto 94306

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**From:** [Nathan Jokel](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** Email comment for 12/19/22 City Council Meeting - Palo Alto Fiber Next Steps  
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Dear Palo Alto City Council and staff,

My name is Nathan Jokel, and I am a Palo Alto resident in the Palo Verde neighborhood. I am writing to voice my strong support for the Palo Alto Fiber project to move forward when the council considers this matter during its December 19 meeting.

Over the past three years through the COVID-19 pandemic, broadband internet has become a lifeline for people around the world, as they work remotely and gain access to all manner of essential services like food delivery and healthcare via the internet. Broadband internet has become as important a utility as water or electricity service. The residents of Palo Alto share this need. Even as the pandemic abates and companies return to hybrid work models, the way we work is forever changed and many workers will work remotely at least part of the time, depending on fast, reliable broadband internet to do so.

In our area, the only viable option for broadband internet is a single private ISP providing cable internet, and we are not well served in terms of speed or reliability and have no alternatives to switch to. My wife and I both work remotely most of the time, and we have had three internet outages in the past few months lasting several hours in each instance, negatively impacting our productivity and ability to do our work. The fiber to the home project would provide fast, reliable internet that our household and so many others like ours in Palo Alto greatly need.

I would strongly recommend that the city proceed with the most expedient and fastest plan for the fiber buildout, given the urgent need for this service in the community (i.e., Option 1: Build fiber backbone and fiber to the premises within 5 years with a \$98M revenue bond.) I believe the need for fiber is a priority and merits whatever funding means are necessary to move the project ahead quickly. Support for this initiative will ensure Palo Alto maintains its status as a modern, leading community that leverages technology for the betterment of its residents. Furthermore, supporting Palo Alto residents working from home with fiber internet will reduce the need for them to commute, reducing traffic and having a positive impact on the environment.

Finally, I would request that the council consider prioritizing the Palo Verde neighborhood during the fiber buildout. In the map published on page 67 of the September 19th city council meeting packet, our neighborhood (the Echelon community development off of E Meadow Dr) is marked as blue or "Commercial Only Area." This is not accurate, as there is a large neighborhood of 50+ townhomes in this area, with many families who would benefit from the fiber project. I would request that the council consider including this area in its fiber buildout plan in one of the earlier phases, and/or extending the existing dark fiber from the businesses to the residential homes here.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,  
Nathan Jokel



**From:** [Bob Wenzlau](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** Supporting Consent Item Dec 12 - GreenWaste Contract Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, December 11, 2022 9:07:41 AM

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Council Members,

**I support the contract amendment with GreenWaste** that directs plastic and mixed paper to US domestic markets away from Asia. The City Staff's efforts along with the cooperation of GreenWaste has been complex and pioneering.

**However, we have not crossed the finish line on this core challenge for managing our solid wastes.**

**First, we can only now hypothesize that the fate of our corrugated cardboard is acceptable.** This is 42% of our waste materials, and will continue to be shipped to Asia. We theorize that corrugated cardboard is less contaminated, and would presumably be handled consistent with US standards, but we have no idea. In general 25% of the incoming material for recycling are disposed of either as solids or liquids - each a waste, and the fate of those materials is unknown. Do these residuals go to an open dump, and is the industrial wastewater receiving treatment prior to discharge to waterways?

**Second, our actions to direct our mixed paper and plastics are a proxy arrangement.** GreenWaste is pulling the same tons of mixed paper and plastic that Palo Alto generates, and shipping those to domestic markets. Our waste is 10% of the incoming waste, and is mixed through the processing facility with the other 90% that comes from San Jose and other adjoining cities. As such, actually only 10% of Palo Alto's waste is directed away from Asia, while the other 90% still goes to Asia. For the resident that wants to feel that the materials they put in their blue bin are actually not going to Asia, this arrangement still falls short, as in fact 90% of those materials still will find their way there.

**Even with the deficiencies noted in the current arrangement, the amendment to the contract is still correct** and shows our City's leadership on this failure in California's waste management. The deficiencies build our agenda.

**Corrugated cardboard might properly be managed in Asia if we had knowledge of the paper processing facilities in Asia.** It is a given that the brokerage system will always hide the destined Asian paper processing facility. However, if we can determine that large scale cardboard processing, regardless of the Asian country, is done in an acceptable manner, then we could have comfort that we are doing no social or environmental harm through these shipments. (I hold doubts about the efficacy of tracing wastes which has been another approach offered.)

As I represented Palo Alto in the Philippines via Neighbors Abroad, I had the opportunity to interview government officials, and became reasonably comfortable with the environmental enforcement regime for industrial facilities. But corrugated paper does not go to the Philippines. Yet the conversation revealed that **one could interview environmental officials, directly or via a consultant, and gain insights across the countries that the corrugated**

would be destined for. Another **potential ally in this discussion could be Amazon, as their supply chain would likely hold insights as to the environmental standards** as they build up their paper products from pulp sourced where our cardboard is destined.

Additionally, it is critical that we **bring the other communities using the GreenWaste facility on board with Palo Alto's determination.** When San Jose directs GreenWaste to stop the shipment of their plastics and mixed paper to Asia, then and only then, could a Palo Alto placing their plastics and paper in the blue bin know that the materials they see in their bin are headed toward environmentally sound domestic markets.

Personally, I am humbled to have been part of this process. Since 2018, we have lifted this topic internationally, through original coverage by the Weekly, that was later picked up by the Guardian and other media, and more recently by NBC. Like our work on climate, **this is an honorable moment where the light of Palo Alto shines across the world.** We should be proud when we can use modest municipal resources to lead on critical topics.

Sincerely,

Bob Wenzlau

**Note:**

- 1) The percentages shared in my correspondence are based upon my best estimates, and likely need some adjustment. However they provide an adequate basis for the arguments made.
- 2) This topic has a significant impact on Palo Alto's climate footprint. However the ICLEI methodology the City applies to calculate carbon footprint does not assimilate climate impact once our waste is loaded for shipment - the wastes and potential impact should show in our baseline. As such the climate ramifications of this improvement for mixed paper are undervalued.

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**Subject:** SJSU Transforming Communities Conference: Police Dogs as weapons-who is injured and who dies?  
**Date:** Saturday, December 10, 2022 4:00:46 PM

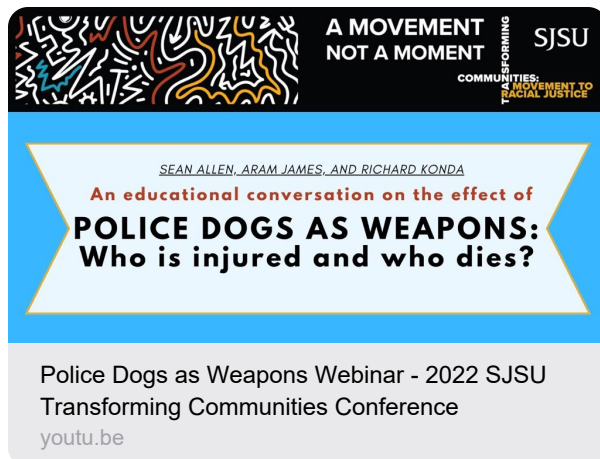
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Hi Chief Andrew Binder,  
Here is a 17 min version, edited down from our over one hour original webinar, on weaponized canines. SGT. Sean Allen is the star of the webinar. Let me know what you think.

Best, aram



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**From:** [Stephen Rock](#)  
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One way to help with the housing shortage is to prevent dwellings from being unoccupied. An example. The house at 3886 Ross Rd. has been vacant since it's owner died a long time ago. It was finally sold in June 2022 (6 months ago) and has had a construction fence around it for several months. Nobody lives there. There is no construction going on. None of the neighbors knows what's going to happen.

This owner of this property, and other unoccupied dwellings (including unused investment homes) should be strongly encouraged to make them available for living in. Perhaps a very high unoccupied tax (like some cities have). Or perhaps take them over through eminent domain.

Some people I've talked to blame the city. They imagine that the permit process to modify buildings takes a year. If this is the case, then Palo Alto City is directly responsible for part of the housing crisis. Again IF this is the case, it should be fixed immediately.

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Stephen Rock  
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**From:** [Karen McNay](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
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Dear City of Palo Alto Councilmembers,

Having just read about the problems electing a mayor for the City of San Mateo I'm hoping Palo Alto can avoid those issues.

I would like to put forward my strong endorsement for Lydia Kou for Mayor of Palo Alto for 2023. Lydia is eminently qualified both intellectually and temperamentally. Her dedication and attention to all the minute details over the past 6 years speaks for itself. Lydia has remained passionate in her dedication to and concern for the City and the residents of Palo Alto.

Should you have any questions or doubts please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Karen McNay

**From:** [Stonestroms](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Cc:** [Felice Stonestrom](#)  
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Honorable Council Members:

My wife and I purchased our two-bedroom house in College Terrace 31 years ago. It is our only property. After we retired, we began renting it out on AirBnB while traveling. We always charge below-market rates because we benefited from two landlords who rented to us at below market when we were a young family struggling to establish ourselves in Palo Alto. We are now paying that forward.

Today, instead of sitting empty when we travel, our home provides folks having short-term housing needs on campus or nearby an affordable place to stay.

This *increases* housing availability for others and puts *downward* pressure on rental rates, alleviating rather than exasperating our painfully tight real-estate market. We have rented our house for periods of time ranging from a few days to a few months mostly to families of visiting professors, research fellows, and individuals having specialized medical procedures at our excellent adult and children's hospitals. AirBnB collects occupancy tax and pays it to the City for rentals of less than 30 days. We pay a neighbor to serve as property manager while we are gone, so there is always a local contact should problems arise. Our neighbors appreciate having our house occupied rather than sitting empty while we are gone.

Some of the more draconian proposals would take our property off the market, with no benefit to anyone.

Some of the analysis being presented to Council on this issue seems deeply flawed. For instance, the statement "*Presumably, every short-term rental unit on the market is potentially a housing unit that someone can be in long-term or permanently*" (<https://www.paloaltoonline.com/news/2022/12/08/citing-housing-shortage-palo-alto-eyes-new-rules-to-limit-airbnb-rentals>) is patently false in our case. If one navigates to our listing, one will see that there are no available dates. But this is because most of the time we are living in our house, not because it is rented out. Any analysis that assumes otherwise is wrong.

