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Carnahan, David

From: Rita Vrhel <ritavrhel@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 11:39 AM
To: Council, City; Bobel, Phil; Friend, Gil
Cc: Keith Bennett; Esther Nigenda
Subject: Fw: Drought restrictions & Water rights

Please see article link below....another reason NOT to extract and waste groundwater. Thank you

"Officials from several irrigation and water agencies said the restrictions are reasonable, but not the plan to impose them under the state Constitution's prohibition on the waste or unreasonable use of water. That would create a slippery slope of allowing the board to repeatedly chip away at California's historic protection of water rights for landowners," the AP reported, citing water officials.

<https://www.wateronline.com/doc/will-cali-bring-back-drought-era-water-cuts-0001>

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Carnahan, David

From: Rita Vrhel <ritavrhel@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2018 9:47 AM
To: Council, City; Bobel, Phil
Cc: Keith Bennett; Esther Nigenda
Subject: Fw: More of the Bay Area Could Be Underwater in 2100 Than Previously Expected - The New York Times

Hello..please see fascinating article re sea level rise when combined with the effects of excessive groundwater extraction..please review, share and consider.. than you

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<https://nyti.ms/2D9Axvr>

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Carnahan, David

From: Rita Vrhel <ritavrhel@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 12:25 PM
To: Council, City; Friend, Gil
Cc: Keith Bennett; Esther Nigenda
Subject: Fw: Researchers point to development as a major cause of basement flooding.

Hello..more fascinating information about water, basements and flood risks.

These people have data; fascinating information on costs of basement flooding. Applicable here as we continue to build and cover porous surfaces.

That is why we of Save Palo Alto's Groundwater propose that all underground development mitigate for the increase risk of flooding by incorporating green infrastructure- cisterns, rain gardens, green roofs, etc.

"Paving over porous paradise, or any absorbent ground, increases the risk of basement flooding, [say researchers using City of Toronto data.](#)"

Thank you Esther for another timely article. Thank you All for reading.

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Carnahan, David

From: Audrey Gold <audreygold@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2018 3:33 PM
To: Council, City; Gold, Audrey; safecommutepa@googlegroups.com
Subject: Fwd: School Commute Route Safety Project Funding PTA Council Letter
Attachments: PTAC Charleston_ArasLetter 2015.pdf; PTACLetterVTAFeb2017 2.pdf; CityofPaloAltoMarch2018 1.pdf

Date corrected on March 2018 letter.

Regards,
Audrey

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Audrey Gold** <audreygold@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Mar 8, 2018 at 3:18 PM
Subject: School Commute Route Safety Project Funding PTA Council Letter
To: city.council@cityofpaloalto.org, Audrey Gold <audreygold@gmail.com>, safecommutepa@googlegroups.com

Dear Palo Alto City Council members,

Please see our letters of support for the Charleston-Arastradero Plan including the most recent titled "CityofPaloAltoMarch2018."

We know this project will make it safer for many children that walk and bike to school through this busy corridor.

Our PTAs are committed to working with City staff to educate parents and community members of the importance of safe routes to schools that encourage children and adults to walk and roll to school. This can help to significantly reduce traffic congestion and create healthier communities.

Sincerely,

Audrey Gold

Palo Alto PTA President



Palo Alto Council of PTAs

March 7, 2018

Dear Palo Alto City Council Members,

The Palo Alto Council of PTAs (PTAC) has been a steadfast supporter of the Charleston-Arastradero Plan over many years. Please note the attached letter PTAC wrote in support when Council unanimously approved the Charleston-Arastradero project in 2015. We also wrote more recently in 2017 to support the city's grant application for signal timing equipment funding for the project (also attached). PTAC has repeatedly supported the project through its various phases of development, and we look forward to its expeditious implementation now that the city has Caltrans approvals, 100% plans, and has gone out for bids.

We are writing to affirm our strong support of the project as the city considers its infrastructure funding priorities. Please move the project forward as planned. After more than a decade of working in partnership with the City of Palo Alto and PAUSD on this project, we look forward to construction of the long-awaited school commute safety hardscape improvements.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Safe Routes to School. We are grateful for the high priority the city places on the safety of commuters of all ages and abilities, especially our community's school commuting children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Audrey Gold".

Audrey Gold
President, Palo Alto Council of PTAs



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www.paloalopta.org

3/18/2015

Honorable Planning & Transportation Commission & City Council Members,

The Palo Alto Council of PTAs Traffic Safety Committee has worked closely with city staff on the Charleston/Arastradero Plan for more than a decade, regularly reviewing and commenting on its progress. Consistent with our previous support of the project, we respectfully ask you to approve the recommended Concept Plan Lines for CharlestonArastradero that are now before you.

Charleston/Arastradero connects thousands of nearby residences and neighborhoods to important walking/bicycling destinations, including:

- Eleven public and private elementary, middle, and high schools
- Five city parks
- Mitchell Park Library & Community Center
- Cubberley Community Center & playing fields, TKCJL and the Elks Club
- Multiple preschools
- Recreational bicycling destinations in the western hills and Baylands

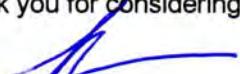
The trial achieved key goals that are important to our Traffic Safety Committee, including:

1. Reducing the number of high speed vehicles (those traveling greater than 37mph) during the off-peak hours (including after-school commute times) by approximately 50 percent. Speed matters. Studies show that a pedestrian is nearly twice as likely to be killed by a vehicle moving 35mph than a vehicle moving 28 mph.
2. The number of injury accidents for pedestrians and bicyclists on this school commute route decreased during the course of the trial while the number and percentage of students bicycling to corridor schools rose. That is an important improvement for bicycle and pedestrian safety.

We understand that the last remaining gap in the continuous bike lanes through the challenging El Camino intersection will be addressed by these plans with Caltrans collaboration.

Please approve the Concept Plan Lines that fine-tune the striping plan that exists now on the corridor. These plans provide planted medians, intersection and signal improvements, bulb-outs, multi-use paths, buffered bicycle lanes, a dedicated automobile right turn lane into the Terman campus from east bound Arastradero, and other built enhancements. The striping trial was the first phase of a redesign of the road to calm traffic and improve conditions for all road users that has been unanimously approved by city council. Help complete the vision of the Comprehensive Plan (Program T-41) for this residential arterial and City of Palo Alto School Commute Corridor. Please approve the Plan Line Concepts. This project is a key component of the south Palo Alto bike boulevard network, connecting PAUSD corridor schools to residences and after-school destinations.

Thank you for considering our comments.


Susan Usman
Palo Alto Council of PTAs, President

The Palo Alto Council of PTAs works with the district staff, the Board of Education, community partners and the PTAs at the 17 schools to support the students and families of the Palo Alto Unified School District and to improve the education, health and welfare of all children and youth.



Ms. Celeste Fiore
Valley Transportation Authority Programming & Grants
3331 North First Street
San Jose, CA 95134

Dear Ms. Fiore,

Please support the City of Palo Alto grant application for Charleston/Arastradero Adaptive Traffic Signal Timing funds. Palo Alto Council of PTAs fully supports the Charleston /Arastradero Plan's implementation which requires this important signal timing technology.

Charleston/Arastradero connects thousands of nearby residences and neighborhoods to important walking and bicycling destinations, including: elementary, middle and high schools, city parks, community centers, playing fields, preschools, and recreational and work commute regional bike connections between the western hills and baylands.

We understand that active traffic signal management supports safe and efficient roadways. The Adaptive Traffic Signal Timing on Charleston/Arastradero will improve traffic operations by improving travel times, reducing congestion, and reducing idling, especially during the morning peak hour when crosstown commuter traffic and school commute traffic converges, creating severe congestion. Traffic signal enhancements will minimize the number of drivers slowing down suddenly, which also causes pollution. In turn, air quality around our schools and in Palo Alto will be improved.

Adaptive traffic signal timing would enable completion of the transformation of this school commute corridor that carries nearly 20,000 car trips per day and many hundreds of students on foot and on bicycles to nearby schools.

Please approve the City of Palo Alto application for funding. We look forward to a safer, more sustainable, and more efficient street environment for all road users, including PAUSD students.

Thank you.

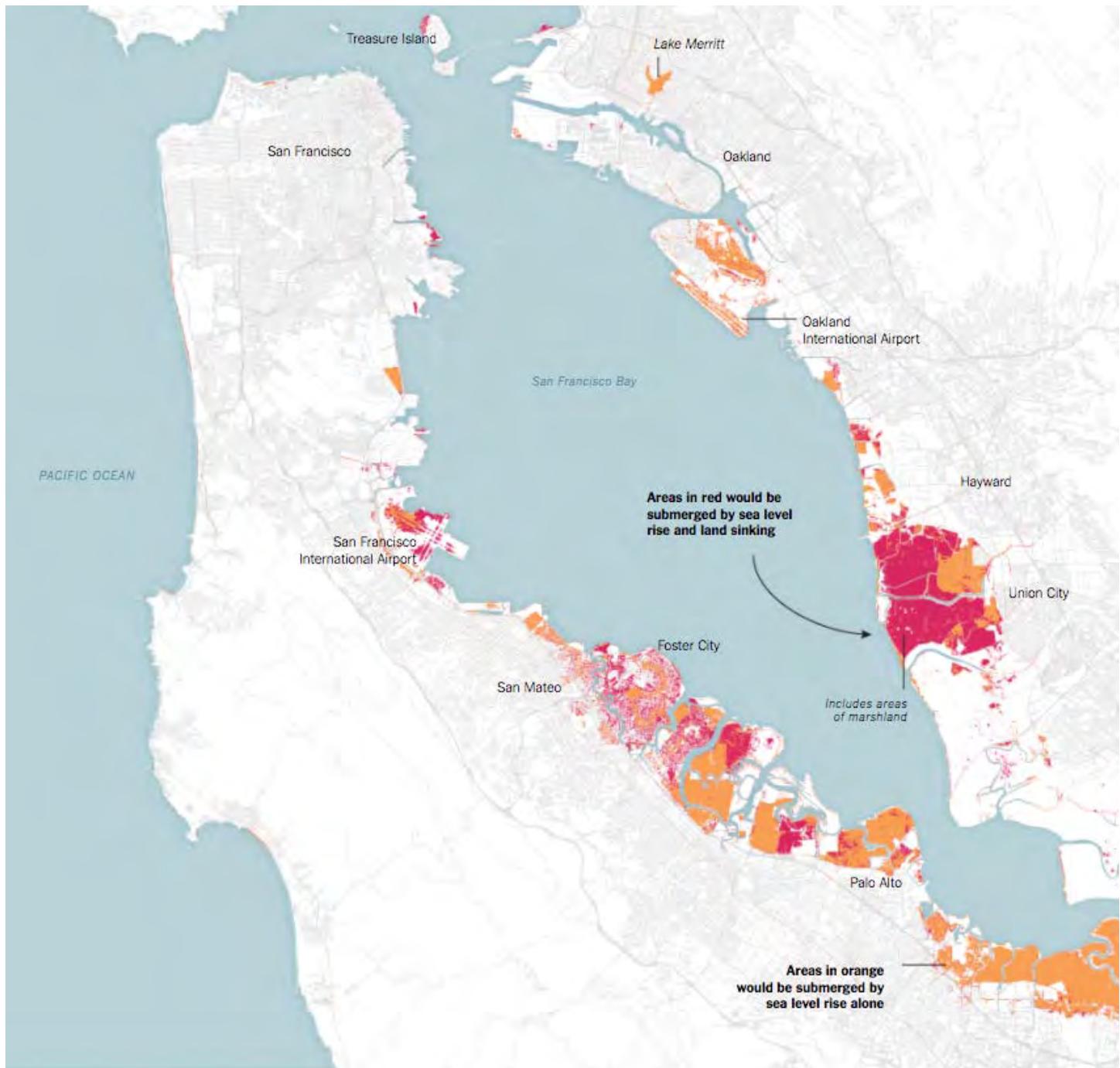
Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Audrey Gold in black ink.
Audrey Gold

President, Palo Alto Council of PTAs

Carnahan, David

From: John Kelley <jkelley@399innovation.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2018 2:38 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Global Warming Constitutes an Existential Threat to Palo Alto and the World - Part 1
(Re April 2, 2018 Agenda, Item TBD (regarding previous City Council Staff Report ID # 8716))



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<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2018/03/07/climate/san-francisco-sinking-land-flooding-climate-change.html>

See also:

<http://advances.sciencemag.org/content/4/3/eaap9234/tab-pdf>

<http://advances.sciencemag.org/content/advances/4/3/eaap9234.full.pdf>

<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/63663>

Carnahan, David

From: California High-Speed Rail <news@hsr.ca.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2018 11:19 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: High-Speed Rail Authority Releases Draft 2018 Business Plan, Solicits Public Comments

To view this email as a web page, go [here](#).



News Release

March 9, 2018

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High-Speed Rail Authority Releases Draft 2018 Business Plan, Solicits Public Comments

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – With new leadership in place, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) today released the Draft 2018 Business Plan that transparently acknowledges the project's

challenges and outlines a sensible path forward that will continue to put thousands of Californians to work building the nation's first high-speed rail system.

"The Draft 2018 Business Plan presents a strategy to implement the nation's first truly high-speed rail system in the face of challenges that projects around the world of similar magnitude and complexity have faced and successfully overcome," said Authority CEO Brian Kelly. "The plan reflects our commitment to apply lessons learned and make organizational improvements necessary to deliver this project to initiate high-speed rail service between the Silicon Valley and the Central Valley as soon as possible, while completing environmental work and making important investments in Southern California," Kelly said.

The draft business plan acknowledges cost increases affecting each segment of the project ranging from 20-35% and revised schedules that would push out delivery dates for the Silicon Valley to Central Valley Line and Phase 1 System. The draft plan acknowledges and responds to changed circumstances and emphasizes a new way of doing business moving forward.

In the face of these challenges, the draft business plan proposes to continue an investment strategy that builds infrastructure, linked over time, to provide mobility, economic and environmental benefits to Californians and initiate high-speed rail service as soon as possible.

Toward that end, the draft business plan identifies the following investment priorities:

1. **Meet Our Commitments to Federal Funding Partner:** The Authority will complete the 119-mile segment in the Central Valley and complete environmental review for the entire Phase 1 System between San Francisco to Los Angeles/Anaheim by 2022, as required by the federal grant agreement.
2. **Extend the Valley-to-Valley Service from San Francisco to Bakersfield:** The draft business plan recognizes the high ridership and revenue potential of linking the Silicon Valley with the Central Valley between San Francisco and Bakersfield.
3. **Deliver 224 Miles of High-Speed Rail Ready Infrastructure for Use by 2027:** The draft business plan proposes to construct high-speed rail ready infrastructure in the Central Valley (Madera to Bakersfield) and in Silicon Valley (San Francisco to Gilroy) to reduce travel times for existing passenger rail systems, expand clean, electrified service, and prepare the corridors for testing and potential early high-speed rail operations.
4. **Continue Bookend Investment in Southern and Northern California:** The draft business plan continues to prioritize improving Los Angeles Union Station, the Burbank to Anaheim corridor and the electrification of the Caltrain corridor in the Bay Area.

The draft business plan transparently identifies the project's challenges, which include longer schedules and higher costs due in large part to inflation, increased contingencies and construction delays in the Central Valley.

Although high-speed rail continues to face many challenges—major progress has been made on many fronts, including:

- 20 active construction sites with thousands of Californians working along 119 miles in the Central Valley
- Completion of three structures
- Hundreds of businesses planning, designing and building the system—including small businesses, disadvantaged businesses and disabled veteran businesses—with more than 1,699 craft laborers dispatched to work on Central Valley construction projects.

The positive economic benefits from the program are tremendous, including \$6 billion in total economic activity in California to date. Once operational, high-speed rail will breathe new life into local economies by encouraging the movements of residents and visitors between the major regions of the state like never before, while at the same time, protecting California's environment.

"Building the nation's first high-speed rail system, consistent with the will of the California voters, remains a tremendous challenge, but it is achievable if we remain committed to getting this transformative project done," Kelly stated.

With the release of today's draft business plan, the Authority is now seeking public comment as part of a 60-day public comment period that starts March 9 and closes May 7, 2018.

The Authority is providing the following options for submitting comments:

- Online comment form through the Draft 2018 Business Plan website at:
http://hsr.ca.gov/About/Business_Plans/Draft_2018_Business_Plan_Comments.html
- By email at: 2018businessplancomments@hsr.ca.gov
- By U.S. mail to the Authority:
 - California High-Speed Rail Authority
Attn: Draft 2018 Business Plan
770 L Street, Suite 620 MS-1
Sacramento, CA 95814
- Voicemail comment at: (916) 384-9516
- Provide public comment at a Board of Directors Meeting being held on March 20 (Sacramento) and April 17 (Los Angeles).

The Draft 2018 Business Plan, required by Assembly Bill 528 (Lowenthal, Chapter 237, Statutes of 2013), can be found online at:

http://hsr.ca.gov/About/Business_Plans/Draft_2018_Business_Plan.htm

SEE MORE AT WWW.HSR.CA.GOV

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Carnahan, David

From: Honor Guards of America <honorguardsofamerica@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 11:49 AM
To: Kniss, Liz (internal)
Cc: Lisa.Crutch@honorguardsofamerica.com; Council, City; Fire; Perron, Zachary; Police
Subject: Honor Guards of America presents 2018 Honor Guards Day

Good Afternoon Honorable Liz Kniss,

[Honor Guards of America](#) consists of former and retired members of the ceremonial units of the US military, military veterans, homeland security, first responder agencies (law enforcement, firefighters, and emergency medical service), and civilians wanting to render respect and honor.

The mission of Honor Guards of America is to:

- Educate the general public about honor guards.
- Preserve the history and traditions relating to honor guards.
- Recognize all honor guards nationwide each year during Honor Guards Day
- Provide assistance to honor guards nationwide with or without honor guard units.

Honor Guards of America is recognizing all honor guards nationwide on July 1st 2018 for Honor Guards Day. We are asking all Governors, mayors and council members to join the nation in observing these courageous men and women in your state or local city/county.

Why we're recognizing all honor guards for Honor Guards Day?

Honor Guards of America along with honor guards across the United States serve with honor, dignity and loyalty; and they demonstrate high regard for the traditions of the United States Military, public safety organizations, other agencies and honor the veterans who serve our country; and the Honor Guard is comprised of courageous men and women who have selflessly served in our military, law enforcement, fire service, public safety, emergency medical service, corrections, other agencies; and all those who wear the uniform of the honor guard understand the sacrifice and are an important part of the community; and the Honor Guard serves each community through participation in services for the fallen, presenting the colors with honor and involvement in community memorials; and the Honor Guard acts as the face of the organization they represent during solemn times of mourning and remembrance, and provide solace to families and communities during times of grief; and this is an opportunity to recognize their services and sacrifice, and show appreciation of Honor Guards who support our communities as we pay tribute and remember those who have selflessly served our cities, counties, state and nation; with honor, dignity and respect.

Please feel free to join us in recognizing these men and women nationwide in Florida or in your State on Honor Guards Day July 1st.

