

# City of Palo Alto City Council Staff Report

(ID # 7293)

Report Type: Consent Calendar Meeting Date: 10/17/2016

**Summary Title: Annual Williamson Act Contract Renewal** 

Title: Annual Review of Williamson Act Contract Renewals, Approval of Nonrenewal for APN 351-05-050 and Approval of Exemption Under Section

15317 of the California Environmental Quality Act

From: City Manager

**Lead Department: Planning and Community Environment** 

#### Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council review the *Williamson Act Properties Report for Calendar Year 2016* (Attachment A), approve the renewal of 23 contracts, accept and approve the nonrenewal request filed in March 2016 for APN 351-05-050, direct staff to file the current list of Williamson Act properties with the appropriate agencies, and find the actions exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act per Categorical Exclusion 15317.

#### **Executive Summary**

The California Land Conservation Act of 1965, commonly known as the Williamson Act, is a state program to discourage agricultural lands from being converted to urban uses. The City of Palo Alto currently has 23 properties that are subject to this program and requesting renewal. The proposed action would continue 23 existing contracts between the City and landowners, which are aimed at preserving agricultural and compatible open-space uses. The report also acknowledges the list of properties that have filed to not renew their Williamson Act contracts since 2008. The City has received one new request for nonrenewal during this reporting cycle.

# **Background**

The California Land Conservation Act of 1965, commonly known as the Williamson Act, is a state program to discourage agricultural lands from being converted to urban uses, to preserve open space and to promote an efficient urban growth pattern. The program provides property tax relief to owners of agricultural land who agree to limit the use of their property to agricultural or other approved compatible uses.

On July 24, 1974, the City of Palo Alto adopted Ordinance No. 2663 to establish rules for both establishing and administering Williamson Act contracts for Palo Alto properties. Highlights of the rules regarding administration of established contracts include:

- Contracts limit the allowable uses of the property to what is described in the contract.
- Contracts remain in place when a property is sold and new owners are subject to the same use restrictions.
- Contracts are for 10-year terms and have a renewal date of January 1.
- Each year—at least 80 days prior to that renewal date—the Council reviews the contracts and, at that time, may initiate a notice of nonrenewal for any contract or approve a notice of nonrenewal submitted by a landowner. If the Council takes such action, then that contract does not renew on January 1 and terminates nine years later.
- Under certain conditions, the Council may also approve a landowner's request to cancel a contract.
- Contracts, for which the Council has not approved a notice of nonrenewal or a cancellation, automatically renew for another 10-year term each January 1.

#### **Discussion**

Under the California Land Conservation Act Program (Williamson Act), private landowners voluntarily restrict their land to agricultural and compatible open-space uses under minimum 10-year rolling term contracts administered by City of Palo Alto. In return, restricted parcels are assessed for property tax purposes at a rate consistent with their actual use or generated income, rather than potential market value. The attached Williamson Act Report (Attachment A) describes the parcels that were under contract during this calendar year with their 2016 assessed land value. The report identifies the parcels that will have their contracts renewed and those for which a notice of nonrenewal had been filed. Attachment B is also provided to show the location of these parcels on a map. At this time, the Council may initiate a notice of nonrenewal for any contract and have that notice take effect this year. The updated list of properties under contract will be filed in the City Clerk's office and the information will be forwarded to the appropriate agencies.

#### Properties under Contract Renewal:

Currently, there are 23 properties renewing their contract with the City of Palo Alto. Approximately 364 acres of land are under Williamson Act contracts in Palo Alto, as compared to 306,551 acres in Santa Clara County. The 23 contracts will renew for another 10-year term starting from January 1, 2017. Of the 23 contracts, the private Palo Alto Hills Golf and Country Club, is not eligible for tax benefits. Although a golf course is a permitted use, only golf courses that are open to the public and charge minimal green fees are eligible for tax benefits.

Properties under Contract Nonrenewal:

A new Williamson Act contract nonrenewal request was filed in March of 2016 by the property owner for Assessor's Parcel Number or APN 351-05-050 (see Attachment A page 9). No reason was given for the request, and there would be no change in development potential as a result of non-renewal. Staff has processed and recorded the owner's request with Santa Clara County Recorder's Office and requests that the City Council accept and approve this nonrenewal request. Upon City Council's approval, the ten year nonrenewal cycle will commence on January 1, 2017 and the effective termination date will be December 31, 2026 (see Attachment C).