We acknowledge and appreciate the need to reign-in abusive short-term rental practices, such as converting residential properties into de-facto, unregulated hotels and the

destruction of community that can happen when neighborhoods become inundated with remote-investor-controlled short-term rental properties. But Palo Alto is neither a tourist nor a party destination, which greatly reduces various categories of problems associated with sort-term rentals elsewhere.

Thanks for considering our situation in legislating a path forward.

David and Felice Stonestrom  
College Terrace



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The address may be misspelled or may not exist. Try one or more of the following:

- Send the message again following these steps: In Outlook, open this item's delivery report (HDR) and choose **Send Again** from the Report ribbon. In Outlook on the web, select this HDR, then select the link **To send this message again, click here**. Then delete and retype the entire recipient address. If prompted with an Auto-Complete list suggestion don't select it. After typing the complete address, click **Send**.
- Contact the recipient (by phone, for example) to check that the address is correct.
- The recipient may have set up email forwarding to an incorrect address. Ask them to check that any forwarding they've set up is working correctly.
- Clear the recipient Auto-Complete list in Outlook or Outlook on the web by following the steps in this article: [Fix email delivery issues by deleting contacts from the Auto-Complete list](#), and then send the message again. Re-type the entire recipient address before selecting **Send**.

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#### More Info for Email Admins

Status code 554 4.4.14

Typically this error occurs because the recipient email address is incorrect or doesn't exist at the destination domain. This can usually be fixed by the sender. However, sometimes the issue needs to be fixed by the recipient or the recipient's email admin. If the steps in the **How to Fix It** action above don't fix the problem, and you're the email admin for the recipient, try one or more of the following:

**The email address exists and is correct.** Confirm that the recipient address exists, is correct, and is accepting messages.

**Synchronize your directories.** If you have a hybrid environment and are using directory synchronization, make sure the recipient's email address is synced correctly in both Office 365 and in your on-premises directory.

**Error forwarding rule.** Check for forwarding rules that aren't behaving as expected. A forwarding rule can be configured by an admin via mail flow rules or mailbox forwarding address settings, or by the recipient via the inbox rules feature.

**Mail flow settings and MX records are not correct.** Misconfigured mail flow settings or MX records can cause this error. Check your Office 365 mail flow settings to make sure your domain and any mail flow connectors are set up correctly. Also, work with your domain

**Mail loop detected** - This error also indicates that the receiving organization's email settings are misconfigured, creating a mail loop when a message is sent to an address that isn't found in their directory. This usually won't disrupt mail flow for recipients that actually exist, but the recipient's email admin should fix the misconfiguration to reduce the chance of any other mail flow issues. A common cause for this loop is that the recipient's domain is configured as "Internal Relay" when it should be "Authoritative." Another common cause for the loop is that both the sender and recipient are part of the same organization, but the sender's mailbox is hosted by Office 365, while the recipient's mailbox is hosted on-premises, and an outbound connector from Office 365 to the on-premises email server is missing or misconfigured. To fix this, the recipient's email admin should create a correctly configured outbound connector in Office 365 to route the message to the on-premises mailbox.

For more information and tips to fix this problem, see [this article](#) or [this error code page](#).

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**To:** [Council, City; citycouncil@mountainview.gov](#)  
**Subject:** Human Rights Day 2022  
**Date:** Thursday, December 8, 2022 8:19:36 PM  
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The Midpeninsula Chapter of the United Nations Association would like to cordially invite all city councilmembers of Palo Alto and Mountain View to join us in recognizing and commemorating *International Human Rights Day* this Saturday, December 10th.

Our Speaker Event will begin at 1 pm at the East Palo Alto YMCA's City Room with an opening address from the Director of the Human Rights Institute from San Jose State University. Visiting SJSU scholars from Afghanistan, representatives from the Iranian community, and youth voices will speak to the question "What Do Human Rights Mean to You?"

There will be time for discussions and light refreshments will be provided.  
The event will conclude at 3 pm.

We would be so honored if you could attend!

Kind regards,

Shelly Kosak  
UNA Midpeninsula Chapter Leader

**From:** [Tran, Joanna](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Cc:** [Executive Leadership Team](#); [ORG - Clerk's Office](#); [Paras, Christine](#); [Tong, Sunny](#); [Audrey Ke](#)  
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Hi all,

Resending with correct link for [Staff Response to Item 6](#).

Thank you!

Joanna

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**From:** Tran, Joanna <[Joanna.Tran@CityofPaloAlto.org](mailto:Joanna.Tran@CityofPaloAlto.org)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 8, 2022 5:50 PM  
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**Subject:** Council Consent Questions Item 6 (12/12/22), Item 8 Posted

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

On behalf of City Manager Ed Shikada, please view the following links below for the amended agenda and staff response to a question from Councilmember Cormack for Monday night's Council Meeting:

- [December 12 Amended Agenda](#)
- [Staff response to Item 6](#)

Please note, Item 8 has been added to the late packet. If you have any questions on this item, please provide those as they come in and we will respond as time permits. Thank you!

Best,

Joanna

## Joanna Tran

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**From:** [McDonough, Melissa](#)  
**To:** [Monty Frost](#); [Council, City](#); [Joe Simitian](#)  
**Cc:** [Dan Garber](#); [Judy Frost](#); [City Mgr](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Encina Ave - Violent vagrant overnighiting on sidewalk  
**Date:** Thursday, December 8, 2022 4:43:33 PM  
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Thank you for reaching out to us with your experience and concerns. As your tenant related, there are very few things we can do. There is not a law against that behavior. Also, we cannot force someone to accept services. The tools in our toolbox are:

- Our Police Department can respond when you feel threatened, they will come to the scene and try to talk to the persons involved.
- The County Mobile Crisis Response Team can respond if it feels like a mental health emergency and they will come and attempt to de-escalate the situation.
- The County TRUST program can respond to non-emergency mental health concerns and offer counseling, outreach, and services.
- The City/County partnership, PERT, can deploy an officer and a counselor to respond and offer some de-escalation, outreach and services.

These are difficult things to contend with and they can sometimes take a long time to resolve. It's my understanding that even if someone experiencing a mental health crisis agrees to accept treatment or medication, that the process can take quite some time. It might be multiple meetings between an outreach or health care worker and an individual before enough trust is built whereby the individual agrees to treatment. Then, identifying the appropriate treatment can also take some time. If the treatment involves a medication, some psychiatric medications can take 30 days to begin to show effects. Which is a long way of saying, even if TRUST comes out to talk to an individual, even if everything goes the best possible way, it would be several weeks or months before a change in behavior.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact us on this matter.

Best regards,

Melissa



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**From:** Monty Frost <montyfrost@gmail.com>

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**To:** Council, City <city.council@cityofpaloalto.org>; Joe Simitian <joe@joesimitian.com>

**Cc:** Dan Garber <dan@fg-arch.com>; Judy Frost <judyfrosty@gmail.com>

**Subject:** Encina Ave - Violent vagrant overnighting on sidewalk

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Dear Members of the Palo Alto City Council and Honorable Joe Simitian,

We are residents of Palo Alto and own commercial properties on Encina Avenue in Palo Alto, where our tenants are being verbally threatened by a man named Mr. Taylor who has camped on the sidewalk during both the day and night across from our building at 81 Encina Avenue (at the back of Town & Country Shopping Center). This man has been yelling indiscriminately during the day and making specific threats against female employees attempting to get in their cars or walk to the train station in the dark after work. He has been denied access to the Opportunity Center because of threats of violence he has made to persons there. The Palo Alto police and other government agencies that have been contacted by one of our valued tenants, Mr. Dan Garber, have said they can do nothing. It is simply not acceptable that someone can frighten and threaten our tenants. **What can the City do to make Encina Avenue a place not feared by our tenants, their clients, and patrons of Town & Country Shopping Center, so they can enjoy doing their business in Palo Alto again?**

Sincerely,

Monty and Judy Frost  
1991 Bryant St  
Palo Alto 94301



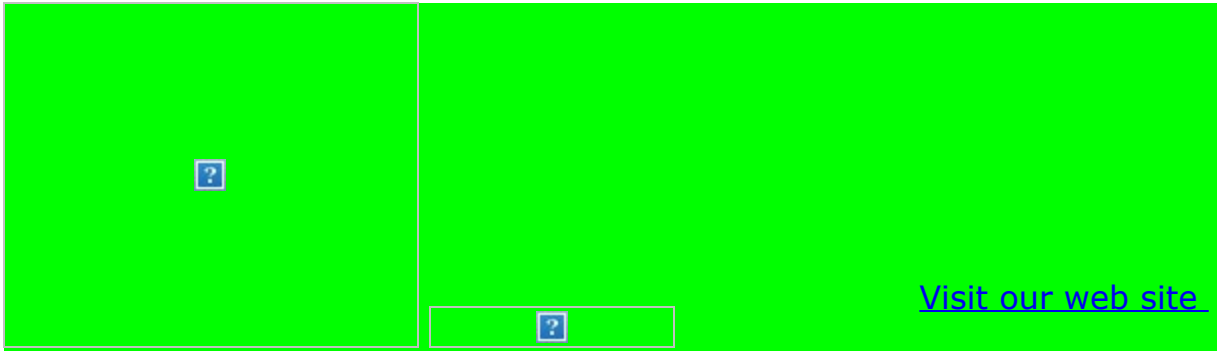


**From:** [upcomingsales@friendspaloaltolib.org](mailto:upcomingsales@friendspaloaltolib.org)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
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## **CUBBERLEY USED BOOK SALES FACE COVERS RECOMMENDED**

**Saturday December 10**

**Main Room Members' Early Sale 9am - 11am**

**Main Room General Sale 11am - 4pm**

**Bargain Room 9:30am - 4pm**

**Children's Room 10am - 4pm**

**Sunday December 11**

**All Rooms 11am - 4pm**

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## **Marty's (Main) Room**

In our Main Room, prices are way below what used book stores charge. Hardcover books start at \$3.00 and softcover books start at only \$2.00.

NO NUMBERS WILL BE ISSUED FOR NON-MEMBERS FOR THIS SALE. IF YOU ARE NOT A FOPAL MEMBER SIMPLY SHOW UP AT 11AM.

