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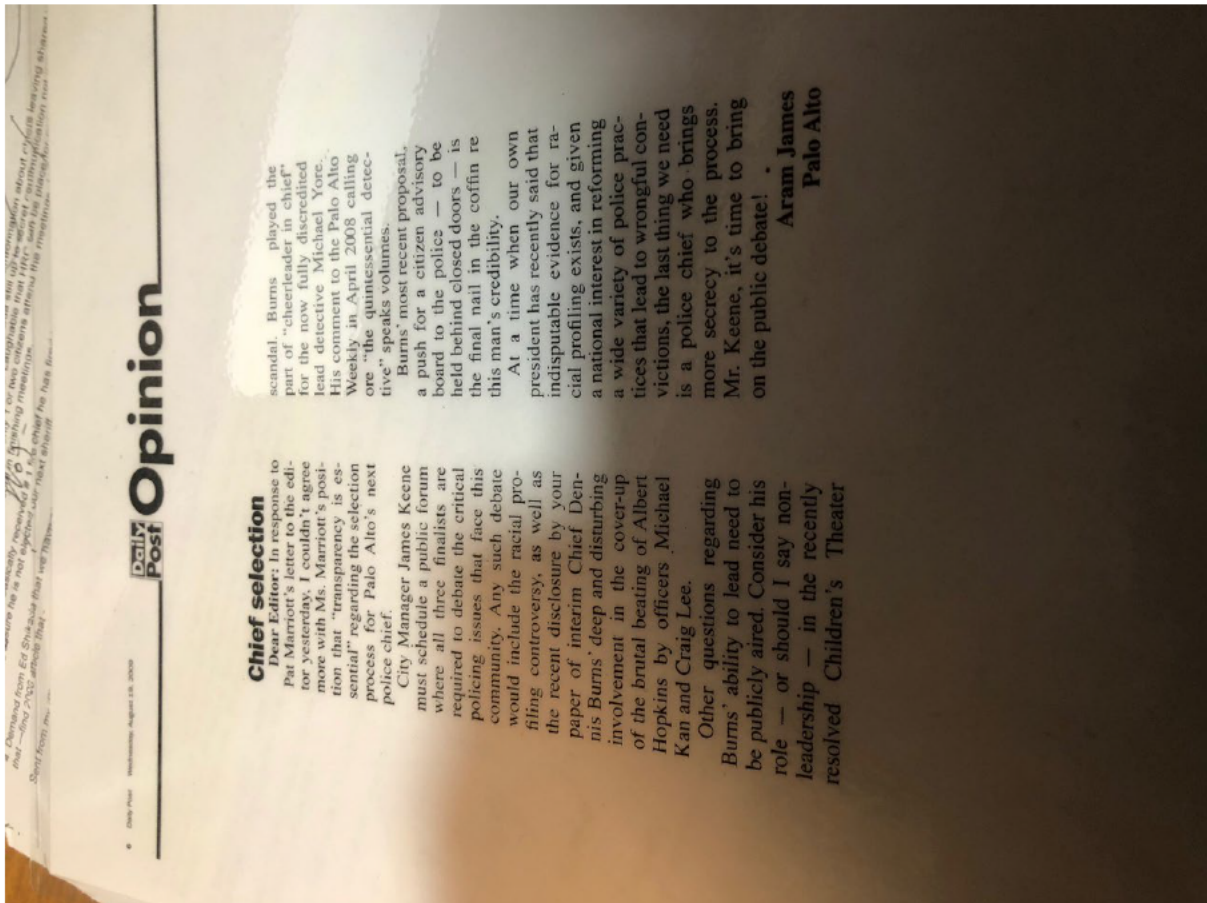
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### Chief selection

**Dear Editor:** In response to Pat Marriott's letter to the editor yesterday, I couldn't agree more with Ms. Marriott's position that "transparency is essential" regarding the selection process for Palo Alto's next police chief.

City Manager James Keene must schedule a public forum where all three finalists are required to debate the critical policing issues that face this community. Any such debate would include the racial profiling controversy, as well as the recent disclosure by your paper of interim Chief Dennis Burns' deep and disturbing involvement in the cover-up of the brutal beating of Albert Hopkins by officers Michael Kan and Craig Lee.