Attachment A (pages 8 and 9) also includes a list of five properties owned by Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District that were approved for nonrenewal by City Council in 2008 (properties# 1-4) and 2014 (property#5). The ten year nonrenewal cycle for these properties has already begun and the expected end dates for these contracts are December 31, 2017 and January 1, 2024.

This year's report also acknowledges the inclusion of five parcels owned by Stanford University under Williamson Act contract which were missing from prior reporting. The parcels comprise of APN: 142-16-052, -057, -064, -065, and -069. These contracts will also be renewed for another 10-year term, starting from January 1, 2017.

The California Department of Conservation's Williamson Act Program requires participating cities and counties to complete and submit applications for an Open Space Subvention Act payment per Government Code section 16144, which states: "On or before October 31 each year, the governing body of each county, city, or city and county shall report to the Secretary of the Resources Agency the number of acres of land under its regulatory jurisdiction which qualify for state payments pursuant to the various categories enumerated in Section 16142, together with supporting documentation as the secretary by regulation may require." While the State no longer provides meaningful subvention payments to local agencies, this reporting requirement remains in the law.

Staff recommends that the City Council (1) renew the Williamson Act contracts for the 23 parcels identified in Attachment A, and (2) accept and approve the new nonrenewal request. Following the Council's decision, the list of affected properties/acreages will be filed in the City Clerk's Office and will be forwarded to the State Department of Conservation, Division of Land Resource Protection by October 31, 2016, in compliance with the Williamson Act.

#### **Resource Impacts**

Minimal resource impacts would result from the recommended action. Forgone property tax revenue is generally not significant for properties in Williamson Act contracts here in Palo Alto. Historically, the City of Palo Alto received approximately \$1,000 a year in subvention payments from the State. However, the State has suspended funding for these payments. Most recently, Assembly Bill 1265, passed on July 15, 2011, again allowed participating cities and counties to recapture 10% of the benefits; however, implementation of this provision is generally only cost effective for cities and counties that have significant acreage under contract.

# **Policy Implications**

The recommended action implements Ordinance 2663 regarding the administration of the Williamson Act for Palo Alto properties. The Williamson Act in general complies with the land use policies of the Comprehensive Plan and specifically supports Goal L-1 regarding growth management as well as Policy L-1 regarding the extent of urban development.

#### **Environmental Review**

The recommended action of renewal of 23 contracts under the Williamson Act is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act per Categorical Exclusion 15317 (Open space contracts or easements). This action of approving the attached report does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

#### **Attachments:**

- Attachment A: WA 2016 Report (PDF)
- Attachment B: Williamson Act Parcels 2016 Map (PDF)
- Attachment C: Recorded Notice of NonRenewal 3849 Page Mill Road (PDF)

#### About the Williamson Act

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#### About this List/Report

On the following pages is a list of the 29 Palo Alto properties that were enrolled in the Williamson Act during the calendar year of 2016.

- 23 contracts will renew on January 1, 2017 if the Council approves this report.
   Note: One of the 23 contracts does not include tax benefits. Although the Palo Alto Hills
   Golf Course is under contract the use is not eligible for tax benefits--see notes for this parcel.
- 6 contracts will not renew because Notices of Nonrenewal have been approved or filed. See individual records for termination dates.

#### Will Renew on January 1, 2017

# 1 Palo Alto Hills Golf and Country Club at 3000 Alexis Drive

APN: 182-35-035

Owner: PALO ALTO HILLS GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB INC, 3000 ALEXIS DR, PALO

ALTO CA

Assessed Value 2014: \$1,377,466.00

Value Notes:

Land Class: Prime Acreage: 119.92

Contract Start: 5/1/1973 Resolution No: 4279

Contract Status: Unchanged; contract will continue for at least another 10 years.

General Notes: Although this property is under contract, there are no tax benefits. A golf course may only be

eligible for tax benefits if it is open to the public and charges minimal green fees.