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

## **Children's Book Sale**

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

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

The Bargain Room is located in Rooms H-2 and H-3 of the Cubberley main campus, between Marty's Room and Middlefield Road. On Saturday, paperbacks are 50 cents, hardcovers are \$1, and children's books are 50 cents each. The room also contains many records, CDs, and DVDs at \$1 each. On Sunday, the room opens at 11 am and all prices are half off. Or, save even more on Sunday by buying green FOPAL reusable

bags from us for \$2/ea (or bring your own grocery-size reusable bag) and stuffing them with any items in the room for \$5/bag. Fill four bags at \$5/bag and fill a fifth bag FREE! (We no longer receive sufficient used paper grocery bags along with donations for this purpose.)

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

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

The Library would like you to know that they can help you find books for your child's reading level, and that there will be plenty of kids around next week or so reviewing for their finals. You can read about these on [their blog](#) to which you can [subscribe](#) if you have got an RSS reader.

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

## What's Special for December 2022

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For December FOPAL members are benefiting from another Members' Early Sale. All FOPAL paid members can get in earlier than the normal 11am start time. Because of this, the normal Main Room entry procedure is changed. See the section below pertaining to the Members' Early Sale.

Winter is upon us and generous donations keep coming in. This is the perfect time to pick up books to give or collect for cold weather reads. From **Philosophy**, check out a collection of books pulled from a recent large donation to be offered to our loyal sale customers. All are in great condition and at low prices. The **Law** section this month offers shelves filled with nearly all new books from a donation we received earlier this year. Shout out to new volunteer Otillia M. for her help co-managing the **Law** section this month. Nice job Otillia! The **Military History** section has been restocked with a wide variety of books on all aspects of this popular genre. Look for several limited signed copies offered, shelved in the special bays just to your right as you enter the Main Room. Also in the specials bays, the **Holiday** sale is fully stocked with seasonal items/books, well as caroling sheet music for harmonica! Check out the **DVDs** in the DVD & Blu-Ray section and on the red cart this December. This section is newly stocked with DVDs that will suit your winter viewing pleasures. Grab your popcorn and enjoy!

## FOPAL Members Get the First Pick at Members' Early Sale

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A fun and fabulous FOPAL Members' Early Sale is scheduled for Saturday, December 10th. Twice a year, FOPAL holds a Members' Early Sale, at which members of the Friends of the Palo Alto Library are admitted early to the Main Room sale. Look for FOPAL President Jenny Munro at the entrance to officially welcome all FOPAL Members' to shop early this Saturday!

**Life & Sponsor Members Enter at 9am:** At our Members' Early Sale, Life and Sponsor

Members (each with up to one spouse or guest) may enter at 9am and can purchase up to 100 books per membership from 9am to 10am. Each Life Member and Sponsor Member must give the one Purchase Slip per membership to the cashier before 10am in order to purchase up to 100 books. If a Life Member or Sponsor Member exits without purchasing all 100 books, he/she may take the Purchase Slip and reenter to fill out the 100 books as long as they are purchased by 10am.

**Other Members Enter at 10am:** Members at all other levels can enter the sale at 10am, and purchase up to 25 items per membership, except Family Members may purchase up to 25 items for each of two adult members at a time. All members may enter with their families, including one accompanying adult and children.

**At 11am, non-members are admitted:** The limit on purchasing 12 books at a time lasts until there is no longer a line waiting to enter. New memberships can be purchased and expired memberships can be renewed beginning at 8am.

**Ticket Handout Procedure:** At the Members' Early Sale, tickets are given only to members of FOPAL and are for two lines: one for entry at 9am, one for entry at 10am. Each member will get just one ticket, although Life & Sponsor Members may bring one guest between 9am and 10am and other Members may bring in their families, consisting of one other adult and minor children, beginning at 10am.

We do encourage members to bring Membership Cards even if expired; they do help the ticketing move more quickly. People who come early are members of FOPAL and so there's a greatly reduced line for the 11am general entry. No tickets are given out for the 11am general entry line.

You may renew your membership, or join FOPAL, that day. Renew, or join now at [www.fopal.org/join!](http://www.fopal.org/join!)

## What's Special in January 2023

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Most of you will have received an e-mail last week that included information about the High Value Special Sales of Books and Ephemera to be held in the parking lot outside the Children's Room. The weather forecast has progressed since then to where there is as of Wednesday night a 90% chance of rain on Saturday, so we have chosen to postpone this sale until Saturday, January 14, 2023, when we expect to hold it in Room H1 next to our **Bargain Room**.

## Philosophy

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The **Philosophy** section for December has the richest collection of books, especially in terms of Phenomenology, for all of 2022 with the books being specially priced for the Members' Sale. The major group is eighteen books by or about one of the leaders of the Phenomenology school, Martin Heidegger, shelved next to these are three books by his student and friend Hannah Arendt. Also connected to Heidegger we have four books by Emmanuel Levinas. Following this are six books by Theodore Adorno, a child prodigy on the piano and leading thinker on Existentialism and yet another accomplished pianist and thinker, five books by Edward Said. These books are in very good condition and most have an insert showing the book's current online value. And that is only two out of ten shelves!

*-Nigel Jones*

## Poetry

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This month, the top shelf of Poetry is devoted almost entirely to Eavan Boland: her own work and the works of over thirty other poets who have inscribed their volumes to Eavan. The top shelf is rounded out by a few other Bay Area writers. On the bottom shelf, find some works about limericks, both dirty and otherwise. Finally, in the women poets section, find several volumes by and about Adrienne Rich.

Photos can be found at [www.fopalbooks.com](http://www.fopalbooks.com).

-Mandy MacCalla

## Home & Crafts

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This month the **Crafts** shelves showcase a *Christmas Craft Source Book* and *Christmas with Martha Stewart Living*, as well as titles for paper craft, jewelry-making, fabric gift ideas, and floral crafts. Find a guide in the nick of time for holiday home creations and gift-giving.

For December, the **Home** titles include: Diana Vreeland and Isaac Mizrahi fashion, plus bridal beauty, wedding guides, and lingerie styles. The **Home** shelves provide window and curtain ideas, in addition to bath and kitchen remodeling. You'll also find an array of home decorating, interior designing, and decorative painting books, plus home organization concepts. Do you have your New Year's home resolutions ready?

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-Virginia Perry

## Antiques & Collections

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Among the many offerings this December you'll find: stamps, jukebox, rock 'n' roll, coins, silver, pottery, and other collectibles, plus antique buying guides and furniture. Peruse and purchase these items at greater savings than online or at used bookstore prices.

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OF NOTE: NEW MIXED RED CART - Antiques and more!

Seeing more 'red' this December? We have a new FOPAL mixed RED CART, which includes an overflow of **Antiques & Collections**, plus several **Home & Crafts** titles including home improvement, as well as Feng Shui home, office, and health. Take a look!

-Virginia Perry

## Medicine

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History of medicine books are featured, and since the greatest recent discoveries were made by accident or "chance"...they make for some interesting reading. Highlights include the richly illustrated coffee table book *The Cambridge History of Medicine*, the early surgical triumphs of *The Doctors Mayo*, and *Accidental Medical Discoveries*, where Pasteur reminds us that "chance only favors the prepared mind."

Explore the collection of vintage texts written between 1847-1930s, although unenlightened, will make you glad that you were born after the discovery of penicillin. Note also the mint condition leather bound *Classics in Medicine* volumes, with marbled end pages, gilded edges, and satin ribbon markers...ideal for unique holiday gifts.

-Pam Parke

## Science & Technology

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Donations have been light this month, but quality has been good. Almost all books are price checked on the internet and I price them much lower than the lowest price I can find. The bargain room is not the only place to find bargains on STEM books. Shelf pictures at [www.fopalbooks.com](http://www.fopalbooks.com). Plenty STEM books are also available in the bargain room.

-Edwin El-Kareh

## Sheet Music

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We are bulging with banjo and ukulele books this month. We also have a decent selection of clean books, many with CDs, for most instruments. Shelf pictures and images of each individual book organized by instrument at [www.fopalbooks.com](http://www.fopalbooks.com). Heaps of lesser quality sheetmusic books are available in the bargain room.

-Edwin El-Kareh

## Health

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The **Health** Section is burgeoning with books. A great gift idea is Lisa Genova's 2021 book, *Remember*, on how to protect our memories. For excitement, try *Radium Girls*, set during World War I. It is the story of young women working in a radium dial factory, who began to fall ill, and the quest to discover the cause. There are a number of diabetic cookbooks, full of colorful photos and recipes. And, a bargain to prepare for the holidays, or for after the New Year: all of the exercise DVDs have been marked down in price. We have three beautiful books on the human body...for just \$3 apiece...a good gift for an aspiring health worker? For chills, try *Weekends at Bellevue*; *Nine Years on the Night Shift at the Psych ER*...a memoir by Julie Holland, MD.

-Suzanne Cholko

## Children's Room

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Come to the **Children's Room** to find gift-quality picture books, both holiday-themed and otherwise, on our Giftables shelves. There's a wonderful selection, most priced for just a dollar or so. In the Activities section you'll find a colorful assortment of toys for toddlers, and to add to your holiday merriment, an overstuffed bin of joke books (good stocking stuffers). The World Languages shelves are overflowing with books in French, German, and Polish this month. Check out the School-age Fiction section for beautifully illustrated gift-quality classic story books: stories from Shakespeare, Dickens, and the Arabian nights. There is a complete set of 21 paperback books by Enid Blyton; like-new hardback editions of the Artemis Fowl series by Eoin Colfer; many books in the popular fantasy series Wings of Fire; and lots of the Dork Diaries and Diary of a Wimpy Kid books. Parents, if you want your elementary-age children to keep reading over the holidays, we suggest our early chapter book series. Teens, if you want a break from "have to" reading, we have lots of best sellers and critically acclaimed books to take you far away from the here and now.

-Carolyn Davidson

## Children's Vintage

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It's finally Christmas in children's vintage! Plenty of holiday books for both big and little readers. Shelf pictures of some of the treasures are available at [www.fopalbooks.com](http://www.fopalbooks.com).

We continue to have a robust section of non-fiction books, again for both big and little kids. On special this month is a 12-volume Audubon Natural History encyclopedia that will amaze you with pictures of and facts about our natural world. And as always, 'tis the season for series books - this time with a hefty dose of Enid Blyton Famous Five classics in addition to the usual Nancy Drew and Hardy Boys.

