

From: [Elizabeth May](#)
To: [Gitelman, Hillary](#); [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: [Lait, Jonathan](#); [Owen, Graham](#)
Subject: Re: First Baptist Church CUP
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 8:49:46 PM

Dear Ms. Gitelman, Chairman Lauing, Vice Chair Monk, and Commission Members,

Thank you for recognizing the challenges for parents of young children to participate in the civic process. I was grateful you allowed those of us with time constraints relating to our children be accommodated.

After listening to the neighbors comments today in opposition to the pursuit of the CUP, I would like to ask how the determination of noise, traffic and alternate space availability is being assessed. In order to make a complete assessment of the accuracy of the situation, I would expect city staff would be present to review the parking and traffic during peak times, as well as documenting the noise levels. My observation of the current traffic is not consistent with what was represented by the neighbors this evening or at any of the multiple community meetings I have attended since August.

In addition, while it was represented tonight that there is available space at the other community centers and schools, in my experience of seeking space for events and meetings that is not the case. An occasional or weekend event at the schools is permitted, but they are not able to accommodate programs with consistent scheduling needs. Mitchell Park's availability is likewise not consistent with an organization which needs consistent rehearsal space. Cubberley may still have space but is in the position of having public access which occasionally creates safety concerns for children. If Cubberley is to be considered a reasonable space, I would query of the youth problems there how they allow their students to transit safely though the facility.

I hope the staff can help document this matter so a decision is made based on accurate assessment.

Thank you,
Elizabeth May

> On Apr 9, 2018, at 3:09 PM, Elizabeth May <elizabethmay@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Dear Ms. Gitelman, Chairman Lauing, Vice Chair Monk, and Commission Members,

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> As parents of two girls being raised in Palo Alto, we deeply value organizations that are accessible for our girls. We make every effort to support organizations that are part of our community to help deepen our roots here. iSing is just that. Neighbors, schoolmates, friends from around town all are part of iSing with us and the organization works hard to create a sense of community and joy in producing choral music.

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> As both our girls participate, on different days, we spend considerable time observing the patterns of the traffic and noise production at First Baptist. With the exception of a celebration in the Fall and the three times a year the group gratefully uses buses to transport the singers to two concert rehearsals and one retreat, the traffic and noise at the Church is well managed. These are young girls voices. There is no amplification. We can barely hear them when when sitting in front of the Church and Hall waiting for rehearsal to end. And we want to hear them! While sound later in the evening may be an issue, we ask the City to legitimately assess this for the surrounding neighbors. We understand being irritated by perpetual loud noise, but are hard pressed to believe that is what iSing produces at FBCPA.

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> But it is not just about iSing, it is frustrating and unreasonable to hear community members repeatedly state how they want to go back to a previous time because the current environment is not what they want. Or that the activities in the Church should just happen in another part of town. In Palo Alto, we seem to struggle to accept change. The venom directed at change and difference is challenging to listen to and accept as the voice of the community. To find creative solutions to allow organizations to survive and flourish in Palo Alto so our children can access them on foot or bike and attend with their schoolmates is paramount to preserving Palo Alto's sense of community.

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From: [holzemer/hernandez](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Thank You for our Affordable Housing Overlay Work
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 5:41:06 PM

Dear Commissioners,

Just a quick note to express to you my thanks for your dedication and hard work (plus hundreds of volunteer hours) on the Affordable Housing Overlay, which was recently decided by Council on Monday night.

I want to especially thank the work of the Ad-Hoc Committee -- Commissioners Gardias, Waldfogel, and Summa -- for their intelligent, thoughtful, and dedicated efforts. Even though the Council didn't see it the same way as the majority on the PTC, these hard work efforts -- by these three individuals -- are no more diminished and should be appreciated for what they did in such a short period of time.

As the Commission moves forward, I hope that at least some of the ideas and thoughts generate by the Ad-Hoc Committee can be incorporated into the future projects and plans for the City.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Terry Holzemer

From: [Cari Templeton](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Concerns about the proposed CUP for FBCPA and Staff Report ID # 8981
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 3:49:46 PM

Dear members of the Palo Alto Planning and Transportation Commission,

Thank you for reviewing the application for the First Baptist Church of Palo Alto's (FBCPA) Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to operate as a "community center." As a 13-year resident of Palo Alto and a patron of one of the programs that is currently housed in the FBCPA, I am supportive of any mechanism that allows the iSing program to continue use of the FBCPA for its innovative and effective choral program for school aged girls. However, upon reading the Staff Report (ID # 8981), I have concerns about not only the presentation of facts in the report, but also the proposed conditions of the CUP, which I will outline below with suggested alternatives.

- The Staff Report describes complaints of "residents," but lacks proper context, and therefore may be easily misinterpreted as a larger group than it actually is.
 - Count of unique complaining families is 18.
 - A comparable number of unique supportive families (17) have also contributed feedback to the process.
 - Count of iSing families in 94301 is over 30.
- The CUP as proposed lacks key features that would allow iSing to continue using FBCPA. *To remedy this, please consider the following modifications to the CUP:*
 - Adjust the CUP to extend hours of operation from 7:30PM to 8:30PM.
 - Increase the maximum occupancy to 120 persons.
 - Allow occasional and reasonable use of the outdoor space (e.g., post-performance ice cream social).
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The necessity of a CUP at all requires limiting the definition of ministry to only mean literal worship, which is archaic and shows a lack of understanding of modern ministry.

- Losing positive enrichment programs diminishes quality of life for Palo Alto youth. We must do what we can to keep programs local.

Sincerely,

Carolyn "Cari" Bloodworth Templeton

13-year Palo Alto resident, iSing parent, Ohlone parent, community volunteer

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From: [Randle Mixon](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); [Owen, Graham](#); [Gitelman, Hillary](#); [Lait, Jonathan](#); [Jannah Delp](#); [Elaine Uang](#); [Chris Wade](#); [Liz Bridges](#); [Daniel Cudworth](#); [Hugh & Eleanor Satterlee](#); [J092048](#); [Jane Chin](#)
Subject: FBCPA response to Planning Department recommendations
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 3:04:51 PM
Attachments: [TO THE PTC, 4-11-2018.docx](#)

April 11, 2018

TO: THE CITY OF PALO ALTO PLANNING AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION;
THE CITY OF PALOALTO DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND
COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT

FROM: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, PALO ALTO
PASTOR RICK MIXON

Let me begin by saying that we at the First Baptist Church of Palo Alto want to be clear that we value our neighborhood and our neighbors. We very much want to be a good neighbor. We are aware of the concerns of some of our neighbors about noise, parking, and traffic. We share those concerns and are working hard to address them. Given what we have heard from our concerned neighbors, we are quite willing to give consideration to those concerns in scheduling use of the building as well as making changes to the building that address these concerns. We believe we have already made significant progress in addressing these concerns.

Let me also express my appreciation to Hillary, Jonathan, Graham and the Planning Department for all the obvious hard work they have put in to resolving these issues. We recognize that this is a situation that has been challenging to try to resolve. We understand that it's no fun to be stuck in the middle.

Their background, analysis and recommendations concerning our application for a Conditional Use Permit to be designated as a Community Center show how clearly and diligently they have worked to craft a reasonable, workable solution. That said, we have several concerns about the conditions proposed in Attachment A of their report. I would like to go through these point by point.

1. To begin with, I'd like to be clear that the church continues to believe that the organizations and activities that share our space are consonant with our mission as a church in 2018. Therefore, the Community Center designation should be unnecessary, but we understand that the Planning Department sees this differently under the existing City Code and so we have proceeded with this application at their direction.
2. We requested that the hours of operation be 9:00 AM till 10:00 PM Sunday through Thursday and 9:00 AM till 11:00 PM on Saturday and Sunday. These are the hours outlined in other CUPs for religious institutions also located in R1

neighborhoods. We believe that the city should be consistent in designating hours of operation. This does not mean activities will be going on during all those hours all the time, but there are occasions when the church or our partners would reasonably make use of the space during those hours.

3. There are times and events when amplified music would be reasonably expected. For example, the church has had amplified music on its patio during cookouts and weddings. However, we are amenable to creating a reasonable schedule for noise levels and times when this would be permissible, as well as types of music that would be acceptable.
4. Several years ago, the church spent a considerable sum of money upgrading its patio for outside use. As mentioned, the church has held various activities there and on our lawn. We believe that use of this desirable space should be extended to our partners. Because we are serving children, we believe they need a place to run, play, and let off steam, as long as they are supervised. We have had more than one neighbor tell us that they or their children grew up playing on the church's lawn. It has truly been the neighborhood's lawn over the past 70 years.
5. We will install double paned windows in the Fellowship Hall by August 1 as part of a plan to refurbish the Hall.
6. We are very happy to report that a new HVAC system is scheduled to go into the Hall this week.
7. The suggested limit on occupancy seems unreasonable for the actual use of the space. In order for us to be able to make good use of the building, we suggest a limit of 120.
8. We have kept the Pastor's parking space where it is because it helps to ensure proper parking on that end of the lot where drivers turn into the exit driveway. We believe this is actually a safety measure. Most of time the parking lot is actually underutilized.
9. We are already staggering the beginning of events on the property to help with drop off and pick up. This seems to be working well. iSing staff has been closely monitoring compliance with rules and regulations for driving, stopping, and parking around the church. We have suggested that occasional police presence at

the site with the issuance of citations would help people understand that they need to obey the law.

10. The existing curbside loading zone seems to be working well, especially since the New Mozart School left the building, and iSing modified its hours. We believe that expanding the loading zone at this time is unnecessary. The hours when loading and unloading are relevant are those afternoon hours when iSing is in operation as already posted.
11. Because our Sanctuary provides an outstanding acoustic for musical performance and our Hall an excellent dance floor, they are highly desirable venues in the community. While we understand the need for regulation in scheduling these events, we request that the number be increased to up to 12 in a year.

I do want to acknowledge that we recognize our responsibility to let our neighbors know what is going on the building, to monitor activities, and to work with them to address their concerns in a timely manner. We recognize that we have caused some concern in the neighborhood, which we never intended and for which we are sorry. While it is our desire that you amend the recommendations of the Planning Department as we have suggested, we also understand that you and they have a responsibility to monitor compliance with any CUP granted. We look forward to working together the Planning Department and our neighbors to insure this is so, while sustaining the well-being of the church and the neighborhood.

From: [Jennah Delp](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Please include in meeting documentation for this evening
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 3:03:49 PM
Attachments: [iSingResponse_CUPreport.pdf](#)

Please see attached on behalf of iSing Silicon Valley. Thank you!

