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**From:** Peter Baltay <peter@toposarchitects.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 1, 2020 9:37 PM  
**To:** Council, City  
**Cc:** Gerhardt, Jodie; Lait, Jonathan  
**Subject:** Nov. 2 Agenda Item #5-Palo Alto ARB

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Dear City Council Members,

I recommend that you amend Agenda Item #5 at your Nov. 2 meeting to close recruitment for the open seats on the Architectural Review Board.

Two ARB seats are open and you already have two qualified and experienced candidates. Both applicants are incumbents and the ARB is functioning well with its current members

Extending the application deadline will delay the appointment of new members until January 2021 which will impede the smooth transition of the chair as one of the applicants is well supported to become the chair for 2021. Making this transition one month before her possible reappointment is not appropriate, yet delaying the appointment makes it difficult to maintain an annual cycle of the chair position and the associated year end report to council.

Thank you,  
-peter baltay

Chair, Palo Alto Architectural Review Board

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**From:** Christian Pease <cgpease2016@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 26, 2020 2:32 PM  
**To:** Council, City  
**Cc:** Christian Pease  
**Subject:** New Appointments and Re-Appointments to our Commissions and Boards

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Dear Council Members,

I write to urge you to refrain from making appointments or re-appointments to Palo Alto city commissions and boards, instead leaving those choices to the next council following the election now underway.

If you do so, I believe you will demonstrate great integrity, help address a sad and growing polarization in our local politics, and set a standard of conduct for elected officials in our beloved city.

Of course, it is well within your authority to do as you please in this matter. However, I believe doing so would be a mistake, both for our community and for each of you individually.

Why?

I point to what is taking place this very day in the United States Senate and the appointment of Amy Coney Barrett to our nation's highest court – damned be to the will of the voters.

Or, what happened in the Wisconsin legislature immediately following the election of its current governor – damned be to the will of the voters.

The 2020 election that decides the next city council is already begun; many of us have voted, are voting today, or will do by the end of Tuesday next week.

It seems to me you have an important choice here, no matter where you stand on the issues and challenges confronting our community: You can set a high example for civic comportment, or look pretty much like the shameless players cited in examples above.

My sense is you will do what is clearly right, not what is politically expedient and satisfying.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Christian Pease  
Evergreen Park