Stop on by and see what you can find for gifts for yourself or friends. Who doesn't love a good book for the holidays?!

*-Lisa Heitman*

## European Language

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We received some very nice fiction in Spanish, including several books by Isabel Allende and several by Garcia Marquez, and a few books of poetry inscribed to Eavan Boland.

*-Susan Strain*

## Judaica

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

New this month - *People Love Dead Jews* by Dara Horn; *The Betrayal of Anne Frank*; *Old Wine New Flasks: Reflections on Science and Jewish Tradition*; *Not in the Heavens: The Tradition of Jewish Secular Thought*; *Brotherhood* | *The Israel Defense Forces*; *Recovered Roots*; *Hybrid Judaism*.

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

*-Charlotte Epstein, Section manager for Judaica*

## Science Fiction & Fantasy

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For Tolkien collectors, I have a set of the first printing of the Ballantine paperback *Lord of the Rings*, in good shape for paperbacks from 1965. There's quite a bit of Terry Pratchett, Discworld and otherwise, mostly paperback but some hardcover, including some titles I rarely see. In the **Graphic Novel** section, look for a selection of graphic memoirs, family sagas, and immigrant tales.

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*-Rich McAllister*

## Travel Narratives

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Available for the first time this month are many dozens of virtually new books in our COLD REGIONS and RUSSIA sections.

*-Jim Sutherland*

## History

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Looking for a gift for a history buff? We recently received a large donation of books on 20th century history - mostly about Germany and Russia, but there are also a fair number on France, Spain, China, India, and Mexico. All of these are in very good condition, and priced at \$3 to \$5 a volume. We continue to receive new donations of books on African-American history, and have a small section on immigrants and immigration as well. If you're looking for a biography of an American who wasn't a president, we have a shelf of books on famous and not-so-famous Americans from Colonial times to the mid-20th century. If you're looking for something different, check out the "Offbeat History" section for lighter books that don't really fit into other categories.

We also have some nice-looking older books, some from the late 19th and early 20th century. The complete 11-volume set of the Durants' history has been reduced to \$50. Over the last two months we've acquired a number of books on the Kennedy assassination, which are on one of the red carts at the end of the aisle - the other has a wide range of books on exploration. And don't forget to visit the bargain room: we've had so many new books this month that a lot of excellent volumes went there early!

*-Linda McAllister*

## Donations

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

HOWEVER....

We are closed for donations from Sunday December 4 through Sunday December 11 to prepare the Main Room for this weekend's sale. Please hold your donations until Monday December 12.

[Please read our donation guidelines before you bring materials to us.](#)

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

## Suggestions?

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We're always eager to hear your suggestions for ways to improve our book sale. Please email us at [suggestions@friendspaloaltolib.org](mailto:suggestions@friendspaloaltolib.org).

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I am NOT in favor of funding option 3 for the Palo Alto Fiber initiative as described in the “Palo Alto Fiber Next Steps” article:

“ **Option 3:** Build fiber backbone, pause City-owned internet service provider plans, and collaborate with private Internet Service Providers.”

Peter Naughton

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Aram James](#)  
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**From:** [Scott O'Neil](#)  
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Please find attached my personal comments on the Housing Element.

Thank you,

-Scott O'Neil

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

I share the concerns about the Housing Element expressed in Palo Alto Forward's recent letter, to which I was a contributor. I have some additional comments as an individual.

## Comments

### C1:

Time associated with preapplications, prescreens, and study sessions should be included in Annual Progress Reports to HCD. The Housing Element is clear enough that these are part of the process, and not an informal courtesy meeting. I.e: (bold mine)

*"[Rezoning] begins with a **required prescreen** with the City Council. The applicant submits a prescreen application for a rezone proposal and the City Council generally hears the prescreen request within two months. **If the Council response is favorable, then the formal application for a rezone process can begin.**" (p. 262)*

I've heard from someone who's done projects in Palo Alto that this first round of review is often the most laborious and impactful on timelines. It should be reflected in public data.

### C2:

An attorney and housing activist in Walnut Creek has inspired many of us with his passion for compliance with the Permit Streamlining Act and ensuring Housing Elements spell out how they will comply with PRC 21080.1/.2. I would encourage the city to add detail to the Housing Element about when, how and who processes CEQA applications in Palo Alto until it is clear that this law is being followed.

To aid the City in making necessary changes, please find attached Exhibit A - HCD Letter to Berkeley.

### C3:

Program 1.1 should clarify that all previously-described planned rezoning is covered under this program, ie: rezoning of RM and mixed-use zones outside of GM/ROLM.

## Conclusion

I want to acknowledge that most of my role in this process has been as a critic, and say some things I know I don't say enough. First, I think staff has done very good work. I do not envy being trapped between rapidly changing state laws and Palo Alto politics, and am constantly impressed by how well they handle this unenviable position. Second, I want to say that the Housing Element Working Group and its members have no responsibility for the circumstances surrounding its creation, and do not believe any of them did anything wrong as individuals. Finally, I do want to see Palo Alto achieve certification of a compliant Housing Element as soon as possible, and want to be helpful.

To that end: I think the most promising path forward for Palo Alto is to take the strategy it's adopting the GM and ROLM zones, and fix the issues with development standards that are creating constraints. That strategy should be extended by applying it to the University and California Avenue downtowns, including, in the case of Cal. Ave, the area across Alma northeast of the Caltrain station. This would dovetail with rationalizing zoning instead of spot zoning –a good unto itself. Having more sites will make it easier to satisfy the nonvacant sites analysis. Showing that zoning is adequate for feasibility and eligible for ministerial review at market-feasible IZ levels (ie: 15%) would fortify such a housing element against several of the governmental and nongovernmental constraints identified in the PAF letter while simultaneously addressing AFFH concerns.

Thank you, and all the best.

-Scott O'Neil

## Exhibit A - HCD Letter to Berkeley

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June 3, 2022

Sharon Gong, Senior Planner  
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Dear Sharon Gong:

**RE: Berkeley – Letter of Technical Assistance**

The purpose of this letter is to provide technical assistance to the City of Berkeley (City). The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has become aware of potential conflicts between the practices of the City's Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB) concerning determinations for projects determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and timelines pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.1, subdivision (a), and Public Resources Code section 21080.2. HCD is concerned that these actions may act as a governmental constraint on housing development and requests the City review the CEQA determination process in Berkeley's 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element and include programs to mitigate or remove constraints as necessary.

**Obligations Under Public Resources Code sections 21080.1 & 21080.2**

HCD has been made aware of at least five development applications where the final ZAB determination was made more than 30 days after the relevant permit was determined to be complete. As the City is aware, under the Public Resources Code, a lead agency must make a determination under CEQA for projects exempt from environmental review within 30 days of a project application being deemed complete. These provisions are critical to meeting the Permit Streamlining Act requirement set in Government Code section 65950, subdivision (a) (5), and generally facilitate the processing of housing developments.

**6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element**

As Berkeley is updating its 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element, the City must describe and analyze the permit process from application to approvals, including a discussion on timeframes for each step in the process, impediments, and how it addresses the

application of state law on application processing pursuant to Government Code section 65583, subdivision (a)(5). In addition, the element must also demonstrate local efforts to remove governmental constraints that hinder the locality from meeting its share of the regional housing need and include program actions to remove or mitigate identified constraints pursuant to Government Code section 65583, subdivision (c)(3). Excessive CEQA review timeframes can delay project approval and pose a constraint to the development of housing and should be reviewed as part of the City's housing element update.

### **Conclusion**

HCD understands that the City is currently reviewing its compliance with these provisions and is looking at strategies to transparently document the process to ensure timely approval of CEQA determinations and provide additional transparency. HCD supports these efforts and encourages the City to take meaningful steps to ensure that its processes comply with provisions of state housing law.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Kevin Hefner at [Kevin.Hefner@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:Kevin.Hefner@hcd.ca.gov)

Sincerely,

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

Shannan West  
Housing Accountability Unit Chief

**From:** [Eric Nordman](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** Concern about safety issue associated with proposed double roundabout for Charleston Under-crossing  
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Palo Alto City Council:

Attached is a letter regarding a safety issue associated with the double roundabout proposed for the Charleston Under-crossing Option. I pointed out this issue in August. I have not seen any indication that this hazard is acknowledged or that the design is being modified.

Sincerely:

Eric Nordman



# Draft Letter to City Council, Rail Crossing

December 1, 2022

Eric Nordman

Dear Palo Alto City Council members:

I am writing about a significant hazard with the multi-lane roundabout associated with the Underpass Option for the Charleston rail crossing that appears to have been ignored.

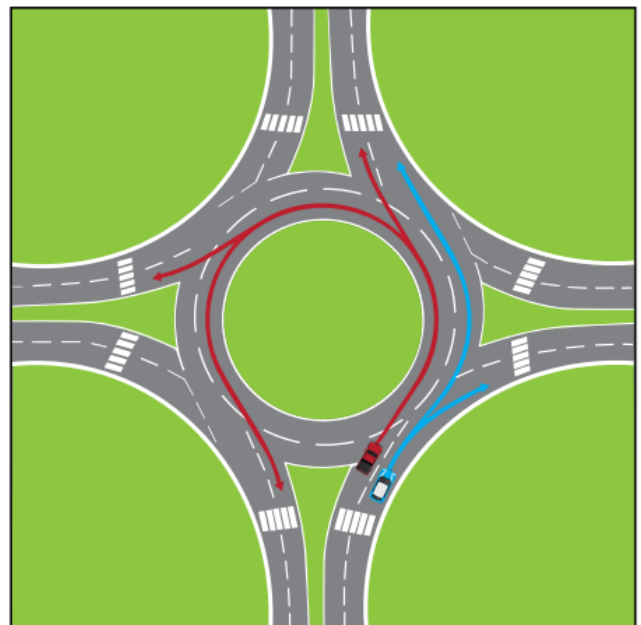
The standard operation of a multi-lane roundabout is illustrated in the diagram below, which is from the 2020 California Drivers Handbook.

The reason for having a roundabout on Charleston is to allow vehicles from Alma wanting to go west to first go east and then make a U-turn.

