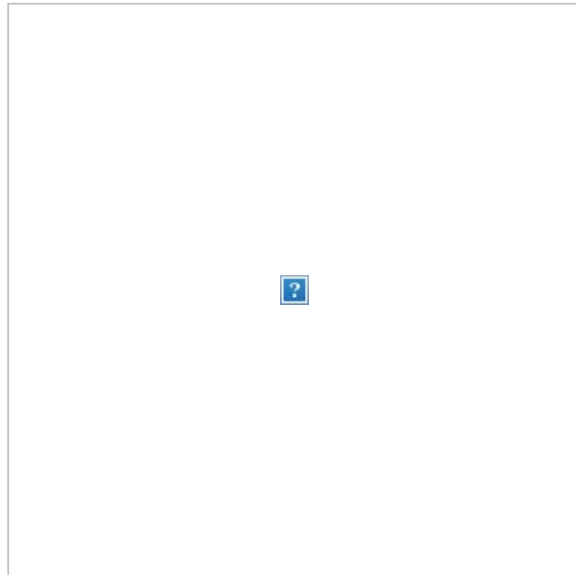


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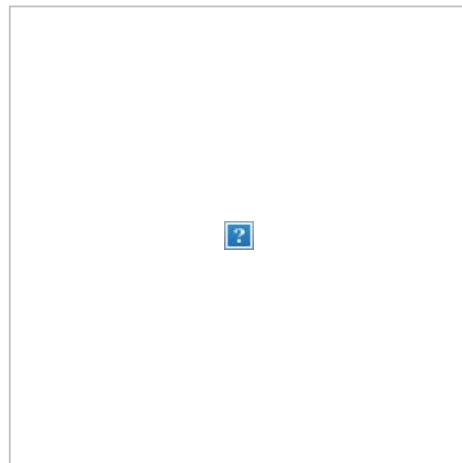
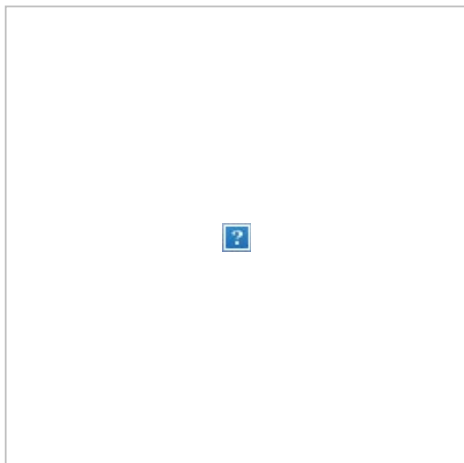
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We have the messages locked and loaded to go with print campaigns, but need your help funding. As you may know, my opponent is self-funding his campaign with hundreds of

thousands of dollars of his own money, but we are 100% grassroots.

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Mailers, meanwhile, cost \$40,000 to \$60,000 (can you believe that?) but we hope to send at least one!

Every single dollar you contribute will go directly to helping us spread the word. With your financial support, we WILL win. Please give what you can, to help us ensure a sustainable water future for current and future generations.

Thank you so much for believing in us, and for fighting to ensure that clean affordable water will be available to all people, in current and future generations, for our parents, siblings, children, and the grandchildren of our grandchildren.

Best,  
Rebecca

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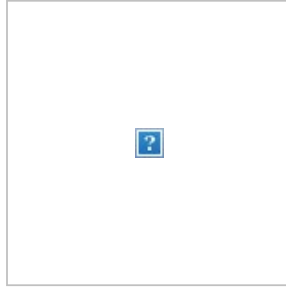
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Thank you for sending me this, but this is not enough in my honest opinion, it is possible to have implicit and unconscious racial biases when you say you support Diversity Equity and Inclusion. We often hear conversations about allyship as essential to build a supportive and inclusive community I have not seen any letters of condemnations from County Board of Supervisors, City Councils, Mayors or local CBOs. This behavior happens here, and perhaps that is why so many are silent now. Not shocked, the Black Communities in California are the canary in the coal mine, MARTIN NIEMÖLLER: "FIRST THEY CAME FOR No out cry

REV. JETHROE MOORE II

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Hi Folks,

This is great. Rebecca is moving towards victory! Please read the Los Altos Town Crier endorsement of Rebecca—it really captures all the key points of this race and clearly gets Rebecca’s many special gifts for leadership in the public arena.

Sincerely,

Aram James



Dear Aram -

As you may have heard, I am excited to announce that I am running for Santa Clara Valley Water District!

The Water District manages a multi-billion dollar budget to provide clean water to Santa Clara County's 2 million residents, and also to protect us from floods and climate events. District 7 includes the Western portion of Santa Clara County that runs from Palo Alto, through Palo Alto Hills, Los Altos, Mountain View, Monte Serreno, and all the way south through Los Gatos.

Our campaign is on fire! We earned all of the most important endorsements in the race, including both newspapers that made an endorsement – the [Mercury News](#) and [Los Altos Town Crier](#) – as well as the only environmental group making an endorsement in the race: the [League of Conservation Voters](#). We have some stellar [individual endorsers](#) as well! (Not to mention, obviously, a 100% rating from Planned Parenthood.)

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***I Will Bring Sustainability to a Government Board Stuck in the 19th Century***

While my opponent (his name is Gary Kremen - you can [Google him](#)), plans to build [dams that will submerge](#) 8 miles of sensitive, protected ecosystems and destroy Amah Mutsun sacred land and 3000-year-old artifacts, I will take advantage of the billions of dollars being made available through the Inflation Reduction Act to transition to green plumbing infrastructure. Instead of burning fossil fuels to import water from other communities who need it more, I will double-down on already-proven methods of water recycling, recapture, and reuse!

It will be easy for me to hit the ground running because I already am endorsed over the incumbent by two sitting Board Directors.

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***I Need Your Support!***

I know we will win, but we need your support. Please consider making a financial contribution. The maximum individual contribution is \$4950 – and of course we welcome that! – but we would be grateful for a contribution of any amount that you feel comfortable with.

Together, we will build our sustainable water future!

Best,

Rebecca Eisenberg

Candidate, District 7  
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Dear Mayor Burt, Palo Alto City Council, Palo Alto City Council Candidates, Palo Alto Planning and Transportation Commission, Palo Alto Housing Element Working Group, and Palo Alto City Staff,

Please find attached a letter providing feedback on the programs proposed in Palo Alto's 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element. Palo Alto Forward would welcome the chance to discuss this analysis with City staff and officials.

Sincerely,

Ian Faucher, on behalf of the Board of Palo Alto Forward



October 13, 2022

Dear Mayor Burt, Palo Alto City Council, Palo Alto City Council Candidates, Palo Alto Planning and Transportation Commission, Palo Alto Housing Element Working Group, and Palo Alto City Staff,

Palo Alto Forward is a non-profit organization focused on expanding housing choices and transportation mobility for a vibrant, welcoming, and sustainable Palo Alto. We are a broad coalition with a multi-generational membership, including longtime and new residents. We thank you for all your work on Palo Alto's 6th Cycle Housing Element.

In previous letters to the City, we raised concerns that the City's reliance on nonvacant sites to accommodate its housing need for lower-income households does not comply with California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) guidance, and that planned affordable or mixed-income developments may be infeasible under the development standards proposed by the City's 6th Cycle Housing Element.

In this letter, we provide feedback on the programs proposed in the Housing Element. As you are aware, the City is required to set forth programs (also known as "actions") it is undertaking or intends to undertake to implement the stated policies, goals, and objectives of the Housing Element.<sup>1</sup> Under California Government Code Section 65583(c), each program must have "a timeline for implementation," identify "the agencies and officials responsible for the implementation," and identify "the means by which consistency will be achieved with other general plan elements."