2015: \$1,404,987.0 2016 \$1,426,413.0

# 2 No address; adjacent to Country Club at 3000 Alexis Drive

APN: 182-35-008

Owner: PALO ALTO HILLS GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB INC, 3000 ALEXIS DR, PALO

ALTO CA

Assessed Value 2014: \$49,981.00 2015: \$50,979.00 2016 \$51,756.00

Value Notes:

Land Class: Prime Acreage: 5.52

Contract Start: 5/1/1973 Resolution No: 4279

Contract Status: Unchanged; contract will continue for at least another 10 years.

General Notes:

# 3 Open Space land adjacent to the Arastradero Preserve

APN: 182-33-014

Owner: CITY OF PALO ALTO, 1305 MIDDLEFIELD RD, PALO ALTO CA

Assessed Value 2014: \$0.00 2015: \$0.00 2016 \$0.00 Value Notes: Value not assessed because owned by public/quasi public agency

Land Class: Prime Acreage: 11.42

Contract Start: Unknown Resolution No: Unknown

Contract Status: Unchanged; contract will continue for at least another 10 years.

# 4 Coyote Hill Rd, Palo Alto, 94304

APN: 142-16-069

Owner: LELAND STANFORD JR UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TR, 3160 PORTER DR STE 200,

PALO ALTO CA

Assessed Value 2014: \$6,127.00 2015: \$6,419.00 2016 \$6,419.00

Value Notes:

Land Class: Non Prime

Acreage: 13.48 minus 1 acre for Homesite = 12.48 Contract Start: Unknown Resolution No: Unknown

Contract Status: Unchanged; contract will continue for at least another 10 years.

General Notes:

# 5 Coyote Hill Rd, Palo Alto, 94304

APN: 142-16-052

Owner: LELAND STANFORD JR UNIV THE BD OF TR OF THE, 3160 PORTER DR STE 200,

PALO ALTO CA

Assessed Value 2014: \$13,461.00 2015: \$14,102.00 2016 \$14,102.00

Value Notes:

Land Class: Non Prime

Acreage: 37.02 minus 1 acre for Homesite = 36.02 Contract Start: Unknown Resolution No: Unknown

Contract Status: Unchanged; contract will continue for at least another 10 years.

General Notes:

#### 6 Coyote Hill Rd, Palo Alto, 94304

APN: 142-16-057

Owner: LELAND STANFORD JR UNIV THE BD OF TR OF THE, 3160 PORTER DR STE 200,

PALO ALTO CA

Assessed Value 2014: \$7,422.00 2015: \$7,776.00 2016 \$7,776.00

Value Notes:

Land Class: Non Prime

Acreage: 16.33 minus 1 acre for Homesite = 15.33 Contract Start: Unknown Resolution No: Unknown

Contract Status: Unchanged; contract will continue for at least another 10 years.

General Notes:

#### 7 Deer Creek Rd, Palo Alto, 94304

APN: 142-16-064

Owner: LELAND STANFORD JR UNIV THE BD OF TR OF THE, 3160 PORTER DR STE 200,

PALO ALTO CA

Assessed Value 2014: \$2,290.00 2015: \$2,399.00 2016 \$2,399.00

Value Notes:

Land Class: Non Prime

Acreage: 5.04 minus 1 acre for Homesite = 4.04 Contract Start: Unknown Resolution No: Unknown

Contract Status: Unchanged; contract will continue for at least another 10 years.

# 8 Deer Creek Rd, Palo Alto, 94304

APN: 142-16-065

Owner: LELAND STANFORD JR UNIV THE BD OF TR OF THE, 3160 PORTER DR STE 200,

PALO ALTO CA

Assessed Value 2014: \$8,045.00 2015: \$8,428.00 2016 \$8,428.00

Value Notes:

Land Class: Non Prime

Acreage: 17.70 minus 1 acre for Homesite = 16.70 Contract Start: Unknown Resolution No: Unknown

Contract Status: Unchanged; contract will continue for at least another 10 years.

General Notes:

# 9 El Camino Park (west of Palo Alto Ave to the creek)

APN: 12031001

Owner: LELAND STANFORD JR UNIV BD OF TR, PO BOX 10250, PALO ALTO CA

Assessed Value 2014: \$10,036.00 2015: \$10,514.00 2016 \$10,514.00

Value Notes: The City of Palo Alto leases this land for public use; however, it is privately owned.

Land Class: Prime Acreage: 0.72

Contract Start: Unknown Resolution No: Unknown

Contract Status: Unchanged; contract will continue for at least another 10 years.