I was unfamiliar with how multi-lane roundabouts operated so I looked online. I found a 6-minute video created by the Minnesota Local Road Research Board: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CEhNboz5GPK>

In standard roundabout operation, in order to make a U-turn the driver should be in the left lane when entering the roundabout. However, on eastbound Charleston, this lane is the right lane. The right lane vehicle path and left lane vehicle path now intersect (see image at right).

In the video, you will see that cars typically enter a multi-lane roundabout from both lanes simultaneously into their appropriate lane in the roundabout. Crashes seem inevitable with the current Underpass Option design, and given that the design doesn't follow standard practices, **the city might be held liable.**



On Aug 3, 2022 as a member of PABAC, I sent in comments that included the above problem.

I suggested a solution: Have both lanes merge first and then have a one-lane roundabout. They responded that the traffic volumes required a two-lane roundabout.

**This may be true, but the response didn't address the hazard, and I have seen no change in design.**

They also replied: "A traffic analysis and geometric refinement of the roundabout might be required in the next phase." This issue seems to be more than a geometric refinement.

From the video:

"Once you have entered the roundabout stay in your lane. Do not switch lanes or pass other vehicles. **Passing vehicles or switching lanes is unsafe.**"

In theory, one could move the two-lane roundabout a few blocks east to allow time for people to get in the correct lane. While this could work, it would make an awkward design even more awkward.

**I do not think it is acceptable to continue with a design approach that is unsafe.**

## Why is the Underpass Option being pursued?

I do not understand why the Underpass Option is being considered over the Hybrid Option for East Meadow and Charleston. The estimated cost is almost twice as much (\$380M vs \$210M), yet the design seems inferior based on the council criteria. The matrix summary chart showed only 4/20 items where the Underpass Option was better, versus 5/20 where the Hybrid Option was better.

While the Hybrid Option has **no** property acquisition, the Underpass Option requires full acquisition of 4 houses, one 14-unit apartment complex and partial acquisition from ~30 houses. The cost and logistical challenges of this seem significant.

While pedestrians and cyclists are separated from traffic in the Underpass Option, bicyclists would have to cross busy streets **twice** in one direction. Most commuters and high school students will find this less safe and inconvenient, and would choose to ride with vehicle traffic under the underpass.

In the Underpass Option, "an **optional** 6-foot high noise barrier near the tracks and on the overpass structure could significantly reduce wheel/rail and propulsion noise." In the Hybrid Option this noise barrier is included, not merely optional.

The one issue where the Hybrid Option is rated significantly worse than the Underpass Option is in minimizing visual changes. I gather people adjacent to the tracks object to

people on trains looking into their home and yards. I can understand this. The 2-story house behind us can look over the 7-foot tall fence directly into our master bedroom. We have curtains to address our problem. Adding landscaping along the railroad track could also address this objection from home owners and renters.

Please do what is necessary to prevent an unsafe design from being continued.

Sincerely,

Eric Nordman

**From:** [LWV of Palo Alto](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
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**Subject:** Public Comment on Housing Element  
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Dear Mayor Burt and Councilmembers,  
Please find attached the League of Women Voters of Palo Alto's comment within the 30 day public comment period on Palo Alto's Housing Element Update.  
Liz Kniss  
President

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December 7, 2022

Dear Mayor Burt, Palo Alto City Council and City Staff  
Cc: Cal. Dept of Housing and Community Development  
Julie Lythcott-Haines, Vicki Veenker, Ed Lauing

The League of Women Voters of Palo Alto submits this public comment on Palo Alto's Housing Element update. The League is a non-partisan organization whose mission is the informed participation of citizens in public policy. The National League's position on meeting basic human needs for housing supports policies which provide a decent home and suitable living environment for every American family. When families or individuals cannot afford decent housing, government at all levels should provide assistance in the form of income and/or subsidized housing. Government programs providing subsidies to the building, financing and insurance industries of housing for lower-income families should be evaluated in terms of units produced rather than in terms of benefits accruing to these industries.<sup>1</sup>

### **Overview**

Continued loss of affordable unsubsidized housing stock through involuntary displacement (55% rise in rental prices in the last decade) is not addressed in the HE. As required by the Government Code section 65583 (10) A) (v), it should be addressed and analyzed. The city should address it by including Policies and Programs in the HE to turn the unsubsidized units into permanently affordable homes in public/private partnerships. This will require increased funding.

The first half of our comment describes the evidence for loss of unsubsidized units. The second half of the letter requests the city adopt specific Programs and Policies including Tenant Protections, a real estate transfer tax, vacancy tax, community land trust, limited equity cooperative, and other Programs within the Housing Element.

### **Introduction**

The majority of Palo Alto's low- or moderate-income households do not live in subsidized housing run by nonprofit developers or in below market rate (BMR) housing created under Palo Alto's inclusionary housing ordinance. They live in unsubsidized units, at the mercy of rising rents and housing prices, mitigated only by California's just cause eviction statute and state-

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<sup>1</sup> (LWVUS, *Impact on Issues, 2018-2020*, pgs 93, 94)

wide rent cap of 10% or 5% plus cost-of-living. (People living in single-family houses not owned by corporations or real estate trusts and whose units are newer than 15 years are not covered by the state-wide rent cap.)

Thirty-one percent of the city's 26,150 households—or 8,106 households—are cost burdened (paying over 30% of their income for housing, and of that number, 14% are severely cost-burdened, paying 50% or more for housing. (HE, Executive Summary, ES- 5.) Surprisingly, we don't learn from the HE how many of these cost-burdened households are low or moderate income: that data is omitted from the analysis of housing need. We do know that black and Hispanic households are disproportionately cost-burdened. (ES-4).

The League's comments are directed at 1) the Housing Element's (HE) failure to explicitly recognize the displacement pressures on the 31% of the city's households who are cost burdened or severely so and who live predominantly in unsubsidized affordable housing and 2) the HE's failure to adopt an anti-displacement program analysis and strategy.

### **Failure to Recognize Displacement and Loss of Unsubsidized Affordable Housing or to Adopt Programs to address it**

The Urban Displacement Project (relied on by the Housing Element for analysis of the city's housing need) found that 40% of Palo Alto neighborhoods suffer from exclusionary displacement. In addition, three census tracts are at risk of direct displacement.

“In Palo Alto, three census tracts qualify as sensitive communities who are at risk of displacement. Neighborhoods near Stanford University, as well as in the Ventura neighborhood are considered at risk of displacement. Figure C-44 shows the distribution of sensitive and vulnerable communities throughout Palo Alto.” (Palo Alto Housing Element, Appendix C, p C -71)

The analysis continues: higher cost-burdened households are found “in the central areas of Palo Alto where more multifamily housing is located, correlating roughly with the neighborhoods with higher concentrations of LMI households” (Figure C-37 and Figure C-38). (Palo Alto Housing Element, Appendix C, p.70.,quoting the Urban Displacement Project).

The Bay Area Equity Atlas (a project of the San Francisco Foundation, Policy Link, and USC Equity Research Institute) has identified *more* than three census tracts in Palo Alto where the majority of low income (LI) renters are cost-burdened or severely so and subject to the pressure of rising rents and house prices.<sup>2</sup> Home prices in the city have risen 44% between 2020-2021 and rents have risen 55% since 2010. (ES-2)

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<sup>2</sup> Those tracts include: 5107 (367 LI renters); 5109 (277 LI renters); 5111 (67 LI renters); 5112 (103 LI renters); 5113.01 (467 LI renters); 5113.02 (581 LI renters); and 5114 (300 LI renters). (See “Where are Renters with Low Incomes Living in the Bay Area? Feb. 23, 2022, bayareaequityatlas.org/lowincomerentermap).

Yet, the HE's "Assessment of Need" denies that **any** Palo Alto neighborhoods are at risk of displacement and as a result, the Housing Element contains no specific Programs to address this issue.

#### Chapter 2, "Displacement/Gentrification"

"According to research from University of California, Berkeley [the Urban Displacement Project] no neighborhoods in Palo Alto are at risk of, or undergoing, gentrification. However, 40.8 percent of households in Palo Alto live in neighborhoods where low-income households are likely excluded due to prohibitive housing costs." (Housing Element (HE), Chapter 2, page 3.)

The phrase "40.8% of households in Palo Alto live in neighborhoods where low-income households are likely excluded due to prohibitive housing costs" means, according to the Urban Displacement Project, that 40 % of Palo Alto suffers from "exclusionary displacement", that is "displacement which limits who can move into a neighborhood, highlighting reduced housing choice, particularly for lower SES people." [https://www.urbandisplacement.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/IGS\\_0\\_Summary-Brief\\_03.01.22.pdf](https://www.urbandisplacement.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/IGS_0_Summary-Brief_03.01.22.pdf)

The League asks the city to a) recognize that displacement is a big problem in Palo Alto and to analyze the effect of displacement on low- and moderate-income households, including communities of color, as required by Government Code section 65583 (10) A) (v); and b) adopt Policy and Programs in the Housing Element prioritizing the prevention and reversal of displacement.

The discussion of displacement should include an analysis of the percentage of households at moderate income or below which are cost-burdened, the rents each income group can afford at 30 % of household income, calculate the rents, the number of units at each income level which would need to be produced, and identify what programs are likely to produce those units. To address the problem of exclusionary displacement in 40% of Palo Alto, the League asks the HE to also include an analysis of whether rezoning to allow less expensive missing-middle housing types (duplexes, triplexes, cottages) in existing residential neighborhoods would produce housing affordable to low, moderate or work-force households.

#### **Programs Addressing the Displacement and the Loss of Unsubsidized Affordable Housing should include Tenant Protection and Expansion of Permanently Affordable Housing Using Public/Private Partnerships and New Sources of Local Funding, such as a Real-Estate Transfer Tax**

The League asks the city to prioritize a Tenant Protection Program within the Housing Element. Such program should include just cause eviction, rent stabilization, an anti-harassment

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ordinance protecting tenants from retaliation by landlords for complaining about maintenance issues, legal representation for tenants facing eviction, and a rental registry. Included in a Tenant Protection Program should be increased local funding for emergency rental assistance, to supplement state and federal funding. Emergency rental assistance is considered one of the most effective programs in stemming evictions.

Some these protections are included in the recent package of Tenant Protections considered by the city council. But these tenant protections will not be enough, the Urban Displacement researchers have warned, and the League agrees.