Please support our fundraising efforts for the new Museum of Honor Guards, Bagpipes & Drums and let us know if you're interested in hosting our event next year

Sincerely,
Lisa A. Crutch
Honor Guards of America Co-Founder



Carnahan, David

From: Deborah Goldeen <palamino@pacbell.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 1:25 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: House Purchase Tax?

There are now three houses within a block of my house that are sitting empty and are owned by foreign investors. Talk about undermining community.

Has anybody considered imposing a surcharge on houses purchased by foreign nationals? I understand the Vancouver BC is doing that.

Deb Goldeen, 2130 Birch St. (Evergreen Park), 06, 321-7375

Carnahan, David

From: Tiffany Aubin <tmaubin@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2018 11:12 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Letter of support for the Charleston-Arastradero Project
Attachments: FairmeadowC-APacket2018.pdf

To whom it may concern,

Please find attached Fairmeadow Elementary School's letter of support for the Charleston-Arastradero Project.

Regards,

Tiffany Aubin
PTA President
Fairmeadow Elementary School



March 8, 2018

Palo Alto City Council
City of Palo Alto City Hall
250 Hamilton Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Dear Palo Alto City Council Members,

Over many years, the Fairmeadow Elementary School PTA has supported the Charleston-Arastradero Plan. Please note the attached letter the Fairmeadow PTA wrote in support when Council approved the Charleston-Arastradero project in 2015. In addition, we also have attached the letter we sent in 2017 to support the City's grant application for traffic adaptive signal timing equipment funding for the project. Fairmeadow Elementary School PTA has repeatedly supported the project through its various phases of development.

We are writing to affirm our strong support of the project as the City considers its infrastructure funding priorities. Please move the project forward expediently this Spring as planned. After more than a decade of working on this project in partnership with the City of Palo Alto and PAUSD, we look forward to construction of the long-awaited school commute safety hardscape improvements.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Safe Routes to School.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tiffany Aubin".

Tiffany Aubin
President, Fairmeadow Elementary School PTA



March 17, 2015

Fairmeadow PTA
Fairmeadow Elementary School
500 East Meadow Drive
Palo Alto, CA 94306
(650) 856-0845

City of Palo Alto Planning & Transportation Commission & City Council Members:

Fairmeadow PTA continues to support this important school commute route project that will provide safer automobile, pedestrian, and bicycle connections to schools and after-school destinations for children others in our attendance boundary area:

- Eleven public and private elementary, middle, and high schools (including Fairmeadow)
- Preschools
- Five city parks
- Mitchell Park Library
- Three community centers (Mitchell Park, Cubberley, TKCJL)
- Charleston Shopping Center
- Playing fields

Please approve the Concept Plan Lines and move the permanent installation of the Charleston/Arastradero Plan forward as soon as possible.

Thank you for your efforts to make Palo Alto's public streets safer for users of every age and ability.

Sincerely,

Jamey Boccio

President
Fairmeadow PTA

Karrie Chen

Executive Vice President
Fairmeadow PTA



Fairmeadow Elementary School

February 24, 2017

Ms. Celeste Fiore
Valley Transportation Authority Programming & Grants
3331 North First Street
San Jose, CA 95134

Dear Ms. Fiore,

Please support the City of Palo Alto application for grant funding for Charleston/Arastradero Adaptive Traffic Signal Timing.

Fairmeadow Elementary School supports the Charleston/Arastradero Plan which will provide safer automobile, pedestrian, and bicycle connections to schools and after-school destinations for children and others in our attendance boundary area:

- Public and private elementary, middle, and high schools (including Fairmeadow)
- Preschools
- Five city parks
- Mitchell Park Library
- Two community centers (Mitchell Park Community Center & Cubberley Community Center)
- The Campus for Jewish Life
- Charleston Shopping Center
- Playing fields

Fairmeadow PTA works with the city and school district to encourage active, alternative school commutes, so we consider the safety of this corridor to be a very high priority.

Active traffic signal management supports safe and efficient roadways. The Adaptive Traffic Signal Timing on Charleston/Arastradero will improve traffic operations by improving travel times, reducing congestion, and reducing idling, especially during the morning peak hour when crosstown commuter traffic and school commute traffic converges, creating severe congestion. Traffic signal enhancements will minimize the number of drivers slowing down suddenly, which also causes pollution. In turn, air quality around our schools and in Palo Alto will be improved.

Adaptive traffic signal timing would enable completion of the transformation of this school commute corridor that carries nearly 20,000 car trips per day and many hundreds of students on foot and on bicycles to nearby schools, including Fairmeadow.

Please support the City of Palo Alto application for funding. We look forward to a safer and more efficient Charleston-Arastradero School Commute corridor. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tiffany Aubin".

Tiffany Aubin
President, Fairmeadow Elementary School PTA

Carnahan, David

From: Jeremy and Jessica <jermsica@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 6:56 PM
To: Planning Commission; Council, City
Cc: 'Palo Alto Forward Board'
Subject: Letter to Council and PTC from Jessica Clark
Attachments: March 14 PTC Meeting -Jessica Clark.docx

Greetings to City Council and the PTC,

I have prepared a letter to you both in hopes to explain my family's personal history in Palo Alto along with our 6 year experience on the BMR Purchase Program waiting list with Palo Alto Housing. I hope to attend the 3/14 meeting and say these words to you personally, however it falls upon my oldest child's 15th birthday. I am trying to arrange our family dinner around this meeting. Although I know the project on the table will in no way help my family's personal situation, I still support any and every effort made towards the creation of low income/affordable housing in Palo Alto, whether it be for seniors, disabled, veterans, teachers, first responders, etc. I encourage any of you on the City Council and the PTC and reach out to me to learn more about our daily lives, we cannot expect these struggling groups of citizens to show up at city council meetings, sometimes you might need to go to them. Thank you in advance for taking the time to read this.

Respectfully,

Jessica Oakson Clark

March 12th, 2018

Dear PTC and City Council,

I am a mother of 3 children in PAUSD at Gunn, JLS, and Palo Verde. My husband and I were both born and raised right here in Palo Alto. My children are the 4th generation of our family to live here. Our parents have chosen to age in place here along with my 102-year-old grandmother. It is something rare and special that one does not come across often in this day and age. We know we are fortunate to have been able to remain here as long as we have in order to help care for them. My brother and sister-in-law both work and teach in the special education department at Paly. However, just this month due to rental increases they have now had to move further away out of the area. In the past, they utilized public transportation or rode their bikes to work. Unfortunately, now they will have to commute by car and add to the traffic congestion.

My husband is a respiratory therapist at a hospital and I was the owner of Clark Family Daycare for 7 years nestled in a cute house right behind Palo Verde Elementary. Six years ago, skyrocketing rental prices forced me to close my daycare, lose my income, move into a much smaller space for twice the rent, and become eligible for the BMR Purchase Program. We applied with Palo Alto Housing and were given a number on the waiting list. We were in the mid 300's. In the six years since we have been on the list our family has struggled terribly to make ends meet, while our rents just keep rising. In one instance our rent was increased nearly \$1000. Applying and qualifying for scholarships and assistance for our family is something we never imagined we would ever have to do, but sadly now it is our reality.

Our current number on the BMR list is 184. This is not due to 120 families on the list receiving an opportunity to purchase a unit. This is because these people have given up and left. I do not blame them. If my husband and I did not have such strong family roots and support we would be gone as well. It is a completely stressful and hopeless feeling that we constantly deal with every day. Many days I too just want to give up, yet my connection to this community and my family gives me no other choice but to continue on and tell my story.

Over these last few years I have become involved with the civic process by attending City Council meetings and speaking up about housing by sharing my family's story. It is extremely difficult for families like mine or others in even more dire situations to stand up at City Council and share their most personal struggles and experience. This is one of the reasons you see so few of us. When given the right situation they will share their stories. For example, in January, County Supervisor Joe Simitian hosted a Teacher Town Hall at Gunn High School. It was there, in a safe setting, on their terms, over 100 teachers felt comfortable enough to share their personal family struggles. It was truly heartbreakingly to hear how our lack of affordable housing and long commutes has affected our teachers and their families' quality of life. I think it would have been very informative for any of the PTC or City Council members to be in attendance.

I strongly urge the PTC and City Council to remove needless barriers that stand in the way or delay the creation of 100% affordable/low-income housing. There are far too many families and people in our community who are truly struggling right now and are running out of time. It feels as though my family and many others are just holding on by a thread, while those opposed to the creation of low income/affordable housing are holding an open pair of scissors over it waiting to decide whether to simply cut our rope or to let us dangle a little bit longer until we are so worn out we let go. I don't want to let go and I do not want my family's rope to be cut.

Thank you for listening to my story.

Respectfully,

Jessica Clark

Carnahan, David

From: Kenney Mencher <kenney.mencher@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 1:21 PM
To: Council, City; tomforcouncil@gmail.com; Filseth, Eric (Internal); Holman, Karen; Scharff, Greg; Kniss, Liz (internal); news@padailypost.com; price@padailypost.com; Vicki Vaughn
Subject: Message from the City Council Home Page

Dear Council Members,

On March 6th and then several weeks before I emailed the city council and used a form server on the Palo Alto website to contact the city council. I have not received a message back nor has there been any action taken on this. I know it seems like a little thing but it affects the quality of life in my neighborhood so I am writing again to see if you might have some empathy for my several of your neighbors concerns.

I even messaged Mr. Scharff through LinkedIn yesterday to ask for help with a growing problem in a several block radius in the area of Alma, High Street, Everett Streets.

It seems like now many of the residences, especially those that have rental units where the landlord does not reside and where now commercial businesses reside don not clean up after themselves nor do they take there trash cans in. The trash cans re left in the streets taking up parking and it seems like many other neighbors seeing this feel like it's alright to follow there examples.

I know that Eric feels very strongly about the condition of his property because while I was cleaning up after my dog on the edge of his lot he came out of his home to make sure that my wife and I had completely cleaned up my dogs' waste. Twice.

I was wondering if you all might be able to take an interest in our neighborhood with the same enthusiasm?

Below my signature is a copy of the messages that I've already sent out. Along with a message from my neighbor.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this issue.

Kenney Mencher
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<http://www.etsy.com/shop/kmencher>
<http://www.youtube.com/user/kmencher>



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to tom.dubois, eric.filseth, Adrian.Fine, karen.holman, Lydia.Kou, greg.tanaka, cory.wolbach, Vicki, JV

Mar 6 (6 days ago)

Last week I used a formserver to report the following problem but I still haven't heard back from the city and it seems like the problem is growing. Can you please help with this?

Hi,

In the last couple of months many of my neighbors have been leaving their bins, cans, and loose garbage out either on the curb or in the street blocking parking and traffic. I asked the landlord at 183 Everett to take in his cans and he told me he would not.

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It seems like once one of the neighbors started doing it everyone is doing it. Is there a regulation about this? I thought we were supposed to bring the bins in every week?

Thank you, Kenney Mencher
[192 Everett Ave](#) at Emerson St [510-390-3952](#)

My Contact Info

First Name: Kenney

Last Name: Mencher

Email Address kenney.mencher@gmail.com

Please choose your neighborhood of residence. If you're not a resident, but work in Palo Alto, choose "Commuter". If you neither reside or work in Palo Alto, choose "Other".

Your Neighborhood Downtown North

If City Staff needs more information about your submission, and you consent to this contact, you MUST check "Yes" below.

Okay to Contact Me? Yes

My Reason For Contacting the City

Select A Topic Garbage/Recycling

Address and Cross Street are required.

To indicate and intersection, type first street name in the "address" field and second street in the "Cross Street" field.

If your message is not location-related type "none" in both fields.

Address [192 Everett Avenue](#)

Cross Street Emerson

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When you email the City, your email address becomes a public record. If you do not wish your email address to become a public record, send your correspondence via postal mail to the City of Palo Alto, Office of the City Clerk.

I accept the terms above. Yes

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<http://www.youtube.com/user/kmencher>

Carnahan, David

From: Fred Balin <fbalin@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2018 8:55 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Stump, Molly; Gitelman, Hillary; City Mgr
Subject: My Comments at Last Monday's (3/5) Item 16

Mayor Kniss; your fellow council members,
Fred Balin of College Terrace.

Your item Number 6 on Staff Report page 5, regarding the location of a garage or carport on an R-1 lot.

The longstanding code, summarized:

If the neighborhood pattern of the garage or carport location is in the rear half of the lot, then in your building plan, there can be no attached garage in the front half.

But what about putting a carport in the front half?

Not the intent of the code, only a small handful of such cases, so clarify the language, staff said when the very first annual code update came to the planning commission in September of two thousand and fifteen, with a matrix of 62 items deemed non controversial.

At each of the three meetings, Commissioner Michael Alcheck argued that the clarifications on this item would be a policy change and should be discussed separately.

He did not reveal that within the previous 10 weeks, applications for two abutting R-1 properties, in which he had economic interests were granted such an exception.

By his failure to disclose, the commission and the public were not fully informed.

And by his successful effort to scuttle any discussion, the question of whether a carport exception in the front could later be converted into an attached garage could not be raised. A legitimate concern, as signaled by one savvy and straight-on public servant, who wrote in large letters on one of the plans, "No conversion of carport to attached front garage."

And last year, following final building approvals in May, on August the 28th, applications were indeed submitted for each property to convert the existing carport to a garage.

And when the Planning Commission met two months later, on November the 29th, to start this next round of code updates, no permit for conversion had been issued.

And once again, there was no disclosure by Commissioner Alcheck, or a recusal. Instead he participated in discussions, which could have had a direct relevance to his permits.

Staff re-presented the same code clarifications as two years before, your Item 6. And they also included changes to the definitions of carport and garage, your item 7.

Carnahan, David

From: Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 11, 2018 3:55 PM
To: roberta.ahlquist@sjsu.edu
Subject: PA PD Draft Policy on Body Cameras

Hi Commissioner Lee,

Thanks for the heads-up. I will do my best to attend this important meeting.

1. Please be aware that there is substantial controversy re allowing officers to review footage from body-worn cameras, and or in-vehicle camera footage, prior to officers writing their police reports. This proposed policy apparently allows officers to in fact review footage before drafting reports. This is much like allowing witnesses to an incident to compare recollections of any incident before testifying. Fact finders, the court sitting alone, or a jury, should be allowed to hear the independent testimony of each witness uncontaminated by the statements or recollections of other witnesses. It is for this reason that courts exclude witnesses from a courtroom while other witnesses to the proceedings are testifying. An officer should not be allowed to alter his or her independent recollection of events by viewing footage of the incident he or she may not have actually observed while the incident was occurring.
2. Although this policy allows for those arrested by the police to obtain the footage of the incident pursuant to criminal discovery practice, there is no similar right for a person, as an example, brutally beaten by the police, but not arrested, to obtain the same footage. We the public pay for the cameras and should be entitled to view the footage where we believe the police have acted inappropriately, whether we were arrested or not. Often the police will release body-worn footage, or footage captured by police car cameras, when the footage shows the police in a favorable light, while refusing to release footage police believe will expose police misconduct. Such a double standard erodes public trust in law enforcement and should not be tolerated.
3. Some body-worn camera policies allow police to turn off their cameras when talking with police informants aka snitches. The rationale often given is that police informants will be reluctant to talk with police out of fear of exposure if they are recorded. One of the leading causes of wrongful convictions is the false testimony of police informants. The better policy is to require that conversations between police and informants should be recorded, but not released to the defense or prosecution without appropriate protective orders.
4. The Police Executive Research Forum

On Mar 4, 2018, at 7:47 PM, Steven D. Lee <stevendlee@alumni.duke.edu> wrote:

City of Palo Alto | City Clerk's Office | 3/12/2018 4:05 PM

FYI for this Thursday's meeting.

<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/63809>
<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/63807>

Carnahan, David

From: Public Records Request Tracking System <public.records.request.tracking@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 7:45 AM
To: Stump, Molly; Perron, Zachary; Jonsen, Robert; Lum, Patty; Keene, James; Council, City
Cc: acisneros@CApublicrecordslaw.com
Subject: Palo Alto Police Photos
Attachments: CPRA_Response_Letter1_-_MPP__W001103-021218_Promotion_Info_(2-22).pdf

City Attorney Molly Stump:

Re: California Public Records Request W001103-021218

CPRA mandates a detailed response on any delays.

1. Delay March 7th. No explanation / None cited.
2. Delay March 21st No explanation None cited.

Please provide a detailed explanation as mandated...

Thanks,

Mark Petersen-Perez
Editor: Palo Alto Free Press
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Sent from my iPad



POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF 275 Forest Avenue
PALO
ALTO Palo Alto, CA 94301
650.329.2406

February 22, 2018

VIA EMAIL

Mark Petersen-Perez
public.records.request.tracking@gmail.com

RE: California Public Records Act Request Dated February 12, 2018 – W001103-021218

Dear Mr. Mark Petersen-Perez,

This letter is in response to your California Public Records Act Request dated February 12, 2018 in which you requested certain records of the City of Palo Alto relating to promotional information, pursuant to the California Public Records Act, (CPRA) Cal. Gov't Code §§ 6250 et seq.

Records Request:

"recently announce Palo Alto Police Officer promotions by police chief Robert Jonsen,

1. Names
2. Promotion from and to (Rank)
3. Pictures and if declining to do so, please cite legal reasons for doing so as CPRA mandates.
4. Salaries"

Response to Request:

The names and ranks from and to are as follows:

Name	Previous Rank	Promotional Rank
Zach Perron	Lieutenant	Captain
Patty Lum	Lieutenant	Captain
Kara Apple	Sergeant	Lieutenant
James Reifsneider	Sergeant	Lieutenant
DuJuan Green	Agent	Sergeant
Jesus Paneda	Agent	Sergeant
Eric Bulatao	Agent	Sergeant
Dave Pecoraro	Officer	Agent
Carlos De Santiago	Officer	Agent
Chris Moore	Officer	Agent
Michael Foley	Officer	Agent
Erin Goodell	Officer	Agent
Brad Young	Officer	Agent
Mark Chase	Lead Public Safety Dispatcher	Public Safety Communications Manager

City of Palo Alto Salary information is located at the following City of Palo Alto Website Open Data portal. Here is the Link: <http://data.cityofpaloalto.org/search/?q=salaries&page=2>

With regard to your request for pictures of officers, the City is in the process of gathering and reviewing those records. We anticipate a response to this specific records request will be released to you on or before **Wednesday March 7, 2018.**

Thank you,

Lisa Scheff

Lisa Scheff
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Palo Alto Police Department
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Carnahan, David

From: Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2018 8:37 AM
To: Palo Alto Free Press; Council, City; citycouncil@menlopark.org; council@redwoodcity.org
Subject: Re: Pending Litigation - The People's right to know

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 8, 2018, at 7:30 AM, Palo Alto Free Press <paloaltofreepress@gmail.com> wrote:

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**

10 MARK PETERSEN-PEREZ) Case No.:
11 Petitioner,
12 vs.
13 REDWOOD CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT,) VERIFIED PETITION FOR WRIT OF
14 Respondent.) MANDATE UNDER THE CALIFORNIA
15) PUBLIC RECORDS ACT
16) [California Constitution Article I § 3; Gov't
17) Code § 6250, *et seq.* Civ. Proc. Code § 1085, *et
seq.*]
18)
19) Department:
20)

INTRODUCTION

1. This is a suit to enforce the California Public Records Act (“CPRA”) as it pertains to the identity, in the form of photographs, of law enforcement officers involved in a shooting. In response to a public records request, Respondent Redwood City Police Department (“Respondent”) provided the names of the seven officers involved in the December 30, 2017, shooting and killing of Marco Antonio Carlos in Redwood City. However, Respondent denied Petitioner’s request for “all personnel photographs of all officers” involved.