General Notes:

# El Camino Park (east of Palo Alto Ave to University Ave)

APN: 120-31-009

Owner: LELAND STANFORD JR UNIVERSITY THE BD OF TR, PO BOX 10250, PALO ALTO

CA

Assessed Value 2014: \$139,636.00 2015: \$146,285.00 2016 \$146,285.00

Value Notes: The City of Palo Alto leases this land for public use; however, it is privately owned.

Land Class: Prime Acreage: 10.00

Contract Start: Unknown Resolution No: Unknown

Contract Status: Unchanged; contract will continue for at least another 10 years.

General Notes:

# 11 No address; on Page Mill Road; below Foothill Open Space Preserve

APN: 351-05-043

Owner: GUHSE RICHARD D TRUSTEE, 95 SPRING GROVE RD, HOLLISTER CA

Assessed Value 2014: \$1,090.00 2015: \$1,142.00 2016 \$1,142.00

Value Notes:

Land Class: Non Prime Acreage: 20.01

Contract Start: Unknown Resolution No: Unknown

Contract Status: Unchanged; contract will continue for at least another 10 years.

# 12 3837 Page Mill Rd, Palo Alto, 94304

APN: 351-05-042

Owner: LAUTZENHEISER DAVID P AND CYNTHIA TRUSTEE, 3837 PAGE MILL RD, LOS

ALTOS CA

Assessed Value 2014: \$383,196.00 2015: \$390,866.00 2016 \$396,818.00

Value Notes:

Land Class: Non Prime

Acreage: 10.00 minus 1 acre for Homesite = 9.00 Contract Start: Unknown Resolution No: Unknown

Contract Status: Unchanged; contract will continue for at least another 10 years.

General Notes:

# 13 3845 Page Mill Rd, Palo Alto, 94304

APN: 351-05-024

Owner: BLOCK JUDITH A TRUSTEE, 4201 BEACH DR SW, SEATTLE WA

Assessed Value 2014: \$50,401.00 2015: \$51,419.00 2016 \$52,196.00

Value Notes:

Land Class: Non Prime

Acreage: 8.72 minus 1 acre for Homesite = 7.72Contract Start: 2/16/1976 Resolution No: Unknown

Contract Status: Unchanged; contract will continue for at least another 10 years.

General Notes:

# 14 3855 Page Mill Rd, Palo Alto, 94306

APN: 351-05-049

Owner: SUPPES PATRICK K, PO BOX 60970, PALO ALTO CA
Assessed Value 2014: \$500,130.00 2015: \$510,122.00 2016 \$517,901.00

Value Notes:

Land Class: Non Prime Acreage: 10.00

Contract Start: Unknown Resolution No: Unknown

Contract Status: Unchanged; contract will continue for at least another 10 years.

General Notes:

#### 15 3865 Page Mill Rd, Palo Alto, 94304

APN: 351-05-048

Owner: CARLAND GRACE TRUSTEE, 3865 PAGE MILL RD, LOS ALTOS HILLS CA

Assessed Value 2014: \$34,639.00 2015: \$35,345.00 2016 \$35,876.00

Value Notes:

Land Class: Non Prime

Acreage: 10.00 minus 1 acre for Homesite = 9.00Contract Start: Unknown Resolution No: Unknown

Contract Status: Unchanged; contract will continue for at least another 10 years.

# 16 3875 Page Mill Rd, Palo Alto, 94304

APN: 351-05-047

Owner: KNISS RICHARD D TRUSTEE & ET AL, 1985 COWPER ST, PALO ALTO CA

Assessed Value

2014: \$545.00

2015: \$571.00

2016 \$571.00

Value Notes:

Land Class: Non Prime Acreage: 10.00

Contract Start: Unknown Resolution No: Unknown

Contract Status: Unchanged; contract will continue for at least another 10 years.

General Notes:

# 17 3885 Page Mill Rd, Palo Alto, 94304

APN: 351-05-046

Owner: LUCIW WILLIAM W AND SHARON T TRUSTEE, 3885 PAGE MILL RD, LOS ALTOS

CA

Assessed Value

2014: \$1,003,445.00 2015: \$1,023,504.0 2016 \$1,039,105.0

Value Notes:

Land Class: Non Prime

Acreage: 8.45 minus 1 acre for Homesite = 7.45 Contract Start: Unknown Resolution No: Unknown

Contract Status: Unchanged; contract will continue for at least another 10 years.