Other questions regarding Burns' ability to lead need to be publicly aired. Consider his role — or should I say non-leadership — in the recently resolved Children's Theater

scandal. Burns played the part of "cheerleader in chief" for the now fully discredited lead detective Michael York. His comment to Palo Alto Weekly in April 2008 calling me "the quintessential detective" speaks volumes.

Burns' most recent proposal, a push for a citizen advisory board to the police — to be held behind closed doors — is the final nail in the coffin re this man's credibility.

At a time when our own president has recently said that indisputable evidence for racial profiling exists, and given a national interest in reforming a wide variety of police practices that lead to wrongful convictions, the last thing we need is a police chief who brings more secrecy to the process. Mr. Keene, it's time to bring on the public debate!

**Aram James  
Palo Alto**

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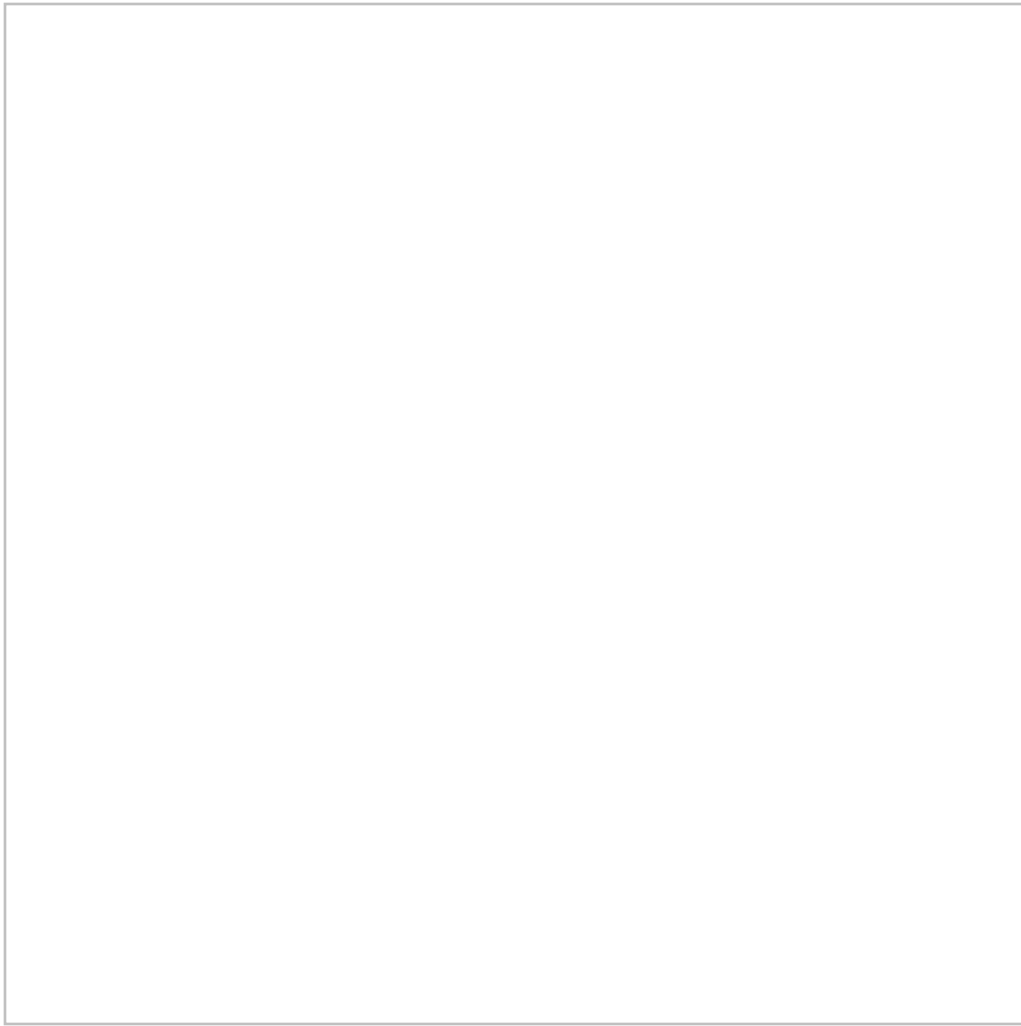
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Workers World Party supports this strike