As the City is aware, HCD has increased its enforcement efforts with respect to cities' proposed programs.<sup>2</sup> In addition to meeting statutory requirements, HCD's guidance indicates that effective programs should include:

- description of the specific action steps to implement programs
- description of the local government's specific role in program implementation
- measurable outcomes (e.g., number of units created)
- demonstration of a firm commitment to implementation, and
- identification of specific funding sources.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> August 22, 2022 City Council Meeting Packet, p. 217

<sup>2</sup> August 22, 2022 City Council Meeting Packet, p. 217

<sup>3</sup> HCD *Building Blocks*, "Program Overview and Quantified Objectives"

To support the City in meeting these important requirements, we reviewed Palo Alto’s proposed programs, as well as more than twenty recent HCD accountability and enforcement letters to other local governments. **We found that many of the City’s proposed programs do not provide the level of specificity and accountability required by HCD in its recent enforcement letters.** Below, we have identified a handful of programs which may require revision to meet statutory and/or HCD standards. For additional support for these and other program recommendations, please refer to our June 22, 2022 letter from former Community Engagement Manager Katie Causey. Please also note that several of our program comments are aligned with the Santa Clara Civil Grand Jury Report *Affordable Housing: A Tale of Two Cities (2021)*.

<b>Program</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<b>1.4: City-Owned Land</b>	Implementing Objective A does not provide specific, measurable outcomes beyond selecting a development partner, and only provides one completion deadline.	The City should commit to a number of units it anticipates developing on City-owned parking lots, and provide a more detailed program timeline. The City should also remove the phrase “subject to available funding,” as it has indicated that the program will be financed through the General Fund. Because the City has authority over its own finances, keeping a financing caveat would risk HCD concluding that the City is not committed to the program.
<b>2.1: Affordable Housing Development</b>	Implementing Objective C focuses on establishing relationships with housing developers rather than providing specific, measurable outcomes for residential development (i.e., impact on housing stock).	The City should identify a number of units to be approved and built under this partnership strategy.

Program	Comments	Recommendation
<p><b>3.2: Constraints to Housing</b></p>	<p>Implementing Objectives A, B, and C do not provide sufficient detail on the City’s efforts to streamline the development processes.</p> <p>As written, the City’s commitment to “monitor” ideas is not a commitment at all. HCD has made clear that commitments to consider action do not meet its program requirements. For example, HCD’s July 8, 2022 <a href="#">letter</a> to the City of Redwood City indicated that “programs must have specific commitment (beyond considering) to housing outcomes, discrete timing (e.g., at least annually) and where appropriate numerical targets.” Thus, we believe that HCD is likely to reject this program without significant changes.</p>	<p>While the City has not yet published a constraints analysis, one must be included with the Housing Element. This forthcoming identification of constraints should motivate extensive modifications to this proposed program, including commitments to specific policy changes which will mitigate identified constraints. Detailed timelines should also be provided.</p>
<p><b>4.2: Housing and Neighborhood Preservation</b></p>	<p>Implementing Objective C’s target of reaching five new houses annually through fair housing workshops is not consistent in magnitude with the City’s ambitious fair housing goals.<sup>4</sup></p>	<p>The City should substantially increase its target. We also ask the City to clarify what it means to “reach” a household.</p>

<sup>4</sup> August 22, 2022 City Council Meeting Packet, p. 237

Program	Comments	Recommendation
<b>5.2: Funding Partnerships</b>	Implementing Objective A provides an option for the City to consider participating in the California Community Housing Agency (CalCHA) program, but does not commit the City to seeking funding from CalCHA. As discussed above, HCD requires that programs make commitments, along with specific timelines and numerical targets.	To comply with HCD’s requirements, the City should commit to applying for or participating in particular funding partnerships, on specified timelines.
<b>6.1: Housing For Persons With Special Needs</b>	Implementing Objective A does not indicate what preferences the City will provide in its affordable housing guidelines for persons with special needs.	The City should identify more specific updates to its affordable housing guidelines, to comply with HCD’s requirement to provide particular policy commitments.
<b>6.2: Multi-Family Housing and Large Household Units</b>	Implementing Objectives A, B, and C neither identify specific actions which the City will take nor identify measurable targets. HCD requires policy-review programs to include specific commitments, which this program does not. For example, HCD required such revisions in its July 22, 2022 <a href="#">letter</a> to the City of Cudahy, in which HCD emphasized that a program limited to reviewing and considering policy changes should “include specific commitment” to change the relevant policy “by a specified date.”	The City should commit to establishing particular incentives for larger units, rather than indicating that it will “explore” such incentives, and provide measurable objectives by which to measure success (e.g., a number of new large-household units constructed).

Program	Comments	Recommendation
<p><b>6.3: Mixed-Use Development</b></p>	<p>Implementing Objectives A and B do not specify the changes the City expects to make to commercial floor area allowances.</p> <p>Implementing Objectives C and D, likewise, require only that the City “examine” or “consider” amendments after review by the City Council.</p>	<p>The City should commit to particular code amendments and policy changes. These changes to Objectives A through D are necessary to comply with HCD’s requirement that “programs must have specific commitment (beyond considering) to housing outcomes, discrete timing (e.g., at least annually) and where appropriate numerical targets.”<sup>5</sup></p> <p>We also ask that, in order to achieve its stated goal of shifting “the economic benefit of redevelopment toward home building,” the City consider increasing residential floor area allowances in addition to any change it may make to commercial allowances.</p>
<p><b>6.4: Homelessness Program</b></p>	<p>Implementing Objective A allows the City to only “consider” using City park lots for the Safe Parking Program.</p>	<p>Because HCD requires cities to make specific policy commitments, we ask that the City commit to using City park lots for the program.</p>
<p><b>6.7: Alternative Housing</b></p>	<p>Implementing Objectives A and B neither specify any changes the City expects to make to local zoning regulations, nor connect its alternative housing policies to measurable outcomes (e.g., number of units built).</p>	<p>The City should commit to particular policy changes to encourage house sharing, micro-unit housing, intergenerational housing, and other innovative housing models, and should connect each of these policies to measurable housing objectives. The City’s current commitment to initiate conversations in 2024 and 2027 is unlikely to meet HCD standards.</p>

<sup>5</sup> See above; July 8, 2022 HCD letter to the City of Redwood City



<b>Program</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<b>6.8: Fair Housing</b>	Implementing Objective A does not provide quantifiable metrics.	The City should indicate the number of households it intends to reach through its fair housing outreach.

The issues cited above have significant legal consequences for Palo Alto. HCD has frequently required Housing Element revisions related to program specificity and accountability, including, in July of this year alone, by the cities of Redwood City, Calipatria, Cudahy, Perris, Rolling Hills, Santa Clarita, South Pasadena, Temple City, Torrance, and Walnut. To avoid a similar outcome in Palo Alto, we encourage the City to consider the revisions proposed above, as well as to consider whether other programs could benefit from additional specificity, commitments to action, and/or measurable targets.

We would welcome the chance to discuss this analysis with City staff and officials. We appreciate the opportunity to work with the City to approve a legally-compliant Housing Element that effectively charts the path towards a more affordable, equitable, and sustainable Palo Alto.

Sincerely,



Ian Faucher, on behalf of the Board of Palo Alto Forward

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If elected please keep a close eye on the PAPD-a department with a long long history of police brutality and racially discriminatory police practices. Many council members historically turn a blind eye to bad policing. Please don't be the next member of our city council to follow the same pattern. I will be at council meetings regularly to do what I can to push for the city council to oversee this department with a terrible history of civil rights violations.