Jennah Delp Somers, President

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Jennah Delp-Somers
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Dear Planning and Transportation Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to debate the conditions of the recommended CUP to be issued to First Baptist Church of Palo Alto, 305 N. California Avenue. Since 2013, iSing Silicon Valley, a 501c3 nonprofit organization, has called First Baptist Church home to its weekly music education classes for 250 girls throughout Silicon Valley. Most of our iSing families live in Palo Alto – forty five of them live within the 94301 zip code.

We would like to ask that the proposed CUP be modified in the following ways, to allow for iSing to continue its important work of empowering girls in our community through singing at First Baptist Church of Palo Alto.

- a. **HOURS OF OPERATION.** We ask that activities at the church extend to 8:30PM. We have two classes for older singers, two days per week, that extend to 8:30PM. Classes for high school students are offered later in the evening to accommodate for after school activities such as sports, or school plays. For your reference, I've attached a list of iSing's class schedule, including class time and number of occupants.
- b. **OCCUPANCY.** We ask that the maximum number of people attending or affiliated with any community center event, except for counseling and psychotherapy uses, collectively, at any time, **be extended to 120 persons**. This ask is well below the maximum occupancy of either large space within the church. Since learning of the traffic issues, we offset the timing of our classes such that large groups of parents are never coming or going at the same time. This only occurs on W/TH evenings between 5–7PM. Also, none of our parents stay for class, so the need for parking is not a real issue.
- c. **OUTDOOR SPACE.** We ask that outdoor activities be permitted within a reasonable time of day, ex. 12–5PM.
- d. **AMPLIFIED MUSIC.** We ask that amplified music be permitted during reasonable hours, ex. 12–5PM, (within the guidelines specified here:
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist2/projects/sixer/loud.pdf>)

iSing has already undertaken measures to mitigate the concerns of residents, and many of the past complaints have been mitigated by FBCPA tenants ceasing operations at the church. Our current usage of the space minimizes the impact to surrounding neighbors, and our newly adjusted class schedules minimize traffic and parking concerns. We welcome a discussion that leads to permitted usage that protects the neighbors from excessive usage, and does so in a way that allows for iSing's entirely reasonable use of the FBCPA facilities.

Addressing the newest complaints that react to the CUP proposal, it is a very small faction of disgruntled people within the neighborhood who have organized and manipulated this process. Out of 39 complaints submitted in reaction to the CUP proposal, 27 are from the same 6 residents. I hope that the Commission will be sensitive to that reality and avoid setting a precedent that will create a systemic culture of NIMBY entitlement within a community that is known for its forward-thinking ideals. To that being said, iSing is committed to making further changes in our operations to mitigate the concerns that impact the surrounding neighbors. I also hope that the Commission will be pleased with the efforts that

iSing has made within the community to improve traffic/safety, noise, and parking issues. Here is a summary of the steps iSing has taken to mitigate concerns:

Re: Traffic/Safety, iSing:

- Continues to promote carpool efforts
- Encourages walk/bike to class
- Maintains safe drop-off/pick-up areas in front of church on N. California Ave
- Sends weekly emails to parents with parking/drop off/pick up/good neighbor reminders
- Has adjusted class times to offset large numbers of cars in area at the same time

Re: Noise, iSing will:

- Keep windows and doors closed in Fellowship Hall
- Consider moving larger family events, like Folk Dance Night, to another location
- Hold any family events within reasonable hours, never before noon and never beyond 7PM
- Will apply for TUP for larger events so neighbors are given notice

Re: Parking, iSing:

- Continues to encourage neighbor courtesy with regard to distance from driveways and trash cans

Thank you for your consideration of these modifications and for all of your efforts.

Sincerely,

Jannah Delp Somers, President
iSing Silicon Valley

iSing Class Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2:30–3:30PM iSing@School Roosevelt 3–6 grade choir (held offsite in Redwood City)	4:00–4:45PM Minis 16 singers	3:00–3:45PM Minis 16 singers		
4:00–5:00PM Group Voice Harm 5 singers	5:00–6:00PM Melodics 20 singers	4:00–5:00PM Melodics 20 singers	4:00–5:00PM Melodics 20 singers	
5:00–6:00PM Group Voice Pre 5 singers	5–6PM, Group Voice Pre 5 singers	Harmonics Wed Level 1: 5:15–7:15PM Level 2: 5:45–7:45PM 60 singers	Harmonics Thurs Level 1: 5:15–7:15PM Level 2: 5:45–7:45PM 60 singers	
6:00–7:00PM Group Voice Adv 5 singers	6–7PM, Group Voice Poly 5 singers	4:30–7PM Prephonics 20 singers	6:00–8:30PM Polyphonics 40 singers	
7:00–8:30PM HD 16 singers				

From: [Mari Varma](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Objection to the South Baptist Church Application for a Community Center
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 11:32:03 AM

Dear Palo Alto Commissioners,

I'm writing to express my objection to the South Baptist Church's application for a community center.

My family lives within 600 feet of the Church on Bryant Street. When we moved to Palo Alto in 1996, we found the South Baptist Church to be a good neighbor. We knew the Church rented space in the fellowship hall for various regular events, e.g., Monday evening talks and vegetarian dinners, dancing lessons, plus a few other occasional events. These were not problematic and added to the community. However, when the church started to lease space to the Music and ISing organizations the traffic and noise level increased significantly. Additionally, I felt that the folks who participated in these events did not respect our neighborhood. I often had to pick up litter from our flowerbeds. Plus they didn't care where they parked when in a hurry. We have a fire hydrant in front of our house and people regularly would park in front.

I understand the need for the Church to add revenue for their day-to-day needs and would like to help them. It would be wonderful if the pastor included the neighborhood in his plan. We are fortunate to have very talented folks living in this neighborhood and many of us would gladly help.

Think very carefully before granting this request for a community center to the South Baptist Church. The current pastor seems to have a charitable spirit and is renting the space at below market price. The next pastor might not have the same mindset and will take a different approach.

Thank you for your time.

Best,

Maricela Varma

 Bryant Street

From: sburgval@aol.com
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: 305 N. California
Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 4:10:36 PM
Attachments: [communityctravail.pdf](#)
[2016-0209 NOI 305 N California\(1\).docx](#)

Dear Commissioners,

I have lived within 600 feet of 305 N. California since 1991, and I have reviewed the Staff Report regarding the CUP application by the First Baptist Church to operate as a community center. The report and its recommendations concern me deeply. I plan to bring my concerns to the meeting tomorrow night, however I would like to give the Commission the opportunity to review certain documents and code provisions prior to that meeting, and so set them forth here.

To address two specifics of the staff report and recommendations:

1. The preliminary determination which must be made for the issuance of a CUP is that the use is necessary or desirable for the development of the community.

This jurisdictional determination has not even been addressed by the staff report. While community centers are generally desirable for a community, this community already has ample space available at extremely low cost through the City of Palo Alto and the Palo Alto Unified School District. I provided the Planning staff with documentation of this availability and price, however their report did not address it. A copy of my email in this regard is attached to the report, however the documents provided (calendars of the current usage of several rooms from Cubberley and Lucie Stern) are not, so I have attached them here.

The available space at the currently existing community centers and schools has ample parking, buffer against the neighborhoods for noise, and its usage supports the City of Palo Alto and/or its school district. This space must be addressed in evaluating the preliminary determination of whether a community center is necessary or desirable at 305 N. California Street. These spaces are equally available by car and bike to both residents of Palo Alto and outlying communities. They have established parking, bike parking, terms of use for the neighborhoods, and their further use by any organization will not negatively affect the safety or any other aspects of their neighborhood. They offer discounts for non-profit organizations. The application for a CUP should fail on this ground before further examination.

2. There is insufficient parking according to the Palo Alto Municipal code, for the new use of this property as a Community Center.

FBC operates in a nonconforming use pursuant to PAMC, based upon its 1940's build. As such, it legally does not conform to the currently established parking requirements. The Staff Report cites PAMC section 18.52.040 to allow this "grandfathered" legality to continue into the new use as a community center. The section cited by staff appears on the online published PAMC as section 18.52.030, but from a simple reading, does not have the affect staff attributes to it.

"Grandfathered" provisions are in effect to prevent prejudice. It would not be fair to require a property owner to change their parking, for example, because the code requirements have changed. By their nature, however, they are designed to expire upon the end of the use of property for that purpose. Staff states that, provided there is no intensification of use, no additional parking is required. At no location in the PAMC, however does it state that grandfathered provisions fall over to *new uses* - in fact, both common sense and common practice are contrary to that. 18.52.030(d) provides that a change of use which would increase the number of parking spaces required is effective for the entirety of the portion of the building which will be used. Since this is a new use, under present codes, it would require 63 additional parking spaces since it is applied for today. Also notably, the community center will run concurrently with the nonconforming use as a church. As such, the grandfathered parking *should remain with the church and its nonconforming use*. The new use will require parking which is up to code, and which is not present here.

The previous review by the Planning Staff for the application of Mozart School of Music followed this

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application of the code. Please see the letter from Claire Hodgkins dated February 9, 2017, where she discussed the parking requirement for the Mozart School, and gives no credit for grandfathered parking availability. Under the interpretation promoted in this recommendation, Mozart would have been only been responsible for the intensification in use as a personal service versus a church - that interpretation was not followed by the Planning Department's own staff.

I believe the application must fail for these reasons alone. However, significant defects exist in the findings made by staff with regard to whether the proposed use will be detrimental or injurious to the property or improvements in the vicinity, and are detrimental to the public health, safety, general welfare or convenience. I, and I believe others from the neighborhood, will address those at the meeting tomorrow night.

Thank you for your review of these matters.

Sarah Burgess



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February 9, 2017

Charles Bronitsky
2501 Park Blvd. 2nd Flr.
Palo Alto, CA 94306

RE: 305 North California Avenue– Conditional Use Permit – 17PLN-00015

Dear Mr. Bronitsky:

Thank you for your submittal. Staff has completed a basic review of your project materials for completeness and consistency with City of Palo Alto policies and regulations. We appreciate your intent to resolve this to resolve your Notice of Violation through this Conditional Use Permit entitlement process. Your application referenced above cannot be deemed complete at this time. We are looking forward to working with you to receive a complete package for further processing and review. Please provide the following items and information:

Incomplete Items:

- Provide dimensioned floor plans to show how the square footage of space used was determined.
- Show the area used for office space and the area used for personal services (private lessons).

