From: Richard Konda

To: <u>Jeff Rosen; Jay Boyarsky; Jethroe Moore</u>

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Subject: Re: Meeting Request Regarding K9 use

Date: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 2:37:07 PM

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#### Dear District Attorney Rosen:

I have been made aware of Palo Alto Police Officer Nick Enberg's use of his dog to bring harm to communities of color. He should be prosecuted for the use of his dog on a sleeping man. His aggressive use of his dog cannot be tolerated. This is not the first instance that Enberg has used his dog to do harm to a Palo Alto resident.

We understand the Pastor Jethroe Moore II of the NAACP has requested a meeting with you to further discuss Enberg and we hope that you will honor this request for a meeting.

Sincerely, Richard Konda Executive Director Asian Law Alliance

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From: <u>Aram James</u>

To: Jeff Rosen; paloaltofreepress@gmail.com; David Angel; Molly; Stump, Molly; Shikada, Ed; Binder, Andrew;

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Subject: Re: Meeting Request Regarding K9 use

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Rev Jethroe Moore's front page story in the Palo Alto Daily Post( Saturday March 27-28 edition): *NAACP calls for firing of cop who ordered dog to bite sleeping man: see link to the article below....* 

https://padailypost.com/2021/03/28/naacp-calls-for-firing-of-cop-who-ordered-dog-to-bite-sleeping-man/amp/ Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 30, 2021, at 9:09 PM, Palo Alto Free Press <paloaltofreepress@gmail.com</pre>

Mr. Moore,

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Palo Alto Free Press

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Commission; chuckjagoda1@gmail.com; Jeff Moore; Kaloma Smith; Jeff Rosen

Subject: Meeting Request Regarding K9 use Date: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 11:00:35 AM

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With Permission of Anna Griffin I'm posting her open letter to District Attorney Jeff Rosen re the canine attack on Mr. Joel Alejo.

### Fire officer in dog attack

Dear Editor: The following is my open letter to Santa Clara County District Attorney Jeff Rosen. Law enforcement officials shall at all times respect and protect human dignity, and maintain and uphold the human rights of all persons, by serving the community and by protecting all persons against illegal acts.

The illegal act Palo Alto Police Agent Nick Enberg, which was inflicted on Joel Alejo, was definitely a violation of the Eighth Amendment prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment. Repeatedly telling the dog to bite Alejo was "swift justice" without a trial.

It is very repulsive that you are not filing criminal charges against Enberg. Enberg's attack on an innocent man reminds me of the Jim Crow law enforcement officials I observed when I was growing up as a young black woman in segregated Vicksburg, Miss.

The terror of these vicious dogs being unleashed on innocent black people in the community never leaves my mind. It creates post traumatic stress disorder.

Please, file charges against Enberg. No one is above the law.

Anna Griffin San Jose

3/30/2021

Hi Palo Alto Free Press:

Your comments: Beautiful! Clear and to the point! If Rosen was prosecuting bad cops on a routine basis ...like he prosecutes bad community members ....cops would be forced to discontinue their history of violence, murder and racism.

When a prosecutor fails to demand equal justice for cops he is complicit in their murder, violence and racism.

Jeff Rosen is a very smart man ...and knows what u say and what I say ...to be the truth ....not hyperbole or empty rhetoric.

He really needs to act on the oath he took: to uphold the Constitution against all enemies both foreign and domestic.....cops who kill torture and maul our community members with impunity....are no more and no less than domestic terrorists....who must be punished and taken off our streets.

Aram

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From: Michael Eager

To: Planning Commission

Subject: Palo Alto Parking Action Plan

**Date:** Wednesday, March 31, 2021 10:54:55 AM

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To the Planning and Transportation Commission:

I'm writing in regard to the staff proposal (Staff Report #12134) which I believe will create confusion and dissatisfaction within Palo Alto, and which is contrary to the goals expressed both in the Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan and the City Council motions authorizing Residential Parking Programs.

The staff proposes "performance pricing" for parking, based on a model used in Seattle. Seattle is a city of over 3.3 million, Palo Alto has a population of under 70K. Seattle is 50 times the size of our city; it's not obvious that solutions which work in Seattle are applicable to a much smaller city. The staff doesn't explain how well this has worked in Seattle, nor why it should be considered in favor of other, more conventional and reasonable plans.