2. In denying the request, Respondent cited the personnel records/privacy exemption in Cal. Gov't Code § 6254(c)¹; the "otherwise prohibited by law" exemption in §6254(k); and the "catch-all" exemption—claiming that the public interest in non-disclosure clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure—in § 6255(a).

3. While Respondent claims it can lawfully withhold the records, two California Supreme Court cases—*Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training v. Superior Court* (2007) 42 Cal.4th 278, and *Long Beach Police Officers Association v. City of Long Beach* (2014) 59 Cal.4th 59—establish that officer identity is presumptively public. Law enforcement officer photographs, like names, are not exempt from disclosure as a personnel record, nor are they private; no other law, including the *Pitchess* statutes, prohibits disclosure of officer photographs; and, generally, the public interest in the disclosure of officer photographs outweighs the public interest in non-disclosure, particularly if that officer has been involved in a shooting. While the precedent considered the disclosure of identity in the form of names, the reasoning in those cases applies directly to photographs and does not support withholding photographs where names must be disclosed.

4. Further undermining Respondent’s claim that it is entitled to withhold officer photographs under the CPRA is the fact that Respondent routinely posts photographs of its officers on its website and social media. Specifically, photographs of three of the officers involved in the Carlos shooting are posted on Respondent’s website. Respondent cannot have it both ways by

¹ Unless otherwise stated, all references to code sections are to the Cal. Gov't Code.

distributing photographs of officers for positive publicity, while withholding photographs from journalists and the public in response to CPRA requests.

5. Therefore, by this petition and pursuant to the Code of Civ. Procedure §§ 1085, *et seq.* and Gov't Code §§ 6250, *et seq.*, Petitioner seeks a writ of mandate to enforce the CPRA by compelling the Redwood City Police Department to produce the requested photographs of the seven officers involved in the shooting and killing of Marco Antonio Carlos.

PARTIES

6. Petitioner Mark Petersen-Perez is a member of the public within the meaning of Gov't Code §§ 6252(b)-(c). Petitioner is a journalist, activist, and government watchdog who operates the Palo Alto Free Press and who actively opposes police misconduct, racial profiling, police use of tasers, and police abuse of homeless individuals in and around Santa Clara County and San Mateo County.

7. Respondent the Redwood City Police Department is located in San Mateo County, California. Respondent is a local public agency within the meaning of § 6252(d).

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

8. This court has jurisdiction under Gov't Code §§ 6258, 6259, Code of Civ. Proc. § 1085, and Article VI, Section 10 of the California Constitution.

9. Venue is proper in this Court. The records in question, or some portion of them, are situated in the County of San Mateo, Gov't Code § 6259; the acts or omissions complained of occurred in the County of San Mateo, Code of Civ. Proc. § 393; finally, Respondents are located in the County of San Mateo, Code of Civ. Proc. § 395.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

10. On December 30, 2018, Marco Antonio Carlos was shot and killed by law enforcement in Redwood City. According to the Washington Post, Carlos was one of 987 people shot and killed by police in the United States in 2017. (See

1 https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/national/police-shootings-2017/). The shooting and
2 killing of individuals by police officers is a major issue of public concern and has prompted
3 numerous public demonstrations in the San Francisco Bay Area and across the United States.

4 11. On January 6, 2018, Petitioner submitted a CPRA request for all personnel
5 photographs of all officers involved in the shooting and killing of Carlos. Respondent, in a January
6 17, 2018, response to a different CPRA request, disclosed the names of seven Redwood City Police
7 Department officers involved in the shooting. Those officers' names are Sergeant Nick Perna,
8 Sergeant Ed Conover, Officer Junsun Lee, Officer Richard Santiago, Officer Mark Alifano, Officer
9 Dave Denning, and Officer Ryan Kimber. A true and correct copy of Respondent's January 17,
10 2018, CPRA response disclosing the names of the officers is attached as Exhibit A.

11 12. On January 17, 2018, Respondent also replied to Petitioner's CPRA request.
12 Respondent denied Petitioner's request and withheld all requested photographs. In supporting its
13 denial, Respondent cited the following three exemptions under the heading "Authority:"

- 14 1. California Government Code § 6254(c): Personnel, medical, or similar
15 files, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of
16 personal privacy.
- 17 2. California Government Code § 6254 (k): Records, the disclosure of
18 which is exempt or prohibited pursuant to federal or state law, including,
19 but not limited to, provisions of the Evidence Code relating to privilege.
- 20 3. California Government Code § 6255 (a): "The public interest served by
21 not disclosing the record clearly outweighs the public interest served by
22 disclosure of the record."

23 A true and correct copy of Respondent's January 17, 2018, letter denying Petitioner's CPRA
24 request is attached as Exhibit B.

25 13. Despite Respondent's refusal to provide photographs to Petitioner in this instance,
26 Respondent publicizes the photographs of many of its officers on its website at
27 <https://www.redwoodcity.org/departments/police-department> and on its social media. Specifically,
28 Respondent's website contains photographs of three of the officers involved in the Carlos shooting—
Sergeant Nick Perna, Officer Junsun Lee, and Officer Richard Santiago—whose photographs appear
as part of a .pdf memorializing the 2016 annual Redwood City Police Department Awards
Ceremony. Find a true and correct copy of the officers' photographs as they appeared on

1 Respondent's website attached as Exhibit C. Find photographs Respondent has posted of other
2 officers on its social media attached as Exhibit D.

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4 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

5 **VIOLATION OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION ARTICLE 1, SECTION 3(b)**

6 14. Petitioner incorporates herein by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 13
7 above, as if set forth in full.

8 15. The California Constitution provides an independent right of access to government
9 records: "The People have the right of access to information concerning the conduct of the people's
10 business, and, therefore, the meetings of public bodies and the writings of public officials and
11 agencies shall be open to public scrutiny." Cal. Constitution, Art. 1 § 3(b)(1). This provision was
12 adopted by the voters in 2004 because, as the ballot argument supporting the measure states, when
13 Californians asked questions of their government they increasingly found "that answers are hard to
14 get." The constitutional provision is intended to reverse that trend.

15 16. Respondent's failure to provide records in response to Petitioner's public records
16 request violated Article 1, Section 3(b) of the California Constitution.

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18 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

19 **VIOLATION OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT**

20 **GOV'T CODE § 6250, *et seq.***

21 17. Petitioner incorporates herein by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 16
22 above, as if set forth in full.

23 **General principles of the California Public Records Act**

24 18. Under the California Public Records Act, § 6250 *et seq.*, all records that are
25 prepared, owned, used, or retained by any public agency, and that are not subject to the CPRA's
26 statutory exemptions to disclosure, must be made publicly available for inspection and copying
27 upon request. § 6253.

28 19. Under the CPRA, the term "public record" includes any "writing" containing

1 information relating to the conduct of the people's business. § 6252(e). Photographs are "writings"
2 subject to the CPRA. § 6252(g).

3 20. Where an agency withholds responsive records on the basis of a statutory exemption,
4 "the agency ... must disclose that fact." *Haynie v. Superior Court* (2001) 26 Cal. 4th 1061, 1072
5 (citing § 6255). The agency bears the burden of justifying nondisclosure. § 6255(a). Even if parts of
6 a particular document are exempt, the agency must disclose the remainder of the document. §
7 6253(a).

8 21. If an agency discloses a public record that is otherwise exempt, the disclosure shall
9 constitute a waiver of the exemptions specified in § 6254, §6254.7, or other similar provisions of
10 law. § 6254.5.

11 22. If an agency fails to comply with these statutory provisions, the CPRA authorizes a
12 person to file a petition for writ of mandate to enforce their right to inspect or to receive a copy of
13 the record. § 6258.

14 23. Whenever it is made to appear by verified petition to the superior court of the county
15 where the records or some part thereof are situated that certain public records are being improperly
16 withheld from a member of the public, the court shall order the officer or person charged with
17 withholding the records to disclose the public record or show cause why he or she should not do so.
18 The court shall decide the case after examining the record in camera (if permitted by the Evidence
19 Code), papers filed by the parties, and any oral argument and additional evidence as the court may
20 allow. § 6259(a).

21 24. The CPRA contains a mandatory attorney's fee provision for the prevailing plaintiff.
22 § 6259(d). The purpose of the attorney's fee provision is to provide "protections and incentives for
23 members of the public to seek judicial enforcement of their right to inspect public records subject to
24 disclosure." *Filarsky v. Superior Court* (2002) 28 Cal.4th 419, 427.

25 **The Redwood City Police Department violated the CPRA when it withheld**
26 **photographs of officers involved in the Carlos shooting.**

27 25. Photographs of police officers are presumptively disclosable public records, and
28 Respondent cannot meet its burden to justify non-disclosure. The public interest in the identities of

1 officers, including their photographs, outweighs the officers' privacy interest in those records. No
2 law, including the *Pitchess* statutes, prohibits disclosure of officer photographs. Respondent's
3 disclosure of the names of the officers involved in the shooting establishes that there is no
4 particularized threat sufficient to withhold the officer's photographs under the catch-all exemption.
5 Finally, even assuming, *arguendo*, the officers' photographs may have been exempt, Respondent
6 waived any exemption as to the three officers whose photographs appear on Respondent's website.

7 26. Respondent cannot lawfully withhold the records on the basis of § 6254(c) because
8 disclosure of officers' photographs does not constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.
9 Courts have found that the public has a strong interest in the identity of law enforcement officers,
10 while officers typically have only a weak privacy interest in protecting their identity from
11 disclosure. See *Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training v. Superior Court* (2007) 42
12 Cal.4th 278 (*Commission on Peace Officer Standards*); *Long Beach Police Officers Association v.*
13 *City of Long Beach* (2014) 59 Cal.4th 59 (*City of Long Beach*). The Legislature's enactment of
14 Penal Code § 830.10, which requires uniformed officers to display their names or identification
15 number, demonstrates that the Legislature did not intend to protect officers' identities. *City of Long*
16 *Beach, supra*, at 72. The California Supreme Court, in finding that no well-established social norm
17 protects the identity of law enforcement officers, recognized that officers "operate in the public
18 realm on a daily basis and identify themselves to the members of the public with whom they deal."
19 *Commission on Peace Officer Standards, supra*, at 301. Further, the Legislature did not intend to
20 classify official service photographs as "personal data" protected from disclosure under the *Pitchess*
21 statutes and an officer's appearance, as disclosed in an official service photograph, is information
22 that ordinarily is known to persons that the officer comes into contact with. *Ibarra v. Superior*
23 *Court* (2013) 217 Cal.App.4th 695, 704 (*Ibarra*). Thus, Respondent cannot establish that § 6254(c)
24 permits it to withhold officer photographs.

25 27. Respondent cannot lawfully withhold the records on the basis of § 6254(k) because
26 no other law, including the *Pitchess* statutes, prohibits disclosure. In denying Petitioner's request,
27 Respondent cited to § 6254(k), which permits withholding records by incorporating other disclosure
28 prohibitions established by law. *Copley Press, Inc. v. Superior Court* (2006) 39 Cal.4th 1272, 1283.

1 Here, in citing § 6254(k), Respondent did not cite to any specific statute under which it claimed it
2 could withhold records. However, it is clear that the so-called *Pitchess* statutes contained in Penal
3 Code § 832.7 and § 832.8 do not prohibit disclosure of the photographs because the photographs are
4 not personnel records as described by Penal Code § 832.8. *Ibarra, supra*, at 704.

5 28. Respondent cannot lawfully withhold the records on the basis of the catchall
6 exemption in § 6255(a) because the public interest in non-disclosure does not clearly outweigh the
7 public interest in disclosure. The balancing done under § 6255(a) often mirrors that under § 6254(c)
8 and, just as Respondent cannot support its withholding under § 6254(c) it cannot do so under §
9 6255(a). The public's significant interest in the conduct of its peace officers "diminishes and
10 counterbalances" an officer's privacy interest in keeping their name confidential. *Commission on*
11 *Peace Officer Standards, supra*, at 299. When officers are involved in a shooting, the balance tips
12 strongly in favor of "identity disclosure" and against the personal privacy interests of the officers
13 involved. *City of Long Beach, supra*, at 74. The fact that Respondent already released the names of
14 its officers involved in the Carlos shooting shows that there is no legitimate reason to shield the
15 identities of those particular officers. The fact that Respondent regularly posts photographs of its
16 officers on its website and via its social media shows that, generally, it believes there is no strong
17 public interest in non-disclosure of officer photographs. Thus, Respondent cannot meet its burden to
18 show that the public interest in non-disclosure "clearly outweighs" the public interest in disclosure
19 as required by § 6255(a). Rather, it is clear that, as it pertains to photographs of officers involved in
20 shootings, the balance tilts heavily in favor of disclosure.

21 29. Finally, assuming, *arguendo*, some exemption did apply to permit non-disclosure of
22 the requested photographs, Respondent waived that exemption as it applies to the three officers
23 whose photographs appear on Respondent's website. An agency's disclosure of records waives its
24 ability to withhold those records subject to an exemption to the CPRA. § 6254.5. Here, Respondent
25 posted photographs on its website of three of the officers involved in the Carlos shooting. See
26 Exhibit C. Thus, as to those officers, Respondent has waived any exemptions to the CPRA which
27 may apply.

28 30. As such, Respondent's refusal to provide the requested photographs violates the

1 CPRA. Law enforcement agencies cannot publicize photographs of officers to increase goodwill
2 while refusing to provide photographs of officers to journalists and the public upon request. Neither
3 can law enforcement agencies decline to “put a face to the name” of officers, particularly when
4 those officers shoot and kill a member of the public.

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6 **A WRIT OF MANDATE FOR DECLARATORY AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF IS**
7 **APPROPRIATE**

8 31. Respondents have a clear, present, ministerial duty to comply with the California
9 Constitution and Gov’t Code § 6250, *et seq.*

10 32. Petitioner has performed all conditions precedent to filing this petition. There are no
11 administrative exhaustion requirements under Gov’t Code § 6250, *et seq.*

12 33. Petitioner has no plain, speedy, adequate remedy in the ordinary course of law other
13 than the relief sought in this petition.

14 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

15 WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays as follows:

- 16 1. That after a trial on this action, to be held on notice, this Court issue a declaration that
17 Respondent violated the California Public Records Act by withholding the disclosable
18 records Petitioner requested.
- 19 2. That the Court issue a peremptory writ of mandate directing Respondent to provide
20 Petitioner with all requested records, except records that the Court determines may
21 lawfully be withheld.
- 22 3. That Petitioner be awarded attorney’s fees and costs; and
- 23 4. For such other and further relief as the Court deems proper and just.

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1 DATED: February 23, 2018
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ABENICIO CISNEROS

5 Attorney for Petitioner
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1 **VERIFICATION**

2 I, ABENICIO CISNEROS, am the attorney for Petitioner Mark Petersen-Perez in this
3 action. Petitioner is absent from the county in which I have my office. I have read the foregoing
4 Petition for Writ of Mandate and know the contents thereof. I am informed and believe that the
5 matters in it are true and on that ground allege that the matters stated in the petition are true.
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7 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing
8 is true and correct. Executed on this the 23th day of February, 2018 at Oakland, California.

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Abenicio Cisneros
Attorney for Mark Petersen-Perez

INDEX OF EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT A: Respondent's January 17, 2018, response to public records act request in which Respondent discloses names of officers involved in Carlos shooting.

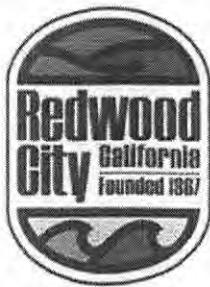
EXHIBIT B: Respondent's January 17, 2018, response to Petitioner in which it refuses to provide requested photographs of officers involved in Carlos shooting.

EXHIBIT C: Photographs of three officers involved in Carlos shooting as displayed in a .pdf published on Respondent's website.

EXHIBIT D: Photographs of officers Respondent posted on its twitter account @RedwoodCityPD.

EXHIBIT A

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Interim Chief of Police



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To: Aram James: abjpd1@gmail.com
From: Redwood City Police Department
Chief Gary L. Kirby, Interim Chief of Police
1301 Maple St.
Redwood City, Ca. 94063

RE: California Public Records Act Request Received January 5, 2018, 11:09 PM

Mr. Aram James,

The information contained in this letter is being provided to you in response to your request to obtain data or inspect government records that may be in the possession of the Redwood City Police Department as detailed in your email correspondence sent to the Redwood City Police Department on January 5, 2018, pursuant to the California Public Records Act (CPRA), Cal. Gov't Code §§ 6260 et seq. In your CPRA request, you asked to receive the following information:

Records Request 1:

Pursuant to the California Public Records Act -and pursuant to the leading California Supreme Court decision -re the appropriateness of releasing the names of police officers/sheriff deputies involved in officer involved shooting- Long Beach Police Officers Association v. City of Long Beach et al., 59 Cal. 4th 59 (2014):

I am requesting the release of the names of the 7 Redwood City police officers and the 1 San Mateo County Sheriff Deputy- involved in the Saturday December 30, 2017 -officer involved shooting/killing -of Marco Antonio Carlos.

Said officer involved shooting occurred at approximately 2:25 p.m. on the above date-December 30, 2017-at the Wells Fargo Bank at 1900 Broadway, Redwood City, CA.

The Redwood City Police Department strives to correctly interpret the guidelines and authority outlined in Cal. Gov't Code §§ 6260 et seq. when releasing information in its possession that, if released, would endanger the safety of a person involved in any investigation or would endanger the successful completion of an investigation or related investigation or is further restricted by the Code. The information being released to you in our response to your CPRA request, in our opinion, will not interfere with the responsibilities the Redwood City Police Department has in protecting records of criminal investigations or other records identified in a CPRA request that are exempt from release.

Information released in this document is of a unique nature in that it contains the name of a San Mateo County Sheriff's Deputy involved in the December 30th incident. Your initial CPRA request included a response from the County of San Mateo, Sheriff Carlos Bolanos, to release the name of his deputy involved in that incident. The release of the Deputy's name in this CPRA response from the Redwood City Police Department has been authorized by Sheriff Carlos Bolanos and will serve to meet the (CPRA) response requirements for both agencies.

Response to Request 1:

Redwood City Police Department:	Sergeant Nick Perna
Redwood City Police Department:	Sergeant Ed Conover
Redwood City Police Department:	Officer Junsun Lee
Redwood City Police Department:	Officer Richard Santiago
Redwood City Police Department:	Officer Mark Alifano
Redwood City Police Department:	Officer Dave Denning
Redwood City Police Department:	Officer Ryan Kimber
San Mateo County Sheriff's Deputy:	Deputy Daniel Chiu**

**Any questions associated to San Mateo County Sheriff's Deputy, Deputy Daniel Chiu, should be directed to San Mateo County Sheriff's Detective Salvador Zuno at (650) 421-1243.