General Notes:

# 18 3895 Page Mill Rd, Palo Alto, 94304

APN: 351-05-045

Owner: WILKINSON MARC AND LESLEY, 3895 PAGE MILL RD, PALO ALTO CA

Assessed Value

ie 2014: \$1,004,540.00 2015: \$1,024,590.0 2016 \$1,040,235.0

Value Notes:

Land Class: Non Prime

Acreage: 10.00 minus 1 acre for Homesite = 9.00 Contract Start: Unknown Resolution No: Unknown

Contract Status: Unchanged; contract will continue for at least another 10 years.

General Notes:

#### 19 3905 Page Mill Rd, Palo Alto, 94304

APN: 351-05-044

Owner: LOWRY MICHAEL R, 3905 PAGE MILL RD, LOS ALTOS HILLS CA

Assessed Value 2014: \$175,589.00 2015: \$179,097.00 2016 \$181,828.00

Value Notes:

Land Class: Non Prime

Acreage: 6.43 minus 1 acre for Homesite = 5.43 Contract Start: Unknown Resolution No: Unknown

Contract Status: Unchanged; contract will continue for at least another 10 years.

# 20 4201 Page Mill Rd, Palo Alto, 94304

APN: 351-25-015

Owner: LEAK BRUCE A, 4201 PAGE MILL RD, LOS ALTOS HILLS CA
Assessed Value 2014: \$1,536,828.00 2015: \$1,567,594.0 2016 \$1,591,464.0

Value Notes:

Land Class: Non Prime

Acreage: 11.31 minus 1 acre for Homesite = 10.31 Contract Start: Unknown Resolution No: Unknown

Contract Status: Unchanged; contract will continue for at least another 10 years.

General Notes:

# 21 2287 Skyline Blvd, Palo Alto, 94304

APN: 351-12-066

Owner: SCHULTE ROBERT E TRUSTEE & ET AL, 1019 MIDDLE AVE, MENLO PARK CA

Assessed Value 2014: \$23.00 2015: \$24.00 2016 \$24.00

Value Notes:

Land Class: Non Prime

Acreage: 0.24 minus 1 acre for Homesite = -0.76 Contract Start: Unknown Resolution No: Unknown

Contract Status: Unchanged; contract will continue for at least another 10 years.

General Notes:

#### 22 22601 Skyline Blvd, Palo Alto, 94306

APN: 351-12-062

Owner: ROGERS NOAH, 4125 WOODSIDE RD, WOODSIDE CA
Assessed Value 2014: \$602.00 2015: \$630.00 2016 \$630.00

Value Notes:

Land Class: Non Prime Acreage: 10.39

Contract Start: Unknown Resolution No: Unknown

Contract Status: Unchanged; contract will continue for at least another 10 years.

General Notes:

#### 23 No address; adjacent to 22601 Skyline Blvd

APN: 351-12-063

Owner: SCHULTE ROBERT E TRUSTEE & ET AL, 1019 MIDDLE AVE, MENLO PARK CA

Assessed Value 2014: \$462,088.00 2015: \$471,320.00 2016 \$478,507.00

Value Notes:

Land Class: Non Prime

Acreage: 12.35 minus 1 acre for Homesite = 11.35 Contract Start: Unknown Resolution No: Unknown

Contract Status: Unchanged; contract will continue for at least another 10 years.

# Will Not Renew on January 1, 2017. Notice of Nonrenewal Approved by City Council.

# 1 Open Space within Foothill Open Space Preserve

APN: 351-04-031

Owner: MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DIST, 330 DISTEL CIR, LOS ALTOS CA

Assessed Value 2014: 2015: 2016

Value Notes: Value not assessed because owned by public/quasi public agency

Land Class: Non Prime Acreage: 27.34

Contract Start: 2/27/1979 Resolution No: 5657 and 5658

Contract Status: Notice of Nonrenewal approved on 10/6/2008; contract will terminate on 12/31/2017

General Notes:

# 2 Open Space within the Montebello Open Space Preserve

APN: 351-12-043

Owner: MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DIST, SKYLINE BLVD, PALO ALTO CA

