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**From:** [J. Siegman](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** Fiber Done Right Could Alleviate Power Outage Risks  
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## **FIBER DONE RIGHT COULD ALLEVIATE POWER OUTAGE RISKS**

Good for the City for persisting in seeking a way to improve internet service with fiber to premises one way or another... but suppose we re-think priorities and considers synergy with other utility services?

Instead of adding fiber to neighborhoods with overhead power lines (the low hanging fruit), how about finishing the job of undergrounding utility connections to the remaining neighborhoods?

The push to go all electric and let go of fossil fuels is likely to be a long tough sell if our grid remains so vulnerable, e.g. headlines like **"Fallen tree causes power outage for nearly 900 Palo Alto Utilities customers"**

Yes, undergrounding is expensive, but please, City Council members, think through the long view.

...And speaking of "view"  
getting rid of overhead power poles certainly upgrades neighborhood aesthetics.

— JEANNIE —  
Virginia Howard Siegman  
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**From:** [Steve Bisset](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** Please add Newell Bridge replacement to 2023 Climate Adaptation Priority  
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Dear City Council,

Please make flood protection a priority for 2023. Specifically, please renew your city priority of Climate Change and Adaptation for 2023. This year please add the following projects under this priority: the Newell Bridge replacement, explicit support for the full Reach 2 upgrade of San Francisquito Creek and clearing debris before flood season.

I live in the flood zone. We were flooded in 1998. Improved flood prevention and protection of our home from flooding is an imperative for our family's safety and well being.

Some of you on the Council may be newer to the flooding history, and perhaps unaware that the City of Palo Alto created the flood risk in 1949 and is solely liable for flood damage due to the Pope-Chaucer Bridge - not Menlo Park or Caltrans or anyone else.

Therefore, flood prevention is also critical to the financial security of the City.

Attached is a photo of the original 1907 Pope-Chaucer Bridge, a perfectly satisfactory bridge. Also attached is the 1946 City of Palo Alto drawing of the roadway design for the current bridge. Apparently the City made quite a large investment to replace a bridge with a culvert so that cars could speed across it and zoom onto Woodland Avenue without stopping! Incredible.

Sincerely,  
Steve Bisset  
1051 Fife Avenue, Palo Alto

**From:** [Greg Schmid](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** for Public Comment at Jan 23 meeting  
**Date:** Monday, January 23, 2023 11:07:13 AM  
**Attachments:** [November 21 PASZ letter to CC.pdf](#)  
[December 5 Housing Element Update.doc](#)

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PASZ

Palo Altans for Sensible Zoning

Jan 23, 2023

City Council,

What right does HCD have to impose concentrated housing growth on our community based on an aggressive concentrated jobs growth forecast for Silicon Valley and then override local democracy by threatening to eliminate local zoning authority through “builder’s exemption”?

HCD claims it is given that right through California Code Section 65584. But that Code specifically states that “public participation shall be required during the development of the methodology” and the goal shall be the promotion of “an improved relationship between jobs and housing”.

Which brings us to the question of public participation in this Housing Element process. The City of Palo Alto is required to take public participation seriously. They were required by law to hold a 30 day comment period on the Housing Element where citizens could ask questions on the new housing to be built during the period 2023-2031 before its submission to HCD for approval (and before an eight year period of no discussion of lowering jobs growth numbers begins). The City promised “to take ten business days to review the public comments and include a description of how the City processed the comments with the submittal of the draft Housing Element to HCD”.

The 30 day comment period was from November 7 to December 7, 2022. Half way through the period, City Staff announced at a Council meeting (November 28) that there would be a special email address for comments ([heupdate@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:heupdate@cityofpaloalto.org)). Since Palo Altans for Sensible Zoning (PASZ) had already sent a letter on the subject to the City Council on November 21 a copy of that letter was sent to the new email address on November 29 and a second letter from two individuals was sent on December 5. Both letters are attached.

When staff forwarded the new Draft Housing Element to HCD on December 23, it included a 248 page Appendix B that covered “Public Outreach”. There was no

mention of these two letters in that document. A subsequent inquiry found that the two letters had gone into spam.

We are now entering the final step in the approval process, a 90 day period when City staff will be interacting with HCD about the latest Draft Housing Element. During the 90 day period, HCD will provide answers to questions raised by the City. Since our two letters were delivered during the Public Comment period but were not included in the City's Housing Element's Public Outreach report, we ask that the City discuss with HCD the specific questions raised in the two letters and request public responses that will be reported directly to the City Council and the public before the City decrees that there will no discussion of their overly aggressive jobs-growth assumption for the next eight years.

HCD and the City should follow California Code 65584 that demands public participation in key decisions involving affordable housing and interregional housing balances. A response to these detailed questions is critical.

Thank you,

Palo Altans for Sensible Zoning

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Greg Schmid

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**From:** [Charlotte Epstein](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** Subject: Item 13 on January 23 agenda: 575 Los Trancos Road  
**Date:** Monday, January 23, 2023 10:39:40 AM

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Dear Mayor Kou, Vice Mayor Stone, and Palo Alto Council Members,

My name is Charlotte Epstein and I am a Palo Alto resident who cares deeply about our City's wildlife and natural environment. I am a long time member of the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society who alerted me to this issue. I am deeply interested in protecting the land and its wildlife for today and for tomorrow. I believe that the SCVAS view of this project takes in consideration how to moderate the project to best preserve the land and its wildlife while allowing for the house to be built after appropriate modifications are made.

Here are the suggestions from the SCVAS -

The proposed house is too close to Los Trancos Creek, and unless the project is modified, it is likely to significantly impede animal movement, harm the riparian corridor and deprive the creek of the buffer it needs to maintain water quality for steelhead trout, and render the creek more vulnerable to landslides and flooding.

Please decline to approve the project, and ask the homeowner to:

- Require that the project be re-designed at a minimum of 55 feet from the top of the bank of Los Trancos creek (in line with the neighboring home) to reduce the impacts on the riparian ecosystem of Los Trancos Creek and allow wildlife movement along the creek. No roads or fences or structures should be allowed in the buffer area.

In addition,

- Due to California's prolonged drought and regional aridification, disallowing a swimming pool should also be considered to allow more space for relocation of the home further from the creek and for saving water.
- Require implementation of all the recommendations that were submitted by the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District including disinfectant protocols to prevent spreading of sudden-oak death in the Los Trancos Valley.
- Require all outdoor lighting to be dimmable and in the yellowish range (2700 Kelvin or less) to reduce light pollution and the attraction of migratory birds and insects.
- Require that all glass surfaces apply effective Bird-Safety glazing treatment to protect birds from colliding with windows and other glass elements.

Thank you,  
Charlotte Epstein  
2192 Waverley St

**From:** [Keith Ferrell](#)  
**To:** [Becchetti, Benjamin](#)  
**Cc:** [City Mgr; Council, City; assemblymember.berman@assembly.ca.gov](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Street safety - El Camino; Churchill  
**Date:** Monday, January 23, 2023 10:39:05 AM

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Thanks Ben.

It's not a matter of "the next time it occurs". It's been like that for at least a week. It needs a permanent fix. Would the city allow the train track crossings to go on like this? I doubt it. If it needs to be replaced, then replace it. It needs to be fixed immediately. It's a gross safety hazard and the city is well aware of the dangers it causes yet refuses to do anything about it. If someone gets injured or killed at that intersection, it wouldn't take a seasoned lawyer to sue the city and possibly charge those in charge with depraved indifference. The city is showing no concern for human safety.

The city et al have been talking about improving Churchill for 15+ years. Excuses for not doing it sprout up every couple of years and it gets redesigned or put on hold. I'm pretty sure it's simply a ploy to give city workers something to do. Plans don't do anything. Get something done.

Have an officer observe the intersection for an hour and count 1) how many cars blow through the stop sign, and 2) how many near accidents/confused drivers there are.

Keith

On Mon, Jan 23, 2023, 9:42 AM Becchetti, Benjamin  
<[Benjamin.Becchetti@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:Benjamin.Becchetti@cityofpaloalto.org)> wrote:

Mr. Ferrell,

I received your email regarding the intersection of Churchill and ECR and Alma. I understand your concerns. We have responded several times recently to reports of the light not functioning properly and tried to reset them to correct any issues. In the event this does not work, we do notify Caltrans who is in charge of the maintenance of those signals. I would also agree those lights not functioning properly would lead to traffic challenges for vehicles and pedestrians alike. I will ask our Traffic Sergeant to respond to see if there is anything else we can do the next time this occurs.

For both Alma/Churchill as well as ECR/Churchill, there are several efforts currently underway to alter these intersections to make roadway (and walkway) improvements. Several stakeholders, including the Palo Alto Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee, the City of Palo Alto and the school district have all been in talks to attempt to create plans and solutions for some of the congestion at these two locations. This area is also being discussed in the Grade Rail Separation talks. If you like more information on these efforts I'd

be happy to get you a link and some additional information from the Office of Transportation.

Thanks for taking the time to let us know your concerns,  
Ben

Lieutenant Ben Becchetti  
Investigative Services/Traffic  
Palo Alto Police Department  
650-329-2232

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**From:** Keith Ferrell <[ferrell.keith@gmail.com](mailto:ferrell.keith@gmail.com)>  
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**Subject:** Street safety - El Camino; Churchill

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All,

I wanted to bring to your attention two dangerous issues I have seen on the city streets. One is a recent issue, the other has been going on for many, many years.

The light at El Camino and Churchill has been non-functioning for over a week. It's a blinking red light at an extremely busy intersection. After having almost been hit twice in the past three days, I decided to call PAPD to see what is taking so long to get it working properly. The dispatcher informed me that the light is the property of Caltrans since El Camino is a state highway. I have several problems with this response. 1) Passing the buck is never a good look for a government entity, especially when it comes to safety. The light might be on a state highway, but if there is an accident, CHP is not called to respond, PAPD and PAFD are called. Therefore, the intersection is the responsibility of the city. 2) Churchill is a city street and the light also affects Churchill. 3) Many of the people going through that intersection, especially those on bikes and walking across El Camino, are Palo Alto residents. These are the people at the highest level of danger.

I ask that you have the police watch the intersection during the busiest times and count how many cars either a) go through the intersection at 40mph or b) come close to running into each other because they have no idea how to navigate the intersection.