If you have any further questions about this response, please call (650) 780-7154.

Sincerely,



Gary L. Kirby
Interim Chief of Police

GLK:GLK

EXHIBIT B

Police Department
Gary L. Kirby
Interim Chief of Police



1301 Maple Street
Redwood City, CA 94063
Telephone (650) 780-7100
Fax Line (650) 780-7149

Sent Via-Email

January 17, 2018

To: Mark Peterson-Perez, Palo Alto Free Press: paloaltofreepress@gmail.com

From: Redwood City Police Department
Chief Gary L. Kirby, Interim Chief of Police
1301 Maple St.
Redwood City, Ca. 94063

RE: California Public Records Act Request Received January 6, 2018, 9:54 AM

Mr. Mark Peterson-Perez,

The information contained in this letter is being provided to you in response to your request to obtain data or inspect government records that may be in the possession of the Redwood City Police Department as detailed in your email correspondence sent to the Redwood City Police Department on January 5, 2018, pursuant to the California Public Records Act (CPRA), Cal. Gov't Code §§ 6250 *et seq.* In your CPRA request, you asked to receive the following information:

Records Request 1:

Please release all personnel photographs of all officers in the stated CPRA request by Attorney Aram James. Applicable case law: 217 Cal.App.4th 695 (2013), 158 Cal.Rptr.3rd 751

Request referenced from Aram James made on 1-5-2018 at 11:09 PM:

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The information provided in this document will serve to meet the joint responsibility of the Redwood City Police Department and the San Mateo County Sheriff for responding to your CPRA request. Both agencies are jointly aligned with the response provided here in this reply.

Response to Request 1:

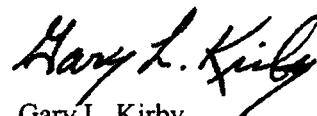
Your request for information you wish to receive: "*all personnel photographs of all officers in the stated CPRA request by Attorney Aram James. Applicable case law: 217 Cal.App.4th 695 (2013), 158 Cal.Rptr.3rd 75,*" is denied.

Authority:

1. California Government Code § 6254 (c): Personnel, medical, or similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.
2. California Government Code § 6254 (k): Records, the disclosure of which is exempt or prohibited pursuant to federal or state law, including, but not limited to, provisions of the Evidence Code relating to privilege.
3. California Government Code § 6255 (a): "The public interest served by not disclosing the record clearly outweighs the public interest served by disclosure of the record."

If you have any further questions about this response, please call Police Records at (650) 780-7154.

Sincerely,



Gary L. Kirby
Interim Chief of Police

GLK:GLK

EXHIBIT C

OUTSTANDING DUTY AWARD

the suspects, Officer Nimau quickly discovered the female suspect was armed with a loaded 9mm handgun. He reacted quickly, disarming her and requesting Code 3 cover. Officer Faljean grabbed the male suspect to detain him and the suspect tried to pull away. Officer Faljean quickly subdued the suspect and took him into custody.

Detectives Lee and Ruybal responded and took the lead on the investigation. They interviewed both suspects and obtained a full confession from the female suspect. Detective Lee established a strong rapport with the female suspect and she lead them to the area where they had discarded some of the victim's property. The property was recovered and returned to the victims.

Officers Nimau and Faljean used their beat knowledge, keen observation skills and sound tactics to take these two armed violent felons into custody. The male suspect had a significant criminal history and the duo admitted that had come to Redwood City to commit some armed street robberies.

Detectives Lee and Ruybal conducted a detailed thorough investigation and used their experience and excellent interview and interrogation skills to secure a confession and recover the victims' property.

Sergeant Perna supervised the investigation and displayed excellent coordination skills to put the patrol and investigations resources together to ensure a detailed investigation was presented to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

The outstanding teamwork displayed by these officers clearly took two violent criminals off the street who would have continued to victimize our citizens had they not been so quickly apprehended.



OUTSTANDING DUTY AWARD



On November 4th, 2015 at approximately 1:39 am, a fight broke out at Club Caliente near downtown Redwood City. The main antagonists were ejected from the club by security. One of these subjects produced a gun and discharged eight shots into the air and then fled into the night after hearing sirens approaching.

Officer Santiago recognized both subjects in the surveillance video but was not able to recall the name of the subject who discharged the firearm or his associate. Officer Santiago was able to locate a picture of both of the subjects from the surveillance video and positively identify them as Alejandro Juarez and Jose Orozco. This speedy identification set the tone for the rest of the investigation.

Through a person history check of the suspect it was discovered that Officer Bizzarro had contacted Juarez and Orozco together two days prior in a homeless encampment near Woodside Road and the railroad tracks. Officer Bizzarro came in early before his

Day-Watch shift to brief detectives and A-watch officers on the exact location of the suspects he contacted. Officer Bizzarro had intimate knowledge of the terrain and gave very insightful input in the planning on how to approach the suspect's tent. The plan was enacted and both suspects were taken into custody without incident. The gun was also located and confiscated.

Officer Santiago, you are commended for your commitment to excellence by continuing to stay abreast of the criminal element in Redwood City through your daily activities and your time as a Street Crime Suppression Team Detective. It was this knowledge that allowed you to recognize the suspect from the video surveillance giving the investigation a head start from the very beginning.

Officer Bizzarro, you are commended for your initiative for making it your routing to go into the homeless encampments in town and getting to know the criminal



element that dwells within them. It was this initiative that led you to contact the suspects in question in this case just two days prior. Further, you took it upon yourself to come in early after learning that Investigations was planning on contacting these suspects. You were instrumental not only in pinpointing where you had contacted these suspects, but you gave insight on the terrain and safe avenues of approach.

Sergeant Fine, you are commended for your leadership during this dynamic event that led to the swift and decisive resolution of this very dangerous crime. From the beginning of the event you were actively engaged in the direction this investigation took. You immediately responded to the scene and ensured all of the officers and citizens were safe, ensured the crime scene was secure, and arranged for an evidence tech to process the scene. The suspect who was an active gang members was convicted of being a felon in possession of a firearm and sentenced to 18 months on prison.

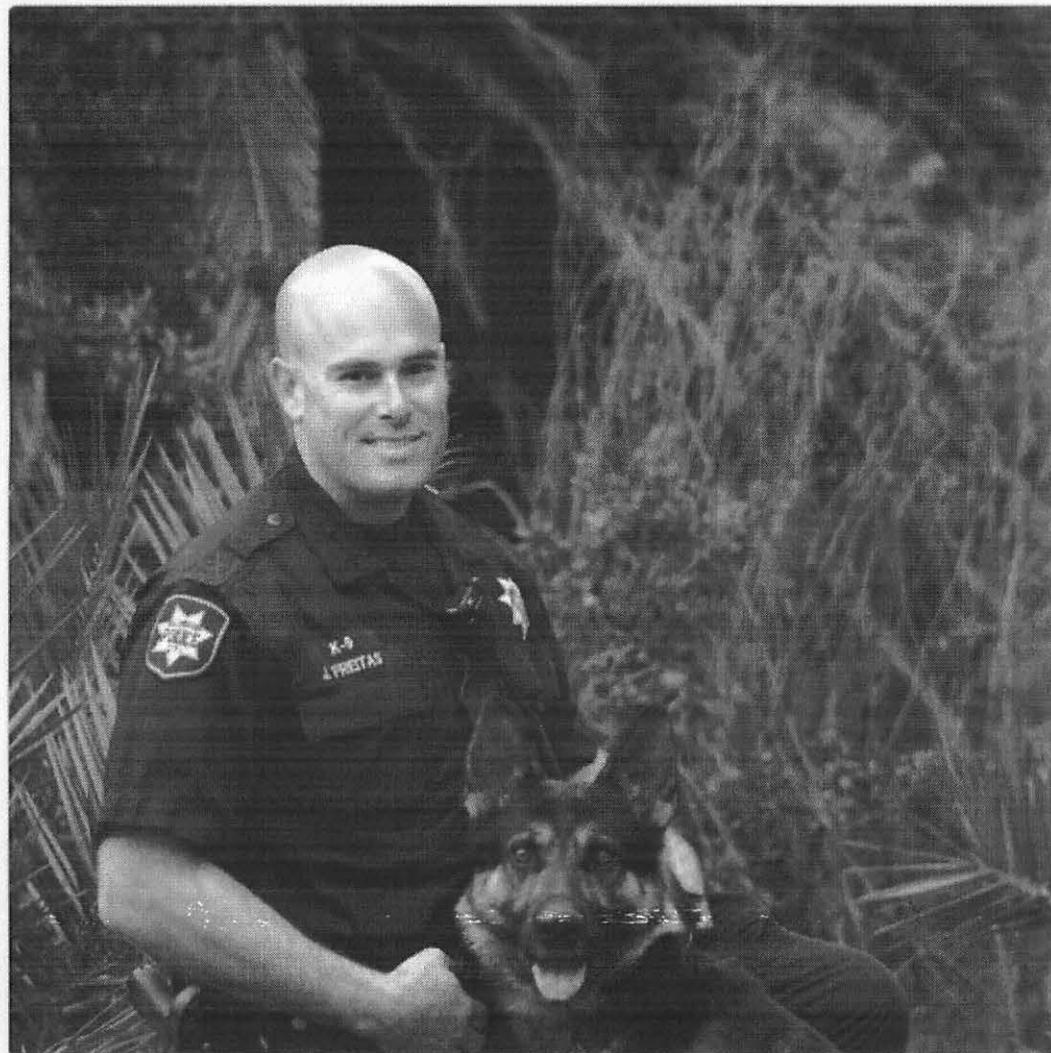


EXHIBIT D



Redwood City Police • @RedwoodCityPD • Feb 20

Today is #NationalLoveYourPetDay Must be Ruff. Thanks to all the #K9 units for keeping us safe #RedwoodCity #LoveYourPetDay





Redwood City Police •
@RedwoodCityPD

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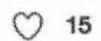
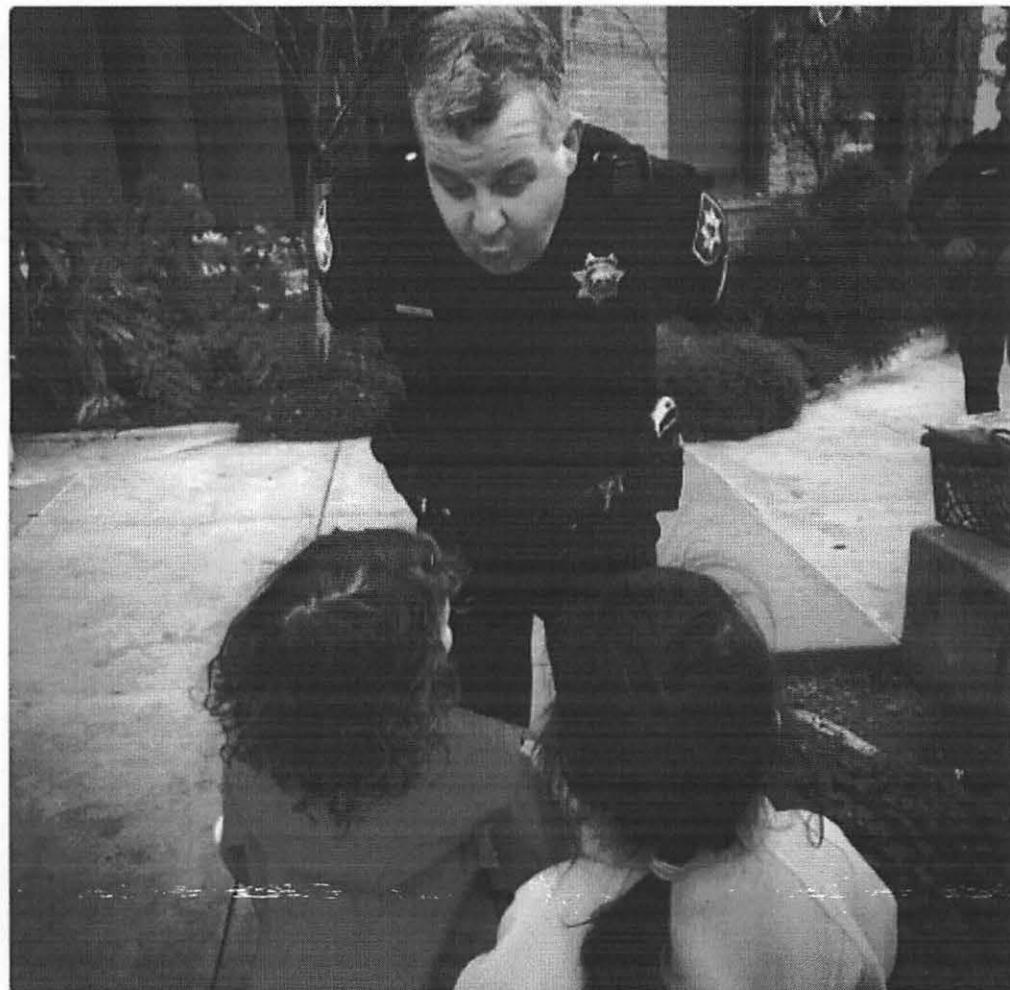
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Redwood City Police • @RedwoodCityPD • Feb 16

Sgt Chilton having some fun downtown. #WeLoveRWC #Redwoodcity
#CommunityPolicing





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Redwood City Police • @RedwoodCityPD • 14 Sep 2017

New CIT graduates, Ofc's Karasky, Lopez, Wittman, and dispatcher Maldonado,
Congratulations #CIT #redwoodcity #crisisintervention



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Redwood City Police • @RedwoodCityPD · 10 Dec 2016

DC Kirby, Det Alifano, Det O'Gorman, and Ofc Trinh #CopsCare #FantasyFlight

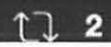
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Redwood City Police  @RedwoodCityPD · 12 Apr 2017

Briefing with C-watch. C watch is our afternoon and evening shift. #RCPDVRA



Carnahan, David

From: Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 11, 2018 3:59 PM
To: Van Der Zwaag, Minka; gkirby@redwoodcity.org; Perron, Zachary; Council, City; dcbertini@menlopark.org; HRC; paloaltofreepress@gmail.com; council@redwoodcity.org; citycouncil@menlopark.org; roberta.ahlquist@sjsu.edu
Subject: PERF on implementation of body worn camera policy

http://www.policeforum.org/assets/docs/Free_Online_Documents/Technology/implementing%20a%20body-worn%20camera%20program.pdf

Shared via the [Google app](#)

Sent from my iPhone

Carnahan, David

From: promiserani <promiserani@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 11, 2018 5:21 PM
To: Architectural Review Board
Cc: Council, City; Clerk, City
Subject: Please deny Verizon's call for cell towers

Dear Board,

I am asking that you deny approval to the proposed cell towers in Palo Alto residential neighborhoods, unless Verizon's designs a) call for all the equipment except the antenna to be located completely underground and b) comply with Palo Alto's noise ordinances, for the safety of our neighborhoods and our children.

thank you!
Prerana Jayakumar

Do not be dismayed by the brokenness of the world. All things break. And all things can be mended. Not with time, as they say, but with intention. So go. Love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally. The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you. - L.R.Knost

<http://www.karnatik.com>

<http://www.transitionpaloalto.org>

Carnahan, David

From: bharat bhushan <22bhushan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 8:16 AM
To: Architectural Review Board; Council, City; Clerk, City
Subject: PLEASE KEEP CELL TOWERS AWAY FROM PALO ALTO

Dear Sir/Mdam,

I Bharat Bhushan, MD, ask YOU to deny approval to the proposed cell towers unless Verizon's designs a) call for all the equipment except the antenna to be located completely underground and b) comply with Palo Alto's noise ordinances.

There is enough evidence of enough bodily, and mind injury by electro-magnetic radiation especially to our children.

This is the link for this info. <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/03/02/technology/5g-cellular-service.html>

Thanks, No cell towers again.

Bharat Bhushan, MD
2928 CLARA DR
PALO ALTO, CA 94303

Carnahan, David

From: Mary Thomas <mj_thomas_2000@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 7:21 PM
To: Architectural Review Board
Cc: Council, City
Subject: Proposed cell towers in Palo Alto

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to ask you to deny approval to the proposed cell towers in Palo Alto unless Verizon's designs call for all equipment except the antennas be put completely underground and for the cell towers to comply with Palo Alto's noise ordinances.

Sincerely,
Mary Thomas
249 Santa Rita Ave
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Carnahan, David

From: Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 11, 2018 9:45 PM
To: Palo Alto Free Press
Cc: Cullen, Charles; Perron, Zachary; HRC; Jonsen, Robert; michael.gennaco@oirgroup.com; acisneros@CApublicrecordslaw.com; Council, City; citycouncil@menlopark.org; council@redwoodcity.org; bos@smcgov.org
Subject: Re: BART police Body worn cameras

Mark,
Thanks for the research. Will read with great interest

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 11, 2018, at 9:31 PM, Palo Alto Free Press <paloaltofreepress@gmail.com> wrote:
>
> Page 18 of the Gennaco Chronicles No mention of CPRA coming into play but suggests recommends video review by both parties victim / complainant on the issue of transparency accountability..
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> I would classify Gennaco as a paid snitch. Nevertheless, I found his comments interesting despite my vehement dislike for this person....
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> https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/d85a96_bd5e82d868a345f496e60706536533ad.pdf
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> Sent from my iPad

Carnahan, David

From: Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 10:36 PM
To: Mark Petersen-Perez
Cc: PD Gary Kirby; MGR-Melissa Stevenson Diaz; council@redwoodcity.org; HRC; Jonsen, Robert; Perron, Zachary; Steven D. Lee; Van Der Zwaag, Minka; Abenicio Cisneros; sdremann@pawebly.com; jaythor@well.com; Council, City; citycouncil@menlopark.org; Bertini, David C; Dave Price; jrosen@da.sccgov.org; molly.o'neal@pdo.sccgov.org; Stump, Molly; jgreen@dailynewsgroup.com; <michael.gennaco@oirgroup.com>; Richard Wilson; WILPF Peninsula Palo Alto; chuck jagoda; allison@padailypost.com; Emily Mibach; Watson, Ron; Roberta Ahlquist; mike.wasserman@bos.sccgov.org; bos@smcgov.org; jose.guzman@pdo.scc.gov.org; Joe Simitian; cindy.chavez@bos.sccgov.org; Lewis. james; Seelam Reddy; Sean James; Keene, James; Cullen, Charles
Subject: Re: California Public Records Request & discussion Re: PERF on implementation of body worn camera policy

3/12/18

Hi Mark,

Thanks so much for your detailed and thoughtful comments re the critical importance of having a fully transparent-community friendly- body-worn camera policy.

We must continue to push the Palo Alto Police Department, and other local law enforcement agencies, to allow the alleged victims of police brutality, community activists, and other interested members of the public, as well as the press, to view body-worn camera footage, without undue delay, police bureaucratic obfuscation, and other nefarious maneuvers designed to frustrate the public's right to know.