***Time Zack Perron goes!!***

<https://padailypost.com/2019/05/22/cops-use-of-n-word-led-to-investigation-that-never-became-public/>

**Time we ban weaponized police canines.**

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Sincerely,

Aram James

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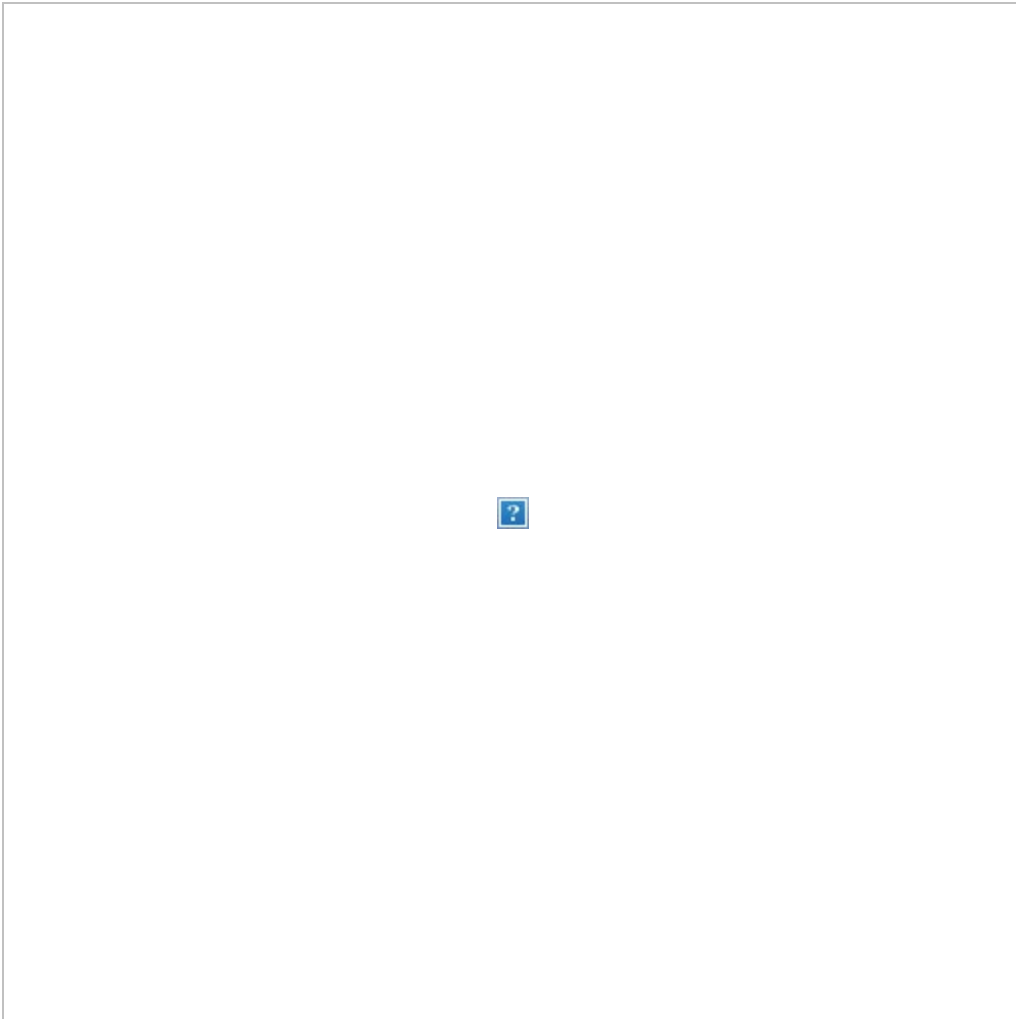
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Dear Aram,

On Wednesday, I had the great honour of launching a groundbreaking report that I co-authored with Rowan Gaudet, **[Unveiling the Chilly Climate: The Suppression of Speech on Palestine in Canada](#)**. With nearly 300 people in attendance, we discussed the report, heard reactions from top Palestinian scholars and human rights activists, and strategized on how to stop the

smear campaigns and censorship against our movement in the future. If you missed the event, you can [watch the recording here](#).

[Click here to read the report](#)



The report has already gotten some great media coverage. I invite you to read [Jeremy Appel's piece in The Breach](#), or listen to interviews we did on the [Mondoweiss](#) and [Electronic Intifada](#) podcasts.

I would love to sit back and take a deep breath now that this report that we've worked so hard on is out in the world, **but unfortunately there are big battles ahead.**

Just last week, Canadian Minister of Diversity and Inclusion, Ahmed Hussen, suggested that civil society grantees of the Department of Canadian Heritage may soon be required to sign an attestation that will commit them to Canada's 'anti-racism framework', which includes the controversial [IHRA definition](#).

If this measure is to be put into place, it would signal the most significant application of the IHRA definition in Canada to date and constitute an egregious assault on Palestinian, Arab and Muslim community groups, not to mention others who seek funding for genuine antiracism work.

Make no mistake - IJV plans to resist this full tilt. **But we need your help, Aram.**

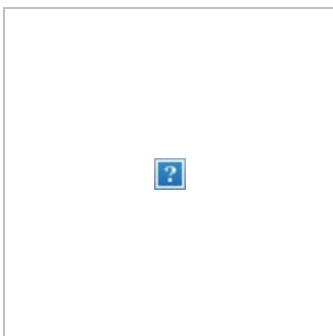
Here's what you can do to lend a hand in this fight:

1. **Share the report.** We need to make sure this lands in the hands of every politician, school board trustee and university administrator in Canada.
2. **Donate to IJV.** Supporting us allows us to keep up the fight against this chilly climate. We have had many successes in fighting back against IHRA and the silencing of Palestine solidarity, but we need your help.

**Donate now & push back against the suppression of Palestine solidarity**

Thanks again for taking interest in this report, and joining us in this crucial battle. I believe that we will win.

Shabbat shalom,



**Sheryl Nestel,**

**IJV-Toronto**

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**To:** [Council, City; Planning Commission](#)  
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**Subject:** Crosstown Shuttle  
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Dear Mayor Burt, Palo Alto City Council, Palo Alto Planning and Transportation Commission, and Palo Alto City Staff,

Please find attached a letter providing a suggestion for the future of the city's Crosstown shuttle program.

Sincerely,  
Scott O'Neil on behalf of the Board of Palo Alto Forward



October 15, 2022

Dear Palo Alto City Council; Palo Alto Planning and Transportation Committee; and City Staff:

We are interested in the City's plans to increase housing density in the GM/ROLM zoned areas near San Antonio and Highway 101. Given the lack of public transportation in that part of town, the City should consider expanding the PA City shuttle bus to serve that neighborhood.

We recently spoke with an affordable housing developer that develops permanent supportive housing and targets serving those who earn below 50% AMI. They are interested in bringing deeply affordable projects to the city. The developer suggested that affordable housing in GM/ROLM areas being considered for upzoning as part of the Housing Element might be difficult to fund because of the lack of transit.

This brought to mind the Palo Alto city shuttle, which was shut down during the Covid budget crunch, and which the city is considering restarting. Given changes in city policy direction since the shuttle was shut down, might it make sense to prioritize serving the San Antonio corridor, if the city has to choose?

Besides the affordable housing finance consideration, we note the city is moving ahead with the Homekey project Northeast of 101 off San Antonio. That is currently a transit desert, and it will benefit from having a reliable link to the El Camino Real VTA route and San Antonio Caltrain stop. That is an urgent concern, because the Homekey project could be finished within the next year.

Furthermore, if a shuttle diverts down Charleston for trips around school start and end times, it would go a long way toward improving safety for children getting to Fairmeadow and JLS.

Mayor Burt noted in the August 22 meeting that he pushed hard for a VTA route along San Antonio this year, to no avail. The need will only increase in coming years given the housing development anticipated there. In response to this confluence of changes in policy direction that have developed since the Embarcadero shuttle was shut down, we urge the city to consider moving the shuttle to enhance transit access around San Antonio and 101.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. O'Neil", is centered at the top of the page. The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent loop at the end.

Scott O'Neil on behalf of the Board of Palo Alto Forward

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**To:** [Council, City](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Wong, Tim](#)  
**Cc:** [Palo Alto Forward Board](#)  
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**Date:** Sunday, October 16, 2022 6:08:48 PM  
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Dear Mayor Burt, Palo Alto City Council, Palo Alto Planning and Transportation Commission, and Palo Alto City Staff,

Please see the attached letter related to my recent groundtruthing research for several of the sites contemplated for low-income housing in the forthcoming Housing Element update. In summary, four of the sites clearly fail the state's substantial-evidence requirement for being included in the low-income category.