Assessed Value 2014: 2015: 2016

Value Notes: Value not assessed because owned by public/quasi public agency

Land Class: Non Prime Acreage: 8.74

Contract Start: 2/28/1973 Resolution No: 4706

Contract Status: Notice of Nonrenewal approved on 10/6/2008; contract will terminate on 12/31/2017

General Notes:

# 3 Open Space within the Montebello Open Space Preserve

APN: 351-25-014

Owner: MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DIST, 330 DISTEL CIR, LOS ALTOS CA

Assessed Value 2014: 2015: 2016

Value Notes: Value not assessed because owned by public/quasi public agency

Land Class: Non Prime Acreage: 10.72

Contract Start: 2/26/1975 Resolution No: 5067

Contract Status: Notice of Nonrenewal approved on 10/6/2008; contract will terminate on 12/31/2017

General Notes:

#### 4 Open Space within the Montebello Open Space Preserve

APN: 351-06-017

Owner: MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DIST, 1185 SKYLINE BLVD, PALO

ALTO CA

Assessed Value 2014: 2015: 2016

Value Notes: Value not assessed because owned by public/quasi public agency

Land Class: Non Prime

Acreage: 24.00 minus 1 acre for Homesite = 23.00

Contract Start: 2/28/1973 Resolution No: 4708

Contract Status: Notice of Nonrenewal approved on 10/6/2008; contract will terminate on 12/31/2017

# 5 5061, 5065, 22601 Skyline Blvd

APN: 351-12-006

Owner: MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DIST, 330 DISTEL CIR, LOS ALTOS CA

2016

Assessed Value 2014: \$37,346.00

Value Notes:

Land Class: Non Prime

Acreage: 139.59 minus 1 acre for Homesite = 138.59

Contract Start: 3/6/1973 Resolution No: 4707

Contract Status: Notice of Nonrenewal approved on 10/6/2014; contract will terminate on 1/1/2024

2015:

General Notes:

# New Notice of Nonrenewal Filed for City Council Approval

# 6 3849 Page Mill Rd, Palo Alto, 94306

APN: 351-05-050

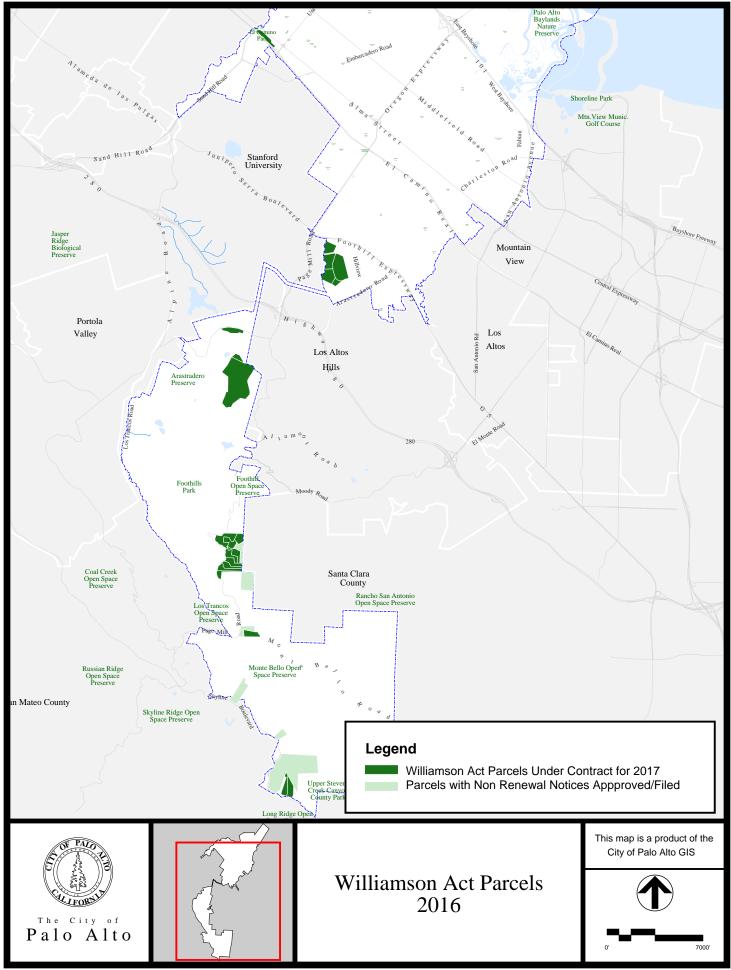
Owner: THOMAS JEFFREY A AND MARY L, 3849 PAGE MILL RD, LOS ALTOS HILLS CA