Let me end with the following quote:

Law enforcement officers carry upon their shoulders the cloak of authority to enforce the laws of the state. In order to maintain trust in its police department, the public must be kept fully informed of the activities of its [52 Cal. App. 4th 105] peace officers. (Bradbury v. Superior Court (1996) 49 Cal. App. 4th 1108, 1116

Regards,

Aram

Aram thanks for including me in on this important exchange. As you know video from Body-Worn cameras including MAV feed play's a critical role in building community trust, accountability and transparency.

Body-Worn Cameras

<http://www.theiacp.org/model-policy/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2017/07/BodyWornCamerasPaper.pdf>

Citizen complaints of officer misconduct in one city fell by 87.5 percent. Their is nothing more compelling to a judge or jury in viewing actual events in analyzing alleged irrefutable testimony.

However, police have the upper hand in all cases in disallowing the complainant / victim(s) the unfettered opportunity to review video first or simultaneously for potential exculpatory evidence. All policy's I have read to date, have this much needed provision exclude.

Any police policy impacting the interaction of its citizens should be fair and impartial and developed jointly, involving members of the community and not, not by a body of police bureaucrats looking to gain the legal upper of the citizens it serves..

Lastly, I look forward to the release of the remaining photo's of the officers involved in the killing of Marcos Antonio Carlos

Sincerely,

Mark Petersen-Perez
Editor: Palo Alto Free Press
Ticuantepe, Nicaragua NI

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 12, 2018, at 1:39 PM, Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Gary,

Thanks for your detailed response re your background (and your command staff's) with the 2014 PERF report- on the various perspectives re how individual police departments might implement policy regarding the use and implementation of this important technology. I have read the report several times, since its release, and still could benefit from a reread. I'm most definitely a slow learner!

I am embarrassed to say that I have not recently kept up with when or if our department (Redwood City Police Department) has yet rolled out body-worn cameras.

I recall attending one RWC council meeting, where you attended as well, where the subject was addressed. I recall personally addressing the subject, and voicing my support for body-worn cameras, depending on the policy our department ultimately adopts.

Can you update me re the proposed timing, re the roll-out for body-worn cameras here in RWC? Can you send me the policy, or proposed policy for their use? Please consider this request, for this information, a California Public Records Act

request. I understand you are always very busy, so if you need more than 10 days to respond, no problem, just let me know.

By the way, in addition to copying in the powers that be in RWC, I have also copied in Mark Petersen Perez, the owner and publisher of the Palo Alto Free Press.

I'm sure you remember Mark. Mark and I used to attend meetings of the San Jose City Council, mostly around Taser issues, and other police practices issues, when you were almost the Chief in San Jose.

Of course, you were always very gracious with the two of us, when we had questions and concerns with the taser issue, and related policy.

Just this last Thursday, the two of us attended the monthly meeting of the Palo Alto Human Relations Commission. The PAPD's command staff presented a draft policy, re body-worn cameras, to members of the HRC and the community. Both Mark and I addressed the commission with our concerns that the proposed PAPD policy lacks transparency in several regards. We are hopeful that some of the issues and concerns re their policy, raised by the two of us, in addition to questions posed by several members of the HRC, will be taken seriously by the PAPD command staff. In other words, we are hopeful the policy ultimately adopted by the PAPD reflects critical input from the community and is not simply a policy dictated to us by the department. I look forward to an on going discussion with you regarding all of the above issues.

Best regards,

Aram

On Mar 12, 2018, at 9:47 AM, Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Gary,
Thanks for responding, hope you are well. Mark Peyersen

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 12, 2018, at 9:37 AM, PD Gary Kirby
<GKirby@redwoodcity.org> wrote:

Aram,

Thank you for thinking to forward the PERF report on Body-Worn Cameras. I am quite versed in the contents of the document as well as all of my command staff who were provided a copy of the study when it first came out.

Regards,

Gary

Gary L. Kirby | Deputy Chief of Police

Redwood City Police Department

1301 Maple St. Redwood City, CA 94063

gkirby@redwoodcity.org

[\(650\) 780-7123](tel:(650)780-7123) Office

From: Aram James [<mailto:abjpd1@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, March 11, 2018 3:59 PM
To: minka.vanderzwaag@cityofpaloalto.org; PD Gary Kirby; zachary.perron@cityofpaloalto.org; city.council@cityofpaloalto.org; dcbertini@menlopark.org; hrc@cityofpaloalto.org; paloaltofreepress@gmail.com; GRP-City Council; citycouncil@menlopark.org; roberta.ahlquist@sjsu.edu
Subject: PERF on implementation of body worn camera policy

http://www.policeforum.org/assets/docs/Free_Online_Documents/Technology/implementing%20a%20body-worn%20camera%20program.pdf

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Carnahan, David

From: redress.of.grievance@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 6:46 AM
To: sdremann@pawEEKLY.com; Council, City; HRC; Dave Price; dangel@da.sccgov.org; Keith, Claudia; bwelch@dao.sccgov.org; swebby@da.sccgov.org; Keene, James; Reifschneider, James; Perron, Zachary; Jay Boyarsky; jrosen@da.sccgov.org; allison@padAILYpost.com; Lum, Patty; Scheff, Lisa; bjohnson@pawEEKLY.com; bjohnson@embarcaderomediagroup.com; acisneros@CApublicrecordslaw.com; Jonsen, Robert; Gary.Goodman@pdo.sccgov.org; gsheyner@pawEEKLY.com; Stump, Molly; bajadrew911@aol.com; Binder, Andrew; molly.o'neal@pdo.sccgov.org; swagstaffe@smcgov.org; dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org; Scharff, Greg
Subject: Re: Commission questions police-video transparency policy | News | Palo Alto Online |

Ciampi videos reveal profanity-laced exchange - Written by: Sue Dreemann

Just as the Ciampi video was laced with profanity the above mentioned story was written by the same irresponsible fake news media reporter and equally laced with f**** words metaphorically.

Her story is media bull shit forced unknowingly down the throats of Palo Alto citizens and beyond only to have your objections, your objections in the public comments field, to be censored by her. The facts are clearly documented and supported.

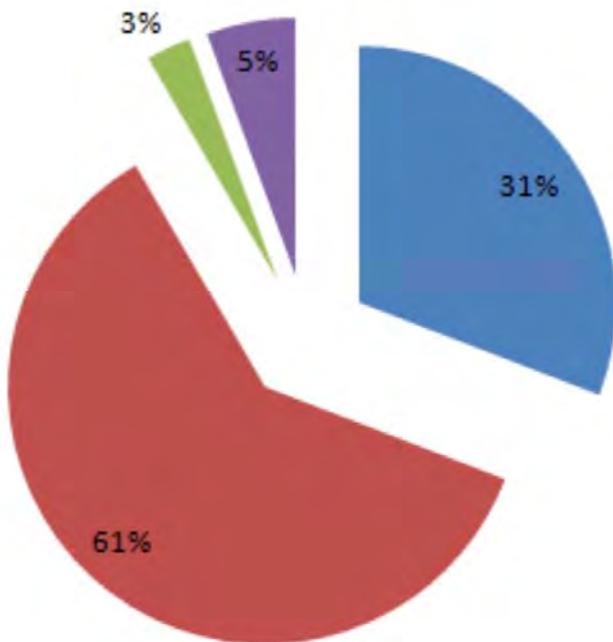
She is one of the Weekly's TOP censors.....

This reporter discredits the entire profession of journalism by spinning the the citizens of Palo Alto on theirs heads with half baked news.

We strongly, suggest all her stories be throughly researched or attend city council meetings to confirm the accuracy and truths to her story telling....

Censorship by Paloaltonline.com

- Portion removed by Palo Alto Online staff
- Post removed by Palo Alto Online staff
- Post removed due to disrespectful comment or offensive language
- Post removed due to same poster using multiple names



Mark Petersen-Perez
Editor: Palo Alto Free Press
Ticuanape, Nicaragua NI

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 13, 2018, at 8:39 PM, redress.of.grievance@gmail.com wrote:

Fake News Media prevails once more.... This fake news media reporter was read the following city response to my California Public Records Request...

Despite CPRA case law, the city can and will do as it pleases as in the release of the Tony Ciampi video all the while this case was on-going in Federal Court <https://www.paloaltonline.com/news/2011/01/19/ciampi-videos-reveal-profanity-laced-exchange>

<https://www.paloaltonline.com/news/2018/03/13/commission-questions-police-video->



February 17, 2017

VIA CPA Web Portal
Mark Petersen-Perez
paloaltofreepress@gmail.com

RE: California Public Records Act Request Dated February 13, 2017 – W000683-0213017

Dear Mr. Petersen-Perez

This letter is in response to your California Public Records Act Request dated, February 13, 2017, in which you requested certain records maintained by the City of Palo Alto relating to viewing MAV, or body worn video pursuant to the California Public Records Act, Cal. Gov't Code §§ 6250 *et seq.*

Records Request 1:

"PAPD pulled over a car  filled with minorities on University Ave yesterday morning around 10AM which prompted a 3 squad car response... I made the comment to one of the officers that came up on the scene..what's next I asked? order them out of the  and empty their pockets? We don't do that !!! He said, yes you do all the time!!!! No we don't! Yes you do.... then he asked me are you Mark Petersen Perez yes sir front and center lol He than asks me what Supreme Court Decision dealt with this issue? that easy!!!! Terry vs Ohio lol... I stopped him in his tracks and he did not utter word other then. Your right! Ron: I would like to review the MAV tapes on this encounter. They should also include the body cam of my personal encounter. Corner of Emerson and University... Let me know if you need for me to memorize by way of. CPRA..."

Response to Request 1:

Body Worn and Mobile Audio Video [in-car] Recordings are exempt from the California Public Records Act (CPRA) pursuant to Cal. Gov't Code § 6254(f).

Thank you,

Lisa Scheff
Public Safety Program Manager/Records
Palo Alto Police Department
Lisa.scheff@cityofpaloalto.org



Sent from my iPad

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Carnahan, David

From: Jeanne Fleming <jfleming@metricus.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2018 4:11 PM
To: Kniss, Liz (internal)
Cc: Council, City; Clerk, City; Architectural Review Board
Subject: RE: Follow-up on your comments on Tuesday night

Dear Mayor Kniss,

Thank you for your prompt response with respect to when the proposed changes to the Wireless ordinance will again appear on Council's agenda. United Neighbors and I are most appreciative of your courtesy in promising that the City will notify me as soon as that date has been set.

I trust you will let me know what the City's rules, if any, are with respect to residents commenting on the same issue at Council meetings on two different dates.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Fleming

Jeanne Fleming PhD
JFleming@Metricus.net
650-325-5151

From: Kniss, Liz (internal) <Liz.Kniss@CityofPaloAlto.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 2:53 PM
To: Jeanne Fleming <jfleming@metricus.net>; Minor, Beth <Beth.Minor@CityofPaloAlto.org>
Subject: Re: Follow-up on your comments on Tuesday night

When the City manager find a slot on our agenda is to continue the discussion you will be notified.

On Mar 7, 2018, at 2:46 PM, Jeanne Fleming <jfleming@metricus.net> wrote:

Dear Mayor Kniss,

I am your neighbor and also part of the group, the United Neighbors of Palo Alto, that on Tuesday night urged City Council to vote against approving the modifications City Staff seeks to make to Palo Alto's Wireless ordinance.

At the conclusion of the evening, you decided Council would not vote on this issue, and you asked Staff to place it on Council's Agenda at a later date. City Manager Jim Keene then indicated that the date would probably be in early April.

I would appreciate it if you could answer two questions regarding Council's further consideration of this issue:

1. On what date will City Council continue its consideration of Staff's proposed changes to the Wireless Code?
2. Is there a City rule that prohibits us—by us, I mean the same individuals who spoke on Tuesday—from speaking about this issue when it is next considered by Council? We did not understand what you said on this point.

Thank you for your help. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Fleming

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Carnahan, David

From: Francesca <dfkautz@pacbell.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 10:04 AM
To: Amrutha Kattamuri
Cc: Council, City; Clerk, City; Architectural Review Board; Scharff, Gregory (internal)
Subject: Re: Informative links on cell towers cell towers and more

Wow, Amrutha, thanks so much for sending all this information! Particularly interesting is #4 - *Julie Watts report on cell towers* and #5 - *City of Santa Rosa Council Meeting March 6, 2018*. There are a lot of people up in arms about having small cells shoved in our neighborhoods.

Francesca

On Mar 13, 2018, at 9:37 AM, Amrutha Kattamuri <vkattamuri@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear All,

I am sending the following links to articles/information/videos on cell towers for you to go through.

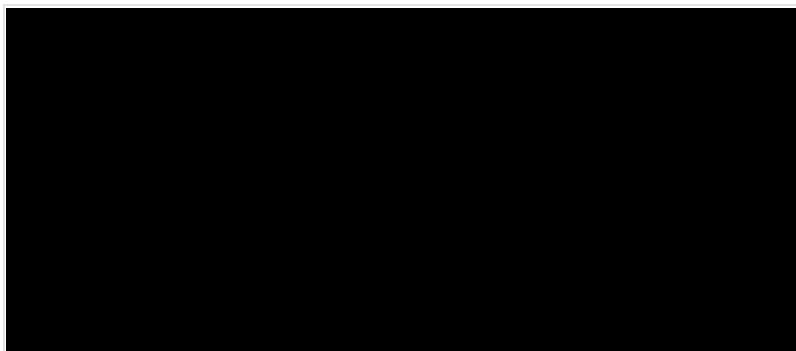
1. Senator Blumenthal, Representative Eshoo Urge FCC to Enforce Exposure Limits for Those Who Work Near Wireless Towers

[Senator Blumenthal, Representative Eshoo Urge FCC to Enforce Exposure Limits for Those Who Work Near Wireless Towers](#)

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2. This is the link to the new and latest study on cell towers (**Los Angeles was the study site in the United States**)

[Cell Phone Towers are Largest Contributor to Environmental Radiofrequency Radiation](#)

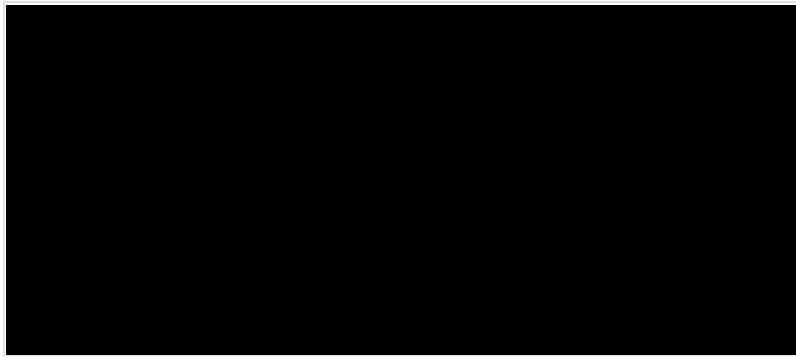


Cell Phone Towers are Largest Contributor to Environmental Radiofrequenc...

Study finds cell towers are largest contributor to environmental radiofrequency radiation exposure.

3. CA Dept of Health issues warnings on Cell Phone usage

[California health officials release guidelines on cellphone radiation](#)

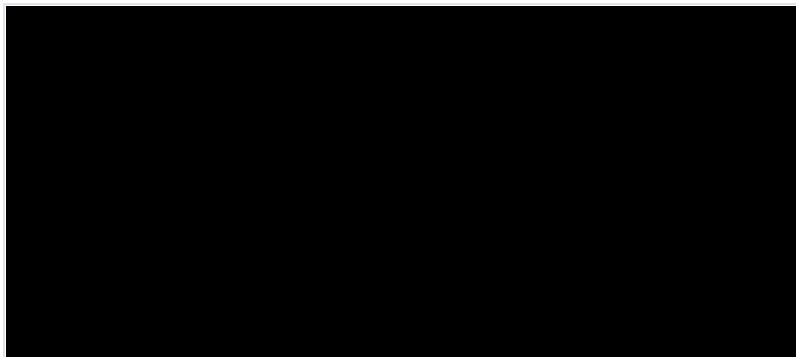


California health officials release guidelines on cellphone radiation

State health officials aren't saying that cellphones pose health risks, but "the science is evolving"

4. Julie Watts report on cell towers

[ConsumerWatch: 5G Cellphone Towers Signal Renewed Concerns Over Impacts on Health](#)



ConsumerWatch: 5G Cellphone Towers Signal Renewed Concerns Over Impacts ...

Wireless carriers are installing millions of towers across the country to enable the new, faster 5G cellphone te...

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5. View four speakers from **1:46:38 through 2:01:15** using [this slide presentation](#). View from **2:01:15 through 2:18:00** for Santa Rosa City Council members' comments.

[City of Santa Rosa Council Meeting March 6, 2018](#)



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Thanks,
Amrutha

Carnahan, David

From: M. Gallagher <writing2win@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 11, 2018 10:54 AM
To: Stephanie Munoz
Cc: WILPF Peninsula Palo Alto; Roberta Ahlquist; chuck jagoda; Ruth Chippendale; Council, City; hilarygitelman@cityofpaloalto.org; epatoday; supervisor.simitian@bos.sccgov.org; senator.hill@senate.ca.gov; assemblymember berman; NeighborsHelping Neighbors
Subject: Re: Mary Galleher's memo on housing, Chuck's comments and a plea for more nuanced understanding of density.

Dear Stephanie and Affordable Housing Advocates:

Stephanie: I appreciate your thoughtful responses to propose solutions to house the homeless and lower income folks of all ages. Each solution has its benefits, costs, risks or advantages and disadvantages.

Please be aware I speak with decades of experience as a renter, a property owner, and a professional property manager. To manage property, I held a Nevada broker's real estate license and Massachusetts salesperson's license.

Housing and the lack of housing is a public health issue with no silver bullet to solve the problem. Each proposed solution must be evaluated against certain criteria. What are we trying to achieve for whom, how (resources), and when (the time line)? Personally, I prefer the solution/notion of intentional communities, so people who have the same values and life practices can co-exist more peaceably than if those living in community do not have the same values and life practices. I say this after years of living in conflict with others who have opposing ideologies and practices in apartment communities and single family homes. Often, the homeless prefer life on the streets and on benches precisely because the homeless do not have to negotiate shared spaces, personal differences, the sight of a ceiling rather than beauty of a starry, starry night, and other conflict-prone domestic situations.

May anyone in this email list know how I may bring my housing expertise and our affordable housing ideas to the negotiating table in a paid position?

Respectfully,

Mary Gallagher, B.S.
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On Fri, Mar 9, 2018 at 7:16 AM, Stephanie Munoz <stephanie@dslextreme.com> wrote:

WILPF is very lucky to have Mary's ideas because they are enough different from mine to provide a base for discussion of complexities. To me, the housing complexity that is not being discussed is the difference in the needs of the to-be-housed, which differ as they age, the difference in advantages and drawbacks of the sites, and the need to match up as many as possible tenants with appropriate sites. Chuck is taking the motto of the handicapped vis-a-vis-authority: "Nothing about us without us" but homelessness isn't necessarily a condition, but also overlaps with situational; that is, it might be a veteran with PTSD who can't get along with people, including his family, his boss or coworkers, or it might be an ordinary, emotionally stable family whose earners have simply been priced out of the market. I have to agree with Chuck that you get more complete and reliable guidelines when you ask people who have some experience with the need, but in a disaster of the proportions we have, it's any port in a storm. 6,000 Santa Clara County Homeless--get them off the streets any which way you can! For instance, I believe we should work to demand that the federal government provide appropriate housing for every veteran on unused military bases, and invent some housing, however small and humble, which can be rented, on the open market, by minimum wage social security workers and SSI recipients. Some kind of basic safe sleeping space should be provided by our society for all who need it, including those newly released from jail--I suggest it be rented at minimum wage for an hour's work each night, and the hour's work provided for the penniless. There should be some room somewhere for the sick poor to exist during the day, and children and their families should be provided with some place to continue living through all 24

hours. Cities should religiously preserve all existing affordable housing, including mobile homes, and provide rental space for mobile homes, RVs and automobiles used for car camping, with bathrooms for the latter.