“To address the housing affordability crisis and mitigate displacement and exclusion policy makers must pursue not only the preservation of unsubsidized affordable housing but also bolder initiatives that substantially expand social housing.” Study of tenant protections and market rate housing, March 2022.<sup>3</sup>

<https://www.frbsf.org/community-development/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/housing-market-interventions-and-residential-mobility-in-the-san-francisco-bay-area.pdf>

The Urban Displacement researchers from Stanford and U.C. Berkeley conclude that tenant protection policies may help to keep existing low-income tenants housed, but these policies do not expand housing opportunities and have exclusionary effects. The researchers recommend that cities trying to equitably address the affordability crisis adopt two policies:

- 1) the preservation of existing unsubsidized affordable housing;
- 2) social housing programs which substantially expand the provision of rental or homeownership units affordable at a moderate income or below and are run by a public or non-profit entity. Such programs would need to be widely implemented, “requiring government investment at levels that match the urgency of the housing crisis.”

The League agrees. We ask that the city’s highest priority should be for the expansion of reliable public funding for the acquisition of existing at-risk housing stock and programs which create permanently affordable housing units run by a public or nonprofit entity.

The League asks that the Housing Element include the Programs recommended by the Urban Displacement Project’s March 2022 report, particularly the establishment of a community land trust and limited equity cooperatives. We also ask the highest priority be given to evaluation and adoption of the following programs, many of which have been used by other cities:

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<sup>3</sup> Chapple, Karen, Jackelyn Hwang, Jae Sik Jeon, Iris Zhang, Julia Greenberg, and Bina P. Shrimali. 2022. “Housing Market Interventions and Residential Mobility in the San Francisco Bay Area.” Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Community Development Working Paper 2022-1. doi: 10.24148/cdwp2022-01



- Acquiring existing multi-unit rental properties at risk of becoming unaffordable, via a program like San Francisco's Small Sites Acquisition Program;
- Develop an unsubsidized affordable housing preservation program that will facilitate the acquisition of privately owned units and convert them to deed restricted units. Sources of expertise could include Stanford University's Sustainable Urban Systems Department. The study should create understanding of the city's unsubsidized affordable housing stock and estimate the cost of acquiring units
- Adopt a tiered real estate transfer tax on sale or transfer of properties over \$2million, \$5million, and \$10million, modeled on the measures adopted by Los Angeles and San Jose and adopting a vacancy tax to incentivize the use of vacant housing stock modeled on Vancouver, B.C.
- Establish a tenant or nonprofit opportunity to purchase program;
- Adopt condominium conversion restrictions;
- Partner with and support capacity building of local Community Land Trust. Community land trusts (CLT's) are nonprofit, community-based organizations designed to ensure community stewardship of land. CLT's are primarily used to ensure permanent housing affordability. The City would help build the capacity of a local CLT which would in turn acquire and/or build affordable housing that remains so in perpetuity.
- Establish a mixed-income Limited Equity Cooperative using the Santa Clara County Measure A funds Office of Supportive Housing Pilot Program. Tenant/owners will contribute 10% of the equity. Other funding can come from long-term low-interest local, state or federal loans, revenue bonds, or tax-exempt bonds, as described in the county's proposal.
- Prioritize the use of all city -owned parking lots for the development of affordable housing following up on the November 2021 ARB presentation which demonstrated feasibility of creating up to 1,000 units near existing infrastructure.
- Adopt the financing model used by school districts in Daly City and Santa Clara which created affordable housing for school employees. These financing model used public land, certificates of participation based on rental income and the proceeds of a local general bond issue;
- Prioritize the use of Joint powers authorities such as CalCHA which can issue revenue bonds to create below market housing projects from existing market rate developments.

Respectfully,



Liz Kniss  
President  
League of Women Voters of Palo Alto

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Dear Mayor Burt, Palo Alto City Council, and Palo Alto City Staff:

Thank you all for your hard work on the City's draft Housing Element. We have particularly appreciated City staff's responsiveness to our questions throughout the public comment period.

Please find attached Palo Alto Forward's comments and findings regarding the draft Housing Element. As we write in our letter, we understand that the Housing Element remains a work-in-progress, and we look forward to working constructively with the City moving forward.

For any questions, please feel free to reach out to us at this email address.

Warm regards,

Robert Chun  
Secretary, Palo Alto Forward

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Over the past month we have 'lost ' track of two homeless women, both of whom have been on the streets in downtown Palo Alto. Have they been taken in by good neighbors? Have they been arrested? One was on University Avenue, near the old ATT store, and the other was in a cubby area on Kipling off University Avenue. Now there is a fence and a " no trespassing" sign in the area. Kim has been missing for a long time from the underpass on Homer. Is there a homeless Shelter that we can direct these women to? Or do they just vanish, like Bunny, who died on the streets some five years ago. When will we develop a humane way to help these women?

Roberta Ahlquist

**From:** [Roberta Ahlquist](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#); [Human Relations Commission](#); [Joe Simitian](#); [Julie Lythcott-Haims](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Shikada, Ed](#)  
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Palo Alto's population is nearly 1/2 renters..So, how do we support these 30,000-38,000 residents? Older seniors are a significant part of our city. The Palo Alto city budget now has a \$40 million surplus. Halt office building! Support low-moderate income housing development. Bring back La Comida lunches to downtown, to five or six of the currently empty rooms at Avenidas. Then up to 500 seniors a week would not be in line to get a tray in the rain, then scurry home or eat alone on the streets.

Develop a rent stabilization and just cause eviction ordinance.NOW.

Start the free cross town shuttle NOW, not in the spring. It's going to rain again soon.

Make the Junior Museum Zoo FREE.

Those are a few ideas for starters.

Roberta Ahlquist  
Avenidas Senior Housing Committee

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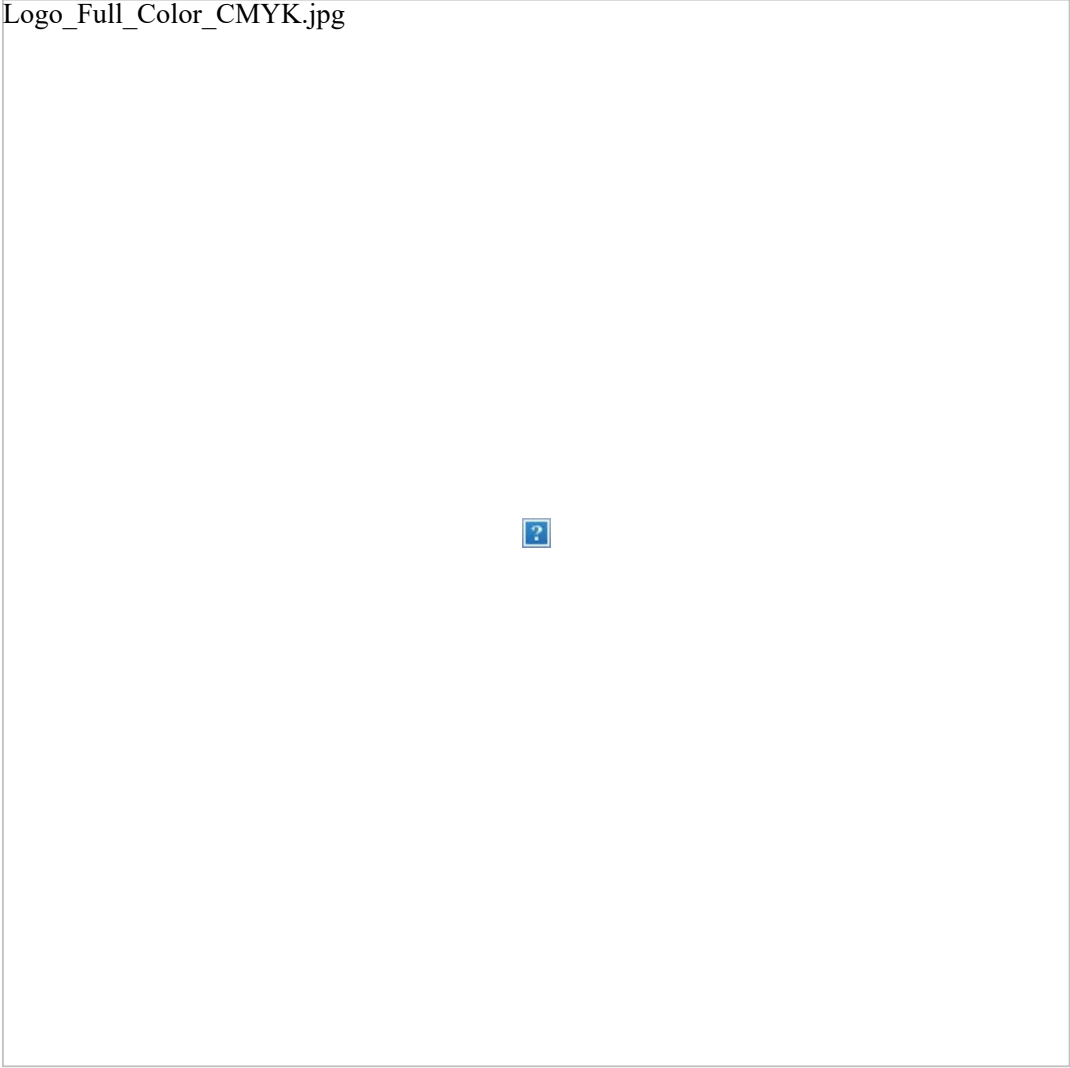
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**Exchanging Ideas with the Bing Nursery School**  
December 6, 2022

