



# City of Palo Alto

## City Council Staff Report

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**Report Type: Consent Calendar**

**Meeting Date: 12/16/2019**

**Summary Title: Approval of the City/School Liaison Committee Purpose Statement**

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**From: City Manager**

**Lead Department: City Manager**

### **Recommendation**

Staff and the City/School Liaison Committee recommend that Council Approve the City/School Liaison Committee Purpose Statement.

### **Discussion**

The City/School Liaison Committee (City/School) reviewed and agreed upon a Committee-drafted Purpose Statement (**Attachment A**) at their November 21, 2019 Committee meeting. The Purpose Statement outlines the type of work done by City/School. It is intended to provide guidance to future committee members as they join and serve on the committee.

The City/School representatives from the Palo Alto Unified School District also plan to take this Purpose Statement to the Board of Education for approval in the near future.

### **Resource Impact**

There are no resource impacts in the adoption of this Purpose Statement.

### **Stakeholder Engagement**

The City/School Committee reviewed this topic at several meetings in 2019 and are open to receiving feedback on it.

### **Attachments:**

- City/School Purpose Statement, Nov.2019

## Purpose Statement - City School Liaison Committee

### Agreed Upon at the November 21, 2019 Meeting

The City of Palo Alto and the Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD) have a shared interest in the health, safety, and welfare of students and families in the Palo Alto community. The following is the purpose statement for the City School Liaison Committee, agreed upon by the City School Liaison Committee on November 21, 2019.

**Purpose:** The Committee meetings serve as a time for PAUSD Board Members and City of Palo Alto City Council Members to officially come together on a regular basis. It provides a unique opportunity for the elected representatives and associated staff to:

- Establish stronger relations between and among elected and staff across separate jurisdictions operating in the same community
- Gain understanding of perspectives, opportunities, constraints of PAUSD, the City, and other schools in the community
- Share current actions and activities
- Explore current and ongoing issues of mutual interest
- Identify issues and/or devise means to prevent issues from arising in the future
- Work together on relevant community projects
- Regularly communicate to both bodies