By the same token, although I believe PAHC's work is wasteful of the existing resources, I have to appreciate that they have done a phenomenal job of adding to the housing stock while following Palo Alto's sacred guidelines, which are, basically, only to increase property values, never decrease them. A shining example is in Barron Park, roughly the same area as the failed Maybell project, where they quietly placed half-a-dozen small projects which cannot be identified as subsidized. And remember, they worked under the handicap of a city Rule against high density seen as not just number of cars, not just size of building footprint, or amount of square footage undercover but arbitrrarily limiting

number of units per acre. It was only in suggesting that the city could tolerate higher density if it were in the form of high value mansions that they stumbled.

I maintain that the neighbors could have been persuaded that as many as three hundred retired poor elderly could have been housed in a building of the same dimensions as the Tan apartments directly adjacent to the site; if these residents did not have cars--and because they were retired (jobless) and without families to take to school, etc, they would not have needed cars, or, at least, out of 2,000 elderly homeless, at least 300 would not have needed cars. They could have had a shuttle bus, leaving the street unencumbered.

(Note that the city, in its pacification efforts, did not offer to return Maybell street to its previous role as a street unencumbered by cast-off Arastradero traffic.) I agree with Mary that the building would be more acceptable to open space advocates if the same number of square feet were spread up to six stories (because higher than that requires a more substantial investment in the foundation), and the open space necessary to comply with the FAR were placed between the building and any adjacent single story or two story homes, possibly with the upper stories stepped back to so as to preserve the daylight plane for them. This would, of course, be the case if the multi-story building were combined with park open space, and its parking lot if it had one, as the buffer of open space would have been even better validated on a property containing an orchard.

As for the residents having an equity share in the property, I'd like to see some affordable housing in private ownership. This could come about if the city were to permit the same profit to be made from many tiny units as could be made from few expensive units. This could only happen with the city's cooperation in modifying the zoning law, and rent control to guarantee that the conditions under which the city relinquished control did not revert to the previous ethic of all that the traffic would bear, and, of course, the profit to be made from large units at market rate changes daily. The city would have to make it clear that they had in mind some base point not constantly rising. We need to borrow PAHC's expertise to know what the market rate for 600 square foot rentals was in 2016, when they sold the Maybell acreage they had acquired for more than they paid for it.

I also see a possibility of a non-profit association formed to amass small--(\$1,000 to \$2,000) shares in affordable housing, loaned at no interest for a number of years, but with the stipulation that the owner's money could be returned on a day's notice, and a cadre of philanthropists formed who could guarantee that return policy. Once the mortgage was paid off, there could be interest paid.

Sadly, I see equity share as a naive belief that our capitalistic system offers more in property rights than Communism, when if fact we have a cruel, mendacious and exploitative system of forcing property owners off property which has substantially appreciated, so that it may add to the valuable product to be sold to add to the capital stock and render taxes in a backlash of Prop 13., through the estate tax, the Redevelopment Agency, and the Uniform Building Code, and I also mistrust

condominium ownership because of the possibility of majoritarian tyranny to force out poorer owners. In a condominium where I am an owner, for instance, the Board has obtained legislation empowering it to sell individual owners' property without a court order; they have decreed that owners must give up parking spaces previously earned by years of seniority, and demanded thousands of dollars worth of plumbing upgrades, ostensibly to save water, although the owner was not even living in the unit for most of the time, and they have forbidden smoking in the owner's own private non-shared property. Worst of all, they have forbidden rentals to new owners, which of course limits the sale value, and is probably not acceptable to the city, in view of the great shortage of rental units.

Stephanie Munoz

Carnahan, David

From: David Lin <dcflin@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 10, 2018 7:37 PM
To: McKernan, Gregory
Cc: UTL-Customer Service; Council, City; Kniss, Liz (internal); Alinda Liu; Filseth, Eric (Internal)
Subject: Re: Notification for Underground Substructure Work and Utility Improvements
Attachments: McKernan 03102018 Notification for Underground Substructure Work and Utility Improvements.pdf

[cc City of Palo Alto Utilities Department, City Council, Vice Mayor, and Mayor]

Mr. McKernan,

We live in 571 Glenbrook Drive, Palo Alto. Just today, 03/10/2018, we received the notification letter (attached) from you about the underground substructure work in mail. Can you please let us know more about the work? In particular,

1. When was this Above Ground Improvement proposal being announced to public (especially to the neighborhood getting impacted), reviewed, and agreed/approved?
2. When was the environmental evaluation/report being done for this Above Ground Improvement? Please share that report.
3. Exactly how many conduit and utility boxes will be installed in Glenbrook area?
4. Exactly the locations of conduit and utility boxes to be installed?

Please note that we would certainly like to know the details before the work gets started. It's obviously extremely inappropriate to notify us on the weekend and plan to start the construction work on Monday (03/12/2018) right away. Please make sure DO NOT start the construction work until this project is fully communicated with the neighborhood and agreed by the neighborhood. Meantime, we are in progress to engage lawyers and review this case if there is any wrongdoing from City of Palo Alto.

Sincerely,

- David Lin and Alinda Liu
571 Glenbrook Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94306

Carnahan, David

From: Frankie Farhat <farhat_101@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 11, 2018 1:18 AM
To: McKernan, Gregory
Cc: City of Palo Alto Utilities; utilitiesCustomerService@cityofpalotoalto.com; Council, City; editor@pawebly.com; news@padailypost.com
Subject: Letter re. Notification for Underground Substructure Work and Utility Improvements
Attachments: PA Utilities letter.pdf

Dear Mr. McKernan,

I received today, Saturday March 10, the letter attached to this email. It notifies me of work that will start on Monday March 12 in my street. This gives me and my neighbors no time to react and to get factual and reliable information on the actual work that wil be done and the equipment that will be installed. I find these tactics appalling. You are trying to put us in front of a "fait accompli", and I think that you and whoever collaborated with you on this project and decided to give us this last minute notice should be put to shame!

The letter lacks very important information, in particular what equipment will be installed where. All I know is that a very large number of orange markings appeared on the sidewalk of my street (the 500-block of Glenbrook) on Friday March 9.

The letter shares how big the equipment will be: their size is equivalent to 2 large mail boxes (!!), in other words an eye sore and a guaranty to reduce the homes' curb appeal, ruin expensive landscaping investments, and dramatically reduce home values. Your project will have a great negative impact on our neighborhood, and you knew it. Or is the City going to compensate the unlucky homeowners and provide them with landscaping funds, given your anticipated savings?

The letter states the intended benefits of this "upgrade", namely serviceability and extended lifespan. These benefits are solely for the City of Palo Alto Utilities. I have not experienced a single issue related to serviceability or reliability of your equipment in the 14 years I have lived here. I cannot think of any single upside for us, homeowners and residents.

What concerns me more is safety: Having a huge electrical piece of equipment installed over-ground close to the sidewalk does not sound safe to me, certainly not as safe as having it under-ground. May I ask you how you and the City weigh your cost savings against our safety?

Did you know that the 14 houses in the 500-block of Glenbrook Drive are all 15 years old, since they were all built around the same time? Based on this, I doubt that the underground equipment has actually reached its end of life and needs to be replaced.

Signs indicate that no car can park on one side of the 500-block of Glenbrook drive for an entire month (3/10 through 4/6) due to your project. Did you know that the other side of that block is a "No Parking" zone? Where are we all supposed to park? Did anyone ever this of us, residents?

Did you know that the Green Acres 1 streets were recently repaved (summer 2017) to give them a consistent and seamless appearance? I can only imagine the effect that your drilling will have onto this less-than-1-year-

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old surface. If the city is looking for cost savings, may I suggest to look into communication between departments, planning and coordination?

Last but not least, we need to review the legal aspect of your project and your communications (or lack thereof, until the very last minute).

For now, I would like to urge you to hold off your project, and to answer these questions and any other questions you will receive from other Green Acres 1 residents, before anything happens.

Sincerely,

Frankie Farhat
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Carnahan, David

From: Dennis Kwok <dennis.kwok@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 11, 2018 8:42 PM
To: Shikada, Ed
Cc: McKernan, Gregory; UTL-Customer Service; UtilitiesCommunications; Council, City; Dennis Kwok; Frankie Farhat
Subject: Re: Your Notification for Underground Substructure Work and Utility Improvements

Dear Ed,

Thanks for your quick response. In Gregory Mckernan's letter, he stated the said work will start tomorrow. Will such work be stopped now when you're addressing the issues?

Dennis Kwok

From: "Shikada, Ed" <Ed.Shikada@CityofPaloAlto.org>
To: Dennis Kwok <dennis.kwok@sbcglobal.net>
Cc: "McKernan, Gregory" <Gregory.McKernan@CityofPaloAlto.org>; UTL-Customer Service <UtilitiesCustomerService@CityofPaloAlto.org>; UtilitiesCommunications <UtilitiesCommunications@CityofPaloAlto.org>; "Council, City" <city.council@cityofpaloalto.org>; Dennis Kwok <dkwok@comptia.org>
Sent: Sunday, March 11, 2018 8:24 PM
Subject: Re: Your Notification for Underground Substructure Work and Utility Improvements

Dear Mr. Kwok -

My apology for the anxiety obviously caused by this letter. I will be discussing the issues with staff tomorrow morning and will respond with additional information as soon as available.

Best regards,
—Ed Shikada
Assistant City Manager & General Manager of Utilities

On Mar 11, 2018, at 8:07 PM, Dennis Kwok <dennis.kwok@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Dear Mr. McKerman,

On March 10, 2018, I received a letter, dated March 7, 2018 with mail stamp dated March 8, 2018, notifying me of utilities work that is scheduled to begin on Monday, March 12, 2018. In addition to a complete lack of notification for the neighborhood of such substantive work, there are a number of outstanding issues that have not been adequately addressed.

1. In this letter, it states that phase one of the underground substructure work and utility improvements would take one week, with phase two beginning in August. **Why** has parking in the 500 block of Glenbrook Drive been arbitrarily blocked off for an entire month?
2. Please provide reports substantiating the underground transformers are *less* effective and safe compared to above-ground equipment.
3. Please advise as to the exact number of aboveground transformers and switches and their exact locations.
4. Please advise on the useful life of the current underground equipment and provide substantiation for 50-year lifespan of the new equipment.

5. Please provide a detailed report on the work that is to be done, the interruption it may have to electric services, and other day-to day interruptions residents may face as a result of such work (ie. Including repaving streets).
6. Please advise why the Utilities department is determining to move underground utilities aboveground when the Utilities department has adopted **RR17- Conversion of Electric and Communications Facilities Underground.**

Such substantive work, especially as it pertains to moving electrical equipment from below ground to above ground should allow for a thirty (30) day notification period to the residents of the neighborhoods affected and public hearings for feedback on the project. I strongly urge a delay of this work until all issues and concerns are adequately addressed. If work is to begin without further explanation, a preliminary injunction maybe sought collectively by the neighborhood.

I, and the neighborhood, look forward to further communication from you and the Utilities Department.

Best regards,
Dennis Kwok
567 Glenbrook Drive
Palo Alto, CA 94306



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1007 Elwell Court
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March 7, 2018

Re: Notification for Underground Substructure Work and Utility Improvements

To Utility Customers:

In the late 1970's the City of Palo Alto Utilities department (CPAU) undergrounded the overhead lines in the area east of Arastradero Rd, with the boundary streets of Los Palos Ave, Pomona Ave, and Glenbrook Dr, identified as Underground Utility District 15 (UUD15). The current equipment is reaching the end of its serviceable life and the utility, in order to continue to provide reliable service is rebuilding the electric system and bringing it up to current design standards. These improvements will include substructure work (new conduits, underground boxes, and equipment pads) and new electric equipment (cable, transformers and switches). With these system improvements the utility expects the new equipment to be in service for another 50 years.

This project will take place in two phases. The first phase involves installing conduit and utility boxes along Glenbrook, north of Los Palos Ave to the end of the cul-de-sac. The second phase will entail installing additional utility substructures on Los Palos Ave, Pomona Ave, Fairmeade Ave, and Los Palos Pl, replacing existing sidewalk vault covers, and installing new cable and padmount equipment.,

Currently the transformers are located below ground in vaults under the sidewalk. In order to improve reliability, safety and capacity, it is necessary to bring this equipment above ground. Padmount equipment is safer to operate, and is more reliable. When the equipment is underground it is prone to reduced ventilation, chemical spills, and water, all of which contribute to a reduced lifespan of the equipment. Attached with this letter is a drawing showing the approximate size of the proposed equipment.

The first phase of the project is expected to start March 12th and last about one week while the second phase is projected to begin in August with an expected construction time of two-three weeks.

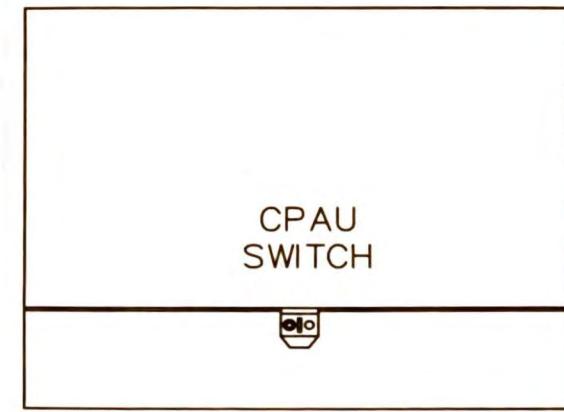
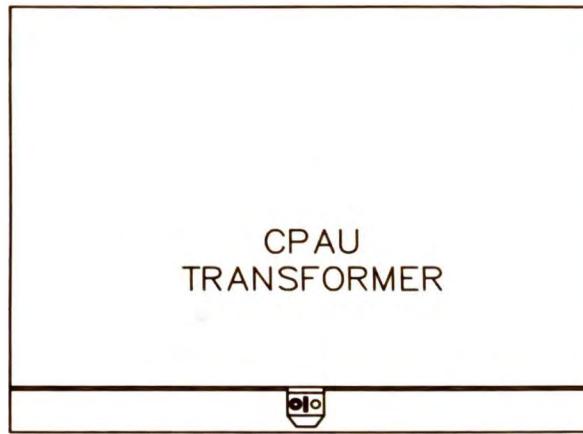
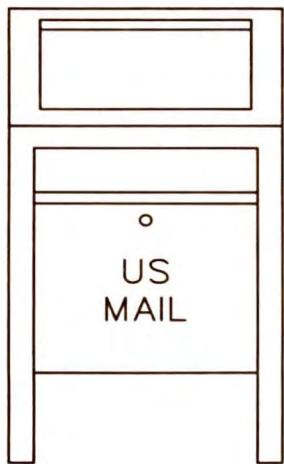
If you have any questions or concerns about the project, or how it may impact you, please contact me.

Thank you,

Gregory McKernan PE
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1007 Elwell Court
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Carnahan, David

From: Palo Alto Free Press <paloaltofreepress@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 7:01 AM
To: Aram James
Cc: chuckjagoda1@gmail.com; timothygray@sbcglobal.net; wilpf.peninsula.paloalto@gmail.com; stb_discussion@googlegroups.com; Council, City; Keene, James; roberta.ahlquist@sjsu.edu; Rick Toker; HRC; Holman, Karen (external); tom.dubois@gmail.com; Kniss, Liz (internal); sdremann@pawEEKLY.com; GSheyner@pawEEKLY.com; dprice@padAILYpost.com; allison@padAILYpost.com; emibach@padAILYpost.com; hansen@bayAREANewsgroup.com; bjohnson@embarcADEROMEDIAGroup.com; bjohnson@pawEEKLY.com
Subject: Re: Palo Alto (no surprise here) one the worse records in the county re providing affordable housing

First off this illustrate the cursory research by fake news media like the Daily Post and its reporters... including the Weekly

“The 2010 United States Census reported that Palo Alto had a population of 64,403” 30,500 vs 64,403 is one huge jump in numbers... So the entire article is questionable....

It's....BTW....News you can get of the internet...



Mark Petersen-Perez
Editor: Palo Alto Free Press
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Sent from my iPad

On Mar 12, 2018, at 11:33 PM, Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com> wrote:

State statistics show the cozy bedroom community, with a population of 30,500 and a median home value of \$1.9 million, is one of the hardest Silicon Valley communities to build in. Overall, Los Gatos met about 41 percent of the state-determined housing need allocation goals between 2007 and 2014, trailing all but Saratoga and Palo Alto in Santa Clara County.

See the link to the full article below

mercurynews.ca.newsmemory.com/publink.php?shareid=2c55c0b4e

Carnahan, David

From: Leland Wiesner <lwiesner@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 11:33 AM
To: Architectural Review Board; Council, City
Subject: Request to Deny Cell towers in residential neighborhoods

Dear City Council et. al.

We are opposed to allowing Verizon and other telecom companies to install 109s of unsightly mini cell towers strapped to poles in our beautiful neighborhood.

Please deny their request or recommend it to be underground.

Thank you.

Leland Wiesner

1144 Fife Ave Pa
650 248 1144

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From: Jeanne Fleming <jfleming@metricus.net>
Date: Sun, Mar 11, 2018, 17:17
Subject: Update: Cell towers in residential neighborhoods
To: <JFLEMING@metricus.net>
Cc: <jnimkar@gmail.com>, <jerry.fan@gmail.com>

Dear Neighbors,

As you know, the Architectural Review Board (ARB) will be holding a hearing this Thursday morning, March 15th, to consider Verizon's latest plans to install its first wave of cell towers in Palo Alto's residential neighborhoods.

If you haven't already done so, we hope you will email the ARB (arb@cityofpaloalto.org) and ask them to deny approval to the proposed cell towers unless Verizon's designs a) call for all the equipment except the antenna to be located completely underground and b) comply with Palo Alto's noise ordinances. Please send a copy of your email to City Council (city.council@cityofpaloalto.org) and the City Clerk (city.clerk@cityofpaloalto.org).

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Also, we hope you will, if you possibly can, attend the March 15th hearing. We will be meeting in the lobby of City Hall (250 Hamilton Avenue) at 8:15 a.m., and we can assure you that your presence will make a difference (at public hearings like this, we are told, the depth of support really matters). By the way, cell towers are the first item on the ARB's agenda, so we expect to get started at 8:30 (i.e., no waiting).