Planning Comments:

- In accordance with PAMC Section 18.04 (114) individual or group music classes is classified as a personal service use. In accordance with PAMC Section 18.54 Personal services uses require one parking space per 200 square feet of floor area used, as noted in your project description. As noted above, dimensioned floor plans highlighting the proposed classroom areas and which provide a total area for the nine classrooms that may be used concurrently is required.
- In addition, information about the number of attendees and the area used for all concurrent uses must be provided in order to determine the required number of parking spots. Stating the number of parking spots required for those uses is not sufficient.
- No additional information is required for uses that are not concurrent (i.e. on Sunday uses since Mozart School does not operate on Sundays).
 - Based on neighbor complaints and basic web searches it appears that the site there are several other concurrent uses between 2pm and 9pm on weekdays. For example:



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- The church has office hours between 1PM and 5:30PM
- there are weekly vegetarian dinners held every Monday at 6PM
- it appears that church council meetings occur on Wednesday evenings
- International folk dancing on Fridays starting at 8PM
- Tuesday night tango 7-9PM
- There were several other events I found such as a live French music dance part, country dance parties, seasonal events, etc. that may not each occur on a regular basis but which are consistently happening at the church.
- Based on the information provided, the concurrent use of the office and music spaces alone would likely result in the use of all parking spaces on site. Therefore, in order to approve the project, the city would need to see a written agreement between the church and the school in which the Church agreed not to have any other concurrent events held at the site between the hours of 12-9PM Monday through Friday and 9am to 5pm on Saturdays. Alternatively, the school may limit its hours of operation and the agreement would reflect those new agreed upon hours of operation where only the Mozart School would operate. Note that these statements also assume that the information requested above will verify that the concurrent use of the church office and the music school would not result in a requirement for more than 11 parking spaces.
- Although the City would be open to consideration of other alternatives to parking, these ideas were explored prior to your submittal and it was determined that off-site parking options were not available. If you have a site within 500 feet of the Church that can provide parking for your use, this could be an option. However, that site would need to enter into a written agreement with you and show that those parking spots are not required for their site use. This may only be provided for up to 20% of the required site parking for your use.

Transportation Comments (Jarret Mullen 650-329-2218)

Recommendation: Not recommended for approval.

The following comments are required to be addressed prior to Planning entitlement approval:

1. **PARKING LOT DESIGN:** The parking site plan included with the planning application is inadequate to determine if the parking facilities meet minimum acceptable standards for practical use. When resubmitting, please include a site plan of the parking lot plotted to scale which includes all relevant physical features such as building edges, fences, pavement, landscaping, and curbs. Show dimensions of drive aisles and parking stalls. Clearly label existing and proposed changes. Any changes shall generally conform to Chapter 18.54 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code and not increase the degree of any noncomplying aspect of the parking facility.



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2. **BICYCLE PARKING:** Short and long-term bike parking spaces shall be provided as part of this project consistent with bike parking supply and design standards within Chapter 18.52 and 18.54 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code (PAMC). Short-term bike parking spaces are typically provided racks with two points of contact between a typical bicycle frame and wheel, anchorage to an immovable surface, and located in a visible location near the main entry of the building. Depending on the product type, minimum clearances between the rack and vertical obstructions are necessary for functional and practical use. Show the location of the required bike parking on the site plan and include the supply on the parking inventory/lot coverage compliance table, and provide a product specification for the proposed bike parking fixture.

3. **SHARED PARKING:** The existing church does not meet current off-street parking supply standards. Accordingly, any proposed activity associated with the requested use in this application may not overlap with activities of the existing use. Please revise the concurrent use schedule to meet this requirement.

Building Division Comments (Evon Balesh)

Recommendation: Not recommended for approval

The following comments are required to be addressed prior to Planning entitlement approval:

1. On the proposed floor plan for the Mozart School classrooms, please provide the following:
 - a. Provide a scaled drawing of the 2nd floor plan and show the overall dimensions of the building, e.g. length and width
 - b. Show the room dimensions, i.e., length and width for each of the classrooms for the music school.
 - c. Specify the ages of the students attending the music school.
 - d. Clarify if any of the rooms will be used for music performances.
2. Provide an overall site plan. Show the location of the building on the lot and with respect to the street. Show the location of the parking on the site plan and any accessible parking.
3. Show the location of the restrooms and the accessible restrooms that will serve the music school.

Fire Department Comments (Karl Schneider)

Recommendation: Not recommended for approval



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1. Contact Karl Schneider w/ PAFD 650-329-2194 to schedule a site visit to the proposed Mozart School of Music location. Once the site visit is completed PAFD will submit conditions for this project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The City has received comments from two residents at this time, both of whom have expressed concerns regarding parking, traffic, and noise related to the music school as well as its concurrent use with other events at the church.

TIMELINE

Within 14 days submit revised plans and an electronic copy for review. Please submit three four sets of plans with the revisions. You may mail in or drop off the plans to the below address:

Attn: Claire Hodgkins
Planning and Community Environment
250 Hamilton Avenue, 5th floor
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Please contact me at (650) 329-2116 or claire.hodgkins@cityofpaloalto.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Claire Hodgkins
Project Planner, Planning & Community Environment

**Cubberley Community Center
Facility Fee Schedule**

Effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

ALL FEES ARE CHARGED BY THE HOUR	REGULAR WEEKLY RENTALS		INFREQUENT RENTALS	
	Non-Profit Rates	Basic Rates	Non-Profit Rates	Basic Rates
MEETING/ACTIVITY ROOMS				
Small Rooms (less than 1000 sq.ft.) A2, A3, A6, A7, D1, M-3, P-1, P-2	\$28	\$35	\$34	\$42
Medium Rooms (G4, H6, M2, M4)	\$35	\$42	\$46	\$55
H1 Lecture Room	\$45	\$58	\$57	\$72
Auditorium	\$63	\$101	\$104	\$148
DANCE STUDIOS				
G6 and L6	\$38	\$44	\$48	\$57
GYMNASIUMS				
Gym A	\$59	\$90	\$73	\$110
Gym B	\$67	\$99	\$86	\$132
Pavilion	\$101	\$129	\$133	\$160
Pavilion Street shoe surcharge	\$19	\$19	\$19	\$19
AMPHITHEATER				
Amphitheater (Outdoor Lawn)	\$21	\$27	\$29	\$38
LABOR				
Custodial Service - Regular	\$37	\$37	\$37	\$37
Custodial Service - Overtime	\$53	\$53	\$53	\$53

For detail information and a complete list of fees, please refer to the City of Palo Alto's Municipal Fee Schedule.

Room Rental Amenities

Room	Dimensions		Tables	Chairs	Floor Type	White board	Curtains	Mirrors	Screen	Slipk	Capacity	Miscellaneous	
													With Tables
Activity/Meeting rooms													
A-2,3,6, & 7	23'x30'	700 sq ft	13	36 UP	Carpet	✓	✓	✓			36	45	Lecturen
O-1 Auditorium	56'x90'	5000sq ft	rec 40 M	460	Tile			□			330	500	Stage, Sound Equipment, Upright piano, Lighting
D-1 Classroom	19'x21'	400 sq ft	7	20 UP	Carpet	✓			✓		18	26	Counter Along the Back Wall
H-1 Lecture	40'x48'	1900sq ft	15	136 UP	Carpet	✓	✓	✓	✓		40	125	Upright Piano, Counter, Tiered seating.
H-6 Activity	30'x48'	1400sq ft	19	60 M	Tile	✓	✓	✓	✓		75	100	Counter & Microwave
M-2 Music Room	35'x40'	1400sq ft	5	55 OC	Tile	✓		✓				100	Yamaha Grand Piano, 40 Music Stands, TS
M-3 Meeting room	26'x28'	700sq ft	4	20 M	Carpet	✓		✓			25	40	Upright Piano, 15 Music Stands, Internet Access
M-4 Meeting room	40'x48'	1900sq ft	12	100 UP	Carpet	✓	✓	✓	✓		90	125	Kawai Grand Piano, Internet Access
G-6 Dance Studio	36'x44'	1600sq ft	1	10 M	Wood		✓	✓				30	Portable Dance Bars
L-6 Dance Studio	35'x47'	1650sq ft	1	10 M	Marley		✓	✓				35	Portable Dance Bars
G-1 Gym A	55'x100'	5500sq ft	2	20 M	Wood						100	345	Basketball/ Volleyball Courts, Bleachers
G-2 Gym B	72'x100'	7200sq ft	3	30 M	Wood				✓		130	450	Basketball/ Volleyball Courts, Bleachers
G-4 Gym Act. Room	35'x47'	1645sq ft	0	27 M	Carpet							45	Ceiling Fans
N-1 Pavilion	108'x108'	11700sq ft	13	240 M	Wood						770	1600	Basketball/ Volleyball Courts, Bleachers
Amphitheater	120'x135'	16200sq ft	-	-	Grass							350	No Lights
Theater	28'x35'	1000sq ft	8	317 UP	Wood	✓		✓				317	Sound, Lighting Systems, 48 Music Stands, TS, FS

M- metal chairs TS- tiered seating UP- upholstered chairs FS- fixed seating OC- orchestra chairs

If have piano classrooms don't

CUBB - H-1 Classroom at Cubberley Community Center (CUBB)

Monthly Calendar For February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 7:30p-9:30p Worship Services	3 9a-12p Language Classes 7p-9:30p Meeting #14116 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Podium with Microphone)
4 9a-2:30p Worship Services 3p-5p Worship Services	5 7p-10:15p Orchestra Rehearsal #12847	6 7p-10p Improv #12829	7 7p-10p Improv	8 7:30a-12:30p Training #14796	9 7:30p-9:30p Worship Services	10 9a-11a Coach Meeting 11:30a-7:30p Music Recital #15501
11 9a-2:30p Worship Services 3p-5p Worship Services 5:30p-7:30p Recital (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Upright Piano)	12 7p-10:15p Orchestra Rehearsal #12847	13 7p-10p Improv #12829	14 6:30a-9:30a WGW Monthly Safety Meeting	15 6:30p-10p Lecture #12828	16 7:30p-9:30p Worship Services	17 6p-8p Dance Classes
18 9a-2:30p Worship Services 3p-5p Worship Services	19	20 7p-10p Improv #12829	21 6:30a-9:30a Electric Monthly Safety Meeting #12827 7p-10p General Meeting #12926 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Podium with Microphone)	22 5:30p-9:30p BMR Seminar #13181	23 7:30p-9:30p Worship Services	24 9a-12p Language Classes 12:30p-2:30p Training Class 7p-9:30p Meeting #14116 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Podium with Microphone)
25 9a-2:30p Worship Services 3p-5p Worship Services	26 7p-10:15p Orchestra Rehearsal #12847	27 7p-10p Improv #12829	28 6:30p-9:30p Med. Ops			

*15 classrooms
2 gyms
2 dance studios
long term kiosk*

CUBB - M-2 Music Room at Cubberley Community Center (CUBB)