Thank you,

Amie Ashton

October 16, 2022

Dear Palo Alto City Council, Palo Alto Planning and Transportation Committee, and City Staff:

**SUBJECT: Ground-truthing Letter - Designated Low-Income Sites**

I am writing today to share Housing Element ground-truthing results for several of the designated low-income sites throughout the city. As described in a previous ground-truthing letter dated March 30, 2022 that addressed sites on Fabian Way and Charleston Road, with the low-income designation in the housing Element comes a heightened degree of scrutiny with respect to site suitability. The city must prove a substantial likelihood of development or redevelopment from the current use to a moderate-density residential use.

The sites listed below fail the substantial evidence test. There are no records on file with the city (or otherwise publicly available) indicating that the listed sites will in the near future convert to residential use. Further, 3903 El Camino Real is currently listed for lease and 760 San Antonio was recently leased. These sites also likely cannot meet the substantial evidence threshold because the site owner is demonstrating an intent for a contrary use that is likely to persist throughout the planning period.

**841 El Camino Real, Realistic Unit Capacity = 20 units**

- The 0.6-acre site is currently occupied by Auto Pride Car Wash. Permits for new signage and a trellis were approved for the existing use in 2022, which shows intent that the use will continue at the site.

**3903 El Camino Real, Realistic Unit Capacity = 35 units**

- This 0.53-acre site is vacant and currently for lease. The commercial building was constructed in 1997 and roof upgrades took place in 2015, which would not indicate a potential change to the land use. Does the city have evidence that the site will transition to a use that includes housing?

**760 San Antonio Road, Realistic Unit Capacity = 20 units**

- This 0.65-acre site is occupied by a truck rental and sales business. It appears the site lease was signed/renewed in 2021, which would not indicate that the land use will change in the near term.  
(<https://www.loopnet.com/Listing/760-San-Antonio-Rd-Palo-Alto-CA/22247372/>).

**4045 Transport Street, Realistic Unit Capacity = 35 units (though should be 17)**

- The lot size appears to be incorrect in the City's spreadsheet, the lot is 0.24 acre (not 0.54 acre) site; thus, the unit count should be adjusted down to 17. The site is occupied by a commercial/industrial use.

As described in previous letters submitted regarding the potential housing sites, there are many other sites on the inventory that are equally unlikely, for similar reasons. Please contact me should you have any questions or comments.

Thank you for your attention and for the work you are doing to ensure the adequacy and implementability of the Housing Element.

Amie Ashton

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Will do! Of Course!  
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On Oct 16, 2022, at 8:04 PM, Roberta Ahlquist <[roberta.ahlquist@sjsu.edu](mailto:roberta.ahlquist@sjsu.edu)> wrote:

Please keep us posted.  
Thank you.  
Roberta Ahlquist

On Thu, Oct 13, 2022 at 7:57 AM Aram James <[abjpd1@gmail.com](mailto:abjpd1@gmail.com)> wrote:

>  
> H Andrew,  
  
> I was over at the Mitchel Park library yesterday ( Tuesday Oct 11, 2022) and saw this sign ( see below). I went to this location -El Palo Alto Room- to check it out for the Thursday evening Daily Post city council candidates' debate. When I opened the door I was told that the training in process was private not apparently related to PAPD training. I think a younger white officer in street clothes may have been being less than honest with me about the training not being PAPD related. Or maybe a major miscommunication occurred. This person seemed on the verge of being confrontational with me. I don't understand why? Maybe the three of us can sit down and speak. I felt this officer was attempting to intimate me without reason.  
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> As I was leaving to return to my car -walking in the other direction - of the El Palo Alto Room-came along in full PAPD uniform was PAPD SGT Craig Lee apparently returning to the El Palo Alto room.  
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> I had on my Covid mask but I think SGT Lee recognized me from the Hopkins case some 17 years ago. He greeted me in a polite manner and I responded in kind.  
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> What is going on with police training at the El Palo Alto Room? Who was the

slightly pumped up younger white officer who confronted me? The sign does not suggest the training is NOT open to public review. Why is the PAPD using the Mitchel Park Library for police training?

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> Best aram,

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> 415-370-5056

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> P.S.

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> 1. what's up with doing away with the canine unit?

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> 2. Do you intend to have a citizen advisory committee subject to the Brown act so folks like me from the public can attend?

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> 3. Can you discuss the wisdom of the PAPD doing away with Tasers with me? given the great cost to maintain tasers when they are rarely used and have a very high failure rate when they are used.

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> 4. Have u hired an African American officer to join your command staff - recruiting them as a lateral -the same way u came to the PAPD in 2015?

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> 5. How about asking Sean Allen to join the PAPD command staff?

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> 6. When can you and I -and a member of the press - sit down and review the body worn camera footage re the canine attack on Alexander Furrier that took place on Oct 10, 2021.

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> 7. Have you established a hiring protocol to vet potential PAPD hires to ensure no members of the proud boys, oath keepers or other white nationalist groups became members of the PAPD?

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> 8. Have you encouraged Zack Perron to resign from the PAPD?

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> 9. Considered demoting Zack Perron due to his alleged 2014 racial attack on former PAPD officer Marcus Barbour?

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> 10. What is the current status of the lawsuit against the city by 5 of your current officers and one former officer—re the BLM mural?

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> 11. Have you determined If any of the officers involved in the lawsuit have any connection to white nationalist organizations?

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> Best regards,

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> Aram

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> 415-370-5066

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**Subject:** RE: 1700 Embarcadero Road (21PLN-00191) - a Neighbor's Concerns  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 26, 2022 6:09:54 PM

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Dear City of Palo Alto Planning & Transportation Commission Members,

My name is Gemma Lim and I'm the property manager of 2479 E. Bayshore Road. Our office building shares the East Bayshore fence line with 1700 Embarcadero Road. Our tenants are mostly composed of attorneys, CPAs and start-up technology companies.

We welcome the 1700 Embarcadero development and trust that the construction will be done right, along with preserving the first-rate environment that Palo Alto is known for.

Below are our questions and comments :

1. The area in front of the car wash (along the property fence line) is our outdoor gathering area for food trucks and we want to preserve that environment. We have benches there for our tenants to enjoy chatting, working and/or taking their meals. How can the 1700 Embarcadero development ensure our tenants can still enjoy this gathering area?
2. Who is doing the acoustical study to show compliance with Code? Ambient noise levels have not yet been measured. Our tenants enjoy the quietness of their surroundings which enables them to focus on their business.
3. Will the car wash have people hand drying the cars or have blower dryers?
4. Will the car wash have just stoplight signals or buzzer alarms too?
5. If yes for questions 2 and/or 3- how do we know the car wash doors will close tightly to limit the loud noise from being heard from our food truck gathering area and parking lot? What happens if doors are not closed?
6. Will there be any roll-up shop doors opening to the south, next to the car wash?
7. Will "Inventory" have car lifts? Or a covered structure?
8. Will there be a fence or wall bordering the property?

These are questions we've previously shared with the Planning and

Development Services Staff. We'd appreciate your response now that the development review is moving forward.

We truly appreciate this opportunity to express our concerns. Thank you for your attention.

Best,

**Gemma Lim, CPM**

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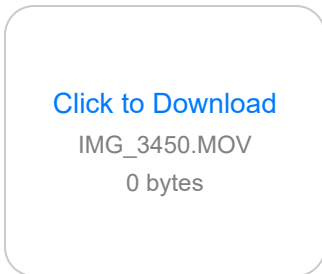
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Dear City Council and PTC Members:

As a member of the NVCAP Working Group, I want to be very clear that I strongly support development in the entire NVCAP area, including 3200 Park, 340 Portage and 200 Portage. However, the current proposal for development of the area appears to me to meet none of the needs of this city.

The Working Group recognized and supported the continued need for housing in Palo Alto, and envisioned a thriving community including neighborhood serving retail; convivial eating establishments alongside a naturalized creek; cultural events; and housing that would serve residents of many different income levels.