A few years ago I wrote in on garbage building up on El Camino. I received the same response from PAPD back then, that it's a state highway. I called Caltrans and they informed me that where



it goes through the city, it's the city's responsibility.

The bottom line, the intersection is in the City of Palo Alto. It's the city's responsibility to take care of the intersection. During Stanford football games, PAPD officers turn off the signal and control the flow of traffic. You can't now say that you have no power to improve the current situation. Please do something immediately before something happens that you regret.

Secondly, Eastbound Churchill between Alma and Emerson has for years been chaotic, especially at the end of the high school day. Hundreds of students ride down Churchill in the wrong direction. PAPD is well aware of this issue, yet does nothing to address it.

I have no solution for the problem given the logistics of the school. One option might be eliminating the crosswalk on the north side of Alma, but that might just move the problem to the am hours and also make it unnecessarily difficult for students to get to school. There are a lot of educated people in the transportation department, they must have some idea of a way to make it safe and legal. Ignoring it is not a solution. For many years the city and the school have talked about making improvements to Churchill, but nothing has happened.

Please address this issue as well and develop a long-term solution.

Keith Ferrell

**From:** [Carolyn Davidson](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** Item 13 on City Council agenda, 575 Los Trancos Road  
**Date:** Monday, January 23, 2023 9:19:13 AM

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Dear Mayor Kou, Vice Mayor Stone, and Palo Alto Council Members,

My name is Carolyn Davidson, and I am a Palo Alto resident who cares deeply about our City's wildlife and natural environment.

The proposed house is too close to Los Trancos Creek, and unless the project is modified, it is likely to significantly impede animal movement, harm the riparian corridor, deprive the creek of the buffer it needs to maintain water quality for steelhead trout, and render the creek more vulnerable to landslides and flooding.

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In addition,

- Require implementation of all the recommendations that were submitted by the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District including disinfectant protocols to prevent spreading of sudden oak death in the Los Trancos Valley.
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- Require that all glass surfaces apply effective bird-safety glazing treatment to protect birds from colliding with windows and other glass elements.

Thank you,  
Carolyn Davidson  
1919 Barbara Drive, Palo Alto 94303

**From:** [Tom Glenwright](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** Flood protection priority for 2023  
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Tom Glenwright  
261 Iris Way

**From:** [E Nigenda](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Ask Palo Alto to Protect Los Trancos Creek  
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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I agree with Green Foothills that our City's required setback of 20 feet from the creek is insufficient for adequate creek protection.

I request that the City's municipal code be updated as soon as possible to require a riparian setback of 150 feet and that a minimum of 55 feet from the creek be required for this project as recommended by Green Foothills.

"The Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan suggests that in open space areas like this one, riparian setbacks for development should be 150 feet, which is what Santa Clara County requires in their jurisdiction. Unfortunately, Palo Alto has not yet updated its antiquated ordinance to comply with the Comprehensive Plan".

In addition, I ask that all possible measures be taken to protect the existing ecosystems and to minimize the impacts of this project during and after construction.

Thank you for your service to our community,  
Esther Nigenda



image of ...

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On Monday, January 23, the Palo Alto City Council will consider approving a monster home on an open space parcel far up in the foothills above Palo Alto. The house would be too close to the bank of Los Trancos Creek, which could result in erosion and landslides into the creek, impacts to sensitive species, and blocking of wildlife movement along the creek corridor. [Please email the City Council](#) and ask them to require changes to the project to mitigate these impacts.

[Email the City Council](#)

## What's Happening

A landowner has proposed a 7,200 square foot home, plus an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) and swimming pool, on an open-space-zoned site in the Palo Alto foothills. This mansion is a mere 20 feet away from the bank of Los Trancos Creek, which provides critical habitat for threatened and endangered species and a movement pathway for animals.

The Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan suggests that in open space areas like this one, riparian setbacks for development should be 150 feet, which is what Santa Clara County requires in their jurisdiction. Unfortunately, Palo Alto has not yet updated its antiquated ordinance to comply with the Comprehensive Plan; thus a 20-foot setback is all that is required. However, the City Council has discretionary authority to direct the landowner to modify the project because it is located in an ecologically sensitive area. We are recommending a 55-foot setback, which would be in line with neighboring homes, and for the Council to require bird-safe design, outdoor lighting restrictions, and protocols to control the spread of Sudden Oak Death during construction.

## Why It Matters

The recent storms, with their subsequent mudslides and flooding, have clearly demonstrated that if we disrespect and neglect our creeks, people's homes will suffer the consequences. The foothills of the Santa Cruz Mountains are notoriously erosion-prone, as witnessed by the brown sediment coloring our creeks and floodwaters in recent weeks. When we allow construction too close to creek banks, the resulting erosion dumps tons of sediment into creek channels, increasing future flood risk.

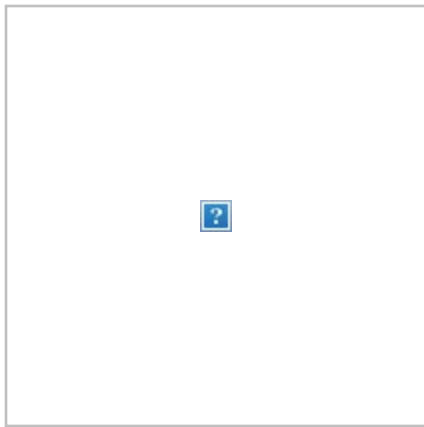
Also, putting homes too close to creek corridors is harmful to wildlife. Almost all of our local species use creek corridors at some point of their life history — for drinking, for breeding, for nesting, for shelter, and for migration and movement in the landscape. Los Trancos Creek supports critical habitat for threatened steelhead trout as well as threatened and endangered frogs and salamanders. Furthermore, creek corridors are critically important as movement pathways for larger animals like mountain lions, bobcats and badgers. A home 20 feet from the top of the creek bank is very likely to impede the movement of these animals.

## What You Can Do

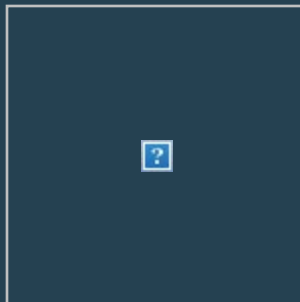
Please email the Palo Alto City Council and ask them to require changes to the project to protect the creek, wildlife, and riparian habitat.

[Email the City Council](#)

Sincerely,



Alice Kaufman  
*Policy and Advocacy Director*





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**Subject:** Remove PRC's proposed E-bike restriction regulation from Consent Calendar  
**Date:** Monday, January 23, 2023 7:56:38 AM

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Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council members:

I request that you remove item 7, the PRC recommended regulation for E-Bikes from the Consent Calendar and have an open discussion on this item. Let me give you five reasons.

**First** – this policy would negatively impact one group of cyclists, namely seniors.

I am speaking as someone who is 82 years old and who is an avid cyclist. I am a member of PABAC and I ride regularly with a group of senior cyclists, many of whom have e-bikes. One member of our senior cycling group is 94 years old, a Korean War veteran.

There is one specific part of the PRC recommendation that I object to. This would prohibit persons from riding e-bikes on the unpaved trails in the Baylands. This would prevent many seniors from accessing this marvelous area and enjoying the magnificent vistas.

**Second** -- The PRC recommendation treats all the Open Space Preserves the same way. But the Baylands are different from the other Palo Alto Open Space preserves. The Baylands are flat and the Baylands unpaved trails are really wide gravel roadways. Bicycles have been allowed on the unpaved trails in the Baylands for many years.

**Third**, the Parks and Recreation Commission has **not** done an adequate amount of community outreach. The PRC rushed their proposal. They held one discussion meeting in October of last year, and then held a meeting in December to vote on the proposal. They presented their proposal to PABAC in November of 2022. At the meeting, PABAC did not endorse the PRC recommendation. Instead, a motion was passed requesting that the PRC delay their proposal until we have a new Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan. I am a member of PABAC's e-bike subcommittee, whose members are continuing to hold a dialogue with PRC, specifically with regard to the PRC proposal to ban e-bikes in the Baylands unpaved trails.

**Fourth** the PRC says their proposal is based on the policies of the Mid-Pen District. However, the Mid Pen District allows E-bikes on unpaved trails in their Ravenswood Preserve. This Preserve borders the Bay and the Preserve and the unpaved trail there are very similar to the Baylands.

At the Mid Pen Directors meeting in June, when they voted to not expand their pilot program of e-bikes access to other unpaved trails, there was no mention of any

environmental damage caused by e-bike riders. At that meeting Palo Alto Open Space Director Yoriko Kishimoto, commenting on a consultant study of the pilot program, said **'there was not much difference in the results of the pilot program between e-bikes and regular bikes. The big decision was to allow bikes on trails.'** As you know, bicycles have been allowed on the unpaved trails in the Baylands for many years.

**Fifth**, the PRC regulations for the Baylands would be difficult or impossible to enforce. Almost every day, new types of e-bikes are announced by manufacturers. One new e-bike has a battery and motor in the hub in the rear wheel and it is virtually indistinguishable from a manually operated bike. My feeling is that the regulation might not be consistently enforceable even if Palo Alto had a force of trained rangers, and there won't be any of them anyway. The PRC recommendation mentions signs.

I would hope the Council would ask the PRC to reconsider their draft Open Space e-bike policy. The Baylands is like Ravenswood Open Space Preserve. Prohibiting E-bike access on unpaved trails in the Baylands would mean that Palo Alto's regulations would NOT be consistent with those of the Mid-Penn Open Space District. And since it would not be enforceable, I could envisage the regulation would be ignored.

Thank you for your consideration.

Arthur Liberman  
Chimalus Drive, Palo Alto

**From:** [Aram James](#)  
**To:** [Julie Lythcott-Haims](#); [Council, City](#); [Jethroe Moore](#); [Shikada, Ed](#); [Lydia Kou](#); [Tanaka, Greg](#); [Human Relations Commission](#); [Sean Allen](#); [Binder, Andrew](#); [Jeff Rosen](#); [Rebecca Eisenberg](#); [Winter Dellenbach](#); [Josh Becker](#)  
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**From:** [Henry Fang](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** Request setting flood control as a 2023 priority  
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I live in the flood zone, improved flood prevention and protection of our home from flooding is an imperative for our family's safety and well being.