Monthly Calendar For February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 10a-12p Rehearsal #12417 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)
4	5 6:30p-10p Chorus Rehearsals #12414 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)	6 7:30p-9:30p Music Rehearsal #12415 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)	7 9a-12:30p Senior Friendship Day 4p-9p Rehearsal	8 3:30p-6p Rehearsal	9	10 10a-12p Rehearsal
11 4p-8p Rehearsal	12 6:30p-10p Chorus Rehearsals #12414 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)	13 3:30p-6p Rehearsal #12799 7:30p-9:30p Music Rehearsal #12415 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)	14 9a-12:30p Senior Friendship Day 4p-9p Rehearsal	15 3:30p-6p Rehearsal	16 5:45p-9:15p Rehearsal	17
18 2:30p-5:30p Warm-up Room #11770	19 6:30p-10p Chorus Rehearsals #12414 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)	20 3:30p-6p Rehearsal #12799 7:30p-9:30p Music Rehearsal #12415 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)	21 9a-12:30p Senior Friendship Day 4p-6:30p Rehearsal	22 3:30p-6p Rehearsal	23 7p-10p Meeting #12830	24 10a-12p Rehearsal #12417 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)
25 4p-8p Rehearsal	26 6:30p-10p Chorus Rehearsals #12414 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)	27 3:30p-6p Rehearsal #12799 7:30p-9:30p Music Rehearsal #12415 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)	28 9a-12:30p Senior Friendship Day 4p-9p Rehearsal			

CUBB - H-1 Classroom at Cubberley Community Center (CUBB)

Monthly Calendar For March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 7:30p-9:30p Worship Services	3 9a-12p Language Classes 1p-2p Gathering 7p-9:30p Meeting #14116 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Podium with Microphone)
4 9a-2:30p Worship Services 3p-5p Worship Services	5 7p-10:15p Orchestra Rehearsal #12847	6 7p-10p Improv #12829	7 7p-10p Improv	8	9 7:30p-9:30p Worship Services	10 9a-12p Language Classes
11 9a-2:30p Worship Services 3p-5p Worship Services	12 7p-10:15p Orchestra Rehearsal #12847	13 7p-10p Improv #12829	14 6:30a-9:30a WGW Monthly Safety Meeting 7p-10p Improv	15 6:30p-10p Lecture #12828	16 7:30p-9:30p Worship Services	17 9a-12p Language Classes
18 9a-2:30p Worship Services 3p-5p Worship Services	19 7p-10:15p Orchestra Rehearsal #12847	20 7p-10p Improv #12829	21 6:30a-9:30a Electric Monthly Safety Meeting #12827 7p-10p General Meeting #12926 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Podium with Microphone)	22 7p-10p Improv	23 7:30p-9:30p Worship Services	24 8:30a-4p ARC First Aid
25 9a-2:30p Worship Services 3p-5p Worship Services	26 7p-10:15p Orchestra Rehearsal #12847	27 7p-10p Improv #12829	28 7p-10p Improv	29 8a-8:30p Church Gathering (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Podium with Microphone) 7p-10p Improv	30 7:30p-9:30p Worship Services	31 9a-12p Language Classes 7p-9:30p Meeting #14116 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Podium with Microphone)

CUBB - M-2 Music Room at Cubberley Community Center (CUBB)

Monthly Calendar For March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 3:30p-6p Rehearsal	2	3 10a-12p Rehearsal 4p-6p Piano Class (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)
4 12:30p-5:30p Warm-up Room #11773	5 6:30p-10p Chorus Rehearsals #12414 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)	6 3:30p-6p Rehearsal #12799 7:30p-9:30p Music Rehearsal #12415 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)	7 9a-12:30p Senior Friendship Day 6:30p-9p Rehearsal	8 2p-9p Rehearsal	9 6p-9p Rehearsal	10 10a-12p Rehearsal #12417 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano) 4p-10p Warm-up Room #11774
11	12 6:30p-10p Chorus Rehearsals #12414 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)	13 3:30p-6p Rehearsal #12799 7:30p-9:30p Music Rehearsal #12415 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)	14 9a-12:30p Senior Friendship Day 4p-9p Rehearsal	15 3:30p-6p Rehearsal	16	17 10a-12p Rehearsal
18 4p-8p Rehearsal	19 6:30p-10p Chorus Rehearsals #12414 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)	20 3:30p-6p Rehearsal #12799 7:30p-9:30p Music Rehearsal #12415 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)	21 9a-12:30p Senior Friendship Day 4p-8p Rehearsal	22 3:30p-6p Rehearsal	23 7p-10p Meeting #12830	24 10a-12p Rehearsal #12417 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)
25 4p-8p Rehearsal	26 6:30p-10p Chorus Rehearsals #12414 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)	27 3:30p-6p Rehearsal #12799 7:30p-9:30p Music Rehearsal #12415 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)	28 9a-12:30p Senior Friendship Day 4p-9p Rehearsal	29 3:30p-6p Rehearsal	30	31 10a-12p Rehearsal

CUBB - H-1 Classroom at Cubberley Community Center (CUBB)

Monthly Calendar For April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9a-2:30p Worship Services 3p-5p Worship Services	2 12p-4p Meeting 7p-10:15p Orchestra Rehearsal #12847	3 7p-10p Improv #12829	4 7p-10p Improv	5 7p-10p Improv	6 7:30p-9:30p Worship Services	7 9a-12p Language Classes
8 9a-2:30p Worship Services 3p-5p Worship Services	9	10 7p-10p Improv #12829	11 6:30a-9:30a WGW Monthly Safety Meeting	12 7:30a-12:30p Training #14796 7p-10p Improv	13 7:30p-9:30p Worship Services	14 9a-12p Language Classes
15 9a-2:30p Worship Services 3p-5p Worship Services	16 7p-10:15p Orchestra Rehearsal #12847	17 7p-10p Improv #12829	18 6:30a-9:30a Electric Monthly Safety Meeting #12827 7p-10p General Meeting #12926 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Podium with Microphone)	19 6:30p-10p Lecture #12828	20 7:30p-9:30p Worship Services	21 9:30a-12:30p Compost Workshops
22 9a-2:30p Worship Services 3p-5p Worship Services	23 7p-10:15p Orchestra Rehearsal #12847	24 7p-10p Improv #12829	25 6:30a-9:30a WGW Monthly Safety Meeting	26 7a-4p Defensive Tactics #16239	27 7:30p-9:30p Worship Services	28 9a-12p Language Classes
29 9a-2:30p Worship Services 3p-5p Worship Services	30 12p-1:30p Annual Meeting #14717 7p-10:15p Orchestra Rehearsal #12847					

CUBB - M-2 Music Room at Cubberley Community Center (CUBB)

Monthly Calendar For April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 6:30p-10p Chorus Rehearsals #12414 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)	3 7:30p-9:30p Music Rehearsal #12415 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)	4 9a-12:30p Senior Friendship Day	5 8p-10p Choral Rehearsal #14511	6 7a-6p Warm-up Room #11754	7 8a-4p Warm-up Room #11754
8 4p-8p Rehearsal	9 6:30p-10p Chorus Rehearsals #12414 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)	10 3:30p-6p Rehearsal #12799 7:30p-9:30p Music Rehearsal #12415 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)	11 9a-12:30p Senior Friendship Day 4p-8p Rehearsal	12 3:30p-6p Rehearsal 8p-10p Choral Rehearsal #14511	13 7a-6p Warm-up Room #11755	14 8a-4p Warm-up Room #11755
15 4p-8p Rehearsal	16 6:30p-10p Chorus Rehearsals #12414 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)	17 3:30p-6p Rehearsal #12799 7:30p-9:30p Music Rehearsal #12415 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)	18 9a-12:30p Senior Friendship Day 4p-8p Rehearsal	19 3:30p-6p Rehearsal	20 7a-6p Warm-up Room #11756	21 8a-4p Warm-up Room #11756
22 4p-8p Rehearsal	23 6:30p-10p Chorus Rehearsals #12414 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)	24 3:30p-6p Rehearsal #12799	25 9a-12:30p Senior Friendship Day 4p-8p Rehearsal	26 3:30p-6p Rehearsal	27 7a-6p Warm-up Room #11757 7p-10p Meeting #12830	28 8a-4p Warm-up Room #11757
29 4p-8p Rehearsal	30 6:30p-10p Chorus Rehearsals #12414 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)					

CUBB - H-1 Classroom at Cubberley Community Center (CUBB)

Monthly Calendar For May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7p-10p Improv #12829	2 7a-5p Meeting	3 7a-1p Meeting 6p-8p lecture #16129 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Podium with Microphone)	4 7:30p-9:30p Worship Services	5 9a-2p Language Classes
6 9a-2:30p Worship Services 3p-5p Worship Services	7 7p-10:15p Orchestra Rehearsal #12847	8 7p-10p Improv #12829	9 6:30a-9:30a WGW Monthly Safety Meeting	10	11 7:30p-9:30p Worship Services	12 9a-12p Language Classes
13 9a-2:30p Worship Services 3p-5p Worship Services	14 7p-10:15p Orchestra Rehearsal #12847	15 7p-10p Improv #12829	16 6:30a-9:30a Electric Monthly Safety Meeting #12827 7p-10p General Meeting #12826 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Podium with Microphone)	17 6:30p-10p Lecture #12828	18 7:30p-9:30p Worship Services	19 9a-12p Language Classes
20 9a-2:30p Worship Services 3p-5p Worship Services	21	22 7p-10p Improv #12829	23	24	25 7:30p-9:30p Worship Services	26
27 9a-2:30p Worship Services 3p-5p Worship Services	28	29 7p-10p Improv #12829	30	31		

CUBB - M-2 Music Room at Cubberley Community Center (CUBB)

Monthly Calendar For May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 3:30p-6p Rehearsal #12799 7:30p-9:30p Music Rehearsal #12415 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)	2 9a-12:30p Senior Friendship Day 4p-9p Rehearsal	3 3:30p-6p Rehearsal	4	5 3p-6p recital #15019
6 4p-8p Rehearsal	7 6:30p-10p Chorus Rehearsals #12414 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)	8 3:30p-6p Rehearsal #12799	9 9a-12:30p Senior Friendship Day 4p-9p Rehearsal	10 3:30p-6p Rehearsal 8p-10p Choral Rehearsal #14511	11	12
13 4p-8p Rehearsal	14	15 3:30p-6p Rehearsal #12799 7:30p-9:30p Music Rehearsal #12415 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)	16 9a-12:30p Senior Friendship Day 4p-9p Rehearsal	17 3:30p-9p Rehearsal	18 6p-9p Rehearsal	19 4p-10p Warm-up Room #11772
20 2p-5:30p ARML Math Practice	21	22 3:30p-6p Rehearsal #12799 7:30p-9:30p Music Rehearsal #12415 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)	23 9a-12:30p Senior Friendship Day 4p-9p Rehearsal	24 8p-10p Choral Rehearsal #14511	25 7a-6p Warm-up Room #11758 7p-10p Meeting #12830	26 8a-4p Warm-up Room #11758
27	28	29 3:30p-6p Rehearsal #12799 7:30p-9:30p Music Rehearsal #12415 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)	30 9a-12:30p Senior Friendship Day 4p-9p Rehearsal	31 8p-10p Choral Rehearsal #14511		