The Working Group vision for the North Ventura area has the potential to make it a center of culture and community — a jewel for Palo Alto. While land prices in the Bay Area make it difficult to build here, I believe that if other communities can manage it, Palo Alto can too.

In contrast, the proposal made recently features: unneeded office space; a tiny spot of retail; very little housing; and strict segregation of market rate and below-market-rate units.

I wish I understood exactly why the council is seriously considering wasting the wonderful potential of the area.

While the details of the process have not been transparent, we are under the impression that some council members were afraid that there might be a threat of a lawsuit if certain parties were not allowed to make as much money as they pleased. Is that how the council must make its decisions these days? Are we utterly in the thrall of developers' profits?

Does the council feel so powerless that they are willing not only to sacrifice the quality of life in Palo Alto, but also willing to defer the urgent need for housing and to ignore state mandates?

If, on the other hand, the council is not acting out of fear of a lawsuit, perhaps they will clarify exactly what their viable vision for the area is, what the benefits are to the city, and how they might make that vision a reality.

Hoping that developers' bottom lines are not the deciding factor in the growth of Palo Alto,

Angela Dellaporta

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***Alert: Why City Council Candidates Must be Concerned About Flesh Eating Police Weaponized Canines***

Short critical summary of the canine report ( *Mauled: when police dogs are weapons*) for candidates who are elected to the Palo Alto City Council to confront chief Andrew Binder with to demand that he NOT be allowed to restart a canine unit that permits canines to be used to terrorize, maul, maim and even kill innocent community members. We must over see our new chief. The Presumption of Innocence contrary to rumors to the contrary is still alive and well. Some people don't want to be disturbed by the facts but our elected officials must be. Tell Andrew Binder we are disturbed by facts re weaponized police canines and don't want them in our community.

Best regards,

aram

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Checkout the disgusting video below:

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October 24, 2022.

Re: Agenda Item No. 9  
Review the North Ventura Coordinated Area Plan (NVCAP) Refined Preferred Alternative,

Dear Mayor Burt, Palo Alto City Council Members, and Planning and Transportation Commission Members,

Palo Alto Forward is a non-profit organization focused on innovating and expanding housing choices and transportation for a vibrant, welcoming, and sustainable Palo Alto. We are a broad coalition with a multi-generational membership, including new and long time residents.

We do not support the endorsement of the NVCAP Refined Preferred Alternative. After three years of study and analysis and significant cost, the Refined Preferred Alternative is woefully inadequate.

The 60-acre area is a unique opportunity that has now been lost. However, since the process took so long, some property owners and developers have proceeded with projects which will limit a systematic and comprehensive planning approach including the potential use of a specific or precise plan. The proposal before you lacks vision and fails to incorporate innovation and appropriate planning principles to meet current and future housing and social needs.

As noted by consultants, staff, and numerous community members these principles/techniques are widely known: a coordinated variety of land uses and assembly incentives, sufficient office and retail and jobs, revised development standards (density, height, and design guidelines), workable incentives and options to create sufficient funding for community benefits for the neighborhood, less vehicle parking to support sustainability and enhance mobility while resulting in a marked increase in affordable and middle-income units. All of which could be included in a precise or specific plan.

In the earlier phases of the NVCAP process, Alternative 3B was identified by the consultant and staff as the most financially feasible yet that finding was dismissed by many members of the Working Group and the City Council.

It should be recognized that the proposed NVCAP Objectives (Pages 182-3) repeatedly note the importance of financial feasibility and market conditions in Objectives 1 and 5.

Alternative 3B would have created or phased in 1800-2200 units throughout the area. Such intensification would have helped finance many more community benefits and made the area cohesive and high functioning.



For example, the Preferred Refined Alternative in the staff report notes that NVCAP existing and new housing units will provide a total of only 620 Units (143 of which are currently existing).

The design and varied heights of Alternative 3B could have been visually impressive while incorporating the best of new technology and environmental stewardship. And importantly, such an alternative would have enabled us to help meet our RHNA goal while providing needed current and future housing. Our concern is that by not using this opportunity the City's Housing Element will be seen as out of compliance by the State.

Another troubling outcome has been the likely loss of MTC grant opportunities for Transit Oriented Communities (TOC). The proposed development potential of NVCAP Refined Preferred Alternative is not aligned

with the MTC TOC policies ( including minimum residential and office densities and residential and commercial parking limits), makes the NVCAP area not eligible for a grant. Alternative 3B would have been more aligned.

As the staff report notes, NVCAP is located within a designated Planned Development Area (PDA). Approved legislation AB2097 effective January 1, 2023 will reduce parking requirements in PDA's located near

transit options. This will help us reach our climate action goals.

NVCAP could have been an asset to the City because it is adjacent to a commercial/retail corridor and fixed rail and transit and could have been be a model of sustainability. The area could have been a local and subregional hub for housing, jobs, services, art and culture, entertainment, and recreation. With the current Refined Preferred Alternative, that holistic opportunity is lost for generations.

It is unfortunate that the City Council did not support a more bold, robust, and ambitious Refined Preferred Alternative for the NVCAP. With all the innovation and future-thinking in Palo Alto, our City deserves more.

With this alternative we are looking to the past and not the future. We are disappointed. This is a lost opportunity for our community.

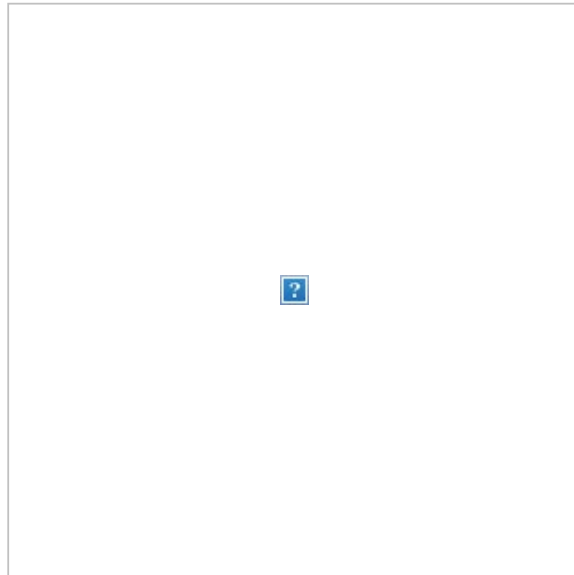
Sincerely,

Palo Alto Forward Board

**From:** [Nicole Thom and Friends of Rebecca Eisenberg for Santa Clara Valley Water District](#)  
**To:** [Planning Commission](#)  
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Dear Planning,

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Campaigns say a lot about candidates, including what they value and how they will lead. Rebecca knows that District 7 deserves a leader who will listen to constituents and value what they have to say. Rebecca knows that we are tired of her opponent's years of 15% rate hikes and his plans to destroy ecosystems and sacred Indigenous grounds with

a dam that will not create more water. Rebecca knows that we care about climate change, but we also need help making ends meet, which is why her sustainable plan of water recycling, recapture and reuse, will both protect our environment, and also bring us long-awaited **savings on our water bills**.

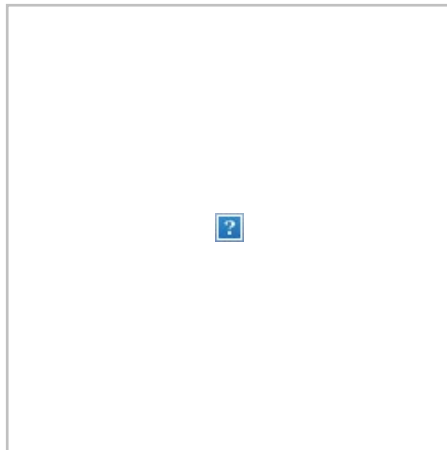
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Thank you for your consideration.