Thank you,  
Henry Fang

**From:** [Fernando Pereira](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** 2023 Climate Protection & Adaptation Priorities  
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To the Palo Alto City Council,

As Downtown North homeowners at the edge of the historical San Francisquito Creek flood zone, as shown in the [city's own 1998 flood map](#), we are very concerned with the lack of progress in flood control measures, especially with respect to the Newell and Chaucer bridges.

The urgency of this critical climate adaptation work was made clear by the recent atmospheric river close call, which was just an early warning of the [growing California climate instability](#) that has been [investigated in depth](#) by UCLA/NCAR/Nature Conservancy scientist Daniel Swain.

We very much hope and expect that the City Council and its Finance Committee impart all the required urgency and funding priority to these climate adaptation public works that will protect our homes and civic infrastructure from unfortunately inevitable increases in flood risk.

Thank you for your service to our community

Fernando Pereira and Ana Carvalho  
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Dear Arnout and Friends,  
Congratulations, Arnout, on writing an excellent opinion piece for Palo Alto Online! For those of you who haven't met Arnout yet, Arnout is our PTAC Safe Routes to School Chair and a dedicated cyclist in the Bay Area. Here is a link to his piece about bike safety for Palo Alto:

<https://www.paloaltoonline.com/news/2023/01/20/opinion-palo-alto-needs-a-road-safety-policy>

Thank you, Arnout, for looking out for our children and for all Palo Alto citizens!  
-- Keri

Keri Wagner  
President 2022-2023  
Palo Alto Council of PTAs

**From:** [Mitch Gevelber](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** Please prioritize flood planning/ prevention  
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Dear City Council,

First:

Thank you for working so hard to make Palo Alto such a great place to live!

Second:

Please make flood protection a priority for 2023. Our street, Kings Lane, was really flooded on New Years eve and I'm worried about our street.

Specifically, please renew your city priority of Climate Change and Adaptation for 2023. This year please add the following projects under this priority: the Newell Bridge replacement, explicit support for the full Reach 2 upgrade of San Francisquito Creek and clearing debris before flood season.

Clearly our street is in the flood zone and improved flood prevention and protection of our home from flooding is an imperative for our family's safety and well being.

Thank you.

Mitch Gevelber



**From:** [Susan Mittmann](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** Prioritize flood protection, Newell and Chaucer Bridges  
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Dear City Council,

My home was flooded in 1998 because the Chaucer Bridge wasn't safe. My daughter, who was turning two and had been looking forward to moving to a bed rather than a crib, decided to stay in her crib until summer because everything touching the floor soaked up dirty flood water and was ruined.

That daughter graduated from college five years ago, and Palo Alto still hasn't fixed Chaucer Bridge. The same creek overtopped on New Year's Eve. My daughter called to check if we were safe. Twenty-five years is a ridiculous delay in fixing a hazard that traumatized a generation of children and families, not to mention other costs to the city and residents.

Please make flood protection a city priority for 2023 and each following year until the Chaucer Bridge is fixed.

In particular, please add the following projects under priorities for Climate Change and Adaptation: the Newell Bridge replacement, the full Reach 2 upgrade of San Francisquito Creek, clearing debris before flood season, and the Chaucer Bridge replacement.

Thank you,  
Susan Mittmann  
2377 Saint Francis Dr.  
Palo Alto, CA 94303

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**Subject:** Item 13 on the 1/12/23 agenda: 575 Los Trancos Road  
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Dear Mayor Kou and Palo Alto Council Members,

The Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society (SCVAS) and the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter (SCLP) are environmental organizations that work to protect natural resources and promote the enjoyment of nature. We provided comments on the draft IS/MND for the 575 Los Trancos Project, and we remain concerned after reading the responses to our comments and further study of the project and the CEQA documents. We submit the attached letter to your consideration.

Respectfully,

Shani Kleinhaus for Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society

Mike Ferreira for the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter

**From:** [Charles Munger](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** Flood Control on San Francisquito Creek is an urgent priority  
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Honorable Members of the City Council:

25 years ago in 1998 my wife and I were roused by our neighbors in the dead of night to haul carpets and furniture upstairs as the muddy overflow from San Francisquito creek filled the street, rose over our lawn, topped the step up to our front door, and then mercifully subsided, having however totaled the minivan we used to take our 3 children (ages 2, 5, and 7) to school and about. We were assured that the replacement of the Pope/Chaucer bridge, the principal chokepoint for the creek because of its low arch, would be a matter of urgent priority.

Our children are grown and out, and this year neighbors sent us video of the muddy overflow from the creek rising half over our lawn, before mercifully subsiding. This time. Our neighbor across the street had her basement flood. She is from China, and I doubt she views with admiration a modern nation that can't accomplish a modest bit of civil engineering in 25 years---even accounting for the various projects downstream that must also have been improved to handle more flow down the creek. This is a *creek* we are trying to handle, not the Mississippi river.

We now have proof that flooding from San Francisquito creek is not a once-in-a-century-or-two sort of problem. It is a two-or-three-times-in-your-lifetime problem. I wish to escape #3.

Yes, the city needs to maintain all the standard services: police and fire, water and power, and the rest. But otherwise replacing this bridge and allowing for more safe flow down the creek is *the* single project that will most improve residents' quality of life, here in Palo Alto and across the creek.

Residents can't do it. Residents can address shortfalls in many other places: in the funding of the libraries; we can clean up and maintain parks; we can pick up trash on the streets. We residents *can't* do civil engineering on a volunteer basis; we can't even make the creek better by ourselves hiring people to help, as we could with other problems. Getting that bridge and creek fixed is something only our government---of which the Palo Alto City Council is a part---can do. Please make your first priority what we residents cannot do for ourselves.

Sincerely yours,  
Charles T. Munger, Jr.  
1423 Hamilton Avenue

**From:** [Pamela Haki Economos](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
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Dear City Council, Please make flood protection a priority for 2023.

I live on De Soto Drive. In 1998, we woke up in the middle of the night to find one foot of water in our home, which rapidly increased to two feet as sewage spilled out of our toilets and bathtubs. We were out of our home for 8 months, and lost both our cars, furniture and many possessions.

Imagine our worry as we saw De Soto Drive flood once again on New Year's Eve. Fortunately water did not enter our home this time, but one block away, the garages on Alester were flooded. It's hard to believe that after 25 years the bridges at Newell and Chaucer still put our homes at risk of flooding.

It is imperative that the city priority of Climate Change and Adaptation for 2023 is renewed. In addition add the following projects under this priority:

the Newell Bridge replacement  
Explicit support for the full Reach 2 upgrade of San Francisquito Creek  
Clearing debris BEFORE flood season.

Improved flood prevention and protection of our home from flooding is an imperative for our family's safety and well being. Thank you.

Pamela Economos  
753 De Soto Drive  
Palo Alto CA. 94303

**From:** [m.l](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
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Dear City Council, Please make flood protection a priority for 2023. Specifically, please renew your city priority of Climate Change and Adaptation for 2023.

This year please add the following projects under this priority: the Newell Bridge replacement, explicit support for the full Reach 2 upgrade of San Francisquito Creek and clearing debris before flood season. I live in the flood zone and improved flood prevention and protection of our home from flooding is an imperative for our family's safety and well being.

Thank you,  
Mary Lee

**From:** [V.K. Rajaram](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** Please Make Flood Protection A Priority For 2023  
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Dear City Council,

Please make flood protection a priority for 2023. Specifically, please renew your city priority of Climate Change and Adaptation for 2023. This year please add the following projects under this priority: the Newell Bridge replacement, explicit support for the full Reach 2 upgrade of San Francisquito Creek and clearing debris before flood season. I live in the flood zone and improved flood prevention and protection of our home from flooding is an imperative for our family's safety and well being.

Thank you,

VK Rajaram  
Heather Lane Resident

**From:** [Ted Davids](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** 2023 Priorities for the Council and its Finance Committee  
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Dear City Council,

Please include Flood Protection under the Climate Protection & Adaptation Goal for 2023. Last year no flood protection projects were officially included under the Climate Protection & Adaptation Goal.

I am concerned that Palo Alto's basic sources and uses of cash do not address the risks highlighted by the recent rains and flooding. Specifically, please add the following projects under this priority: the Newell Bridge replacement, explicit support for the full Reach 2 upgrade of San Francisquito Creek and clearing debris before flood season, especially cleaning channel debris BEFORE flood season.

Late last year Mr Neilson Buchanan suggested to the Finance Committee to clarify its concepts of financial issues. The list of issues was a great step forward. However, I continue to feel that the list of issues was incomplete. It did not communicate the inherent risks associated with each issue. A list of issues is passive A list of risks communicates urgency.

Now is the time to delegate two risks to the Finance Committee in the context of Climate Protection and Adaption. First, full commitment for the San Francisquito Creek flood zone's staged remedies. This means full and regular disclosure of funding and timelines.

Second, greater disclosure of Palo Alto's commitment to the system of levee protections around SF Bay. I could be mistaken but this risk has received minimal public attention.

Construction on the Newell Bridge was originally scheduled to start in 2021 but construction is now scheduled for the summer of 2024 due to various delays (e.g. lawsuits now dismissed). Please make it a priority to ensure there are no further delays, that the city is doing everything it can to complete this project and support full Reach 2 upgrade of San Francisquito Creek including channel widening and Chaucer bridge as fast as possible.

Thousands of homes are in the San Francisquito Creek flood zone and over the floor flooding means the home becomes inhabitable for 9 months to a year, like 400 homes were in the 1998 flood during an El Nino season. Next winter is predicted to be an El Nino winter so statistically higher risk.

The benefits of replacing Newell Bridge go far beyond flood control. This 113 year old bridge, was designated as functionally obsolete by CalTrans. It is a substandard narrow bridge with no traffic lights, no sidewalk and no bike path. Many parents from East Palo Alto push their baby carriages and walk small children across this bridge on their way to Eleanor Parde Park. The bridge is also used by many to commute to work from East Palo Alto. The new bridge will provide safe sidewalks for pedestrians, safe bike paths and improved car safety.