CUBB - H-1 Classroom at Cubberley Community Center (CUBB)

Monthly Calendar For June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:30p-9:30p Worship Services	2 9:30a-12:30p Compost Workshops
3 9a-2:30p Worship Services 3p-5p Worship Services	4 6p-10p SAR	5 7p-10p Improv #12829	6	7 7:30a-12:30p Training #14796	8 7:30p-9:30p Worship Services	9 9a-12p Language Classes
10 9a-2:30p Worship Services 3p-5p Worship Services	11	12 7p-10p Improv #12829	13 6:30a-9:30a WGW Monthly Safety Meeting	14	15 7:30p-9:30p Worship Services	16
17 9a-2:30p Worship Services 3p-5p Worship Services	18	19 7p-10p Improv #12829	20 6:30a-9:30a Electric Monthly Safety Meeting #12827 7p-10p General Meeting #12928 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Podium with Microphone)	21 2:30p-6p Graduation #12846 6:30p-10p Lecture #12828	22 7:30p-9:30p Worship Services	23
24 9a-2:30p Worship Services 3p-5p Worship Services	25	26 7p-10p Improv #12829	27	28	29 7:30p-9:30p Worship Services	30

CUBB - M-2 Music Room at Cubberley Community Center (CUBB)

Monthly Calendar For June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6p-9p Rehearsal	2 4p-10p Warm-up Room #11777
3 2:30p-6:30p Warm-up Room #11779	4	5 7:30p-9:30p Music Rehearsal #12415 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)	6 9a-12:30p Senior Friendship Day	7 8p-10p Choral Rehearsal #14511	8	9
10	11	12 7:30p-9:30p Music Rehearsal #12415 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)	13 9a-12:30p Senior Friendship Day	14 8p-10p Choral Rehearsal #14511	15 3:30p-10p Concert	16
17	18	19 7:30p-9:30p Music Rehearsal #12415 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)	20 9a-12:30p Senior Friendship Day	21 8p-10p Choral Rehearsal #14511	22 7p-10p Meeting #12830	23
24	25	26 7:30p-9:30p Music Rehearsal #12415 (Attached Equipment: 1 CUBB - Grand Piano)	27 9a-12:30p Senior Friendship Day	28 8p-10p Choral Rehearsal #14511	29	30

LSCC - Ballroom at Lucie Stern Community Center (LSCC)

Monthly Calendar For February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8:30a-9:40a Adults: BOOST! Zumba Plus -- 6693	2 8a-9:15a Adults: BOOST! Early Aerobics -- 6692	3 3p-9:30p Wedding
4 9:30a-1p Dance	5 8a-9:15a Adults: BOOST! Early Aerobics -- 6692 5:30p-6:45p Mindful Yoga and Meditation For Feeling Great #11308 7p-8:30p Chen Tai-Chi for Lifelong Wellness #11392	6 8:30a-9:40a Adults: BOOST! Zumba Plus -- 6693 10a-11a Basics-Beginning Line Dance #11321 11a-12p Intermediate Line Dance #11324 12p-1p Advance Line Dance #11331 4:45p-5:30p Everyone: Kids & Family Capoeira Class -- 11465 5:30p-6:15p Everyone: Kids & Family Capoeira Class -- 11466 7p-9p Adults: BOOST! Line Dancing -- 6694	7 8a-9:15a Adults: BOOST! Early Aerobics -- 6692 5p-6p Beginner Kendo for Youth #11399 6:45p-10p ballroom Dancing	8 8:30a-9:40a Adults: BOOST! Zumba Plus -- 6693	9 8a-9:15a Adults: BOOST! Early Aerobics -- 6692 9:30a-11p Donor Party (Attached Equipment: 120 LSCC - Banquet Chairs, 1 LSCC - Podium with Microphone, 4 LSCC - Rectangle Table, 20 LSCC - Round Table, 1 LSCC - Portable Address System, 1 LSCC - Portable Digital Projector)	10 3p-10:30p Beasley Betsy Birthday Party (Attached Equipment: 100 LSCC - Banquet Chairs, 6 LSCC - Rectangle Table, 10 LSCC - Round Table)
11 9:30a-1p Dance	12 8a-9:15a Adults: BOOST! Early Aerobics -- 6692 5:30p-6:45p Mindful Yoga and Meditation For Feeling Great #11308 7p-8:30p Chen Tai-Chi for Lifelong Wellness #11392	13 8:30a-9:40a Adults: BOOST! Zumba Plus -- 6693 10a-11a Basics-Beginning Line Dance #11321 11a-12p Intermediate Line Dance #11324 12p-1p Advance Line Dance #11331 4:45p-5:30p Everyone: Kids & Family Capoeira Class -- 11465 5:30p-6:15p Everyone: Kids & Family Capoeira Class -- 11466 7p-9p Adults: BOOST! Line Dancing -- 6694	14 8a-9:15a Adults: BOOST! Early Aerobics -- 6692 9:30a-1p Workshop (Attached Equipment: 1 LSCC - Wireless Microphone, 1 LSCC - Portable Digital Projector) 5p-6p Beginner Kendo for Youth #11399 6:45p-10p ballroom Dancing	15 8:30a-9:40a Adults: BOOST! Zumba Plus -- 6693	16 8a-9:15a Adults: BOOST! Early Aerobics -- 6692	17 2p-5p Christian Science Talk

LSCC - Ballroom at Lucie Stern Community Center (LSCC)

Monthly Calendar For March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8:30a-9:40a Adults: BOOST! Zumba Plus -- 6693	2 8a-9:15a Adults: BOOST! Early Aerobics -- 6692	3 12p-12a Wedding (Attached Equipment: 25 LSCC - Rectangle Table, 160 LSCC - Banquet Chairs)
4 9:30a-1p Dance 1p-7p Social (Attached Equipment: 120 LSCC - Banquet Chairs, 4 LSCC - Rectangle Table, 12 LSCC - Round Table)	5 8a-9:15a Adults: BOOST! Early Aerobics -- 6692 5:30p-6:45p Mindful Yoga and Meditation For Feeling Great #11308 7p-8:30p Chen Tai-Chi for Lifelong Wellness #11392	6 8:30a-9:40a Adults: BOOST! Zumba Plus -- 6693 10a-11a Basics-Beginning Line Dance #11321 11a-12p Intermediate Line Dance #11324 12p-1p Advance Line Dance #11331 4:45p-5:30p Everyone: Kids & Family Capoeira Class -- 11465 5:30p-6:15p Everyone: Kids & Family Capoeira Class -- 11466 7p-9p Adults: BOOST! Line Dancing -- 6694	7 8a-9:15a Adults: BOOST! Early Aerobics -- 6692 5p-6p Beginner Kendo for Youth #11399 6:45p-10p ballroom Dancing	8 8:30a-9:40a Adults: BOOST! Zumba Plus -- 6693	9 8a-9:15a Adults: BOOST! Early Aerobics -- 6692	10 11:30a-5p Uzma Minhas Party (Attached Equipment: 120 LSCC - Banquet Chairs, 22 LSCC - Rectangle Table) 8p-12a Opening Night Reception
11 9:30a-1p Dance 2p-4:30p 2018 CABARET (Attached Equipment: 7 LSCC - Rectangle Table) 4:30p-6:30p Elizabeth Coy Wedding (Attached Equipment: 10 LSCC - Banquet Chairs)	12 8a-9:15a Adults: BOOST! Early Aerobics -- 6692 5:30p-6:45p Adults: Mindful Yoga and Meditation For Feeling Great -- 12195	13 8:30a-9:40a Adults: BOOST! Zumba Plus -- 6693 10a-1p Line Dance Party 4:45p-5:30p Everyone: Kids & Family Capoeira Class -- 11465 5:30p-6:15p Everyone: Kids & Family Capoeira Class -- 11466 7p-9p Adults: BOOST! Line Dancing -- 6694	14 8a-9:15a Adults: BOOST! Early Aerobics -- 6692 5p-6p Kids: Beginner Kendo for Youth -- 12234 6:45p-10p ballroom Dancing	15 8:30a-9:40a Adults: BOOST! Zumba Plus -- 6693 10a-7p 2018 CABARET (Attached Equipment: 7 LSCC - Rectangle Table) 7:30p-10p Adults: Argentine Tango -- 12210	16 8a-9:15a Adults: BOOST! Early Aerobics -- 6692 10a-12a 2018 CABARET (Attached Equipment: 7 LSCC - Rectangle Table)	17
18 10:30a-6:30p Opera Competition (Attached Equipment: 40 LSCC - Banquet Chairs, 2 LSCC - Rectangle Table)	19 8a-9:15a Adults: BOOST! Early Aerobics -- 6692 10a-4p Closed for the Draw #16101 5:30p-6:45p Adults: Mindful Yoga and Meditation For Feeling Great -- 12195 7p-8:30p Adults: Chen Tai-Chi for Lifelong Wellness -- 12152	20 8:30a-9:40a Adults: BOOST! Zumba Plus -- 6693 4:45p-5:30p Everyone: Kids & Family Capoeira Class -- 11465 5:30p-6:15p Everyone: Kids & Family Capoeira Class -- 11466 7p-9p Adults: BOOST! Line Dancing -- 6694	21 8a-9:15a Adults: BOOST! Early Aerobics -- 6692 5p-6p Kids: Beginner Kendo for Youth -- 12234 6:45p-10p ballroom Dancing	22 8:30a-9:40a Adults: BOOST! Zumba Plus -- 6693 7:30p-10p Adults: Argentine Tango -- 12210	23 8a-9:15a Adults: BOOST! Early Aerobics -- 6692 5p-11p Persian New Year	24

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Monthly Calendar For April 2018