Best,  
Nicole Thom  
Fellow District 7 Resident



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10/23/2022

Dear Planning and Transportation Commission,

Regarding item 2 on your agenda for 10/25/22, the County Local Roads Safety Plan. I think the staff report on the importance of this plan is exactly right. The importance of this plan is that it exists, and can be used to qualify for later grant applications in the Caltrans Highway Safety Improvement Program that Palo Alto may choose to apply for at a later time. I read parts of this when it was on the consent calendar for the VTA BPAC, and the safety issues are simply gleaned from past collision data, while the proposed solutions amount to following current best practices. I do not think it is worthwhile to go into any particular detail about the contents of this plan.

I hope city transportation staff will be able to develop a grant application to this program in the future, based on needs identified by Palo Alto city staff and citizens.

Regarding item 4, at 1700 Embarcadero Road, I am thrilled to see the bicycle path along the perimeter of this property in this plan (on packet page 25.). It will connect from the Oregon Ave. bike/ped crossing over 101 to Baylands Athletic Center and the Bay Trail with a low-stress off-street route separate from Embarcadero Road. I am glad city staff emphasized the need for this to the applicant.

Thank you for your service to our city of Palo Alto,

Robert Neff

Loma Verde and Emerson in Palo Alto.

Palo Alto VTA Bike / Pedestrian Advisory Committee representative.

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-- Robert  
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Dear Mr. Fulcher,

Thank you for your comments. Just to let you know, the City will be releasing the Public Review draft of the Housing Element on November 7. The public has 30 days to review and comment on the draft. After the close of the 30 day review, the City has 10 business days to respond to all public comments received during that time. We will incorporate your submitted comments as part of the City's response.

I wanted to also let you know that as part of the 30 day review period, the City will hold a virtual Community Meeting on November 16, 6 pm, about the public review draft. In addition, the City Council will hold a joint meeting with the Planning and Transportation Commission on November 28 to also review the Public Review draft.

For more information, please go to [www.paloaltohousingelement.com](http://www.paloaltohousingelement.com).

Any other questions, please let me know.

Tim



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Dear Mayor Burt, Palo Alto City Council, Palo Alto City Council Candidates, Palo Alto Planning and Transportation Commission, Palo Alto Housing Element Working Group, and Palo Alto City Staff,

Please find attached a letter providing feedback on the programs proposed in Palo Alto's 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element. Palo Alto Forward would welcome the chance to discuss this analysis with City staff and officials.

Sincerely,  
Ian Faucher, on behalf of the Board of Palo Alto Forward



October 13, 2022

Dear Mayor Burt, Palo Alto City Council, Palo Alto City Council Candidates, Palo Alto Planning and Transportation Commission, Palo Alto Housing Element Working Group, and Palo Alto City Staff,

Palo Alto Forward is a non-profit organization focused on expanding housing choices and transportation mobility for a vibrant, welcoming, and sustainable Palo Alto. We are a broad coalition with a multi-generational membership, including longtime and new residents. We thank you for all your work on Palo Alto's 6th Cycle Housing Element.

In previous letters to the City, we raised concerns that the City's reliance on nonvacant sites to accommodate its housing need for lower-income households does not comply with California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) guidance, and that planned affordable or mixed-income developments may be infeasible under the development standards proposed by the City's 6th Cycle Housing Element.

In this letter, we provide feedback on the programs proposed in the Housing Element. As you are aware, the City is required to set forth programs (also known as "actions") it is undertaking or intends to undertake to implement the stated policies, goals, and objectives of the Housing Element.<sup>1</sup> Under California Government Code Section 65583(c), each program must have "a timeline for implementation," identify "the agencies and officials responsible for the implementation," and identify "the means by which consistency will be achieved with other general plan elements."

As the City is aware, HCD has increased its enforcement efforts with respect to cities' proposed programs.<sup>2</sup> In addition to meeting statutory requirements, HCD's guidance indicates that effective programs should include:

- description of the specific action steps to implement programs
- description of the local government's specific role in program implementation
- measurable outcomes (e.g., number of units created)
- demonstration of a firm commitment to implementation, and
- identification of specific funding sources.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> August 22, 2022 City Council Meeting Packet, p. 217

<sup>2</sup> August 22, 2022 City Council Meeting Packet, p. 217

<sup>3</sup> HCD *Building Blocks*, "Program Overview and Quantified Objectives"



To support the City in meeting these important requirements, we reviewed Palo Alto’s proposed programs, as well as more than twenty recent HCD accountability and enforcement letters to other local governments. **We found that many of the City’s proposed programs do not provide the level of specificity and accountability required by HCD in its recent enforcement letters.** Below, we have identified a handful of programs which may require revision to meet statutory and/or HCD standards. For additional support for these and other program recommendations, please refer to our June 22, 2022 letter from former Community Engagement Manager Katie Causey. Please also note that several of our program comments are aligned with the Santa Clara Civil Grand Jury Report *Affordable Housing: A Tale of Two Cities (2021)*.

<b>Program</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<b>1.4: City-Owned Land</b>	Implementing Objective A does not provide specific, measurable outcomes beyond selecting a development partner, and only provides one completion deadline.	The City should commit to a number of units it anticipates developing on City-owned parking lots, and provide a more detailed program timeline. The City should also remove the phrase “subject to available funding,” as it has indicated that the program will be financed through the General Fund. Because the City has authority over its own finances, keeping a financing caveat would risk HCD concluding that the City is not committed to the program.
<b>2.1: Affordable Housing Development</b>	Implementing Objective C focuses on establishing relationships with housing developers rather than providing specific, measurable outcomes for residential development (i.e., impact on housing stock).	The City should identify a number of units to be approved and built under this partnership strategy.

Program	Comments	Recommendation
<p><b>3.2: Constraints to Housing</b></p>	<p>Implementing Objectives A, B, and C do not provide sufficient detail on the City’s efforts to streamline the development processes.</p> <p>As written, the City’s commitment to “monitor” ideas is not a commitment at all. HCD has made clear that commitments to consider action do not meet its program requirements. For example, HCD’s July 8, 2022 <a href="#">letter</a> to the City of Redwood City indicated that “programs must have specific commitment (beyond considering) to housing outcomes, discrete timing (e.g., at least annually) and where appropriate numerical targets.” Thus, we believe that HCD is likely to reject this program without significant changes.</p>	<p>While the City has not yet published a constraints analysis, one must be included with the Housing Element. This forthcoming identification of constraints should motivate extensive modifications to this proposed program, including commitments to specific policy changes which will mitigate identified constraints. Detailed timelines should also be provided.</p>
<p><b>4.2: Housing and Neighborhood Preservation</b></p>	<p>Implementing Objective C’s target of reaching five new houses annually through fair housing workshops is not consistent in magnitude with the City’s ambitious fair housing goals.<sup>4</sup></p>	<p>The City should substantially increase its target. We also ask the City to clarify what it means to “reach” a household.</p>

<sup>4</sup> August 22, 2022 City Council Meeting Packet, p. 237

Program	Comments	Recommendation
<b>5.2: Funding Partnerships</b>	Implementing Objective A provides an option for the City to consider participating in the California Community Housing Agency (CalCHA) program, but does not commit the City to seeking funding from CalCHA. As discussed above, HCD requires that programs make commitments, along with specific timelines and numerical targets.	To comply with HCD’s requirements, the City should commit to applying for or participating in particular funding partnerships, on specified timelines.
<b>6.1: Housing For Persons With Special Needs</b>	Implementing Objective A does not indicate what preferences the City will provide in its affordable housing guidelines for persons with special needs.	The City should identify more specific updates to its affordable housing guidelines, to comply with HCD’s requirement to provide particular policy commitments.
<b>6.2: Multi-Family Housing and Large Household Units</b>	Implementing Objectives A, B, and C neither identify specific actions which the City will take nor identify measurable targets. HCD requires policy-review programs to include specific commitments, which this program does not. For example, HCD required such revisions in its July 22, 2022 <a href="#">letter</a> to the City of Cudahy, in which HCD emphasized that a program limited to reviewing and considering policy changes should “include specific commitment” to change the relevant policy “by a specified date.”	The City should commit to establishing particular incentives for larger units, rather than indicating that it will “explore” such incentives, and provide measurable objectives by which to measure success (e.g., a number of new large-household units constructed).