Finally: According to an article in the March 3rd *New York Times*, “telecommunications companies—hoping to cash in on what is predicted to be **250 billion in annual service revenue** from 5G [the current massive deployment of cell towers in cities and towns] by 2025—are pushing to build the system **as quickly and cheaply as possible.**” (The bolding is ours.) “Cheaply” is exactly how Verizon is proposing to build out its network in Palo Alto: with big antennas that are cheaper for them than smaller ones, and with hundreds of pounds of ugly, noisy ancillary equipment that is cheaper for them to place above ground than below. Littering our residential neighborhoods with unsightly, cheap and hazardous equipment is what we are fighting against.

(If you're interested, you can find the entire *New York Times* article here: <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/03/02/technology/5g-cellular-service.html>.)

Thank you very much for your consideration. We hope you will email the ARB in the next few days, and we hope you can join us on the morning of March 15th.

Thanks again,

Jeanne, Jerry & Jyo

for United Neighbors

Carnahan, David

From: Jeffrey Morton <jwalmort@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 11, 2018 4:46 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Ross Rd.

The traffic calming plan for Ross Rd. may have looked good on paper, but as it has been built out it is only a matter of time before there is an accident.

Was this a lot of money spent on a soution to a problem that did't exist ? Jeff Morton

Carnahan, David

From: Samuel Chang <changsn@pacbell.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2018 11:05 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Roundabout Ross/E Meadow

Just wanted to find out your response to the petition to stop the roundabout at Ross/E Meadow. Seems like overwhelming neighborhood response to what appears to be a poorly designed project. As a biker and resident, I think this is a huge waste of money. Hopefully you are listening to your constituents and doing something about this catastrophe.

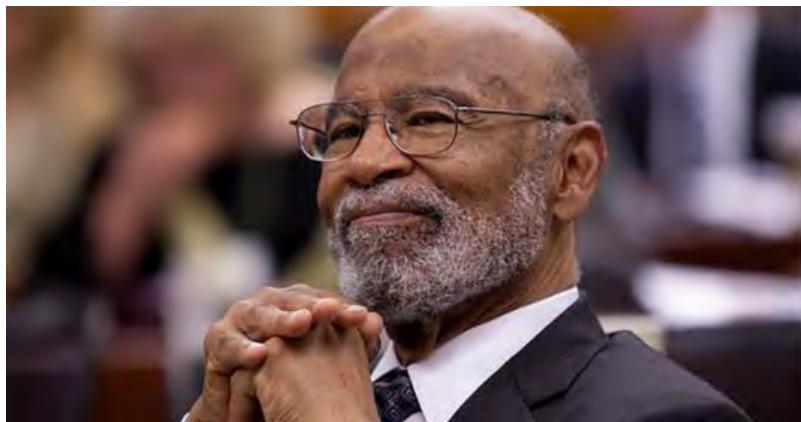
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Carnahan, David

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March 12 - 16, 2018

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Henderson Center Workshop

ENDING HABITS OF WHITE SUPREMACY IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION

w/Dia Penning, Racial Equity & Diversity Workshop Facilitator, World Trust

Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 4:00 - 6:30 PM in 215-B Boalt Hall (Dean's Seminar Room)

No matter our race, politics, or intentions, everyone in the legal community is exposed to white supremacy. What do we do with this exposure? Ignore it? Internalize it? Check out? Together we'll practice seeing, naming, and responding to (sometimes unconscious) habits of white supremacy in law, law school, and lawyering. Using the mind, body, heart, dialogue, storytelling, and analysis, we'll dive (or dip toes) into personalized, transformational race work. Join us. All are welcome. Co-sponsored by Coalition for Diversity at Berkeley Law, Berkeley Law Muslim Student Association, Law Students of African Descent, and Women of Color Collective at Berkeley Law. Dinner will be served. RSVP [here](#).

Henderson Center Co-sponsored Event

CITY OF INMATES: CONQUEST, REBELLION, AND THE RISE OF HUMAN CAGING IN LOS ANGELES, 1771-1965

w/**Kelly Lytle Hernández**, Professor of History and African American Studies, UCLA
Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 4:00 - 5:30 PM in 290 Hearst Memorial Mining Building

Come and hear **Professor Kelly Lytle Hernández** share from her latest book, [*City of Inmates: Conquest, Rebellion, and the Rise of Human Caging in Los Angeles, 1771-1965*](#). Los Angeles incarcerates more people than any other city in the United States, which imprisons more people than any other nation on Earth. *City of Inmates* explains how the City of Angels became the capital city of the world's leading incarcerator. Marshaling more than two centuries of evidence, historian Hernández unmasks how histories of native elimination, immigrant exclusion, and black disappearance drove the rise of incarceration in Los Angeles. In this telling, which spans from the Spanish colonial era to the outbreak of the 1965 Watts Rebellion, Hernández documents the persistent historical bond between the racial fantasies of conquest, namely its settler colonial form, and the eliminatory capacities of incarceration. Hosted by the Center for Research on Social Change, part of the Institute for the Study of Societal Issues and co-sponsored with Department of History, Townsend Center for the Humanities, and Division of Equity and Inclusion, UC Berkeley.

Henderson Center Ruth Chance Lecture Series

BEYOND INCARCERATION: A LAWYER'S ROLE IN DISRUPTING THE CARCERAL STATE

w/**Sonja Tonneisen '13**, Deputy Director of Program Innovation & Strategic Partnerships, Root & Rebound
Thursday, March 15, 2018, 12:45 - 2:00 PM in 134 Boalt Hall

Sonja Tonneisen (Class of 2013, Berkeley Law) is deputy director of Root & Rebound, an Oakland organization increasing access to justice and opportunity for people in reentry from prison and jail. Her goal is to elevate voices, shine light in dark places, and democratize the law for people, families, and communities impacted by what she calls "America's criminally unjust systems." She'll outline the biggest challenges to successful reentry, and she'll talk about how she became a social entrepreneur right after law school (including what she needed to learn and unlearn). RSVP [here](#).

Henderson Center Co-sponsored Event

A SYMPOSIUM HONORING PROFESSOR FRANKLIN ZIMRING

Friday, March 16, 2018, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM at the Bancroft Hotel

The Berkeley Journal of Criminal Law invites you to attend a symposium in honor of Franklin E. Zimring's 75th birthday. The symposium will feature speakers who have worked with and been influenced by Professor Zimring over the course of his career. They will be present on a variety of criminal justice issues, including capital punishment, mass incarceration, gun control, and juvenile justice. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. The symposium will be followed by a reception. RSVP [here](#).

20TH ANNUAL TRINA GRILLO PUBLIC INTEREST AND SOCIAL JUSTICE RETREAT

"Advocating for Change: The Different Roles We Each Play to Improve Our Communities"

Friday, March 16, 2018 & Saturday, March 17, 2018 at USF School of Law (San Francisco, CA)

The Trina Grillo Retreat is a unique opportunity for public interest and social justice-oriented law students, faculty, and practitioners to forge an alliance by exchanging viewpoints, exploring career opportunities, and formulating strategies for social justice. This year's theme, "Advocating for Change: The Different Roles We Each Play to Improve Our Communities." Berkeley Law has been allocated ten registration spots for this retreat.

EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION

BIG WEEK presents: IMMIGRATION DETENTION 101

Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 1:00 - 2:00 PM in 130 Boalt Hall

Come learn about the immigration detention system from attorneys and advocates from Pangea Legal Services in San Francisco. This panel is a part of Berkeley Immigration Group's week of fundraising to launch a new immigration bond fund. Donate to the bond fund directly on Venmo (@BerkeleyBIG) or pledge to donate a day of pay [here](#). BIG Week is sponsored by: Berkeley Immigration Group, Asian American Law Journal (AALJ), Asian Pacific American Law Student Association (APALSA), Berkeley Journal of Criminal Law (BJCL), California Asylum Representation Clinic (CARC), International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP), La Raza Law Students Association, Post-Conviction Advocacy Project (PCAP), Women of Berkeley Law (WOBL), and Café Zeb.

IRAP ON THE GROUND: REPORT ON REFUGEES IN JORDAN

Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 12:45 - 2:00 pm in 170 Boalt Hall

Join IRAP to hear about students' experiences on their recent trip to Jordan with IRAP National. There will be a short panel discussion, followed by a Q&A. IRAP Berkeley will also be releasing our annual report on the chapter and trip. Lunch provided on a first come, first served basis.

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Carnahan, David

From: Robert Lum <rlum.mail@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 11, 2018 6:19 PM
To: Architectural Review Board
Cc: Council, City; Clerk, City
Subject: Stop VERIZON CELL TOWERS

Dear ARB,

Please stop the deployment of the VERIZON CELL TOWERS. Unfortunately, I cannot attend the March 15, 2018 meeting, as I do have to work so I can live in this great city. Please keep it great and the aesthetics do matter!! Verizon can underground the boxes eliminating noise and unsightly boxes. As a long time resident of Barron Park, we want to underground ALL utilities and it would be a short sighted decision to allow VERIZON to put towers and antennas up. Stop this nonsense and keep Palo Alto a place that people WANT to live and work.

Robert Lum
Barron Park

Carnahan, David

From: Susan Foster <susan.foster04@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 11, 2018 1:02 PM
To: Council, City; Clerk, City; Architectural Review Board
Subject: Strongly Oppose Wireless Project 17PLN-00169
Attachments: Palo Alto Wireless Project 17PLN 031018.docx; FCC Comments Firefighter Study 2013.pdf

Please see attached letter and FCC filing.

Thank you,

Susan Foster

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of))
Reassessment of Federal Communications)	ET Docket No. 13-84
Commission Radiofrequency Exposure Limits and)	
Policies)	
Proposed Changes in the Commission's Rules)	ET Docket No. 03-137
Regarding Human Exposure to Radiofrequency)	
Electromagnetic Fields)	
)	

To: Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

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September 2, 2013

AFFIDAVIT OF Susan D. Foster, MSW

State of California]

San Diego County]

I, Susan D. Foster, MSW, attest that my statements are true to the best of my knowledge.

Comment round for FCC ET Docket No. 13-84 and ET Docket No. 03-137

1. My name is Susan D. Foster, MSW. My address is 15957 Avenida Calma, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92091.
2. I am a medical writer and the organizer of a brain study of California firefighters exposed to RF radiation from a cell tower adjacent to their fire station of over 5 years.
3. In 2004 I organized a pilot study of California firefighters who worked up to ninety (90) hours per week in fire stations with cell towers in close proximity to the two (2) stations where the firefighters work, eat, and sleep. The men were experiencing profound neurological symptoms following activation of the towers in 1999.
4. The symptoms experienced by the firefighters, all of whom had passed rigorous physical and cognitive exams prior to being hired by the fire department, included but were not limited to the following: headaches, extreme fatigue, sleep disruption, anesthesia-like sleep where the men woke up for 911 calls “as if they were drugged”, inability to sleep, depression, anxiety, unexplained anger, getting lost on 911 calls in the town they grew up in, a twenty (20) year medic forgetting basic CPR in the midst of resuscitating a coronary victim, immune-suppression manifest in frequent colds and flu-like symptoms.
5. The neurological testing and SPECT scans [single-photon emission computed tomography] of the brain were conducted by Gunnar Heuser, MD, PhD and J. Michael Uszler, MD. All six (6) firefighters were found to have brain abnormalities on SPECT scan. The doctors thought they would find areas of limited function in the brain based on the

symptomatology. Instead, they found a pervasive, hyper-excitability of the neurons which suggested the exposure to RF (microwave) radiation was causing the neurons to continually fire, without rest. RF radiation appeared to act as a constant stimulant even when the men were away from the station, and in repose. The SPECT scans were considered abnormal in all 6 firefighters.

6. Cognitive function, reaction time, and impulse control were measured objectively using T.O.V.A. testing [Test of Variables of Attention]. In all six (6) firefighters, impairment was found with cognitive function, reaction time and impulse control. Three (3) of the six (6) firefighters were captains. The captain on each shift is in charge of making life altering decisions for all firefighters and potential victims. They order firefighters into a burning building, and conversely, they order them out before a roof may collapse, for example. Impairment of all three critical functions could cost firefighters and the community they serve either life or limb.

7. The testing was conducted in 2004. The cell towers are in place at the two (2) fire stations where the test subjects work for the duration of a twenty-two (22) year lease. The men we tested have remained at the stations as this is the only work they know in the only community they have ever lived in. One (1) of the six (6) men tested did move to another department after his wife gave birth to a boy who was diagnosed with Autism at age 2. This was the first live birth experienced by the “firefighter family” at this department since activation of the tower three (3) years earlier.

8. I have followed up with the firefighters who report continued symptoms as described in paragraph 4. Additionally, all firefighters report profound memory loss.

9. Two (2) of the firefighters, men we did not test in the pilot study but men who were exposed to RF radiation from the cell tower since their installation and activation in 1999, have gone out on psychiatric disability. This is almost unheard of among firefighters. The diagnosis was Post Traumatic Stress Disorder for one firefighter; he went out on an emergency run, and simply stopped talking after he returned to the station. The second

firefighter suffered an apparent break with reality. This occurred in the fire station when he returned following a short term disability for an unrelated injury. This break with reality was followed by an abrupt collapse and loss of consciousness. Because two (2) women have suffered strokes while in the fire station with the towers fully activated, Vascular Spasm Stroke (VSS) is suspected as a possible cause by Dr. Heuser and myself of having caused not only the strokes, but it is suspected in the potentially inaccurate diagnoses of the two (2) "psychiatric" cases among the firefighters. If not treated with rest and supplemental oxygen, it is possible for some VSS patients to have difficulty regaining speech and full cognitive abilities. This may be a case of misdiagnosis by the treating physicians who were unfamiliar with the potential of cell towers to create thermal effects well under the FCC limit of 1,000 uW/cm², thus heating blood in the brain and inducing VSS. Further study of these men is imperative.

10. What is particularly germane to the critical decisions the FCC is currently facing regarding RF safety guidelines is the fact the FCC currently allows 1,000 microwatts per centimeter squared (uW/cm²) as an emission standard from cell towers. Yet all the symptoms attributed by the firefighters, as well as measurable brain and central nervous system abnormalities described above, occurred within close proximity to a cell tower measured at between 1 - 2 uW/cm² by Peter Sierck, BBEC, CEO of Environmental Testing & Technology in Encinitas, CA. Thus the emissions from towers were measured at approximately 1/1000th to 1/500th of the FCC's allowable limit. "Hot spots" of reflected radiation were measured at 15 and 30 uW/cm², yet these "hot spots" were still a fraction of what the FCC allows. Therefore, **I strongly suggest the FCC is not basing its standards on biological effects by taking into consideration non-thermal effects, but rather physics with respect to the belief only thermal effects can be deleterious.** The FCC must recognize the principles of physics do not protect the brains and central nervous systems of the strongest among us, our firefighters.

11. The failure to protect our populations based on biological effects of exposure to RF (microwave) radiation at non-thermal levels is an inherent shortcoming of the current FCC policy with respect to cell tower emissions and cell phone absorption. The adverse biological

impact of these exposures are grossly underestimated. The FCC does not have independent science that can justify the massive exposure to RF radiation that currently exists from cell towers and cell phones. The story told by our small pilot study of firefighters in California should be a warning with respect to the current failure to recognize **harmful neurological impact of non-thermal levels of RF radiation.**

12. Based on the neurological abnormalities Dr. Heuser and I found in the firefighters, including hyper-excitability of the neurons which can result in cell death and consequent neuro-degenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's Disease and ALS, I urge the FCC to reflect on the gravity of the decision facing you now, and I implore all Commissioners to reduce the allowable level of RF radiation immediately, and to not only recognize the adverse health effects from non-thermal levels of RF radiation, but to actively and aggressively protect and educate the general public through policy change and PSAs.

13. Finally, the FCC is not a health agency, yet it is entrusted with making decisions that impact the health of every American, including the unborn and those who cannot – through inability or lack of knowledge of the issues and dangers at hand – speak for themselves. Many consumers are encouraged through industry advertising to believe that their children will be disadvantaged if they do not have the latest wireless technology. Given the most recent culling of science in the BioInitiative Report 2012, this reckless promotion without any proof of safety puts them and their progeny at risk for neurological, immunological and reproductive harm. Furthermore, the “revolving door”-culture between the FCC and the telecommunications industry works against the best interest of consumers’ health and safety. Both the FCC and the industry reach for a common refrain to hang on to their egregiously high regulatory limits which the FCC tries to pass off as “safety limits”, but clearly they are not. That refrain tells the public time and again that “there is a lack of scientific consensus about the adverse health effects” at exposure levels at or below the existing FCC limits. **No, there is not a true lack of consensus.** There is a flagrant disregard by the FCC for excellent, peer review science showing adverse health effects at less than 1% of what the FCC allows. Even if this were not the case, when have we determined everyone must be on the same side, the same page, before precautionary approaches are implemented? Did we

wait for this 100% accord on the science regarding DDT? No, if we had done that, Dow Chemical would never have agreed their product was dangerous and the world would be a less safe place than it is now. The same argument can be used for tobacco. It is past time for the FCC to lean toward the side of protecting human life rather than telecommunications industry profits. I contend a true Precautionary Approach would be both efficient and practical. It would protect human life, the quality of those lives, prevent disease, enhance the opportunity for human potential by not insidiously eroding our greatest natural resource – the human brain, and it would keep health care costs down. I implore the FCC to recognize that six (6) out of six (6) SPECT brain scans were abnormal for the firefighter subjects, and they are the strongest of the strong among us.

Respectfully submitted by

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March 11, 2018

City Council of Palo Alto

Re: Strongly Oppose Wireless Project 17PLN-00169

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Dear City Council Members:

I respectfully oppose Verizon's proposal for in excess of 90 small cell installations in the public right of way, known as Wireless Project 17PLN-00169 and scheduled for hearings on March 15, 2018. You will have the opportunity to evaluate the potential costs and benefits to the City of Palo Alto and its residents. I have great concern about the health and safety of your residents if this project goes forward. This concern is based on my experience organizing a brain study of firefighters exposed to a 2G cell tower on their station in Central California for over five (5) years. This was a pilot study of six (6) firefighters. We found brain damage in all six firefighters consistent with RF exposure.

As a result of this study, as well as adverse neurological symptoms experienced by a number of firefighters throughout the state who have lived and worked in the shadow of cell towers, the firefighters of California were granted an exemption from having these small cells on their fire stations. This exemption was written into both AB 57 and SB 649, bills designed to bypass local control with respect to small cell expansion. SB 649 was vetoed by Gov. Brown on October 15, 2017, amidst growing concern from citizens as well as the League of Cities.

BACKGROUND RE. FIREFIGHTER EXEMPTION

In 2001 I was asked by San Diego firefighters to write appeals when cell towers were permitted for their stations. I began hearing more and more stories of firefighters who literally could not function in the job that clearly establishes firefighters as the guardians of society. Once cell

towers were activated on or adjacent to their stations, the affected firefighters could no longer function without severe headaches, inability to sleep, and foggy thinking. These are not symptoms we wish to see in our First Responders.

In 2004 I organized a SPECT brain scan pilot study of firefighters who has been exposed to a cell tower on their station for over five years. As stated above, we found brain abnormalities in all firefighters tested. Attached is my filing with the FCC detailing this study.

In 2004 I co-authored Resolution 15 which was passed overwhelmingly by the International Association of Firefighters. Res. 15 urging a moratorium on the placement of cell towers on fire stations in the US and Canada. I then helped the Los Angeles IAFF locals as they aligned with law enforcement unions to fight FirstNET cell towers on their stations. I am currently aware of a brain tumor cluster in a California fire station with a wireless hub next door to their station.