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8 9:30a-1p Dance 1p-4p Education	9 8a-9:15a Adults: BOOST! Early Aerobics -- 6692 5:30p-6:45p Adults: Mindful Yoga and Meditation For Feeling Great -- 12195 7p-8:30p Adults: Chen Tai-Chi for Lifelong Wellness -- 12152	10 8:30a-9:40a Adults: BOOST! Zumba Plus -- 6693 10a-11a Basics-Beginning Line Dance #12164 11a-12p Intermediate Line Dance #12165 12p-1p Line dancing #15243 4:45p-5:30p Kids & Family Capoeira Class #12106 5:30p-6:15p Kids & Family Capoeira Class #12107 7p-9p Adults: BOOST! Line Dancing -- 6694	11 8a-9:15a Adults: BOOST! Early Aerobics -- 6692 5p-6p Kids: Beginner Kendo for Youth -- 12234 6:45p-10p ballroom Dancing	12 8:30a-9:40a Adults: BOOST! Zumba Plus -- 6693 7:30p-10p Adults: Argentine Tango -- 12210	13 8a-9:15a Adults: BOOST! Early Aerobics -- 6692	14
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Monthly Calendar For May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Monthly Calendar For June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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17 9:30a-1p Dance 5:30p-10:30p Miriam Bodin Birthday Party (Attached Equipment: 8 LSCC - Rectangle Table)	18 8a-9:15a Adults: BOOST! Early Aerobics -- 6692 7p-8:30p Chen Tai-Chi for Lifelong Wellness #12763	19 8:30a-9:40a Adults: BOOST! Zumba Plus -- 6693 10a-11a Basics-Beginning Line Dance #12164 11a-12p Intermediate Line Dance #12165 12p-1p Line dancing #15243 7p-9p Adults: BOOST! Line Dancing -- 6694	20 8a-9:15a Adults: BOOST! Early Aerobics -- 6692 6:45p-10p ballroom Dancing	21 8:30a-9:40a Adults: BOOST! Zumba Plus -- 6693 11:30a-1p SEIU Steward Council Meetings 7:30p-10p Argentine Tango #12731	22 8a-9:15a Adults: BOOST! Early Aerobics -- 6692 5p-12a Sanjukta Pal Mithur Pre-wedding Diner	23
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To: [Planning Commission](mailto:office@fbcpaloalto.com)
Cc: office@fbcpaloalto.com
Subject: Meeting re: First Baptist Church tomorrow
Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 2:59:55 PM

Palo Alto Planning Commission
City Hall
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Palo Alto, CA 94301

Re: First Baptist Church as Community Center

Dear Commissioners,

I am a member of the Palo Alto Friends (Quaker) Meeting. I am writing with concerns about the situation that is unfolding regarding the use of the facilities at the First Baptist Church. I understand the concerns and frustrations that neighbors had with regards to traffic and noise levels. I understand why they reached out for assistance. I do not know if the City recommended mediation in this situation, but the solutions seem consistent with such work.

It is unclear why the City is now proposing, one might say insisting, that the Church become a Community Center rather than a Church in the eyes of the government of Palo Alto. This is of concern to me on several fronts. The separation of church and state is a founding principle of our country. It has been eroded in recent time, but does that mean it is even more important to preserve it while we can?

This is a community of faith and they face financial and membership challenges as do most faith communities throughout Palo Alto, yet to insist it now becomes a Community Center strikes me as a line too far. I expect that you will find most faith communities open their facilities for use by others who work to further the ministry of the church, perhaps in ways that are less traditional, but no less a part of ministry. The addition of layers of bureaucracy and fees will add even greater burdens to the ones the members of the Church are currently carrying.

The actions proposed by the City of Palo Alto are seen with trepidation, wondering what the future might hold for other faith communities. Is this what we want our community to be – a place where a faith community must be well off to be viable? A place where neighbors cannot use less coercive means such as mediation, to resolve their differences? Is this a shining example of the “progressive” city we like to imagine ourselves to be?

In the Quaker faith we seek unity – not majority rule, not consensus. If a decision is not clear and firm in the hearts of everyone, we wait. That does not mean nothing happens. Much

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work may begin while the final decision is put aside until we see how the Spirit guides us. Can the people and government officials of Palo Alto practice patience, allow the recommended actions to proceed and then determine if the bureaucracy needs to step in? Do we need the large boot of the law to imprint itself in this neighborhood?

Holding all in the Light,
Talley Kenyon



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From: [Elizabeth May](#)
To: [Gitelman, Hillary](#); [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: [Lait, Jonathan](#); [Owen, Graham](#)
Subject: First Baptist Church CUP
Date: Monday, April 09, 2018 3:09:25 PM

Dear Ms. Gitelman, Chairman Lauing, Vice Chair Monk, and Commission Members,

As parents of two girls being raised in Palo Alto, we deeply value organizations that are accessible for our girls. We make every effort to support organizations that are part of our community to help deepen our roots here. iSing is just that. Neighbors, schoolmates, friends from around town all are part of iSing with us and the organization works hard to create a sense of community and joy in producing choral music.

As both our girls participate, on different days, we spend considerable time observing the patterns of the traffic and noise production at First Baptist. With the exception of a celebration in the Fall and the three times a year the group gratefully uses buses to transport the singers to two concert rehearsals and one retreat, the traffic and noise at the Church is well managed. These are young girls voices. There is no amplification. We can barely hear them when sitting in front of the Church and Hall waiting for rehearsal to end. And we want to hear them! While sound later in the evening may be an issue, we ask the City to legitimately assess this for the surrounding neighbors. We understand being irritated by perpetual loud noise, but are hard pressed to believe that is what iSing produces at FBCPA.

But it is not just about iSing, it is frustrating and unreasonable to hear community members repeatedly state how they want to go back to a previous time because the current environment is not what they want. Or that the activities in the Church should just happen in another part of town. In Palo Alto, we seem to struggle to accept change. The venom directed at change and difference is challenging to listen to and accept as the voice of the community. To find creative solutions to allow organizations to survive and flourish in Palo Alto so our children can access them on foot or bike and attend with their schoolmates is paramount to preserving Palo Alto's sense of community.

Please allow FBCPA to proceed with a CUP with reasonable and measurable conditions.

Thanks,

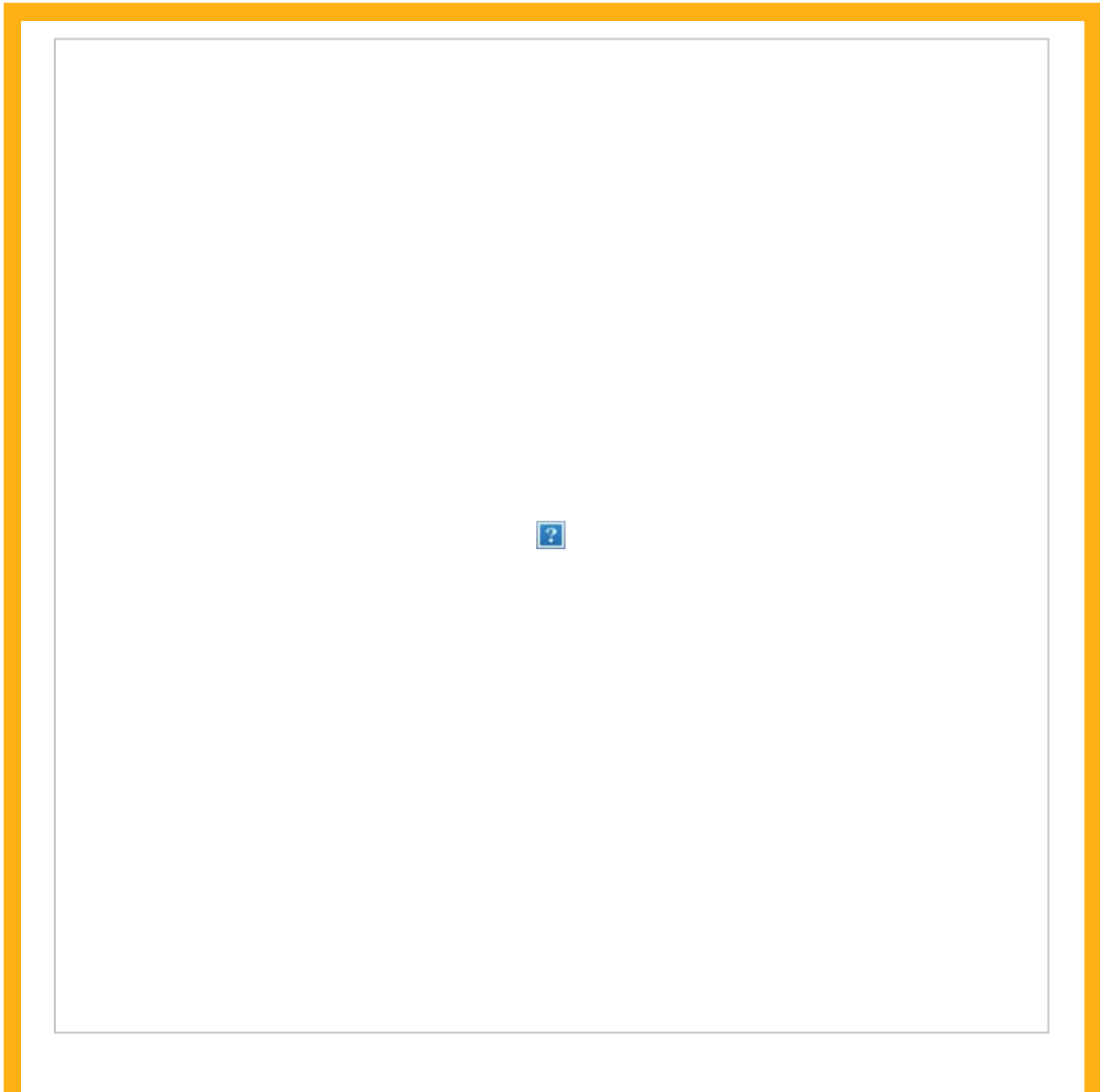
Elizabeth and Brett May
Walter Hays Drive
Palo Alto

From: [Neilson Buchanan](#)
To: [Council, City: Planning Commission](#)
Subject: News that impacts Quality of Life on the Peninsula
Date: Monday, April 09, 2018 7:42:17 PM

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April 9, 2018

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J2H RATIOS - PART 2

Dear Readers,

Our last issue featured the Brisbane and Santa Clara paradoxes. This

week we move you to South San Francisco and Cupertino. Once again our theme is **Anti-Gravity Economics known as J2H ratios.**

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Anti-gravity hiding in plain sight

"The Bay Area is defying gravity," said Director of the UCLA Anderson Forecast. Another UCLA economist reported our the region "is the most dynamic, most robust metro area." Good news weighed must have heavily upon the audience.

All economists always hedge; so here are their other perspectives. "Too much retail...too many retail jobs." "Tech jobs more volatile than non-tech." "Expensive housing market...perhaps the greatest peril." "Tech boom could create a wider chasm between economic haves and have nots."