Thank you again for all the hard work you have done to move the Newell Bridge replacement

project so far and please prioritize bringing it over the finish line as funded infrastructure win for the city.

Sincerely,  
Ted Davids  
475 Everett Avenue  
Palo Alto



**From:** [Aram James](#)  
**To:** [Sean Allen](#); [Binder, Andrew](#); [Jethroe Moore](#); [Julie Lythcott-Haims](#); [Council, City](#); [Jeff Rosen](#); [Rebecca Eisenberg](#); [Winter Dellenbach](#); [Josh Becker](#); [Shikada, Ed](#); [Stump, Molly](#); [Reifschneider, James](#); [Rebecca Eisenberg](#); [Vara Ramakrishnan](#); [Figueroa, Eric](#); [Michael Gennaco](#); [Foley, Michael](#); [Tannock, Julie](#); [Enberg, Nicholas](#); [Joe Simitian](#); [Jay Boyarsky](#); [Wagner, April](#); [chuck jagoda](#); [Iadoris cordell](#); [Human Relations Commission](#); [Ed Lauing](#); [Lydia Kou](#); [Shana Segal](#); [Greg Tanaka](#); [Supervisor Susan Ellenberg](#); [Tony Dixon](#); [Pat Burt](#); [Perron, Zachary](#); [Cindy Chavez](#); [Supervisor Otto Lee](#); [Javier Ortega](#); [Bains, Paul](#)  
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**To:** [Council, City](#)  
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Dear City Council Members,

I urge you to make Flood Prevention and Protection, specifically FIX the Pope-Chaucer Bridge!, the City's top priority in 2023! Our home at 1130 Hamilton Ave between Lincoln and Chaucer was flooded in 1998 and after 25 years we should not have to suffer that disaster again! It took us a year and significant financial costs to repair the damage to our home and property and much longer to recover from the emotional stress! Watching the muddy creek water roar down Hamilton Ave and head up our driveway, yards and sidewalk again this past New Year's Eve day was a nightmare! This could have been prevented and should not have happened again!

Your first priority and responsibility is the protection of the safety and well being of residents and their property. Therefore, I urge you to immediately implement whatever actions are necessary to prevent another flooding event. Make this your absolute top priority until the safety and well being of residents and their property is insured.

Respectfully,  
Christy Telch

**From:** [Harry Dennis](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** Flood protection for Crescent Park.  
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Hello,

Having had more than 2 feet of water in our basement in 1998, we were better prepared this winter with beefier sump pumps and a small Honda generator. Still, it IS frustrating that 24 years later I was back to filling sandbags a few weeks ago. Thankfully, our home on Pitman Avenue has so far not been flooded this year. I AM impressed with the city's work clearing streets and drains, and making sand and bags available to us. But please, don't let work on the Newell and Chaucer bridges get further delayed. Make flood protection and climate adaptation as high a priority as possible.

Thank you,

Harry Dennis  
1274 Pitman Ave.  
Palo Alto

P.S. - as an infant, in early 1955, I was evacuated from my family's home on Desoto Drive, too! This has been a known problem for WAY too long.

**From:** [Lisa Gevelber](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
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Dear City Council,

Please make flood protection a priority for 2023. Our street, Kings Lane, was really flooded on New Years eve and I'm worried about our street.

Specifically, please renew your city priority of Climate Change and Adaptation for 2023. This year please add the following projects under this priority: the Newell Bridge replacement, explicit support for the full Reach 2 upgrade of San Francisquito Creek and clearing debris before flood season.

Clearly our street is in the flood zone and improved flood prevention and protection of our home from flooding is an imperative for our family's safety and well being.

Thank you.

Lisa Gevelber

**From:** [Hong-Ha Vuong](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** Item 13 on January 23 agenda: 575 Los Trancos Road  
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Dear Mayor Kou, Vice Mayor Stone and Palo Alto Council Members,

My name is Thi-Hong-Ha Vuong and I am a Palo Alto resident.

The proposed mansion is too close to Los Trancos Creek, and unless the project is modified, it is likely to significantly impede animal movement, harm the riparian corridor and deprive the creek of the buffer it needs to maintain water quality for steelhead trout, and render the creek more vulnerable to landslides and flooding.

Please decline to approve the project, and require that the project be re-designed at a minimum of 55 feet from the top of the bank of Los Trancos creek (in line with the neighboring home) to reduce the impacts on the riparian ecosystem of Los Trancos Creek. No fences or structures should be allowed in the buffer area.

In addition,

Require implementation of all the recommendations that were submitted by the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District including disinfectant protocols to prevent spreading of sudden-oak death in the Los Trancos Valley.

Require all outdoor lighting to be dimmable and in the yellowish range (2700 Kelvin or less) to reduce light pollution and the attraction of migratory birds and insects.

Require that all glass surfaces apply effective Bird-Safety glazing treatment to protect birds from colliding with windows and other glass elements.

Thank you,

Thi-Hong-Ha Vuong  
hongha.vuong@sbcglobal.net  
236 Scripps Court  
Palo Alto, CA 94306

**From:** [Phyllis Smith](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Cc:** [Horrigan-Taylor, Meghan](#)  
**Subject:** Chaucer Street Bridge Flooding  
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I am asking you please to start work in 2023 on the Chaucer Street Bridge. We had flooding in '98 but not as bad as some people. My son lives with me and in '98 we went to get sand bags and he called in friends and spent several hours filling and delivering sand bags for people who had NO idea what was involved. No shovel. To week to carry the bag to their cars.

Again this year, we went to get a few sandbags and, again, he and friend stayed several hours to help fill and load into cars for people who could not do it.

This neighborhood is getting older and people don't have the ability to do everything for themselves.

PLEASE start the work on the Chaucer Street Bridge before the next El Nino year, which is coming.

Thank you

Phyllis Smith  
920 Boyce Avenue  
Palo Alto, CA. 94301

650]823-1292

**From:** [geetha srikantan](#)  
**To:** [City Mgr](#); [Council](#), [City](#)  
**Cc:** [gsrikantan@yahoo.com](mailto:gsrikantan@yahoo.com)  
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Dear City Manager, Council,

This morning when i looked out my back door- there were unexpected bagged items on the back porch chair & one of the chairs has been moved & blocking the steps.. other items further in the yard including sock, hat.

It appears an intruder has been in my yard at some point last night.  
This is highly unsettling & alarming.

I have not reported this to the police as no one was harmed.

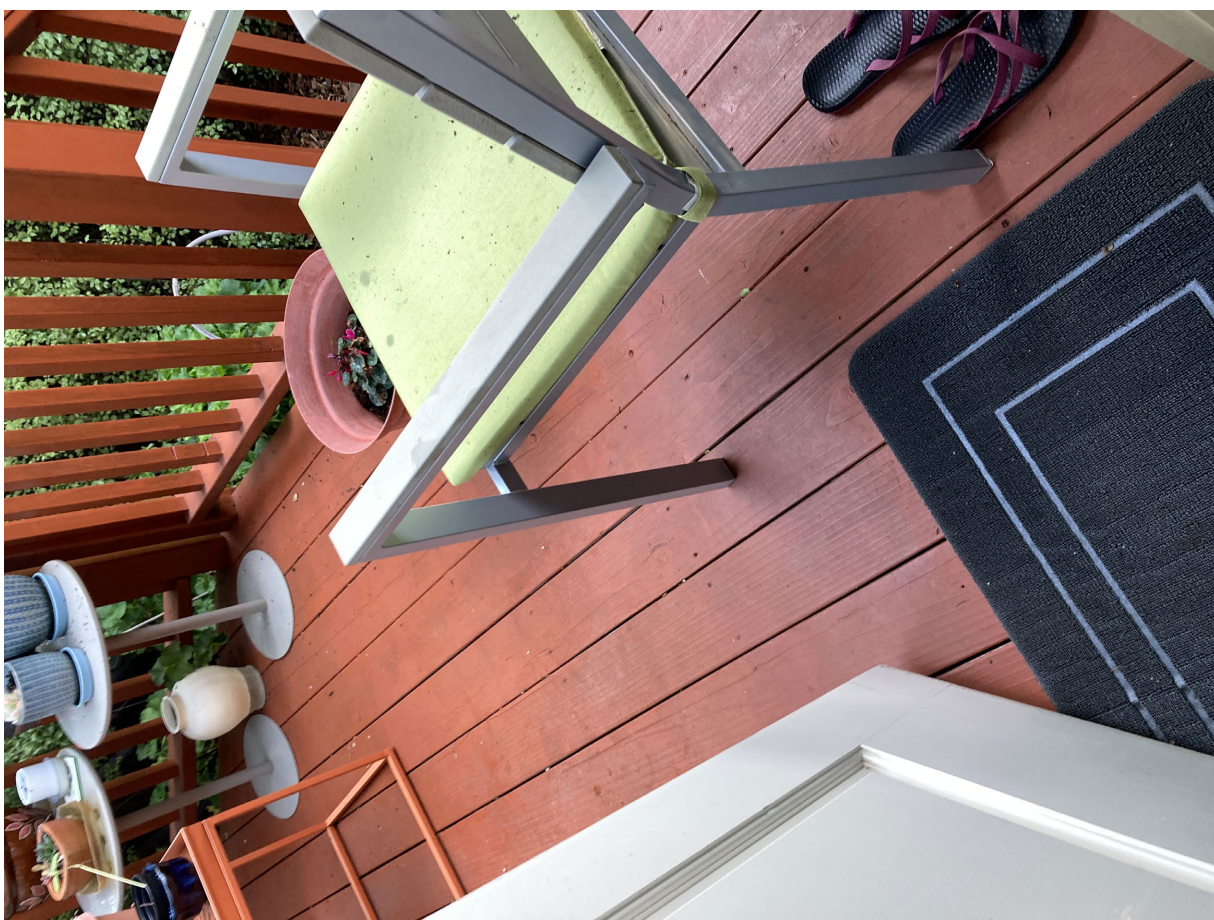
Please help to address safety & security in downtown north neighborhoods, where my home is located.

I plan to alert my immediate neighbors about this incident, as this could happen to any of them.

I would appreciate city official guidance on handling these types of incidents- for residents, and any assistance from city in preventing such situations.