Program	Comments	Recommendation
<p><b>6.3: Mixed-Use Development</b></p>	<p>Implementing Objectives A and B do not specify the changes the City expects to make to commercial floor area allowances.</p> <p>Implementing Objectives C and D, likewise, require only that the City “examine” or “consider” amendments after review by the City Council.</p>	<p>The City should commit to particular code amendments and policy changes. These changes to Objectives A through D are necessary to comply with HCD’s requirement that “programs must have specific commitment (beyond considering) to housing outcomes, discrete timing (e.g., at least annually) and where appropriate numerical targets.”<sup>5</sup></p> <p>We also ask that, in order to achieve its stated goal of shifting “the economic benefit of redevelopment toward home building,” the City consider increasing residential floor area allowances in addition to any change it may make to commercial allowances.</p>
<p><b>6.4: Homelessness Program</b></p>	<p>Implementing Objective A allows the City to only “consider” using City park lots for the Safe Parking Program.</p>	<p>Because HCD requires cities to make specific policy commitments, we ask that the City commit to using City park lots for the program.</p>
<p><b>6.7: Alternative Housing</b></p>	<p>Implementing Objectives A and B neither specify any changes the City expects to make to local zoning regulations, nor connect its alternative housing policies to measurable outcomes (e.g., number of units built).</p>	<p>The City should commit to particular policy changes to encourage house sharing, micro-unit housing, intergenerational housing, and other innovative housing models, and should connect each of these policies to measurable housing objectives. The City’s current commitment to initiate conversations in 2024 and 2027 is unlikely to meet HCD standards.</p>

<sup>5</sup> See above; July 8, 2022 HCD letter to the City of Redwood City

<b>Program</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<b>6.8: Fair Housing</b>	Implementing Objective A does not provide quantifiable metrics.	The City should indicate the number of households it intends to reach through its fair housing outreach.

The issues cited above have significant legal consequences for Palo Alto. HCD has frequently required Housing Element revisions related to program specificity and accountability, including, in July of this year alone, by the cities of Redwood City, Calipatria, Cudahy, Perris, Rolling Hills, Santa Clarita, South Pasadena, Temple City, Torrance, and Walnut. To avoid a similar outcome in Palo Alto, we encourage the City to consider the revisions proposed above, as well as to consider whether other programs could benefit from additional specificity, commitments to action, and/or measurable targets.

We would welcome the chance to discuss this analysis with City staff and officials. We appreciate the opportunity to work with the City to approve a legally-compliant Housing Element that effectively charts the path towards a more affordable, equitable, and sustainable Palo Alto.

Sincerely,



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**From:** [Hamilton Hitchings](#)  
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**Cc:** [Lait, Jonathan](#); [French, Amy](#)  
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Below are my three code change requests

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**Please allow noise making equipment for electrification within 4 feet of the property line.** This includes mini split heat pumps for HVAC (Heating and Air Conditioning) and Hot Water Heaters, both of which are normally much quieter than air conditioning units. Setbacks currently range from six to twenty feet. While six feet would be fine for me, I am aware of many other houses where they would need a four foot setback to allow them to fit in their side yard. For ADUs noise making equipment is allowed within 4 feet of the property line, including loud air conditioners. I recommend a maximum within the setback. I want to get the Mitsubishi 5-zone minisplit, which is known to be one of the quietest and it has a maximum dBA of 58 but others, especially American brands are louder and also bigger since our house is only 1,800 square feet.

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Please vote for CHANGE. WE desperately need service sector and senior housing for low- and moderate income residents, workers. USE FREY'S , CUBBERLEY, THE TRANSIT CENTER, not fragmented parcels out near the freeway.

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Hi Karen,

I'm voting Vicky, Doria, and Julie. Time for 3 strong women on the council. Julie brilliant off the wall so. Ed not far from my piece of cake.

Time for a very strong black woman on council . We have had no strong brilliant black women on council since LaDoris and Hillary. Karen, I have to say I'm beyond shocked you would vote for Ed Lauing over Julie Lythcott Haims. What's up with that?

Really time to rethink your choice here,

aram

On Oct 23, 2022, at 6:22 PM, Karen Holman <[rsvp.paloalto.2022@gmail.com](mailto:rsvp.paloalto.2022@gmail.com)> wrote:

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The responsibility, and it is that, of selecting Council members is one of the most important things any of us do as residents or business owners in our cities and towns.

When it comes to deciding what candidates to support for Palo Alto City Council, a lot of things come into consideration for me. It's a long list, but I hope you find it helpful in making your choices:

- Is the candidate experienced, is the candidate intelligent, is the candidate analytical?
- What are the candidate's positions on the things that matter to me personally and that I think will make Palo Alto a better place in the future?
- Is the candidate knowledgeable about the issues as well as the likely impacts of how decisions are going to play out on the ground?
- Are they respectful of others?
- Can they express disagreement without being disagreeable?
- Has the person demonstrated good integrity?
- Will the candidate be a collaborator with others on the Council?
- Will the candidate listen to the public's ideas and concerns?
- Will the candidate meaningfully consider others' opinions?
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<https://www.vickiforcouncil.com>

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**From:** [Roberta Ahlquist](#)  
**To:** [Aram James](#)  
**Cc:** [Kristen and Leo Johnson](#); [Karen Holman](#); [Julie Lythcott-Haims](#); [Vicki Veenker](#); [Doria Summa](#); [Shana Segal](#); [Alison Cormack](#); [Filseth, Eric \(Internal\)](#); [Greg Tanaka](#); [Winter Dellenbach](#); [Jethroe Moore](#); [Greer Stone](#); [Sean Allen](#); [Shikada, Ed](#); [Jay Boyarsky](#); [Rebecca Eisenberg](#); [wilpf.peninsula.paloalto@gmail.com](#); [Jay Boyarsky](#); [Peter Drekmeier](#); [Bill Johnson](#); [Diana Diamond](#); [Gennady Sheyner](#); [Lydia Kou](#); [Lewis. james](#); [ladoris cordell](#); [Council, City](#); [Human Relations Commission](#); [Planning Commission](#); [ParkRec Commission](#); [citycouncil@mountainview.gov](#); [EPA Today](#); [Joe Simitian](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Please join me in voting for Julie Lythcott Haims,Vicki Veenker & Doria Summa ( all extraordinary candidates) Time for three strong additional women on our city council)  
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STOP CARVING UP THE FRY R ZONED PROPERTY AND BUILD MIXED HOUSING  
ON THE 14 ACRES!

Roberta Ahlquist  
PA Senior low-income Housing Committe

On Sun, Oct 23, 2022 at 10:07 PM Aram James <[abjpd1@gmail.com](mailto:abjpd1@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi Kristen,  
Of course I should change the title. You are absolutely correct! I'm a little slow and getting slower lol. Julie is as you say beyond AWESOME!! My entire family is voting for Julie —and not only did she spend at least an hour discussing her campaign in a visit to our home she took the time to visit my son Lewis at his apartment here in town. Vicki and Doria did the same. All three candidates went out of the way for me and my son Lewis. All three when elected will be fantastic for our city. Best, aram

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 23, 2022, at 9:15 PM, Kristen Johnson  
<[graffikdezine@comcast.net](mailto:graffikdezine@comcast.net)> wrote:

Hi Aram!  
You should change the title on your email! It reads vote Summa, Veenker and Lauing! Shouldn't you change Lauing to Lythcott-Haims? Julie is AWESOME!! I'm voting for her, Vicki, and Forsell.

Cheers,

Kristen.

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On Oct 23, 2022, at 8:16 PM, Aram James  
<[abjpd1@gmail.com](mailto:abjpd1@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi Karen,  
I'm voting Vicky, Doria, and Julie. Time  
for 3 strong women on the council. Julie  
brilliant off the wall so. Ed far from my  
piece of cake.