Topping it off Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom said, "We have economic bifurcation....Palo Alto versus East Palo Alto...Tenderloin versus the Marina District....two different worlds in one city."

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Ed. Comment: Job growth is out of sync with transportation infrastructure. Infrastructure imbalance will create political upheaval. What kind of upheaval will be determined by the voters.

Indigestion

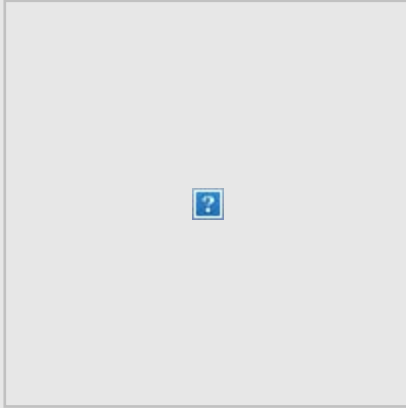
Cupertino's jobs/housing ratio is swinging into full debate in Cupertino. Here is a good glimpse of what is evolving.

[SFChronicle](#)

Ed Comment: Keep your eye on an issue beyond housing shortages. Is anyone accountable for overall infrastructure? Cupertino's fragile transportation infrastructure



is just one example of the Peninsula's indigestible job growth.



Digging for housing

A development company proposing a transformative project along Oyster Point in South San Francisco is backing away from housing. Why?... Pushback from the local biotech industry.

[SMDailyJournal](#)

Ed. Comment: Are bio-tech companies are opening up their shells for housing at Oyster Bay? No, they seem to be clamming up for housing.

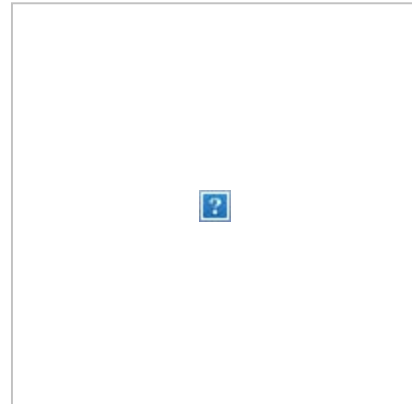
We are looking for better leadership and better trends, but Oyster Bay plunged us into murky waters. To paraphrase *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*, "**Housing, housing everywhere but not a home to buy.**" For the record, we think South San Francisco and its bio-tech titans have some explaining to do. There is no plausible evidence that housing supply can catch up with the number of jobs being created by short-term focused CEOs. If a bird, any bird, even an albatross, leads us out of the housing jam, we will praise the bird.

Chilled out?

Sen. Wiener's bill was chilled by San Francisco Board of Supervisors. This polarizing bill "that would force California cities to allow taller apartment buildings by BART stops and other transit hubs has been pummeled with opposition from local officials."
"...San Francisco Board of Supervisors voted to oppose Wiener's bill, joining smaller cities such as Lafayette, Cupertino, Palo Alto and Milpitas. A week earlier, the Los Angeles City Council took the same stance, unanimously, with one councilman calling the legislation "insanity."

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Ed. Comment: SB827 and other related legislation will be in active committee debate by state legislature dominated by one party. These bills challenge conventional economics. And they would alter balance between state and local government. Our prediction: Profound and interesting test of government. What does Wiener really want?



Whom to trust?

Google's former motto "Don't Be Evil" resides in the minds of thousands of Google employees. Over 3,000 employees signed a protest letter highlighting Google's involvement with a Department of Defense project. The letter stated "We cannot outsource the



moral responsibility of our technologies to third parties. Google's stated values make this clear: Every one of our users is trusting us. Never jeopardize this. Ever. This contract puts Google's reputation at risk and stands in direct opposition to our core values."

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Ed. Comment: Internalizing corporate ethics could be the best cure for pain felt by some of our Tech Titans. Google may need two slogans. "Don't be evil" and "Do the right thing." If one smart slogan is good, then two should be better. If Google needs government business, we suggest knocking on the door of the EPA.

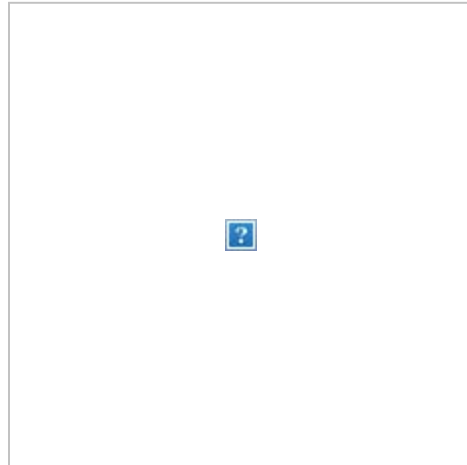
156 Mayors come clean on green

Climate change seems to be one of the foremost concerns for U.S. mayors: Eight out of 10 said it was important that their cities to address the issue. But roughly half view the lack of funding as the most significant barrier to making progress on this front—more than political opposition at the state and federal level and lack of public support.

[CityLab](#)

Ed comment: Mayors can't turn green without green in their pockets. Many of us fret about the environment, EPA and future generations; however, this survey of mayors is most revealing. The road to hell is paved with good intentions.

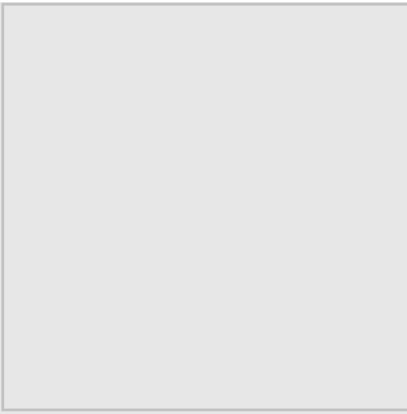
Nowhere in the US is lack of transportation infrastructure more severe than the Peninsula and we see job creation outpacing any solutions for transportation infrastructure. We are in the same boat as the 156 mayors....searching blindly for sources of funding. One thing is obvious: Traffic congestion will get worse before it gets better...if ever.



Los Angeles Times speaks out

Los Angeles Times speaks out. "Facebook finally steps up on privacy. Now it's Congress's turn."

[LATimes](#)



Ed. Comment: The full story will be more than Facebook. We remain uncomfortable with the group thinking in Silicon Valley and its one company towns.

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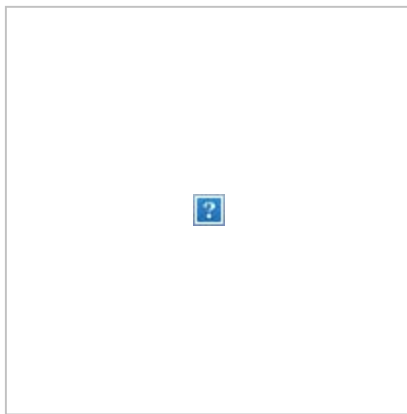
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To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: FW: First Baptist Church CUP
Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 7:43:33 AM

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From: Laura Seitel [<mailto:lseitel@mac.com>]
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2018 6:49 PM
To: =?utf-8?Q?Planning_Commission_=E2=80=94_Planning=2ECommission?=@CityofPaloAlto.org
Cc: Gitelman, Hillary; Lait, Jonathan; Owen, Graham
Subject: Re: First Baptist Church CUP

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to ask that you deny the First Baptist Church's CUP application for community center status. The church's location is singularly unsuited for the level of activity this would permit at the site. The level of noise, car traffic, foot traffic and parking congestion that has been increasing steadily during the past several years has turned a once-peaceful residential neighborhood into a commercial free-for-all and has profoundly disturbed the tranquility and safety of all residents living nearby. Its location at the intersection of two major bike routes in the City makes ongoing activities there hazardous to cyclists, including large numbers of students who use these routes every weekday to bike to and from Jordan Middle School, Palo Alto High School, and Castilleja School. This problem will be amplified by the planned construction of a roundabout at the intersection.

Given the ample space still available for community center activities elsewhere in Palo Alto, the church's lack of adequate on-site parking (unlike every other church in Palo Alto, save one) and its very close proximity to its residential neighbors, it is unclear to me why the church should be allowed to violate the norms of a residential neighborhood. The draft of the CUP proposed by the Planning Department would sanction the addition of up to 450 additional car trips into the neighborhood daily, which would result in ongoing turmoil and noise on surrounding streets and sidewalks; a dearth of parking for many blocks around; and increased danger for cyclists as they dodge cars trying to park curbside and car doors opening into the bike lanes.

If, despite these and other drawbacks, the City is determined to grant a CUP to the church, I would ask that its parameters as outlined in the Planning Department draft for the CUP be amended to stipulate the following:

- 1) Hours of operation be confined be weekdays only between 10 A.M. and 5 P.M.
- 2) A maximum of 20 people be allowed in the church at any one time.
- 3) A fifteen minute interval be required between the leaving and arrival of groups of over 10 people.
- 4) Enforcement should be greatly strengthened:
 - Monetary fines should be specified and should be of an amount that serves as a significant deterrent for both tenants and the church when they do not comply with the terms of the CUP.
 - After three fines, a tenant should be required to leave the site permanently.

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- 5) All vocal or instrumental instruction or practice must be conducted in the sanctuary or the “hyphen” portion of the church.
- 6) The number of Temporary Use Permits granted should be limited to three per year.

Thank you for reviewing my concerns and proposals.

Sincerely,

Laura Seitel

From: [Mahendra Ranchod](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: CUP application by First Baptist Church, North California Avenue
Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 11:54:58 AM

Dear Members of the Planning and Transportation Commission,

As a neighbor of the First Baptist Church, I am writing to oppose the application of the church for a CUP as a community center.

I fully understand that some issues are complex and difficult to resolve to everyone's satisfaction, but the City's Planning staff and the Planning and Transportation Commission have one major responsibility: the safety of the City's neighborhoods. In its recommendation, the Planning Department has under-estimated the safety issues at play at the intersection of Bryant Street and North California Avenue. Here are my concerns:

1. **PARKING.** Parking is a huge issue. If the church is allowed to host daily events for up to 50 people for any one event, and if the church can host 250 guests for special events, where will these people park? The church has 8 parking spaces on its property, which means a scramble for parking on neighboring streets.

2. **UNSAFE DRIVING.** As every neighbor of the church will attest, the limited parking on the church's premises leads to unsafe driving practices by visitors to the church, each motorist jockeying for parking as close to the church as possible, sometimes placing pedestrians, bicyclists and other motorists at risk.

3. **BICYCLE BOULEVARDS.** The City has designated Bryant Street and North California Avenue bicycle boulevards. How can you grant the church the status of a community center, a designation that will attract vehicular traffic to the very intersection of these two busy bicycle boulevards? To add more automobile traffic to this intersection places bicyclists at enormous risk, and when you consider that many of the cyclists are school-going teenagers, not always compliant with the rules of the road, the risk of serious accidents should give you pause.