Thank you,

Sincerely,  
Dr Geetha Srikantan



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**From:** [Carol Kenyon](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
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To The Palo Alto City Council,

I hope you as a City council are as concerned as I am about the flooding we have been living with this month. This issue must be a priority for our City as we continue to confront climate change in many areas.

Please make flood protection a priority for 2023. Specifically, please renew your city priority of Climate Change and Adaptation for 2023. This year please add the following projects under this priority: the Newell Bridge replacement, explicit support for the full Reach 2 upgrade of San Francisquito Creek and clearing debris before flood season. I live in the flood zone and improved flood prevention and protection of our home from flooding is an imperative for our neighborhood safety and well being. Thank you.

I appreciate you giving this issue your immediate attention.

Carol Kenyon

**From:** [Aram James](#)  
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**From:** [Larry Jones](#)  
**To:** [Pat Jones](#); [Council, City](#)  
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Palo Alto is in the center of Silicon Valley. So why can't the city do anything about flood control? I'm from Florida where the whole state is prepared for hurricanes: emergency food, water, shelters, evacuation routes, etc. what's wrong with Palo Alto?

Larry Jones  
1407 Hamilton Ave.

**From:** [Patricia Jones](#)  
**To:** [Council, City; City Mgr](#)  
**Subject:** Priorities for 2023  
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Dear City Council and City Manager,

As you determine the priorities for 2023, I propose that at the top of your list of 2023 priorities, you commit to the following under the Newell Bridge replacement: (1) complete support for the full Reach 2 upgrade of San Francisquito creek and (2) clearing debris from the creek before flood season.

**I understand that we face the risk of another El Niño next year, just as we did in 1998. Please, please find a way NOW to mitigate the possibility of the flooding that occurred in 1998 and partially occurred 12/31/22. Flood damage is absolutely devastating to those affected and completely unnecessary because it can be avoided.**

**To this end, I ask that you set measurable goals, such as “reduce the risk of local 100-year flooding from the San Francisquito Creek by 50% in 12 months and 100% in 24 months.”**

**Achieving such goals would give those of us living under the constant threat of flooding much needed peace of mind.**

**Thank you very much for your attention.**

**Patricia Jones  
1407 Hamilton Avenue**

Patricia Jones  
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Saturday, January 21, 2023

To all-

They can only lie for so long about **most of our natural gas being shipped to Europe to take advantage of high prices there caused by Putin**, but they can't keep this hidden forever.

On Thursday night, January 19, 2023, Channel 47 News in Fresno, Ca. said that Californians are getting huge heating bills. Reason? Oh, reduced output of natural gas from Canada and Colorado, cold temps and high consumption in the eastern US, etc. **NOT ONE WORD, NOT ONE WORD, ABOUT THE VAST AMOUNTS OF US NATURAL GAS BEING SHIPPED TO EUROPE AND ELSEWHERE AS LNG, DRIVING UP THE PRICE OF NATURAL GAS FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. BIDEN AND HARRIS SHOULD BE IMPEACHED FOR THIS, THE LIARS. NOT ONE WORD FROM THEM ABOUT THIS!!! Letting this continue should be an impeachable offense.**

Channel 47 in Fresno is **allowed by the FTC to use its assigned spectrum IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST** and they are not doing that with the BS they are putting out about why natural gas prices are soaring for Californians. Try telling the truth here, Channel 47 in Fresno. KCBS-SF AM 740 might try telling the truth about this wholesale screwing of the American people too, along with the rest of the news media.

The AG of California should sue the US government for this. Let's hear from Newsom too on this. Where is our California congressional delegation? Trying to keep something like this quiet can cause people to lose elections.

L. William Harding  
Fresno, Ca.

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**From:** **Loran Harding** <[loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org)>  
**Date:** Wed, Jan 18, 2023 at 3:37 AM  
**Subject:** Screwing Americans- Export nat. gas to Europe  
**To:** Loran Harding <[loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org)>, <[alumnipresident@stanford.edu](mailto:alumnipresident@stanford.edu)>, <[antonia.tinoco@hsr.ca.gov](mailto:antonia.tinoco@hsr.ca.gov)>, David Balakian <[davidbalakian@sbcglobal.net](mailto:davidbalakian@sbcglobal.net)>, boardmembers <[boardmembers@hsr.ca.gov](mailto:boardmembers@hsr.ca.gov)>, bballpod <[bballpod@aol.com](mailto:bballpod@aol.com)>, beachrides <[beachrides@sbcglobal.net](mailto:beachrides@sbcglobal.net)>, fred beyerlein <[fbmeyerlein@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fbmeyerlein@sbcglobal.net)>, Leodies

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Tuesday, January 17, 2023 late.

To all-

Here it is, in a British publication. They don't really come right out and say THAT THE SUCKERS, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, ARE BEING SCREWED ROYALLY HERE BY THE SUDDEN BIG JUMP IN THEIR NATURAL GAS BILLS SINCE SO MUCH IS BEING EXPORTED TO EUROPE. IMPEACH BIDEN AND HARRIS. THIS IS JUST OUTRIGHT TREASON:

[American LNG exports are surging, on the back of European demand | FT Energy Source - YouTube](#)

You see Macron talking to Biden here. Biden looks pleased. "Mr. President, the bribes will be historic in scale". "AND thank you for screwing the American people yet again by shipping vast amounts of natural gas to us Europeans and letting the suckers, the American people, pay through the nose to stay warm". "They really are a set of first class chumps!!!!!!!!!!" Biden: "I agree".

Congress and Biden can put a stop to this, but the bribes from the natural gas industry must be so rich that we'd have to impeach them to get them to do so. Or get a new government, one that looks out for the American people.

Somebody said that Congress is an "open, running sewer of corruption". I was shocked by that statement and I am not at all sure that I would go that far.

Bet there might be some hungry lawyers somewhere in this vast country who might mount a vast class-action lawsuit against the US government, and individual members of Congress, for screwing us here on natural gas prices. How about 20 or 30 million US citizens join that as plaintiffs? Where is Biden on this, the US Dept. of Energy, the DOJ?

**We spend \$356 billion this year to defend all of Europe, Japan and S. Korea. Now we roughly screw American consumers by sending our natural gas to Europe. I'm getting weary of the screwing. I need a break.**

L. William Harding  
Fresno, Ca.

**From:** [Mel Kronick](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Cc:** [Mel Kronick](#); [Karen Kronick](#)  
**Subject:** Flood Control as a City of Palo Alto Priority  
**Date:** Saturday, January 21, 2023 7:55:54 PM

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We have lived in Palo Alto on Forest Avenue since 1976. We suffered modest damage in the horrible 1998 flood. We came close to damage again this year. We appreciate that the issue is complicated and that 6 different governmental agencies (Palo Alto, Menlo Park, East Palo Alto, the County of Santa Clara, the County of San Mateo, and the Army Corps of Engineers) are all involved. It is, nevertheless, shameful that the Chaucer Street bridge and solving the whole issue once and for all is still years away. My wife and I VERY strongly request setting flood control as a top 2023 priority by the City Council.

Mel and Karen Kronick



**From:** [Nancy Olson](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** Item 13 on January 23 agenda: 575 Los Trancos Road  
**Date:** Saturday, January 21, 2023 7:31:27 PM

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Dear Mayor Kou, Vice Mayor Stone and Palo Alto Council Members,

My name is Nancy Olson and I am a Palo Alto resident who cares deeply about our City's wildlife and natural environment.

The proposed mansion is too close to Los Trancos Creek, and unless the project is modified, it is likely to significantly impede animal movement, harm the riparian corridor and deprive the creek of the buffer it needs to maintain water quality for steelhead trout, and render the creek more vulnerable to landslides and flooding.

Please decline to approve the project, and ask the homeowner to:

- Require that the project be re-designed at a minimum of 55 feet from the top of the bank of Los Trancos creek (in line with the neighboring home) to reduce the impacts on the riparian ecosystem of Los Trancos Creek. No fences or structures should be allowed in the buffer area.

In addition,

- Due to California's prolonged drought, disallowing a swimming pool should also be considered to allow more space for relocation of the home further from the creek and for saving water.

- Require implementation of all the recommendations that were submitted by the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District including disinfectant protocols to prevent spreading of sudden-oak death in the Los Trancos Valley.

- Require all outdoor lighting to be dimmable and in the yellowish range to reduce light pollution and the attraction of migratory birds and insects.

- Require that all glass surfaces apply effective Bird-Safety glazing treatment to protect birds from colliding with windows and other glass elements.

Thank you,

Nancy Olson  
2431 Bryant Street  
Palop Alto CA 94301-4205

**From:** [Bev Benson](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** Creek Flooding  
**Date:** Saturday, January 21, 2023 4:34:57 PM

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I'm writing to encourage you to fix the possibility of the San Francisquito creek to overflow.

I was flooded in 1998. Although I had flood insurance, it was very difficult getting the house restored to a live able condition.

My partner and I had to stay at the Residence Inn for a month with our 2 cats. We were both working at management level jobs.

We were lucky that our neighbor who was also flooded had a contractor already working for her and he helped rebuild our houses.

All the appliances were ruined. The floors and the bathroom had to be completely rebuilt. My partner's car was totaled.

Partner is now deceased and I am in my 70's. By myself I tried to move all my furniture above the level of the '98 level flood.

This was very scary.

I commend how well the city responded to the weather. Pulling debris out of the stream and posting lots of updates. Good Job!

Thank you for reading my email and seriously considering your next steps.

Bev

**From:** [Deborah Goldeen](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** E-bikes In Open Space Preserves  
**Date:** Saturday, January 21, 2023 3:56:55 PM

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I own two E-bikes. I put 7,000 miles a year on them. Unless it is a necessary commute route, I think E-bikes should be banned from recreational trails.

There is an addictive quality to riding an E-bike, which is great if it gets someone to use a bike instead of a car. But the human mind is inclined to an addiction as a need and a right. It is not.

The "I'm older and I can't ride a bike like I used to argument" is one you are going to hear. I spent two hours out at Fremont Older (MidPen) parking lot and surveyed bike use. Nine out of ten E-bike riders were young males.