Hello Friends,

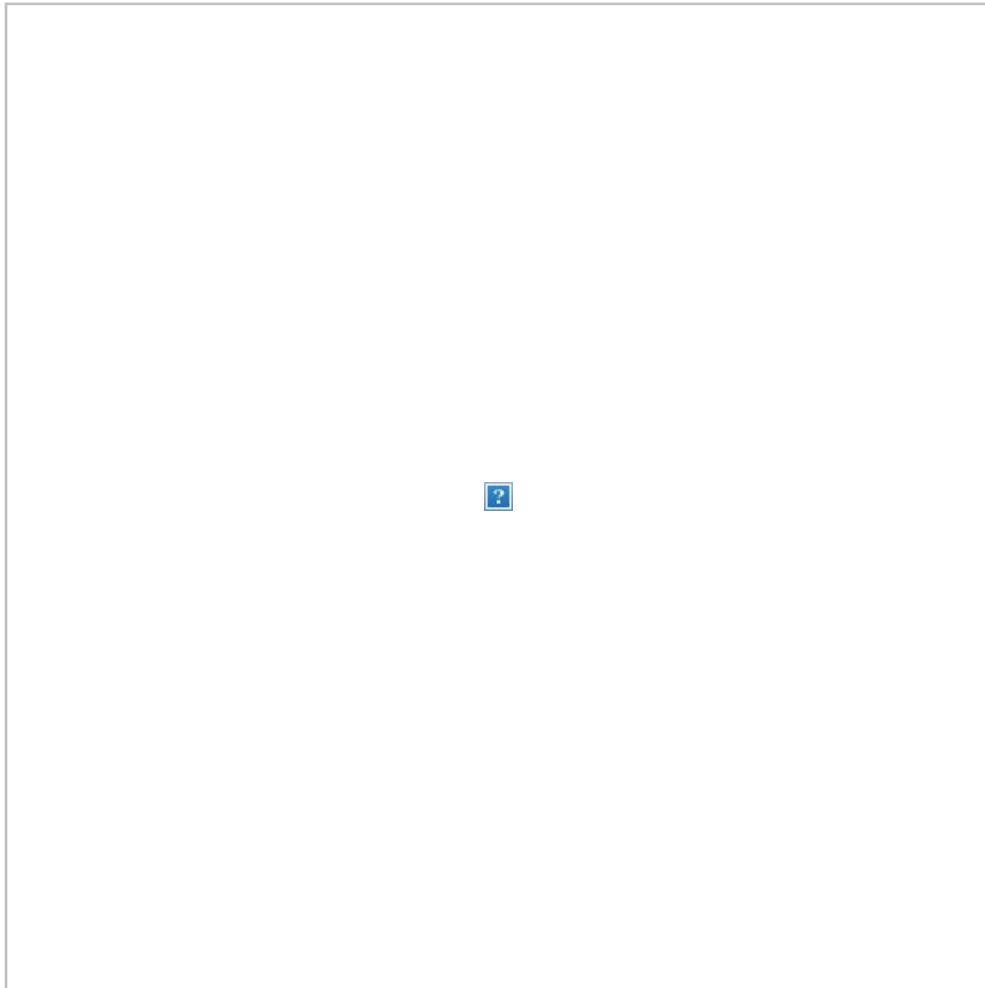
I'm happy to share that the American Flamingo, African Spoonbill, Hamerkop, and Red and Green Macaw have been moved back to the zoo! Visitors can, once again, feed a flamingo alongside animal care staff in the Wildlife Circle. For the **safety of the birds** during the ongoing avian flu outbreak, the JMZ has provided booties and foot washing stations for visitors to use in the zoo. If we all do our part to keep the birds safe when visiting the zoo, the JMZ may be able to bring back the rest of the bird collection and the

“Loose in the Zoo” experience!

This month, we feature a recent tour of the JMZ by 30 plus educators from Bing Nursery School. The Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo and Bing have long histories of facilitating childhood learning. The goals for the tour were for staff from both the JMZ and Bing to learn from each other, and to be inspired by how both institutions encourage children to learn through their own curiosity. We spoke with former educator and current Friends board member Kelly Bavor about the unique opportunity this tour presented both Bing and the JMZ.

I hope to see you at the JMZ soon. Best wishes for the holidays and a very happy and healthy New Year!

Lauren Angelo  
President, Friends of the Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo



Flamingos are back! Photo courtesy of Artem Nazarov.

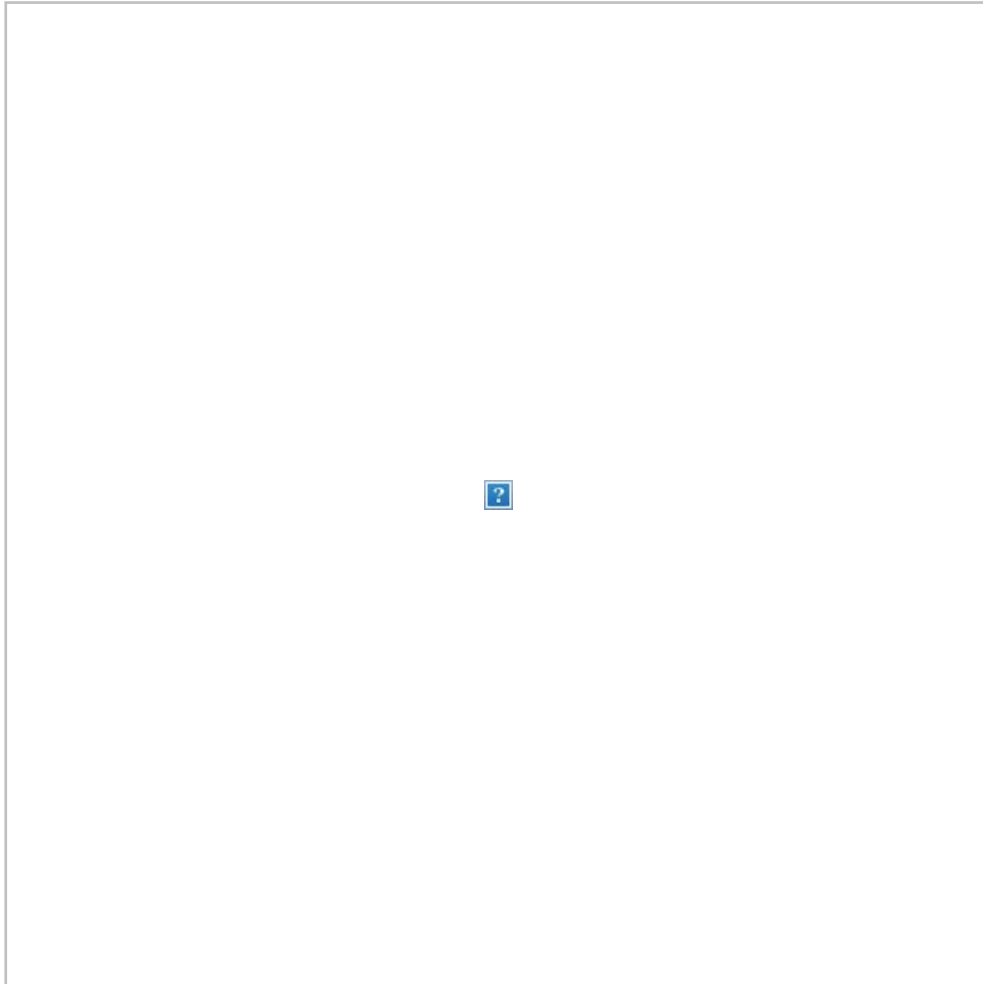
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### Questions for Kelly Bavor, Friends Board Member

**What were the goals of the tour?**

The Junior Museum & Zoo and Bing have long histories of facilitating childhood learning. Knowing that both institutions have a wealth of knowledge to offer about early childhood

education, this tour was meant to be collaborative and dialogue-focused. The goals for the tour were for staff from both the JMZ and Bing to learn from each other, and to be inspired by how both institutions encourage children to learn through play and to be guided by their own curiosity.



**John Aikin and Kelly Bavor spoke to the Bing group before the tour.**

**How was the tour of the Junior Museum & Zoo tailored to Bing's learning objectives?**

Bing educators were invited to walk around the JMZ with questions to ponder, such as what accessibility features they observed throughout the museum and zoo and what kind of exhibit they would design if given the opportunity. JMZ staff also provided in-depth looks at the various components of the museum and zoo. For example, Tina Keegan, JMZ Exhibits Director, spoke to Bing educators about her process in designing an accessible exhibits hall and highlighted some of the most popular exhibits. JMZ Education Director Alex Hamilton let educators explore the Education Hub, where JMZ teachers store materials for lessons. Looking through the shelves and cabinets, visitors were asked to think about what lessons they could create with supplies in the hub.





Alex Hamilton shows one of the groups the Education Hub and invites them to explore its contents.

### **How are the JMZ and Bing similar in their approaches to childhood education?**

Central to both Bing and the JMZ's philosophy, is the concept of learning through play. Not only are the JMZ and Bing sites for learning, but for research as well. The JMZ, for example, collaborates with the [Stanford Department of Psychology's Social Learning Lab](#) to support research into how children think, learn, and interact with others.

### **Were there features about the JMZ that Bing educators found particularly engaging for children?**

Bing teachers were quick to note the dynamism of the exhibits at the JMZ and the myriad ways children of different ages, interests, and abilities could engage with them. JMZ Exhibits Director Tina Keegan discussed her approach to exhibit design and invited Bing teachers to imagine what they might adjust or add to further enrich the experience of children and their caregivers.

Animals and the design of the zoo were also a discussion point. In his tour of the zoo, JMZ Executive Director John Aikin, highlighted the many vantage points children had to view the animals up close—from above in a canopy, or a tunnel amidst the roots of a tree. Allowing children to observe wildlife up close in this way, he said, sparks curiosity and engenders respect for the natural world.

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*"We were all excited to see how the new JMZ would look, and it exceeded our expectations. Everything was so thoughtfully and intentionally designed for children to experience, learn, and enjoy! Truly such an exceptional place for children and families!"*

*--Rinna Sanchez-Baluyut, Bing Head Teacher*

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Hi Jonathan –

As Thanksgiving is now behind us, we are circling back on your email below. Castilleja held a community meeting last week with neighbors, and when asked about the status of the TDM reported it was “likely to go before the City Council as a Consent item this month.” This is disconcerting, as we have yet to see the proposed TDM, nor heard back about any of the issues we raised in our meeting with you and your team on October 13<sup>th</sup>. You indicated in October that the school’s TDM would not be put before the Council this year, and that it would be made public in a timely manner prior to being presented as a Consent item. Has this timeline changed?