4. **STAGGERED PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF.** The staff of the Planning Department has recommended staggered pick-up and drop-off for daily

events at the church to....."prevent sudden surges of vehicle traffic and queueing near the site." While this statement acknowledges that drop-off and pick-ups create traffic congestion, the solution proposed is unworkable. How can you have staggered drop-off and pick-ups for events that have a defined start-time and a defined end-time? And how is it possible to coordinate a staggered drop-off for 20, 30 or 40 vehicles for each event?

5. SPECIAL EVENTS. The staff of the Planning Department has recommended up to six special events a year, with a potential attendance of 200 or more people. How will our neighborhood cope with one hundred or more cars parked on our streets? Isn't it clear to any objective observer that the First Baptist Church is unsuited for hosting community center-type events of this size?

6. THE CHURCH'S MISSION. The First Baptist Church was designed to be a church to serve the local community, and it was built at a time when traffic patterns were very different. Religious activities at the church have been non-disruptive, and people who attend church services and religious functions behave courteously and are considerate of the church's neighbors. But a community center is another matter: The church is embedded in a residential neighborhood in close proximity to neighboring homes, and it has only 8 parking spaces, making it inappropriate for a community center. When the church sponsors non-religious activities - as it has done for the last decade without the City's approval - the activities have been disruptive to the neighborhood. Why should these activities at the church be allowed to disrupt the fabric of our neighborhood? And why should these activities be allowed to create hazardous traffic conditions that place others at risk? Would you accord this facility the same privileges if it was not a church?

7. THE WAY FORWARD. The staff of the Planning Department has had the difficult task of juggling the interests of various groups, but it is the responsibility of The Planning and Transportation Commission to modify the staff's recommendation and come up with a plan that respects our neighborhood, and ensures the safety of all residents of Palo Alto who use the Bryant Street/ North California intersection.

Sincerely,

Mahendra Ranchod



From: [Cervantes, Yolanda](#)
To: [Cervantes, Yolanda](#)
Cc: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: FW: Who caused the Bay Area's housing shortage?
Date: Monday, April 09, 2018 1:48:55 PM

Forwarding on behalf of Commissioner Gardias.

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From: Przemek Gardias [<mailto:przemek@gardias.com>]
Sent: Sunday, April 08, 2018 9:13 PM
To: Cervantes, Yolanda
Cc: Lait, Jonathan
Subject: Who caused the Bay Area's housing shortage?

Yolanda,

Please forward to the PTC colleagues.

San Jose Mercury News, Who caused the Bay Area's housing shortage?
<http://extras.mercurynews.com/blame/>

Regards,

Przemek

From: [Loy Martin](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: First Baptist Church
Date: Sunday, April 08, 2018 7:31:06 PM

Dear Commissioners,

I have read the Planning Department staff report recommending approval of a Conditional Use Permit allowing the First Baptist Church of Palo Alto to become a community center. My wife and I live next door to that church at [REDACTED] North California Avenue.

Strictly speaking, the logic of this CUP seems insupportable. You and the City Council are asked to extend special privileges to one property in a neighborhood zoned R-1 to conduct a commercial business that other properties in the neighborhood would not be allowed to conduct. These entitlements are rationalized on the basis of the fact that the applicant is a church. However, the application has been made because this formerly robust religious institution has lost nearly ninety percent of its congregation in recent years. In essence, the city would be authorizing the conversion of the property **from** a church **to** a business venture. This implication is illustrated by the fact that all of the pews have been removed from the main sanctuary of the church thereby making the space more useful to secular tenants. For this reason I believe the pending CUP is inappropriate and should be denied.

As you no doubt know, the church has been renting out its facilities to numerous tenants without permits for much of the past decade. By now you probably also know that the resulting problems of parking, traffic safety and noise have been a plague on the neighborhood. The planning staff has apparently concluded that denying the current CUP application altogether—with the attendant risk that the church would close down and the property perhaps be sold—would be less beneficial to the community at large than for the city to help support the church and attempt, through the CUP, to curtail its worst practices of the past several years. Personally, I disagree with this position; I don't think it's the proper business of the city to save failing churches by turning them into commercial enterprises. With that said, I have been impressed with the work done by the Planning Department staff. Ms. Gitelman, Mr. Lait and Mr. Owen have been thorough in their investigation of the issues and sensitive to the concerns of those of us who live near the church. I believe the report they have published reflects the amount of time and careful thought these professionals have invested in their task.

While I disagree with the basic premise of the city staff's report, I can understand the rationale of their pragmatic approach. They seem to believe that the CUP would allow the city to regulate the church's activities in such a way that the basic quality of life of the neighborhood can be restored. My neighbors and I remain skeptical of this confidence. If, however, you choose to follow the direction indicated by the staff report, I would ask you to consider a few alterations to its recommendations. Most important, I believe the limit of tenant groups to fifty persons is much too high. With the church's severely limited parking facilities the problems of traffic safety and congestion will not be adequately addressed by allowing groups of fifty. I would suggest that a maximum of twenty persons be allowed to use the facilities on a single occasion. I would also ask you to modify the times approved for tenant use of the Fellowship Hall. The hours themselves might not be a problem but I believe these periods should be restricted to weekdays allowing weekend use only for activities of the church

congregation. Finally, I would suggest that, instead of setting a specific date (August 1st) for the installation of HVAC and inoperable double pane windows, the permit simply state that the Fellowship Hall can only be rented out once these installations have been made. This would provide a greater incentive for the church to make these improvements prior to August 1st which would seem likely to be possible.

I still hope that you will take the simpler path of denying the church's application altogether. If, however, you decide to approve it, I would ask that you make the few modifications I have proposed. I thank you for your attention and I look forward to attending your meeting on Wednesday.

Sincerely,

Loy D. Martin
[REDACTED] North California Avenue
Palo Alto, CA. 94301
Phone: [REDACTED]

From: [Chuck Fulanovich](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: CUP @ First Baptist Church
Date: Sunday, April 08, 2018 12:34:31 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

As someone who is directly affected by the potential conversion of the church into a community center I would like you to pay close and careful attention to my concerns. There is no diplomatic way to state this otherwise.

My home is located directly across the street from the front entrance to the church. We've been here since 1978 and in general have considered the church to be good neighbors. We have seen the congregation dwindle over many years and especially over the last ten.

As a result, the church began leasing space to private for profit enterprises, unchecked for over a decade or longer. I won't go into a listing of them because you are fully aware of who the tenants are. This has changed the character and serenity of the immediate neighborhood and has caused concerns over traffic, safety and parking that have gone unaddressed as well as an increase in noise that on many occasions goes past 10 PM, especially on weekends. These actions have created an untenable situation for most of the neighbors of the church and have changed my position from a live and let live attitude, to one of total opposition to the granting of this permit.

Like many who have written to you and have taken the same position, we've witnessed double and triple parking, blocking of crosswalks with wheelchair recesses and numerous near misses where pedestrians have been placed in danger and some injured by inattentive drivers making u-turns in the middle of the street as well as on the corners of South Court and Bryant. On several occasions there have been tour buses parked on the street with diesel engines running while their passengers are inside participating in their scheduled activities, sometimes for hours.

Our streets are basically serving as a parking lot for the church tenants and the CUP would allow for up to 500 non church related car visits per day and no suitable parking for any of them. This permit should not be allowed.

Sincerely,

Charles Fulanovich
Gloria Seid

From: [Rick Block](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: [Gitelman, Hillary](#); [Lait, Jonathan](#); [Owen, Graham](#)
Subject: First Baptist Church CUP Staff Report
Date: Thursday, April 05, 2018 4:51:38 PM

Commissioners and Staff,

I have read the staff report on the application of the First Baptist Church for a CUP, and I applaud their effort to address the concerns that have been raised by ourselves and our neighbors. There is, however, one egregious oversight from both logical and practical perspectives: Parking.

According to the document, there are a maximum of 8-11 parking spaces available for community use, whereas 71 spaces would be required by today's standards. It is understandable that this discrepancy is grandfathered for the church, which was built before parking was regulated, but I see no reason whatsoever why an application for a community center CUP in 2018 would not be held to 2018 parking rules.

The failure to address the parking problem is unconscionable. The practical result will be to make the nearby curbs, including ours, constant in and out parking areas. For neighbors like ourselves, this will make the quiet use and enjoyment of our yard unpleasant or impossible. And the problem will be even worse if drop off and pick up are prohibited on Bryant and North California adjacent to the church property but allowed nearby on the two streets.

Unless a practical and enforceable solution is found to the *gross* inadequacy of parking available, this CUP should not be allowed to go forward.

Respectfully,

Richard and Susan Block
■ N. California Avenue

From: [Rick Block](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Fwd: First Baptist Church CUP Request
Date: Monday, April 02, 2018 5:43:21 PM

Dear Chairman Lauing, Vice Chair Monk, and Commission Members,

We have received notice of the public hearing on April 11 on a Request for a Conditional Use Permit to Allow a Community Center Use at the First Baptist Church. As we cannot be present at the hearing, I am forwarding for your consideration, our email on the matter to city staff. If possible, we would like this submission to be accepted in lieu of our personal appearance.

Thank you for considering our views.

Respectfully,

Richard and Susan Block

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

From: **Rick Block** <rickblock@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Mar 25, 2018 at 12:59 AM
Subject: First Baptist Church CUP Request
To: "Gitelman, Hillary" <hillary.gitelman@cityofpaloalto.org>, jonathan.lait@cityofpaloalto.org, graham.owen@cityofpaloalto.org

Dear Ms. Gitelman, Mr. Lait, and Mr. Owen,

My wife, Susan and I, own the home at [REDACTED] N. California Avenue, directly across the intersection from the First Baptist Church. I am writing to express our concern about the application of the church for a conditional use permit that would allow the conversion of the facility to a community center.

While we are not opposed in principle to that change in classification, we are deeply worried about the problems of safety, parking, and noise that would result from granting the application on the terms proposed.

Unlike the tenants who would occupy the premises and the hundreds of persons who would come and go each week in order to use it, we and our neighbors would be directly and adversely affected by having so many persons and activities taking place there each week.

We are particularly disturbed at the prospect of so many activities and cars coming, parking, and going on weekday evenings and weekends. Of all institutions, a church should be sensitive to the detrimental impact of noise and traffic on the days of rest of their Christian, Jewish and Moslem neighbors.

If the church is given permission to become a community center, it is imperative that there be clear and enforced limits on the hours, activities, and numbers of persons, cars and activities that may take place there, and that such limits be considerably more restrictive than the

applicant proposes.

Respectfully,

Richard and Susan Block