Deb Goldeen, 2130 Birch, 94306, (650)799-3652

**From:** [betty tse](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** 2023 priority of Palo Alto - flood protection  
**Date:** Saturday, January 21, 2023 3:23:32 PM

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Dear City Council,

Please make flood protection a priority for 2023. Specifically, please renew your city priority of Climate Change and Adaptation for 2023. This year please add the following projects under this priority: the Newell Bridge replacement, explicit support for the full Reach 2 upgrade of San Francisquito Creek and clearing debris before flood season. I live in the flood zone and improved flood prevention and protection of our home from flooding is an imperative for our family's safety and well being.

Thank you.

betty tse and gabe kralik

**From:** [Phyllis Sherlock](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** Climate Chante and Adaptation for 2023.  
**Date:** Saturday, January 21, 2023 12:36:50 PM

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I lost four months of my life after the flood of 1998. And my partner was hospitalized overnight after a stint in cleaning out our basement that was flooded. With five feet of water.

Please replace the Newell Bridge THIS YEAR, CLEAR DEBRIS before the flood season,.and hasten the replacement of the Chaucer bridge.

Thank you. Phyllis Sherlock, PhD. 12 75 Dana Av. P.A.

**From:** [Margot Lockwood-Stein](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Please Make Flood Protection for Crescent Park, Duveneck/St. Francis & Greer Park a priority  
**Date:** Saturday, January 21, 2023 12:18:35 PM

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Thank you,  
Margot Lockwood-Stein  
Duveneck/St. Francis neighborhood

**From:** [Richard Almond](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** flood prevention  
**Date:** Saturday, January 21, 2023 11:31:46 AM

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To the Council:

I had damages in the '98 flood, and this year, at 85, I was out in the rain moving sand bags against the rising brown waters of University Ave River.

Given the slowness of the planning project we are faced with several years more risk. I urge facilitation of the Newell Bridge replacement, and exploration of **present** removal of the Chaucer Bridge. There are other ways to cross the Creek.

your sincerely,

Richard Almond, MD  
1520 University Avenue  
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Opinion pieces and other recommendations may not always be responded to quickly, due to time constraints, but they are appreciated.

**From:** [Euginia Merken](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** Newell Bridge (and flood control) must be a city Priority  
**Date:** Saturday, January 21, 2023 11:23:42 AM

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Please add flooding protection projects under our city's Climate Change and Adaptation goal for 2023. The city has already spent too much time and energy considering the bridges' impacts on the immediate neighborhoods to the detriment of the greater good.

Improving mass transportation should also be added to the Climate Change and Adaptation goal. Driving the Caltrain underground is unrealistic and delaying improvement to our rail system will accelerate global warming. Accelerating and streamlining public transportation will make it easier for workers in regions with more affordable housing to travel to their jobs, and expensive communities will benefit from an increase in labor. The Bay Area's mass transit system is a splintered mess, with many different agencies that seem to do little to coordinate with each other. We already have much of the infrastructure in place, but with little coordination among the agencies, getting from one city to another is untenable.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Euginia Merken  
707 De Soto Drive



**From:** [Mehmetf](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** Flood priority  
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I live in the flood zone (Oregon Ave) and improved flood prevention and protection of our home from flooding is an imperative for our family's safety and well being. Thank you.

**From:** [Pat Kinney](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** Please make flood control a priority for 2023  
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Please make flood protection a priority for 2023. Specifically, please renew your city priority of Climate Change and Adaptation for 2023. This year please add the following projects under this priority: the Newell Bridge replacement, explicit support for the full Reach 2 upgrade of San Francisquito Creek and clearing debris before flood season. I live in the flood zone and improved flood prevention and protection of our home from flooding is an imperative for our family's safety and well being. We were not impacted as much this year as we were in 1998, but we still carry memories of that flood.

I understand that the Newell Bridge project is constrained to only working in the creek for four months each year, but are there other roadside improvements that could start in 2023 that could speed up the overall project?

Thank you.  
Patricia Kinney  
Willdwood Lane

**From:** [Barbara Riper](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** Flood protection  
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As a resident in the flood zone, I ask that you renew your City priority of Climate Change and Adaptation for 2023. Please add these projects under that priority:

- Newell Bridge replacement
- Clear support for the complete Reach 2 upgrade of San Francisquiro Creek
- Pre-flood season clearing of debris from the creek

We narrowly missed a much worse outcome recently. Let's not waste time before the next one.

Sincerely,

Barbara Riper

**From:** [Hamilton Hitchings](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** Please include Flood Protection under the Climate Protection & Adaptation Goal for 2023  
**Date:** Saturday, January 21, 2023 9:40:32 AM

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Dear City Council,

Please include Flood Protection under the Climate Protection & Adaptation Goal for 2023. Last year no flood protection projects were officially included under the Climate Protection & Adaptation Goal. Specifically, please add the following projects under this priority: the Newell Bridge replacement, explicit support for the full Reach 2 upgrade of San Francisquito Creek and clearing debris before flood season.

Construction on the Newell Bridge was originally scheduled to start in 2021 but construction is now scheduled for the summer of 2024 due to various delays (e.g. lawsuits now dismissed). Please make it a priority to ensure there are no further delays, that the city is doing everything it can to complete this project and support full Reach 2 upgrade of San Francisquito Creek including channel widening and Chaucer bridge as fast as possible.

Thousands of homes are in the San Francisquito Creek flood zone and over the floor flooding means the home becomes inhabitable for 9 months to a year, like 400 homes were in the 1998 flood during an El Nino season. Next winter is predicted to be an El Nino winter so statistically higher risk.

The benefits of replacing Newell Bridge go far beyond flood control. This 113 year old bridge, was designated as functionally obsolete by CalTrans. It is a substandard narrow bridge with no traffic lights, no sidewalk and no bike path. Many parents from East Palo Alto push their baby carriages and walk small children across this bridge on their way to Eleanor Parde Park. The bridge is also used by many to commute to work from East Palo Alto. The new bridge will provide safe sidewalks for pedestrians, safe bike paths and improved car safety.

Thank you again for all the hard work you have done to move the Newell Bridge replacement project so far and please prioritize bringing it over the finish line as another infrastructure win for the city.

Hamilton Hitchings

**From:** [Nadine Terman](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#)  
**Subject:** City Priorities  
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Dear City Council,

Please make flood protection a priority for 2023.

We have lived near the Creek since 2008 and remain confused and frustrated over the lack of progress from our leaders.

Specifically, please renew your city priority of Climate Change and Adaptation for 2023. This year please add the following projects under this priority: the Newell Bridge replacement, explicit support for the full Reach 2 upgrade of San Francisquito Creek and clearing debris before flood season. The city was not prepared and only was removing debris when it was too late—a baffling situation for a known issue.

I live in the flood zone and suffered flooding from the New Year's flood of the Pope Chaucer Bridge. Improved flood prevention and protection of our home and streets from flooding is an imperative for our family's safety and well being.

If you choose not to be proactive on the above initiatives, then please (i) find a way to clean sidewalks so that people do not slip (or be forced to walk in the streets and dodge cars) and (ii) also set aside funds to reimburse us for our damage while we wait and for doing your job in cleaning up the neighborhood. You probably noticed that most of us were cleaning up our neighborhoods...while inspiring as a neighborhood, it is representative of the shortcomings of the council.

Thank you,

Nadine

**From:** [Aram James](#)  
**To:** [Council, City](#); [Sean Allen](#); [Binder, Andrew](#); [Jeff Rosen](#); [Jethroe Moore](#); [Julie Lythcott-Haims](#); [Shikada, Ed](#); [Reifschneider, James](#); [Human Relations Commission](#); [Winter Dellenbach](#); [Rebecca Eisenberg](#); [Josh Becker](#); [Greer Stone](#); [Jay Boyarsky](#); [Rob Baker](#); [Jay Boyarsky](#); [dennis burns](#); [DuJuan Green](#); [chuck jagoda](#); [Wagner, April](#); [ladoris cordell](#); [Enberg, Nicholas](#); [Ed Lauing](#); [Lydia Kou](#)  
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**From:** [Dhruv Khanna](#)  
**To:** [Council, City; board@valleywater.org](#)  
**Cc:** [Margaret Bruce](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Creek water  
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From December 31, 2002 to today

The effects of truant San Francisquito Creek water. Please see pic below.

25 years to complete Phase 1. In 50 years more completion.

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I object to restricting e-bikes to paved trails in Palo Alto. I am 80 years old and have enjoyed riding with a group of seniors from the Sons in Retirement (SIR) group. Several of us are riding e-bikes due to health issues.

Michael McHenry

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Friday, January 20, 2023

To all- **Huge news. This could be one possible bridge to fusion. Biden should mention this in his State of the Union address in February.**

[1st small modular nuclear reactor certified for use in US - The Business Journal](#)

Since this won't open very many times unless you pay, here it is on the US Dept. of Energy website:

[NRC Certifies First U.S. Small Modular Reactor Design | Department of Energy](#)

John Hutson proposed building two 1600 MW nuclear plants outside of Fresno ~2010. This reactor is 50 MW but it's a modular design so you could have 700 MW in one plant.

L. William Harding  
Fresno, Ca.

**From:** [Milton, Lesley](#)  
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**Cc:** [Hoel, Jeff \(external\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: New Way to access City meetings  
**Date:** Friday, January 20, 2023 3:05:54 PM  
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Good afternoon Mr. Hoel,

Thank you for all your comments. I can sense your frustration with the different way we are displaying meeting agendas and records and for that, I am sorry. I know that my comments will not fix many of your concerns, but they may provide context.

This new software system has several benefits to the city staff as well as to the public, even if it is not the perfect display. This program makes the writing of our staff reports more efficient on the back end and increases transparency and accessibility to the public, saving tax payer dollars and increasing responsiveness. It also makes the agendas more accessible to mobile devices, gives the ability to be translated into over a hundred different languages, makes it more accessible to digital readers for ADA Compliance, in addition to auto archiving the created records right into our highly searchable records management portal.

The new portal gives people the option to view reports in an HTML format (very mobile device friendly) or PDF, instead of just PDF ONLY. The HTML version can link directly to URL, in perpetuity.

As far as size, with our website design standards, our Communications department has requested that the portal be embedded into our site. I have gotten feedback that it is small and can be difficult to read. You can also access a full frame page which gives you additional options. You can find that [full frame portal here](#).