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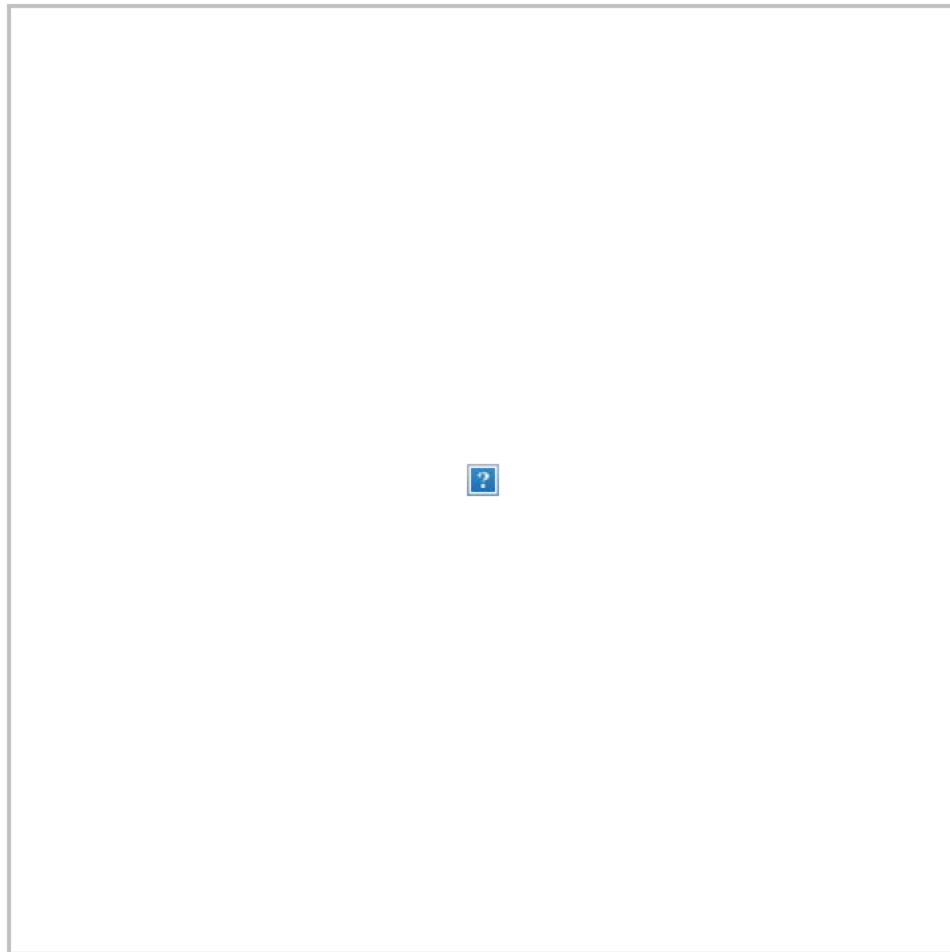


**Global Day of Action**

**Defend 5,000  
Striking South African  
Clover Dairy Workers**

**Rallies In New York, Los Angeles &  
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**Thursday Jan 27, 2022**

12:00 Noon

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6380 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles

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800 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017

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Clover is the largest dairy company with 5,000 workers. In 2019, the ANC government allowed it to

be taken over by the Israeli billionaire Wertheim family. They promised to protect jobs until October 2022, but they are now laying off thousands and shutting plants in rural communities with plans to import Israeli product. The company also imposed a 20% cut in wages.

The South African Federation of Trade Unions, General Industrial Union of South Africa, and Food and Allied Workers union are also demanding that the company be nationalized and that it be run under workers control. They are also supporting an international day of solidarity action.

Actions will be held at Israeli consulates, embassies, South African consulates, embassies, and the Israeli bank Mizrahi Tefahot which is owned by the Wertheim family and is the third largest bank in Israel.

The Wertheim family also control the Coca-Cola franchise through the Central Bottling Company, CBC.

They support and fund Israeli settlements on Palestinian land and the Israeli Defense Forces.

On January 18th, in an escalation of the attacks on striking workers by Clover bosses, rubber bullets were fired at workers injuring them at the Clover Clayville plant in Johannesburg. The use of rubber bullets by Clover's private security forces is linked up directly with the treatment of Palestinians except they use bullets to terrorize and murder.

Workers' demands are clear:

1. The unconditional reinstatement of all retrenched workers
2. The complete scrapping of all austerity measures including the 20% salary cuts
3. The disinvestment of Milco SA/CBC
4. Nationalization of Clover SA and its complete transformation into a co-operative run by workers and communities.