Assessed Value 2014: \$1,446,137.00 2015: \$1,475,030.0 2016 \$1,497,524.0

Value Notes:

Land Class: Non Prime Acreage: 10.00

Contract Start: Unknown Resolution No: Unknown
Contract Status: Notice of Nonrenewal filed on 3/17/2016;



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# NOTICE OF THE GIVING OF A NOTICE OF NON RENEWAL OF A UNIFORM LAND CONSERVATION CONTRACT

Address: 3849 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto 94306

Assessor's Parcel No. 351-05-050

Reference is hereby made to that certain Uniform Land Conservation Contract pursuant to Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 51200) of Part 1, Division 1, Title 5 of the Government Code, which is known as the California Land Conservation Act of 1965 ("Contract") dated February 14, 1977 by and between Ina R. Dahl and Harry E. Aine ("Owner") and the City of Palo Alto, a municipal corporation ("City"). The Contract was accepted by the City Council of the City by its Resolution No. 5342 dated February 7, 1977. The real property encumbered by the contract is located in the State of California, County of Santa Clara, City of Palo Alto, and is more particular described in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

Notice is hereby given that Owner has given notice of non-renewal of the Contract ("Notice of Non-Renewal") via letter dated March 17, 2016. A true and correct copy of the Notice of Non-Renewal is attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference.

Pursuant to the Notice of Non-Renewal, the term of the contract shall expire at midnight. January 1, 2027.

Dated: 3/31/16

OWNER:

Clerk, City of Palo Alto

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Beth Minor

City Clerk

#### CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

A Notary Public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

County of AnTA C/ATA

On MAYCH 31, 2016 before me, DONNAM. HARTMAN, Notary Public, personally appeared Jeffrey A. //www. who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) islare subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that (he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s) or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature

My Commission Expires:

DONNA M. HARTMAN COMM. # 2097808 ()
Shotary Public-California ()
Santa Clara County
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State of California
County of ANA CAYA

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On MAYCH 31, 2016 before me, 20 NA M. HARTUHY, Notary Public, personally appeared MAYUL: hours, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) (is/are-subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that be she they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies); and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.
I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.
WITNESS my hand and official seal.
Signature mrn M. Hill
My Commission Expires: TAn. 23, 2019
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#### **EXHIBIT A**

#### LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

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RESOLUTION NO. 5242

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A LABO CONSERVATION CONTRACT (LIM R. DAHL-PAGE MILL ROAD)

MHESEAS, Inc. 3, Dabi is owner of, and Harry E. Aine holds an interest in a certain parcel of land in the City of Falc Alto, Santa Giara Councy, California; have applied to have such land designated an agricultural preserve under the provisions of the Land Conversation Act of 1965; and have substituted a contract executed by them as owner and party in interest, acceptable to the City Council; and

MBREAS, the City Council has received and revised the report of the Director of Planning and Community Development from council that the acquest to establish this preserve; hereby finds that the establishment of this preserve is completent with the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Palo Alto; and further finds that the establishment of this preserve (which includes an area of approximately 95.48 acres )is necessary the to the character letter of the agricultural enterprises in the seaso and that the establishment of a preserve of such size is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Palo Alto for the following reasons:

- in the area base been conducted on comparatively month holdings, and an imposition of a 100-acre size on agricultural preserves would nuruesonably prevent the maintenance of land in an agricultural or rural scaus; and
- 2. The correct is such that the appearance and substance of an agricultural or rucal environment would be material on payous of loss than 100 agres;

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Is/ Charles E. Walker City Manager

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AVHEREAS, the property is located in an agricultural presence heretofore established by City, and

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AMERICAL, the parties have determined that the highest and best use for the property during the term of this contact, or any renewal thereof, shall be for agricultural and compatible uses.