I do recognize that this is a work in progress and I am grateful for your patience. Records are being created every day, meetings are constantly occurring or in process of occurring. There was no clean way to have a 100% perfected switch over, which is why we retained elements you mentioned, like the four buttons ("2022 City Council Agenda Packet and Minutes," "2021 City Council Agenda Packet and Minutes," "2002-2010 Council Agendas and Minutes," and "2011-2020 Council Agendas and Minutes." The idea was to allow the public still be able to access records the old way, until they can transition to the new options.

In closing, I would encourage you to take a look at our [City Clerk Records portal](#). (FYI, that also has a link to open full screen too to make it bigger) All of the filtering search options that you list below, exist within that portal and the records are much more complete. We have uploaded and archived over 15,000 records into that system and it grows daily. (Each of those documents do have an individual website address too!)

While I recognize it's different and may not be your preference, I promise it has given other people more access to these records in a way they have been requesting for years.

Thank you for your understanding and I am looking forward to chatting more about it with you soon

at a Council meeting or any other time. Your feedback is always welcome and my door is open.

Respectfully,  
Lesley



**Lesley Milton**

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**From:** Jeff Hoel <jeff\_hoel@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 18, 2023 2:37 PM

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**Cc:** Hoel, Jeff (external) <jeff\_hoel@yahoo.com>

**Subject:** New Way to access City meetings

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The City is trying out a new way of providing access to certain documents for meetings (agendas, minutes, videos, etc.). On Council's agendas page, <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/City-Hall/City-Council/Council-Agendas-Minutes> see the large box with "Text Search" at the top and "© 2023 PrimeGov -- Privacy Policy" at the bottom.

This new way is not yet ready for prime time.

Beneath this large box are four buttons ("2022 City Council Agenda Packet and Minutes," "2021 City Council Agenda Packet and Minutes," "2002-2010 Council Agendas and Minutes," and "2011-2020 Council Agendas and Minutes." that can be used to access documents for City Council meetings in the old way. Please don't get rid of these until the new way works well enough. Note that there is no "2023 City Council Agenda Packet and Minutes" button, so 2023 documents are not accessible in the old way. Please add this button.

Here's what's wrong:

1. The new way, when you left-click on a three-dots symbol to access a document, it pops up a menu. When you click on your choice (e.g., "Agenda"), it pops up a menu for saving that document on the user's workstation, and it gives you a way ("open") to view the document. The viewed document has a local URL (e.g., [file:///C:/Users/pac/Downloads/Agenda\\_20230113155130287.pdf](file:///C:/Users/pac/Downloads/Agenda_20230113155130287.pdf)) that can't be used to specify the document to others. (The old way, when you clicked on a listed document, the viewed document had a URL e.g., <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/files/assets/public/agendas-minutes-reports/agendas-minutes/city-council-agendas-minutes/2022/20221219/20221219pccsm-amendedtime.pdf> ) that could be used to specify the document to others.)
2. The new way, when you right-click on a three-dots symbol to access a document, it pops up a menu

that doesn't include a choice for accessing the document. (The old way, when you right-click on a listed document, the viewed document appeared in a new browser window.)

3. The new way, I can click on the year of the archived meetings I want to access. (The current selection is highlighted in green.) As the default, the years 2023-2017 are displayed, but I can horizontal scroll to years not currently on-screen. (Ideally, more years should be displayed on-screen.) Currently, only documents from the years 2023-2016 can be accessed. (The old way, documents as old as 2002 can be accessed, at least for Council meetings.)

#### Comments and Suggestions:

4. The new way requires you to click on a three-dots symbol and then click on a document\_type. The old way displays a horizontal list of document type choices, so you have to click only once. (For Council meetings between 01-08-18 and 02-26-18, there were five document types: "Agenda and Packet," "Action Minutes," "Transcript," "Video," and "Presentations." For Council meetings between 03-05-18 and 12-17-18, there were five document types: "Agenda and Packet," "Action Minutes," "Minutes," "Video," and "Presentations.")

<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/Departments/City-Clerk/City-Meeting-Agendas/Meeting-Agendas-and-Minutes/Past-Council-Agendas-and-Minutes-2011-2020>

But the old-way screen width available was larger. Suggestion: display on-screen as many document type choices as will fit, and use a three-dots symbol to access the rest.

5. At the top of the big box is a "Text Search" line. What can be specified on this line?
- A list of words, each of which must appear in the document being searched for?
  - A list of words that must appear as a phrase in the document being searched for?
  - A more complicated specification, using a Google-like syntax? What syntax exactly?

UPDATE: maybe it's supposed to work the same way as in this example:

<https://lacity.primegov.com/Search/ItemSearch>

(See the PPS below.) But it doesn't seem to work that way.

6. The "Advanced Search +" feature is potentially interesting. Where can I read about what the various components of this feature are supposed to do?

-- The City's Form 700 database <https://public.netfile.com/pub/?aid=CPA> has a lower-case-i-with-a-circle-around-it symbol, and if you put your cursor over the symbol, a pop-up appears with a short explanation. This might be helpful, but a longer document would be more helpful.

-- I assume that the sought document is found only if all of the specified conditions (text search, boards and commissions, meeting type, item title, sponsor, date start, date end, item type, and tracking number) match.

-- Where does the system look to match the specified criteria? Is it in the documents themselves, or in some other place, or both?

a. Boards And Commissions -- There are 15 choices (Council, ARB, FC, PTC, P&S, City Schools Liaison Committee, Council Appointed Officers Committee, Director's Hearing, HRB, HRC, PRC, PAC, Rail Committee, SWOC, UAC). Will other choices be added in the future?

b. Meeting Type -- There are 28 choices. (Some are just test scaffolding.) Most of the choices seem to specify a board or commission plus "regular" or "special." Why not instead use the "Boards And Commissions" line to specify which board or commission and the "Meeting Type" line to specify "regular" or "special" or, if unspecified, then either?

-- "Regular Meeting" -- Does this specify any regular meeting?

-- In most cases, whether a meeting is "regular" or "special" is not meaningful.

c. Item Title -- What can be put on this line? What syntax is allowed?

-- Is it a list of words that all have to be in the title?

-- Is it a phrase that has to be in the title?

-- What titles is it looking for?

-- The title of, say, an agenda document? (I don't know whether agenda documents even have

titles.)

- The titles of the agenda's items?
- The titles of the staff reports referenced by the agenda's items? (In the old days, staff reports used to be in different documents from the agenda document. Does this mean the search looks at those staff report documents too?)

d. Sponsor -- There are 340 (or so) names.

- What does it mean to be a sponsor of a document? Does each document have at least one sponsor? Can there be multiple sponsors? Are the sponsor{s} identified in the document?
- The list is sorted by first name. Maybe last name would be better.
- If I type in a letter, it scrolls so that the first name on the list beginning with that letter appears, often at the bottom of the displayed list. (It would be better if it scrolled so that the first name on the list beginning with that letter appeared at the top of the displayed list.)
- If I then type in the same letter again, it moves to the next name on the list beginning with that letter.
- But if I then type in the next letter of a name, it does NOT scroll to the first name on the list beginning with that two-letter sequence. Too bad.

e. Date Start

- Is this the date of the meeting (not the document creation date)?
- It pops up a calendar, which gives you the opportunity to scroll to the time you want, one month per click. That's really too tedious to be useful.
- But it also allows you to type in the date in MM/DD/YYYY format. (Do other formats work too?)
- It allows you to specify a date in the future, which wouldn't be useful.

f. Date End

- Is this the date of the meeting (not the creation date)?
- It pops up a calendar, which gives you the opportunity to scroll to the time you want, one month per click. That's really too tedious to be useful.
- But it also allows you to type in the date in MM/DD/YYYY format. (Do other formats work too?)

g. Item Type -- There are 35 choices.

- Is this specified in the document itself?

h. Tracking Number

- What is this?

7. The new way puts future meetings and archived meetings in different places. The old way didn't. I like the old way better.

8. The new way generally requires more clicks than the old way. I like the old way better.

9. If the search function could be expanded to include staff reports (and possibly other things), that would be awesome.

Thanks.

Jeff

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Jeff Hoel  
731 Colorado Avenue  
Palo Alto, CA 94303  
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PS:

I tried some test cases and found the following problems:

- \* I searched for Text="fiber". It thought a long time and then listed a bunch of hits (sorted by date)
  - It didn't report how many hits. I'd find that useful.
  - The big box has a vertical scroll bar, and the browser window has another vertical scroll bar, which is a nuisance.

- \* I searched for Title="fiber". It found just one meeting (12/19/22).  
<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/files/assets/public/agendas-minutes-reports/agendas-minutes/city-council-agendas-minutes/2022/20221219/20221219pccsm-amendedtime.pdf>  
OK, "fiber" appears in the title for Item 20. But it also appears in the title of Item 6 of Council's 09-19-22 meeting,  
<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/files/assets/public/agendas-minutes-reports/agendas-minutes/city-council-agendas-minutes/2022/20220919/20220919pccsm-amended-linked.pdf>  
and the search didn't find it.

- \* I searched for Text="microtrenching". 8 hits. In the first hit (06-21-21), "microtrenching" occurred (3 times) in a staff report that was in the same document as the agenda. In the 8th and last hit (08-21-17), "microtrenching" occurred (once) in a staff report that was in the same document as the agenda. Why was 12-19-22 not among the hits?

- \* I searched for Text="microtrenching fiber". 1 hit (12-19-22). According to the LA example <https://lacity.primegov.com/Search/ItemSearch> the specification should mean "microtrenching OR fiber". But it doesn't seem to mean that.

PPS:

I searched for "primegov" (which was displayed at the bottom of the big box) and found the company that makes the software.

<https://www.primegov.com/>  
"OneMeeting, formerly known as PrimeGov, ...."  
<https://www.primegov.com/company/>

I also found an example that uses this software::

<https://santafe.primegov.com/public/portal>

Note that in this example, the useful screen width is much larger. So

- \* It displays all document type choices, rather than using the three-dots symbol to pop up a menu of choices.

- \* It displays all years, rather than potentially having to scroll horizontally to the right year.