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Assata Shakur

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<http://thomassuarez.com/SoT.html>

**Free Palestine!**

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Leonard Peltier

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Ruchell Cinque Magee

<http://denverabc.wordpress.com/prisoners-dabc-supports/political-prisoners-database/ruchell-cinque-magee/>

Russell Maroon Shoatz

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

Mutulu Shakur

<http://mutulushakur.com/site/>

Julian Assange

<https://assangedefense.org>

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**Shukri Abu Baker**

**Ghassan Elashi**

**Mufid Abdulqader**

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**Tear down the Apartheid Walls in West Bank & Gaza!**

**End the War Criminal Israeli collective punishment on the Palestinian people!**

**End the illegal Apartheid Israeli Occupation of all of Palestine!**

**Right to Return to their homes and land in Palestine for all Palestinians!**

**End all U.S. aid to Israel**

**Free Palestine! Long Live Palestine!**

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Hi Chuck,

Excellent idea! Now with Palo Alto Police Chief Robert Jonsen retiring ( and then running for sheriff, God help us) this may be a strategic time to float this idea to the Palo Alto City Council and the city manager, Ed Shikada.

BTW: I will send you the Palo Alto City Council agenda for 1/31/2022. Also the city council has its annual retreat on Feb 5, starting around 9am where the city will set priorities for 2022. This would be a great time to float your idea as well.

Aram

<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/files/assets/public/agendas-minutes-reports/agendas-minutes/city-council-agendas-minutes/2022/20220131/20220131pccsm-linked.pdf>

On Jan 27, 2022, at 10:46 AM, chuck jagoda <[chuckjagoda1@gmail.com](mailto:chuckjagoda1@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi All,

At last-- civic responsibility for gun toters.

If you need a gun, you also need insurance for it.

Would you drive a car without insurance?

Are you listening Palo Alto?

Now the next step is to get the perpetrators of far more violence than the average gun owner-- the average Palo Alto policeman causes more violence on citizens than any other identifiable group in Palo Alto.

The time for self indemnification of Palo Alto's Police is long past.

Are you listening, Palo Alto?

Chuck Jagoda



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**Cc:** [Shikada, Ed](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Council, City](#); [Lait, Jonathan](#); [French, Amy](#)  
**Subject:** Commissioner Hechtman Conflict of Interest  
**Date:** Friday, January 28, 2022 4:01:15 PM

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Dear Ms. Stump,

I am writing to call your attention to a statement made by Commissioner Hechtman at the January 19th, 2022 Planning and Transportation Commission (PTC) meeting.

Four hours into the meeting, Mr. Hechtman stated that he had been contacted by two attorneys for the applicant and had communications "to go over the letter" sent by the Rutan & Tucker firm (Jan 13, 2022) to the City, which is a matter of public record, about the City Council's proposed text amendment <https://midpenmedia.org/planning-transportation-commission-63-1192022/> (4:14.32). These communications raise significant concerns about why Commissioner Hechtman agreed to communicate with the school's attorneys in the first place, what was the specific content of the communications and do these communications constitute a conflict of interest on the commissioner's part? The information provided by the commissioner during his disclosure was so vague and uninformative, I believe it is up to your office to research and provide the public with a full and transparent answer about the communications and whether a conflict of interest was present.

According to the City of Palo Alto's, [City Boards, Commissions and Committee Handbook \(2020\)](#):

*Residents, property owners and businesses in the City of Palo Alto are entitled to have fair, ethical and accountable local government. Such a government requires that public officials be independent, impartial and fair in their judgment and acting in their public office for the public good*

( [https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/files/assets/public/city-clerk/palo-alto-boards-commissions-and-committees-handbook\\_final\\_2022.pdf](https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/files/assets/public/city-clerk/palo-alto-boards-commissions-and-committees-handbook_final_2022.pdf) page 22).

The City [Handbook](#) raises the questions of: Why was Commissioner Hechtman, presumably in his role as a PTC commissioner, communicating with Castilleja's attorneys? Was he acting in an "independent, impartial and fair" manner? Was his communication serving the best interests of the public? Specifically, I believe the public needs to know:

**1. Why was Commissioner Hechtman "engaging" with Castilleja's attorneys at all, either through written oral communication?**

a) What was the nature of the "communication": via email, phone or in person, or some combination? How many communications were there?