NOW, THEREFORE, City and Owner agree as follower

# 1. CONTRACT SUBJECT TO CALIFORNIA LAND CONSERVATION ACT DE 1965.

This contest is entered into purposent to Chapter I (commercing with Section 51200) of Part I, Division I, Pitie 3 of the Government Code, which is known as the Celifornia Land Conservation Not of 1965, hereisouter called "Act," This contract is subject to all of the providing of the Act as I City Ordinance No. 2653 irrelading any amendments thereto which may have first the chapter. The provisions of the Act are incorporated herein by this reference. Owner declares that he has received from City a copy of the Act, as amended in 1974, subvant sections of the Revenue and Instaling Code, as ancoded in 1971, and Article XXVIII of the Canfornia Constitution, in a that he has read and understands the provisions thereof.

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- (1) The construction, reconstruction, installation, resinstallation, removal, alteration, repair, installation, removal, and other constructions and other states and struct improvements; (ii) public water, storm and smilter saver, communication, transportation, traffic control and fire alarm lines, thurstures, works, improvements, systems and fieldings, (iii) public uses, buildings, structures, improvements, parking areas, and their apportenances.
- (2) The erection, construction, alteration or maintenance of gas, electric, water or communication utility facilities, including radio, television or microwave caternass, transmitters and incidental facilities related thereto; unless the City Council finds after notice and hearing that such use is not compatible with the agricultural, recreational or open space use to which the land is restricted by contract.

#### 5. IMPROVEMENTS DETERMINED COMPATIBLE BY THE ACT

The focation or construction of the following types of improvements which have been determined by Government Code Section 51795 of the Act to be compatible with or to rebance land within an agricultural personner.

- (1) Public Works/required for fish and wildlife enhancement and proservation,
- (2) Improvereits for the primary benefit of the land within the preserve.
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- E. "Open space use" as defined in the California Land Conservation Act, Government Code Section 51201(o), tailed the City Cowerl finds after notice and hearing that such open space use to unpatible with the agricultural, recreational or open space use to which the find is restricted by contract.
  - Oses permitted by the regulations of the "Oss Open Space District," "F Flood Plain District," or "F P. Public Facilities District," provisions of the coming ordinance of the City.

# March 17, 2016

#### VIA E-MAIL AND U.S. MAIL

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250 Hamilton Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94301

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Re: Notice of Nonrenewal of Williamson Act Contract (APN: 351-05-050)
Jeffrey A. and Mary L. Thomas, 3849 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto, 94306

Dear Ms. Moitra and City Clerk:

By this letter, Jeffrey A. and Mary L. Thomas, owners of the 10-acre property located at 3849 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto (APN 351-05-050), provide the City of Palo Alto Notice of Nonrenewal of the Williamson Act Contract (aka, Land Conservation Contract) pertaining to their property.

This Notice of Nonrenewal is given pursuant to Government Code section 51245; Section 9 of City of Palo Alto Ordinance No. 2663, and Section 4(a) of the Williamson Act Contract (attached to City Council Resolution No. 5342 adopted on February 7, 1977 [establishing an agricultural preserve and authorizing execution of the contract]).

Pursuant to Government Code section 51245, we request that, within 20 days of receipt of this Notice, the City Clerk record with the County of Santa Clara Recorder a copy of this Notice of Nonrenewal; and that, within 30 days of the receipt of this Notice, that the City deliver a copy of the Notice of Nonrenewal to the Director of Conservation. Pursuant to Section 9 of Ordinance No. 2663, the City Clerk is to report this Notice of Nonrenewal to the City Council;

If you need additional information, please contact me at (408) 892-0874, or my land use counsel Todd Williams at (510) 622-7630.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey A. Thomas and Mary L. Thomas

cc: Todd A. Williams, Wendel Rosen Black & Dean LLP



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#### Location and Jurisdiction

APN: 351-05-050

Site Address: 3849 PAGE MILL RD
City/State/ZIP: PALO ALTO, CA 94304
Jurisdiction: Incorporated (PALO ALTO)

<u>Urban Service Area</u>: None <u>Sphere of Influence</u>: Palo Alto

Supervisor District: 5
Special Districts:

· Fire Protection District: N/A

Sanitary District: N/AWater District: N/A

#### Area Information

Recorded Size (source: Assessor's office): 10 acres

#### General Plan Land Use

Land Use Plan Designation: Hillsides (100%)

#### **Zoning District**

Zoning: Consult city planning department