Here's another example:

<https://lacity.primegov.com/Search/ItemSearch>

Note:

- \* It says, "Please be advised that this portal is not officially live. To access current council file information please visit: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/> "

- \* There's a lower-case-i-in-a-circle icon that says:

Typing multiple terms in the search will run a search based on the "OR" operator, returning results that contain any one of the terms:

OR can also be combined for use with terms: (term1) OR (term2), returning results that contain any of the terms entered

AND specifies AND operation: (term1) AND (term2), returning results that contain both terms provided " creates phrases of terms: "term1 term2 ... "

- \* denotes a wildcard of any number of characters and can be placed anywhere in the search term: min\*e will return minnie, minimize etc.

- \* Also, clicking on "Search Tips" provides more detailed information.

I searched for Text="fiber". It said (among other things) "showing 1 to 20 of 1530 results."

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**To:** [Channing House Bulletin Board](#); [CHOpinion CHOpinion](#)  
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KUDOS to ASSEMBLYMAN KEVIN LOW who proposed legislation to make CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR A CALIFORNIA STATE HOLIDAY AND GOV. GAVIN NEWSOM who signed the legislation into law on JANUARY 19, 2023.

Allan Seid  
Subject: Chinese Lunar New Year- A California State Holiday  
Source: Assemblyman Low's Office  
Date:1/19/23

**From:** [Charlie Weidanz](#)  
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**Town & Country Village**  
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**Palo Alto, CA 94301**

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Thursday, January 19, 2023 10:15 PM PT.

CORRECTION TO THE EMAIL BELOW. I say a couple of times in there that we can expect 16 feet of sea level rise by 2100 unless we rein in GHG emissions. **The correct figure is 6 feet.** Six feet of sea level rise this century. See "The Earth Under Water" on YouTube for the correct figures. I believe it is then **16 ADDITIONAL feet** in the century after 2100 unless GHG emissions are vastly reduced.

And what will a mere six feet of sea level rise do this century? Millions trampled, drowned and starved.

See at the bottom of the email below for a discussion by me of the need to now abandon any idea of putting humans on Mars by 2035, at a cost of several trillion dollars. We should re-direct that money to commercializing fusion. We now need a huge national effort to do that. Biden should announce that in his State of the Union address. In fact, we should now have a global effort in that regard involving the US, the EU, China, Russia, Japan, all of the big developed countries. We need a world-wide effort to commercialize fusion. Sea level rise will be an equal opportunity flooder. If we can get fusion commercialized on a global basis and thus get fossil fuel burning reduced by, say, 90% by 2100, we can avert a global catastrophe. It would be madness to spend vast amounts on a Mars shot when that money can save humanity from the effects of global warming.

L. William Harding  
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To: Loran Harding <[loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org)>

Thursday, January 19, 2023

To all-

A clinical professor of Medicine at UC Berkeley was interviewed on "Ask an Expert" at KCBS yesterday, January 18, 2023. Dr. John Schwartzberg. Here it is. Scroll down here to find it. There is a BS ad at the beginning of this. Slide the slider forward to avoid it. ~12 minutes of Schwartzberg. Well worth hearing.

[Chairman of the Federal Reserve tests positive for COVID \(audacy.com\)](#)

Some high points of his discussion:

This new variant of Sars Corona Virus 2 is **extremely transmissible**, as bad as measles. Your chance of contracting it is very high.

If you are fully vaccinated, infection with this will not put you in hospital, ICU and dead. You can get sick short of all that though.

**Even a mild case of Covid**, whether severe, serous, mild or even asymptomatic, **can produce long covid**. News to me.

The virus is going to be with us for years. There is only a remote chance that it will mutate into a very benign form.

If you are 60 or over and/or with comorbidities at any age, you are at increased risk. Indoor gatherings? Mask up! A big crowded basketball game with everybody yelling? Very good chance of getting infected there. **There are bound to be people in there who are infected**. Mask up or don't go at all. I won't be.

From other news, I gather that we will all need another booster about six months after the bivalent one we got around October, 2022. So April, 2023 it should be in the news that the newest booster is available.

This new current variant is **more transmissible** than previous ones. Mask up, avoid crowds, esp. indoors, wash hands often, keep getting vaccinated.

New topic:

KCBS interviewed a big gun climate scientist at UC Santa Cruz. Greenland ice sheet has enough water as ice to raise sea levels **22 feet**, and it is melting. That will take time. A lot of time. But there has been a surge in the temperature there lately. German researchers drilled into the Greenland ice sheet and found the highest temperatures there in 1,000 years.

[Greenland Ice Sheet Warmest In At Least 1,000 Years As Scientists Warn Melting Ice Will Accelerate Sea-Level Rise \(forbes.com\)](#)

"The Earth Under Water" see on YouTube, said 16 **feet** of sea level rise by 2100. That will kill millions of people. Trampled, starved, drowned. One program said SF Bay will rise by 40 inches by 2050. **LH- Should say 6 feet of sea level rise by 2100.**

Some sea level rise is one thing, but a big storm in conjunction with that produces high water, flooding, he said from UC Santa Cruz.

BTW, re fusion and the success with it at Lawrence Livermore, getting that commercialized is going to be a long slog. Biden said "10 years" and one researcher thought that was preposterous. Sea levels will rise 16 feet by 2100, (LH Should say 6 feet) and that will cause havoc, but if we could get wide spread fusion going by then, it could stave off worse disasters. We are on track to spend three or four trillion dollars to put three couples on Mars for 500 nights. That program should be cancelled and the money put on fusion. That should be the focus now, not Mars. Whole new needed technologies will be developed, and cadres of scientists trained, if we focus that money on fusion. Even if we do that, I suspect it will be 2100 before most of our e- can be coming from fusion. That will be soon enough to avert the worst catastrophe, a 230-foot rise in sea level on an ice-free planet.

Congress and the WH should now forget Mars and put the money on fusion. Getting fusion commercialized should be a very high national priority. Until we get that, spending money on Mars is just immoral. Biden should announce in his State of the Union that NASA will now be reined in substantially and any money earmarked for any Mars program will go instead to getting fusion commercialized. Biden can show that his priorities are straight by announcing a huge new national effort to get fusion commercialized. It should be a program at least on the scale that the moon shot was. Many fold that scale, in fact. A National Fusion Research Administration, NFRA, could be formed and funded. We face a global catastrophe and commercialization of fusion can avert it.

L. William Harding  
Fresno, Ca.





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Dear city council

Please do NOT pass a blanket rule re use of e-bikes on city bike trails.

Please refer the issue to the cities biking committee to draft recommendations.

There are basically 3 classes of e-bikes. Those w 250 watt pedal assist types should definitely be allowed. They are basically no more risky than the large variety of other bikes which some riders drive at high speeds.

I hope you will table this matter until it has been thoroughly reviewed and received inputs from our community.

Thanks much

Peter K Mueller

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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 responses to questions from Councilmembers Lythcott-Haims, Tanaka, and Veenker for Monday night's Council Meeting:

- [January 23 Amended Agenda](#)
- [Staff response to Items 4, 7, and 11](#)

Thank you,  
Joanna

## Joanna Tran

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**To:** Loran Harding <[loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org)>

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

To all-

Think we've had floods in California in the past 2 1/2 weeks? Read this, if it will open for you without subscribing. I just read the whole thing. This is more important, mas importante, wichtiger, than you might think at first glance. This is generated by big-gun experts re what will happen to California over coming years if we do not spend big money to prepare. Read this- it will stick in your mind.

[California faces monumental dangers in future floods - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](#)

Thanks to the LA Times for letting this be read without subscribing.

They don't mention him, but Noah Diffenbaugh at Stanford said 10 years ago that by 2070, nearly all precip. in the high Sierras will fall as rain instead of snow. Use your imaginations as to what that will mean for the Sacto and S.J. Valleys in terms of floods. That's an eternity away, so why worry? Well, it's as far from here as 1976 is back in time. 1976+47 years= 2023. Surely my math is wrong. If it is correct, we have to make major changes starting right away.

Hope this opens. It is longish and well worth reading!!

And, of course, the 2070 scenario won't just pop up suddenly in that year. We'll ramp up to it and the ramping is going to be ugly.

Here is the 298 pp. Central Valley Flood Protection Plan mentioned in the article: It looks like they're serious this time:

[Central Valley Flood Protection Plan \(ca.gov\)](http://ca.gov)

LH- and then in view of these huge expenditures coming up, we, the US, keep spending, just in this year, \$856 billion to provide a free military defense for all of Europe, Japan, S. Korea, Australia, N. Zealand, all of Latin America, Africa and Asia. BTW, all of this money spent in California preparing for floods will have to be duplicated in many places across the US.

One tiny additional observation. Every few days Biden announces another \$5 or 10 billion of aid to Ukraine. I can only assume that the other developed countries, such as France, Germany, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Japan, S. Korea, Australia, N. Zealand, Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Israel, Greece, are all chipping in their share by sending billions to the WH to re-imburse us for this outlay. It just cannot be that the American people are bearing this multi-billion dollar cost alone. That would be unthinkable. Biden should issue a report every month showing these contributions from the other developed countries coming into the WH to re-imburse us for what we are giving to Ukraine. It would be immoral not to give these countries full credit for their contributions to the effort in Ukraine. Let's have an accounting, Mr. President.

L. William Harding  
Fresno, Ca

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To new council members:  
I sent the attached letter to council members last December. The letter is being sent again for the benefit of the new members.  
Sincerely,  
Eric Nordman

**From:** [Janie Newell](#)  
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Why does it take so long?

Permit application attempted to be submitted to repair water damage to my home which occurred in early December but due to city shutting down for a week it wasn't accepted until 1/3. Then closed again for holiday this week. This is not new construction. Permit was approved but not yet issued. Why so long?? Once it is issued an inspection needs to be scheduled before repairs can be started. Another delay.

I have been displaced and a senior citizen with limited resources and the city is holding things up.

How can I get things moving so I can go home? My calls have not been returned.

Thank you

Janie Newell

813 909 3380 cell

(This is a below market housing unit and calls and e-mail to them also not responded)

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Dear Staff,

I was saddened by use of the insensitive term of “gypsy” in the Palo Alto Daily article “New mayor has a long ‘to do’ list — helping La Comida, boosting small shopping areas, increasing code enforcement” by Mayor Kou. She could have used Romani or dropped any reference altogether.

Warm regards,  
Edward