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TO: HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: WILLIAM RIGGS, CHAIR, PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DATE: MAY 13, 2019

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 8: Acceptance of the City of Palo Alto Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) Program Study Report and Direction to Staff on Workplans, Outreach, Stakeholder Process, and Prioritization of Programs Including Proposed RPP Programs for Old Palo Alto and Green Acres

Attached is a letter being forwarded to Council on behalf of Planning and Transportation Commission Chair, William Riggs.



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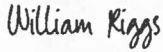
RE: Item 8 on City Council agenda, meeting date 5/13/2019; Evaluation of the Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) Program

As you may be aware the Planning and Transportation Commission had a retreat in February where we did a teambuilding and explored ways that we could educate ourselves and our community on best practices in transportation and land use planning. We agreed to engage in a process of inviting experts to speak to the commission to explore ideas that could potentially be used to address issues in our community. We hosted the first of these, focused on parking innovation on May 8.

Synergistically, also on May 8, the Planning and Transportation Commission had a brief discussion at the end of our meeting regarding the staff report for Item 8, containing recommendations by the consulting firm MRG, engaged by the city to provide transportation support services. In the item, recommendations for City Council consideration are arranged in three Categories. Category Three, page 4, paragraph 4, recommends that a public process be used to solicit input on the topic before it returns to the City Council for consideration. The report identifies the Planning and Transportation Commission as a logical body to conduct such a meeting or a (new) independent group could be formed to do so.

We would be interested, and in fact delighted, to in serve in this capacity if the City Council feels that it would be a good way to solicit public input on the parking issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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William Riggs, Chair

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