And who with on the school's legal team?

b) Did Commissioner Hechtman communicate with the school's attorneys based solely on his own judgment? Did he consult with the City Attorney or any other public official before communicating with Castilleja's counsel?

c) Why did Commissioner Hechtman agree to "go over the letter" with the applicant's counsel? From what I understood at the January 19th PTC meeting, it was only Mr. Hechtman that had a conversation with Castilleja's attorneys?

c) And, if Castilleja's attorney/s are going to speak with any PTC commissioner, why did Commissioner Hechtman think it should be him and not Commission Chair Lauing? Or, prudently, refer the matter directly to the City Attorney's office where it belongs?

**2. In the interests of transparency and good government, the public deserves to know what was the content of that communication with Castilleja's attorney's?**

Commissioner Hechtman said the purpose was "to go over the letter" the Rutan and Tucker firm sent to the City about the Council's text amendment

<https://midpenmedia.org/planning-transportation-commission-63-1192022/> (4:14.32).

If, as Commissioner Hechtman stated, the letter is a public document, why did communication with Castilleja's attorney/s even need to take place? An email could have been sent to all PTC members calling their attention to Mr. Lanferman's letter?

It begs the question, why was there only a need to communicate with Commissioner Hechtman by Castilleja's attorney/s?

The public deserves a full and clear explanation of how Commissioner Hechtman came to communicate with Castilleja's attorneys as well as the content of that discussion. The appearance has certainly been created by this communication that school attorney/s believed they would find in him a receptive audience, maybe even an advocate for their legal viewpoint. Based on the City's Handbook, significant questions are raised about the independence, impartiality and fairness of Commissioner Hechtman's recent communications with Castilleja's attorney/s.

I request that your office provide answers to the above questions at your earliest convenience. Until further information is provided about why Commissioner Hechtman communicated directly with Castilleja's legal counsel as well as the specific content of that communication, I request that he recuse himself or your office request that he do so until this matter is fully resolved. This would involve Commissioner Hechtman not participating in any PTC hearings involving Castilleja School's CUP application as well as its redevelopment request currently before the City.

Specifically, this would mean refraining from: expressing any opinions about the school's applications; casting any votes about these applications; and, making any recommendations to Council about the school's applications.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Mary Sylvester

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statement from D Rogosa 991 Channing attached

February 2, 2022 Regarding 985 Channing

David Rogosa, I am the occupant/homeowner of 991 Channing, since June 1980.

The legally recorded restrictions that are the focus of this meeting actually appear on my Parcel Map and Grant Deed. It is my Parcel Map that is subject to being gutted, and I believe I should have substantial standing in these proceedings.

The 1980 subdivision of the original 11,000 sq ft lot upon which my residence was constructed in 1950, produced two residences in very close quarters. Along the 40ft length of each structure, there exists the most minimal and minimum 6ft setback on each side.

I was hired as Stanford faculty in June 1980, thus my first contact with the property as a potential purchaser was after the parcel map restrictions were put in place. I can recall Bill Cox the developer, standing with me in the residence showing me the plans for 985 Channing (structure being framed at the time) and with emphasis showing me parcel map with the restrictions. As a potential purchaser these restrictions were essential for the viability of my purchase, and I properly regarded such as a guarantee of the future privacy, livability of my residence.

The 13' height limitation on 985 Channing should be regarded as Protections for/owned by 991 Channing: Protections recorded in the 991 Channing Parcel Map and Grant Deed from 1980, Protections against the destruction of livability at 991 Channing by the proposed construction at 985 Channing (such as seen in the reviewed September 2020 plans for two-story construction at 985 Channing). As I have previously written, those 985 Channing plans should have been part of the October 2021 meeting discussion. I believe protections owned by 991 Channing cannot be dismantled by a petition from 985 Channing. Nor should they be.

The two-story construction plans show that 985 Channing would tower over the adjoining residence (violation of existing scale and light criteria). To illustrate, I can stand with my back against my residence look west toward the 985 structure and even if I tilted my neck all the way back I would not be able to see the top of the 985 construction. The minimal setbacks cannot support this dominating two-story structure at 985 Channing.

I frame the entire 985 Channing issue quite differently than has been previously expressed by the applicant and the commissioners. I frame this situation as a long-time absentee landlord seeking a large financial windfall from removal of the Parcel Map restrictions to the great detriment of long-time residents who have had the clearest possible legal protections. Removal of the Parcel Map restrictions I estimate would add at least \$500,000 to the property value of 985 Channing while diminishing the quality of life of adjoining residents.