There is a solid history of these men and women becoming ill in close proximity to cell towers. There are human and financial costs associated, and the Palo Alto City Council needs to hear their story.

The symptoms experienced by the firefighters who participated in the SPECT brain scan study were similar to firefighters in other stations who live in the shadow of cell towers. Yet specific to the men we studied, it is important to note all the men had passed rigorous physical and cognitive exams prior to being hired by the fire department. Their symptoms included:

- headaches
- extreme fatigue
- cognitive impairment
- anesthesia-like sleep where the men woke up for 911 calls “as if they were drugged”
- inability to sleep
- depression
- anxiety
- unexplained anger
- immune-suppression manifest in frequent colds and flu-like symptoms

Real life examples of these symptoms are best briefly characterized by:

- 1) Firefighters got lost on 911 calls in the town they grew up on several occasions.
- 2) In one instance, four firefighters sat in the rig in a stupor with the alarm sounding in the background, unable to remember how to start the engine.
- 3) A medic with 20 years of experience who had never made a mistake forgot basic CPR in the midst of resuscitating a coronary victim.

The brain scans of these six men revealed both an over-stimulation in some areas of the brain, and a lack of perfusion, or blood flow, in others. The over-stimulation or “hyper-excitability” of the neurons suggested the exposure to RF (microwave) radiation was causing the neurons to continually fire without benefit of rest. When neurons cannot rest, they ultimately die.

Alternately, there were other areas of the brain that should have been active, yet there was evidence of diminished blood flow suggesting impaired function.

A MESSAGE FROM FIREFIGHTERS FOR LOCALITIES

The firefighters' most important lesson to us may be that if we allow a buildup of small cell aimed at facilitating 5G such that they are as commonplace in front of homes and schools as they are now on fire stations, we may be facing not only an immediate risk of impairment to some degree, but later a tsunami of Alzheimer's and dementia. The rate of people dying from Alzheimer's disease in the United States rose by 55% over a 15-year period according to new data from the Centers for Disease Control.

Clearly the state legislators honored the sacrifice of California's firefighters and were concerned about the health risks they face from cell towers, having granted an exemption to them from small cells through AB 57 and SB 649. Yet firefighters are the strongest of the strong. What does that imply for the rest of us?

The firefighters with their fire station exemption from AB 57 and SB 649 are here to remind us your local decision is not just about cell towers. It is about our future. Are we going to be persuaded by 5G propelled driverless cars and appliances being connected to our smartphones? Please understand this is an immense gamble. 5G has never been tested on humans.

Respectfully,

/s/ Susan Foster

SUSAN FOSTER
U.S. Adviser, Radiation Research Trust
Honorary Firefighter, San Diego Fire Department
Medical Writer

Attachment

Carnahan, David

From: DP Purchases <orders.dp@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2018 9:47 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Support Bike Blvd and Bike Safety projects - DO NOT CUT funding

Dear Palo Alto City Council,

As you consider financial cuts necessary to balance the budget please stay committed to Palo Alto's commitment as a Bike-friendly city and continue to prioritize the important bicycle and safety projects we all hold so dear. Our future depends on cleaner, healthier ways to commute!

I strongly support bike boulevard funding and improvements to bicycle infrastructure.

Thank you for all you do,

Daja Phillips - 450 Sequoia Ave
650.485.3252

Carefully pecked out on my handheld.

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Carnahan, David

From: Richard Morse <rsmorse@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2018 10:57 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Ben@bikesiliconvalley.org
Subject: Support for Bike Infrastructure

Hello -

My name is Richard Morse, I live with my wife and three children (16, 14 and 8 years old) at the southern edge of Palo Alto. Having moved here 6 years ago, and as an avid cyclist, I have been extremely impressed with the bike infrastructure here and delighted by the recognition of the city as a Gold Status Bike Friendly Community. As a council you should be pleased with your efforts!

I am writing to support the 2018 plans for additional build out of bike lanes and improvements for bike (and pedestrian) safety. Two of my children ride their bikes every day to school (Terman and Gunn). Both also ride all over the city to visit friends, get to Palo Alto Children's Theater, shop, and work. I ride at least 100 miles per week for fitness, and my wife and youngest child ride recreationally. We are situated a block from the Miller/Wilkie bike route, and we enjoy easy access to all the rest of Palo Alto from our home. Many weekends we rarely use our cars; we bike to eat, to the California Ave farmer's market, to the library, and to the pool.

As a family, we all welcome any and all ongoing efforts to continue to improve bike infrastructure and safety. Efforts to enhance Bryant, East Meadow and Louis Rd in particular will ease our bike travel to some of the places we want to ride to most. In addition, I urge you to review the Charleston/Arastradero and El Camino intersection. This is a major intersection on a hugely popular school bike route, and not only do all bike lanes end and dump riders into traffic at the intersection, but also the road is in terrible condition. This is one place where some additional efforts to improve the infrastructure would have, I believe, a disproportionate positive impact. Check it out for yourself!

Thank you for your attention.

Richard Morse

Carnahan, David

From: LWV of Palo Alto <lwvpaoffice@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 1:27 PM
Subject: The April issue of the Palo Alto VOTER
Attachments: April 2018 VOTER .pdf

The Palo Alto VOTER

The April 2018 issue is attached as a PDF. Please save this to your desktop and enjoy!

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League of Women Voters of Palo Alto
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Message from our President

Our community is fortunate to have such an amazing League of Women Voters. I am constantly being inspired by the energy, creativity, thoughtfulness and dedication of the members of your board and off-board. They are the ones, with your help, who make our League so strong.

We do so much because so much needs to be done.

Voter Services – the core of our League - is busy at the high schools registering teens to vote. They are also beginning to gear up for the June primary; getting ready for pros and cons on ballot measures, candidates forums, and learning how to use Voters' Edge. There is a lot to do and your help is always appreciated.



Advocacy – our other important arm – is busy locally following and commenting on the actions of the City Council and Planning and Transportation Commission as they review various important proposals and ordinances to help increase the supply of affordable housing. We have also been before the Human Relations Commission supporting a proposed ordinance to address discrimination against women – inspired by CEDAW (United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women).

Advocacy is also busy helping with the all-important effort to collect signatures for the Prop 13 Reform initiative for the Schools and Communities First Campaign. Please see p.6 for info on how you can help.

Our League also participated in the annual Legislative Interviews with Assemblyman Marc Berman and Senator Jerry Hill. See p.4 for a summary of the Marc Berman interview.

Programs and Events: These are amazing in their scope and impact.

Recently, Julie Lythcott -Haims gave a most moving talk from her recent book, *What it Means to Be Black and American*, on February 20. Then Chris Field, Director of the Stanford Woods Institute, hosted a fascinating webinar on Food Production and Carbon Emissions. (See pictures on p.3) Upcoming is an event with Berkeley Law School Dean Chemerinsky on the First Amendment, at the Media Center on March 27 and a not-to-be missed panel, co-sponsored with the Palo Alto Council of PTAs at Paly on April 9, titled *How Do We Know What Is True Anymore?* – put together by our **Civic Savvy Committee**. See front page for more info.

Thanks to those of you who attended a productive Program Planning event in January. This event helps us plan how to focus our energies in the next League year. You will vote on the issues for emphasis recommended by the Board at our **Annual Meeting on May 12**, where you will also vote on next year's leadership and the budget. Please be sure this is on your calendar.

As our League grows in membership, we are working to ensure that our Board and Off-Board are organized effectively to do what needs to be done. We also are dependent on your generosity, so please respond with a donation during our **LAT campaign**.

Thanks again for all you do, for our community, our nation, and our world.

Bonnie Packer

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Board Meeting Highlights - February, 2018



Your Board

- Ratified an email vote to approve a letter to City Council in support of the Housing Work Plan, sent on 2/5/18
- Ratified an email vote to approve a letter to Planning & Transportation Commission in support of an Affordable Housing zoning overlay, sent on 2/10/18
- Ratified an email vote to approve a letter to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors asking them to support a proposal to create and fund a plan to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment (women's right to vote), sent via email on 2/22/18
- Ratified an email vote to have Packer delegate Lisa Ratner read a letter at the Human Relations Commission on behalf of LWVPA in support of an ordinance reflecting the intent of CEDAW (UN Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women) on 2/8/18
- Approved a Motion to add additional faith-based organizations to the list of potential “publicity only” co-sponsors of our events, which would be vetted by the Collaborations and Community Outreach Committee and contacted as appropriate on an event-by-event basis
- Approved a Motion to refer to County Council the question of what the Santa Clara County Leagues should consider doing as an educational event regarding the recall of Judge Persky
- Approved a Motion to join the LWV of California campaign to gather signatures to get the “California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act of 2018” (reform of Prop. 13) on the November ballot
- Accepted the Program Planning report: i. to be sent to the LWVUS; ii. to be sent to the Bay Area LWV; and iii. issues for emphasis to be submitted to the LWVPA membership for approval at the Annual Meeting.

Discussed

- A reminder from the Board Development Committee about League rules for board members regarding political or partisan activity
- Ideas from the Board Development Committee on reorganizing our board's structure, which will be presented as a proposal at the March board meeting
- Planning for an LWVPA 80th anniversary event and a social event for new board/old board members after the Annual Meeting.

Learned

- About an April 9th event organized by our Civic Savvy Committee and co-sponsored by the Palo Alto PTA Council about practical tips on how to evaluate the integrity of information
- That the Education Committee will be looking for volunteers to help gather signatures for the “California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act of 2018”
- About the continuing efforts of the Voter Services team to register teens at Palo Alto and Gunn High Schools and local independent schools, as well as our unhoused citizens.

Karen Kalinsky, Secretary

LWVPA Hosts a Variety of Speakers

LWVPA hosted two more thought-provoking and informative events in recent weeks. Author Julie

Lythcott-Haims spoke to a full room at the Palo Alto Art Center in February about race in America. In March, Director Chris Field of the Stanford Woods Institute spoke on Food Production and the Environment at a lunchtime event at the PCC. Special thanks to **Maureen O'Kicki** for arranging for such engaging speakers.



Left: Julie Lythcott-Haims at the PA Art Center
Above: Chris Field at the PCC

Carnahan, David

From: Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 11, 2018 11:49 AM
To: paloaltofreepress@gmail.com; Council, City; council@redwoodcity.org; dpine@smcgov.org; dprice@padailypost.com; bos@smcgov.org; cindy.chavez@bos.sccgov.org; wilpf.peninsula.paloalto@gmail.com; roberta.ahlquist@sjsu.edu; stephanie@dslextreme.com; chuckjagoda1@gmail.com; gkirby@redwoodcity.org; dcbertini@menlopark.org; Perron, Zachary; HRC; mdiaz@redwoodcity.org; stevendlee@alumni.duke.edu; stephenedwardjessen@gmail.com; griffinam@sbcglobal.net; dryan@scscourt.org; aflint@scscourt.org; Keene, James; mharris@scscourt.org; sscott@scscourt.org; molly.o'neal@pdo.sccgov.org; jrosen@da.sccgov.org; grchippendale@yahoo.com; seanchiba650@gmail.com; paloaltolife@gmail.com; cbolanos@co.sanmateo.ca.us; dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org; joe.simitian@bos.sccgov.org; Kniss, Liz (internal); Arcelia.Gutierrez@pdo.sccgov.org; Gary.Goodman@pdo.sccgov.org; bwalsh@scscourt.org; jseybert@redwoodcity.org; jsylva@da.sccgov.org
Subject: The Race-Based Mortgage Penalty

<https://mobile.nytimes.com/2018/03/07/opinion/mortage-minority-income.html>

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Carnahan, David

From: redress.of.grievance@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 9:06 AM
To: Dave Price; allison@padailypost.com; Council, City; Keith, Claudia; gsheyner@pawEEKLY.com; sdremann@pawEEKLY.com; Stump, Molly; Watson, Ron; bwelch@dao.sccgov.org; swebby@da.sccgov.org; cindy.chavez@bos.sccgov.org; timothygray@sbcglobal.net; Gary.Goodman@pdo.sccgov.org; jeramygordon@me.com; bjohnson@pawEEKLY.com; Keene, James; Reifsneider, James; molly.o'neal@pdo.sccgov.org; Perron, Zachary; jgreen@dailynewsgroup.com; michael.gennaco@oirgroup.com; Van Der Zwaag, Minka; HRC; bjohnson@embarcaderomediagroup.com; Jay Boyarsky; jrosen@da.sccgov.org; James Aram; Jonsen, Robert
Subject: The Russians have landed in Palo Alto

Mr. Price:

Why did you not play by the Federal rules of court conduct when you shut our site down PaloAltoFreePress.com for alleged copyright infringement under title 17 Digital Millennial Copy Right Act.

You failed by not filing an order of cease and desist.

You proved your false claims by not doing so Mr. Price. It drives the point home and illustrates trueness of your Fake News Media and your vindictiveness to shut down a minority newspaper..

Mark Petersen-Perez
Editor: Palo Alto Free Press
Ticuantepe, Nicaragua NI

Sent from my iPad

> On Mar 13, 2018, at 8:40 AM, redress.of.grievance@gmail.com wrote:
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> And Putin will be picketing your Fake News Media offices in the near future...
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> <image1.jpeg>
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> Sent from my iPhone

Carnahan, David

From: Sea <paloaltolife@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2018 6:37 AM
To: vinnyraylarkin@yahoo.com; gsheyner@pawEEKLY.com; bwarchangelmichael@gmail.com; Council, City; edmeko@gmail.com; jspradling@yahoo.com; seelam22@yahoo.com; williamfok86@gmail.com; nravi.desai@gmail.com; leila_reddy@hotmail.com; andrewreddy6@gmail.com; Marshall Childs; skundurs@gmail.com
Subject: Tweet by Sea-Seelam Reddy on Twitter



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Carnahan, David

From: Claudia <claudiaegriffin@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 8:16 AM
To: Architectural Review Board
Cc: Council, City; Clerk, City
Subject: Verizon

Dear ARB,

I am writing to you to request that you deny approval of the Verizon cell towers in Palo Alto residential neighborhoods , due to their appearance, noise and possible harmful effects. Please keep our city a place where we want to live.

Best regards,
Claudia

Carnahan, David

From: Francesca <dfkautz@pacbell.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 10, 2018 10:07 PM
To: Architectural Review Board
Cc: Council, City; Clerk, City
Subject: Verizon cell nodes

Dear Architectural Review Board,

My name is Francesca Kautz and I have lived for over 50 years in Palo Alto, the last 32 of which have been in the same house in the cluster 1 neighborhood. I am very concerned about the ugliness of the cell nodes, the noise, safety and impossibility of under grounding our utilities.

If Verizon wants to increase their network coverage and capacity by locating their wireless communication facilities closer to the user, they must put their cellular networks underground. Putting them on the telephone poles will make under grounding our utilities impossible. There is nothing small about the 200 pound *small cells* and they do not minimize visual impact to the existing surroundings. They do not blend in the neighborhood, but stick out like sore thumbs, make noise and may negatively impact public health, safety and welfare. Once a site is erected, Verizon can go back and increase its size provided that the changes do not exceed federal standards.

There are many city-owned structures, commercial and industrial buildings in Palo Alto where Verizon can rent space for their nodes and not destroy our neighborhoods. Verizon has demonstrated a lack of consideration for the surrounding environment and will make our neighborhoods aesthetically unpleasing. The cell nodes are visually intrusive and not architecturally compatible in any way with the neighborhood. It is not fair that while Verizon is generating \$60 billion in profit per quarter, we homeowners get to foot the bill to have our neighborhoods destroyed and are liable should a telephone pole with a cell node on it cause damage or hurt someone in an earthquake or fire.

I don't think that Verizon should scare us into believing that we need these small cells in case of an emergency. The systems we currently have in place work fine and cell phone coverage in our neighborhood is good. Many of the benefits the wireless industry extols can be obtained using current LTE-based technologies and the primary use of small cells is mobile video. I am also concerned that in an earthquake the bayonet placed on the top of the telephone pole may fall down and spear someone. (See photos below.) Has the seismic performance of these configurations been tested on earthquake shaking tables?

Please deny Verizon's request to put the cell nodes in our residential neighborhoods, as they are ugly, noisy, dangerous and threaten under grounding of our utilities in the future.

Thank you,

Francesca Kautz

P.S. *Top 10 Things the Wireless Industry Doesn't Tell You about Small Cells:*

<http://www.steelintheair.com/Blog/2017/04/top-10-things-the-wireless-industry-doesnt-tell-you-about-small-cells.html>

Photos taken in front of 179 Lincoln Ave.:





Carnahan, David

From: Phil Coulson <philcoulson_3@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 11:07 AM
To: Architectural Review Board
Cc: Council, City; Clerk, City
Subject: Verizon cell tower review by ARB

Dear Architectural Review Board members:

I am aware of the Architectural Review Board (ARB) upcoming hearing this Thursday morning, March 15th, to consider Verizon's latest plans to install its first wave of cell towers in Palo Alto's residential neighborhoods. It is out of concern for neighborhood aesthetics, home values and noise in Palo Alto that I am asking you to deny approval to the proposed cell towers unless Verizon's designs call for all the equipment except the antenna to be located completely underground and comply with Palo Alto's noise ordinances.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

-Phil Coulson

Carnahan, David

From: Gina Craig <gcraigx@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 3:56 PM
To: Architectural Review Board; Council, City; Clerk, City
Subject: Verizon cell towers

To whom it may concern,
I am writing out of concern regarding Verizon's plan to install cell towers in our neighborhoods.
Please, please deny approval to the proposed cell towers unless Verizon's design calls for all of the equipment (except the antenna) to be located completely underground and complies with Palo Alto's noise ordinances.

thank you!
Sincerely,
Gina Craig
Old Palo Alto

Carnahan, David

From: George Jaquette <jaquette@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2018 11:10 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Video of the type of near-miss happening every day

<https://stoprossroadchanges.wordpress.com/>

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George Jaquette
email: jaquette@gmail.com

Carnahan, David

From: ken3lee@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2018 12:45 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: yes to bicycle boulevards

I am a 30 year resident and homeowner in Midtown. We badly need safer and more direct bicycle routes across the Caltrain tracks to the California Ave train station and business district and also across Hwy 101 to the employers near Google. Existing routes are convoluted and often involve intimidating "no bicycle riding" signs or closures for months every year. Please do everything you can to make bicycling around town more efficient and convenient so we can rely on bicycling as a safe and reliable alternative to driving. Surely, bicycle route improvements are much cheaper than new parking garages or new freeway lanes. Thank you.

K. Lee
Waverley Street

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420 clare p
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I support Castilleja's proposal to increase enrollment and modernize its campus because...

It is an amazing school that inspires the community!

By creating a better traffic flow, it is good for the neighborhood!

Thank you!

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I support Castilleja's proposal to increase enrollment and modernize its campus because...

it is silly for those neighbors to not want a more modern school!
or to limit it. They purchased NEXT to a school!

They knew their neighbor hood was far Castilleja!

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& better. We owe it
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Mike Gaglian
1270 Lincoln, 94301



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