Time for a very strong black woman on  
council . We have had no strong brilliant  
black women on council since LaDoris  
and Hillary. Karen, I have to say I'm  
beyond shocked you would vote for Ed  
Lauing over Julie Lythcott Haims. What's  
up with that?

Really time to rethink your choice here,

aram

On Oct 23, 2022, at 6:22 PM,  
Karen Holman  
<[rsvp.paloalto.2022@gmail.com](mailto:rsvp.paloalto.2022@gmail.com)>  
wrote:

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that, of selecting Council  
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most important things any of us do as residents or business owners in our cities and towns.

When it comes to deciding what candidates to support for Palo Alto City Council, a lot of things come into consideration for me. It's a long list, but I hope you find it helpful in making your choices:

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Monday, October 24, 2022 Daily Post 9

## OPINION

### Police dog returns

Dear Editor; I'm not surprised by Police Chief Andrew Binder's unilateral decision to bring back a violent dog-biting canine unit to the streets of Palo Alto. More than 3,600 people are hospitalized annually due to attacks by police dogs. Black and brown people are disproportionately the victims of such attacks. Chief Bender knows that the practice of using weaponized canines on African Americans is embedded in this country's racist history going back to when blacks were enslaved.

Binder's attitude reflects an ignorance of this ugly history and a willingness to bury his head in the sand. So much for our new chief's promise to be transparent and to work with the community before making any critical decision on a hot-button police issue. I encourage you to contact him at [andrew.binder@paloalto.org](mailto:andrew.binder@paloalto.org) to voice your anger and outrage.

**Aram James  
Palo Alto**

**From:** [Aram James](#)  
**To:** [Dave Price](#); [Emily Mibach](#); [Braden Cartwright](#); [Raj](#); [Sean Allen](#); [Jethroe Moore](#); [Winter Dellenbach](#); [Council, City; Planning Commission](#); [Julie Lythcott-Haims](#); [Bill Johnson](#); [Jeff Rosen](#); [Jay Boyarsky](#); [Josh Becker](#); [Shikada, Ed](#); [Julie Lythcott-Haims](#); [Vicki Veenker](#); [Doria Summa](#); [Shana Segal](#); [Joe Simitian](#); [Supervisor Susan Ellenberg](#); [Stump, Molly](#); [Greg Tanaka](#); [ParkRec Commission](#); [Binder, Andrew](#)  
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**To:** [Amie Ashton](#)  
**Cc:** [Palo Alto Forward Board](#); [City Mgr](#); [Planning Commission](#)  
**Subject:** RE: HE Low-Income Sites  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 25, 2022 11:38:00 AM  
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Dear Ms. Ashton,

Thank you for your comments. Just to let you know, the City will be releasing the Public Review draft of the Housing Element on November 7. The public has 30 days to review and comment on the draft. After the close of the 30 day review, the City has 10 business days to respond to all public comments received during that time. We will incorporate your submitted comments as part of the City's response.

I wanted to also let you know that as part of the 30 day review period, the City will hold a virtual Community Meeting on November 16, 6 pm, about the public review draft. In addition, the City Council will hold a joint meeting with the Planning and Transportation Commission on November 28 to also review the Public Review draft.

For more information, please go to [www.paloaltohousingelement.com](http://www.paloaltohousingelement.com).

Any other questions, please let me know.

Tim



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**Sent:** Sunday, October 16, 2022 6:08 PM

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**Cc:** Palo Alto Forward Board <[board@paloaltoforward.com](mailto:board@paloaltoforward.com)>

**Subject:** HE Low-Income Sites

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Dear Mayor Burt, Palo Alto City Council, Palo Alto Planning and Transportation Commission, and Palo Alto City Staff,

Please see the attached letter related to my recent groundtruthing research for several of the sites contemplated for low-income housing in the forthcoming Housing Element update. In summary, four of the sites clearly fail the state's substantial-evidence requirement for being included in the low-income category.

Thank you,

Amie Ashton

October 16, 2022

Dear Palo Alto City Council, Palo Alto Planning and Transportation Committee, and City Staff:

**SUBJECT: Ground-truthing Letter - Designated Low-Income Sites**

I am writing today to share Housing Element ground-truthing results for several of the designated low-income sites throughout the city. As described in a previous ground-truthing letter dated March 30, 2022 that addressed sites on Fabian Way and Charleston Road, with the low-income designation in the housing Element comes a heightened degree of scrutiny with respect to site suitability. The city must prove a substantial likelihood of development or redevelopment from the current use to a moderate-density residential use.

The sites listed below fail the substantial evidence test. There are no records on file with the city (or otherwise publicly available) indicating that the listed sites will in the near future convert to residential use. Further, 3903 El Camino Real is currently listed for lease and 760 San Antonio was recently leased. These sites also likely cannot meet the substantial evidence threshold because the site owner is demonstrating an intent for a contrary use that is likely to persist throughout the planning period.

**841 El Camino Real, Realistic Unit Capacity = 20 units**

- The 0.6-acre site is currently occupied by Auto Pride Car Wash. Permits for new signage and a trellis were approved for the existing use in 2022, which shows intent that the use will continue at the site.

**3903 El Camino Real, Realistic Unit Capacity = 35 units**

- This 0.53-acre site is vacant and currently for lease. The commercial building was constructed in 1997 and roof upgrades took place in 2015, which would not indicate a potential change to the land use. Does the city have evidence that the site will transition to a use that includes housing?

**760 San Antonio Road, Realistic Unit Capacity = 20 units**

- This 0.65-acre site is occupied by a truck rental and sales business. It appears the site lease was signed/renewed in 2021, which would not indicate that the land use will change in the near term.  
(<https://www.loopnet.com/Listing/760-San-Antonio-Rd-Palo-Alto-CA/22247372/>).

**4045 Transport Street, Realistic Unit Capacity = 35 units (though should be 17)**

- The lot size appears to be incorrect in the City's spreadsheet, the lot is 0.24 acre (not 0.54 acre) site; thus, the unit count should be adjusted down to 17. The site is occupied by a commercial/industrial use.

As described in previous letters submitted regarding the potential housing sites, there are many other sites on the inventory that are equally unlikely, for similar reasons. Please contact me should you have any questions or comments.

Thank you for your attention and for the work you are doing to ensure the adequacy and implementability of the Housing Element.

Amie Ashton



**From:** [DC Handbook](#)  
**To:** [Planning Commission](#); [iot8168@amicaresearch.org](mailto:iot8168@amicaresearch.org)  
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Dear Mr. Lauing and Ms. Summa,

How advanced and emerging technologies are being implemented in other "smart cities" to optimize services and operations and have happy residents?

I have been a proud resident in Palo Alto since 1986. I take Arastradero Road daily to work at different times during the day. Thanks for the Charleston/Arastradero Corridor project that is very well designed and implemented. The project will ensure safety and benefit thousands of students in the future.

I see many improvements can be done at Foothill Expressway intersection, a three intersections artery with 30 plus traffic lights, especially after 8:00 in the evening waiting at a red light without good reasons. To rate ourselves a world-class city, is it time to apply technology designed by NoTraffic or Rapid Flow Technologies?

I used 311 system several times with reservations. There is a low-tech solution such as San Jose's councilman Mr. Matt Mahan being used.

I have done research on smart cities since 2014 attending the Global City Teams Challenge organized by Dr. Sokwoo Rhee of NIST. I am working on the second edition of the IoT, Data Analytics and AI Handbook that will cover heavily on smart cities.

I will give a lecture at UCSC-Silicon Valley Campus on Smart City this Saturday, 10/29/22. You or your staff are cordially invited to attend the lecture titled "Internet of Things and Technologies in Smart Cities." This six-hour course is arranged by the UC-Santa Cruz Silicon Valley and CIE-SF. You may sign-up for the course ASAP or until 10/28/2020 by visiting the site: [https://ciesf\\_c.eventbrite.com](https://ciesf_c.eventbrite.com).

I hope by attending the event, we will get connected and for me to support smart city projects in Palo Alto.

Sincerely,

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