Of major concern:

1. Under which TDM is/should the school be operating under this school year? We have learned they will be off-campus starting next summer, when they intend to begin construction. All bets seem to be off at the moment. Can we get clarity on which rules they should be currently observing?
2. Counting methodology: Neighbors ask the City to a) make the counting requirement consistent with the methodology used to determine the maximum car trips and b) clarify greater and more impartial oversight (via an independent traffic consultant) to alleviate future concerns of misrepresentation. At the moment it looks like the school is asked to self-monitor and self-report, which was clearly not the City Council’s intent.
3. TDM during construction: as there will be no driveway or counters during this phase, it is entirely unclear how construction traffic will be monitored, if at all. Neighbors understand it will be years of disruption and are very concerned that there will be no oversight or rules relating to traffic, parking for the 100+ construction and crew vehicles, staging areas, truck waiting areas, use of smaller residential streets, lane closures, etc. At the recent meeting, the school advised neighbors that construction vehicles would not be regulated under the TDM. We ask that this be specifically addressed in the TDM.
4. The Neighborhood oversight committee: as we discussed, the current CUP indicates it will be City Council appointed, which evidently triggers Brown Act Compliance. This was added after the council meeting, we all assume by the City Attorney, you were going to look into this. *(Concern: Brown Act restrictions will mean two of the three members cannot discuss any relevant issues without full meeting, reported agenda, etc.)* **We propose the Neighborhood Committee be self-nominated by neighbors who are not affiliated with the school and permanently reside within 600 feet of the school. PNQL is prepared to create a nominating body, manage this process, present City Staff or Council with its recommended members, track tenure of the members, recruit new members as needed, etc.**
5. Local enrollment: The new CUP requires a % of local students - who/how will it be determined

who “resides within a 5-mile radius” and where will this be reported? (The school also admitted at the recent meeting that it “monitors arrivals” by noting how many girls walk in, rather than get dropped off by car. They agreed they have no way of knowing which of these students park a block away and walk in.)

Attached is a spreadsheet with specific page numbers, sections, item numbers with our notes on inconsistencies or missing information in the Record of Land Use Action. Can there be a “clean-up” document alongside the signed CUP?

We know you all are busy and this is yet more detail on a project that has taken so much of everyone’s time. But as we are all aware, the prior CUP contained vague language that left much room for interpretation, and we have learned the school’s fallback position is consistently to follow the letter (and then only when sharply monitored) of its agreement, and not the spirit. This time we are taking pains to make sure the specifics are in place, so that everyone can live in peace going forward.

As discussed, we hope to avoid any confusion or ambiguity in this document, which will be used as reference for some time to come and which we all hope will help us establish an amicable co-existence with the school.

Many thanks for all your assistance. We look forward to hearing from you.

Best,

Carla Befera

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On Wed, Nov 9, 2022 at 11:38 PM Lait, Jonathan <[Jonathan.Lait@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:Jonathan.Lait@cityofpaloalto.org)> wrote:

Hi Carla,

I just wanted to follow up and let you know that this is still on our radar even if it is not moving as quickly as we’d all like. I hope to respond to all your questions on your previously attached agenda before Thanksgiving. Thank you all for your continued patience.

Jonathan



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Jonathan and Amy –

Thank you again for meeting with us today to discuss the status of Castilleja's CUP and TDM. Attached is the agenda, amended to reflect some of the points made during the meeting. We understood you to say the TDM was no longer on track to be placed before Council as a Consent item by the stated deadline of December 6, 2022 - and further that you will ensure neighbors see an early draft in a timely manner, so that they may give input on how the regulations are going to be spelled out. As discussed, we hope to avoid any confusion or ambiguity in this document, which will be used as reference for some time to come and which we all hope will help us establish an amicable co-existence with the school.

We will follow up in a couple of week to see if at least some of these questions can be answered, and learn what might be the timeline for next steps.

With best regards,  
Carla Befera

**From:** [Bing Wei](#)  
**To:** [Bob Wenzlau](#)  
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Thanks, Bob, for sharing!  
What an accomplished lift.  
My deep condolences.  
Pass on my/our warm regards to the families.  
Best,  
Bing

Bing Wei  
Mobile: 1-650-842-0209

On Dec 5, 2022, at 21:38, Bob Wenzlau <[bwenzlau@neighborsabroad.org](mailto:bwenzlau@neighborsabroad.org)> wrote:

All,  
This is an obituary and photo of Betty that Jennifer passed on.  
Albeit resending, this reminds us more of her contributions to our community.  
Bob

On Mon, Dec 5, 2022 at 7:37 PM Bob Wenzlau <[bwenzlau@neighborsabroad.org](mailto:bwenzlau@neighborsabroad.org)> wrote:

Board members,

We lost in mid November Betty Gerard. Betty was a longtime board member of Neighbors Abroad. Her craft was writing and editing. She was also deeply engaged in telling many stories of Palo Alto, Not only was Neighbors Abroad a beneficiary, but also the historical society. In the 60s she and her husband helped with the founding of the Committee for Green Foothills. So dedicated to Palo Alto she was.

The sad thing like many is we did not get to cheer her off. She was a lovely caring person. We actually knew her as she raised a granddaughter in Palo Alto, a youngster that knew my daughter.

Jennifer Buenrostro informed me today, and she said that she was surrounded by family.

Rest in peace, and thank you for your service.

Bob

P.S. Given her impact I have copied a few that would want to know.

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I want to acknowledge the summation of fiscal issues on the December 6 agenda of the Council's Finance Committee. The Finance Committee continues its stewardship role for the benefit of the City Council and citizens of Palo Alto

I do have a three suggestions to strengthen the ten-year forecasting. Please refer to page 28-34 in your agenda packet. It itemizes **21 real risks**. See attachment.

First, choice of words makes a difference. Long range planning is prioritized risk assessment. The paragraph header on page 28 is **Assumptions NOT Included in Forecast**. The concept of risk is more important than assumptions. Would you consider rephrasing the header as **Risks NOT Included in Forecast**?

Second, during the next year Finance Committee could rank order its 21+ priorities. This would establish a sense of urgency.

Third, please consider three additional risks.

#1 Sea rise change and the risks of unaddressed levees. A levee planning benchmark against other jurisdictions would be helpful.

#2 There is risk that Palo Alto will not revert to its tradition of heavy inbound commuters by car, bus and train. It is conceivable that work-from-home will undermine most assumptions for office space demand. This means greater risk to the number and types of housing units to be developed. The San Francisco County Board of Supervisors may blaze the trail for cities such as Palo Alto as they confront risks of their downtown office vacancies. San Francisco may address their dilemma as early as Fall 2023.

#3 There is longer term, but serious risk driven by the absence of specific plans for Palo Alto's two downtowns. Within 5-7 years a perfect storm may be driven by CalTrain ridership, low occupancy offices\*, work from home, housing demand, Stanford's long-range plans (both University and Research Park) and simple circulation through the two downtowns. Parklets, privatized public parking and parking-lite developments are worthy risks to be listed now but they pale in comparison to lack of specific area plans for the very old downtown properties. It is difficult for me to imagine rational modernization of these commercial cores without addressing lot

consolidation.

\*One risk is technology growth drifting from computer sciences to bio-tech lab spaces and healthcare services which may require traditional workspaces for teams, collaboration and equipment. Once again San Francisco office space vacancies are instructive.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Dear City Council,

I see a lot to like in the proposal for 1700 Embarcadero. I hope you will support this.

I think the proposed bike/ped connection around the perimeter of the property will enhance bicycle connectivity to the between the 101 crossing at Oregon Ave/E. Bayshore, to destinations accessed via Geng Road, including an improved connection to Baylands Athletic Fields, and the paved Bay Trail connection from there to the baylands, E. Palo Alto, and the Dumbarton Bridge.

I am excited to see that many non-native Chinese Elms will be removed, and will be replaced with Native trees, including Coast Live Oaks. This is part of our Urban Forest master plan, and will lead to better habitat for bird species. A Chinese Elm is a food desert for birds, but a Coast Live Oak is a bonanza!

So this will be a significant improvement to the environment for bikers, walkers, and native insects and birds.

Thank you for your service to our city,

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-- Robert Neff  
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Good morning Mayor and Councilmembers,

Please view updated links below with staff responses for questions from Councilmember Tanaka.  
Thank you!

- [December 5, 2022 Amended Agenda Packet](#)
- [Staff response for Items 3 and 5](#)

Best,  
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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

On behalf of City Manager Ed Shikada, please view the following links below for the amended agenda and staff response to a question from Councilmember Cormack for Monday night's Council Meeting:

- [December 5 Amended Agenda](#)
- [Staff response to Items 5](#)

Thank you,  
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Emily Zorn is a registered dietitian and health coach in Palo Alto. She is the owner and founder of Emily RD Nutrition Coaching where she provides virtual nutrition coaching to clients across the country. Her goal is to empower people to learn how to eat healthy in a way that is personalized and sustainable over time. Emily offers free initial 30 minute nutrition sessions to new clients. Emily is also the co-host of the RDs vs BS podcast where she researches diets, supplements, and other nutrition topics and decides whether they are legit or BS.

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Dear Council,

The Palo Alto Historical Association held an interesting event yesterday looking at the history of local and regional environmental organizations which are doing extraordinary work with conservation, education, and environmental stewardship. One take-away I had is how their work began as a way to conserve or preserve spaces and is evolving to consider the health effects from nature on the human condition; ideas about how to bring nature into urban settings, and how science has evolved to explain why.

I offer a presentation by Prof. Martin Rösli on soundscape/noise, which the EU considers is the 2nd most relevant environmental health burden after air pollution. At the end, is a noise threshold policy proposal with Lden 54 during day and Lden 43 for night, showing the serious health impacts of noise at night. Lden is calculated like DNL and it's a cumulative noise metric which is essential for understanding health effects.

[Transportation noise, Health threat or just annoying?](#) and [slide deck](#)

The distinction between annoyance and health matters because they are different impacts. Annoyance is self-reported ("I am annoyed") whereas health effects from excessive noise happen more like how blood pressure occurs - there are no symptoms but there is a physiological response. So, say you are not awakened by a plane, your ears and brain are processing the sound even while you are asleep.

The FAA's current noise threshold criteria does not consider health (at all) and has *only one assumption* which is a threshold at which enough people will get annoyed enough to sue or organize (bother the agency) and also the threshold for which insulation is federally funded . Granted, the FAA's threshold criteria was set half a century ago, with a very different mindset that aviation needed to be promoted and protected, and before concentrated flight paths became an issue.

As we prepare for potential FAA noise policy changes (following their own NES study that shows their data does not support even their first assumption thus they are compelled to change), it will be crucial how the FAA addresses their framework for their noise threshold. Will they still only care about noise if it's at a level where someone can bother them?

Jennifer