The proposal would have pricing or time limits for lots, garages, or blocks change based on metrics which will be invisible to the public. One day the charge will be a certain amount, on another day, a different amount. Or one day a patron might not receive a ticket for overtime parking if they stay 3 hours, another day, they get a ticket in the same location if they exceed 2 hours. The staff suggest that this will exert a subtle influence for people to park in less utilized areas. The effect will be much too subtle. The only result will be that the enforcement or fees will seem to be arbitrary and random.

Every person wants to be (and deserves to be) treated the same. This proposal for essentially random pricing and enforcement changes will mean that different people are charged different rates for garage permits, depending on an invisible metric. Different people will receive tickets or not, depending on invisible criteria. This will cause chaos and confusion, not customer satisfaction.

A significantly better approach would be to improve management of the city's garages, which have low utilization rate. A better approach would be improved management of how permits are issued. A better approach would be to promote the use of the new Sherman Ave. garage. A better approach would be enforcement of Traffic Demand Management plans, which are intended to reduce the amount of traffic and parking required.

Hidden in the fine print (really, 6 point type?) of the Parking Work Plan is an item which is in violation of the Comprehensive Plan. This is #8 "Advertise available employee parking spaces". The Comprehensive Plan

"[E]ncourages a thriving business community that provides services to

local residents and revenue to the City while also working to protect neighborhoods and the environment. It encourages commercial enterprise, but not at the expense of the city's residential neighborhoods."

This advertising and promotion would have a detrimental effect on neighborhoods, in violation of the Comp Plan. The Staff should not be promoting commercial parking in residential zones simply because permits are not available in the commercial customer's "preferred zone." Instead, the Staff should be enforcing TDM requirements and encouraging sales of permits in garages or other lots.

In item #27, the Staff proposes establishing "Parking Availability Standards." Elsewhere the Staff mentions "underutilized RPP zones." During the hearings which approved the Evergreen Park-Mayfield RPP, the Staff proposed a parking standard based not on residential neighborhoods, but based on the parking lot utilization of supermarkets and shopping malls. The City Council reasonably and rightly rejected this arbitrary and unrelated standard. Yet the Staff wants to introduce an arbitrary standard to determine whether a neighborhood parking is "underutilized."

The College Terrace RPP does not permit commercial parking, intending, as provided in the ordinance, that this would "work unacceptable hardships on residents of the neighborhood." There is no mention of utilization levels. Extensive commercial parking as envisioned by the Staff would similarly work an unacceptable hardship on residents of the Evergreen Park and Mayfield neighborhoods, as well as other neighborhoods. Each RPP zone should be treated in the same manner, where the RPP is designed and enforced to protect the neighborhood. Neighborhoods and the RPP zones are not overflow (or preferred) commercial parking zones.

There may be justifications for limited commercial parking in residential neighborhoods. For example, a business may be a situated a significant distance from available parking lots or garages. The staff should develop objective standards for issuing these non-resident permits. The criteria should not be, as the Staff appears to advocate, that the commercial customer didn't get their preferred parking lot. In transportation-rich areas, such as the California Avenue and University Avenue commercial districts, commercial customers should be encouraged to use these facilities, not encouraged to park in the residential neighborhoods.

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Michael Eager

From: <u>chuck jagoda</u>
To: <u>Aram James</u>

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Subject: Re: Meeting Request Regarding K9 use

Date: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 3:17:12 AM

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A few comments to others interested in the issue of police anti-citizen attacks, specifically those involving dog damage.

First and simplest solution: officer financed self-indemnification policies before hiring. Not only will instances of discussion fall off immediately, but IF there are any "unfortunate incidences" as Mayor Tom Du Bois describes Enberg's maliciously directed dog mauling of Senor Alejo, they will be insured for.

Secondly, is no one concerned with mental health for police officers? Is there anyone so naive as to assume that all police, just by the virtue of being hired and empowered to carry a badge, lots of weaponry, and the knowledge that they can dispense harm, punishment, or any degree of violence and be pretty darned sure they'll survive the incident and stay a police officer long enough to accumulate a string of violent outlets-does any of that guarantee perfect mental health? Let me disabuse you of that false assumption: police have every tick, quirk, fear, obsession, addiction, personality disorder, and prejudice you've ever met or heard of. Some officers have long records of violent attacks that they've been able to leave behind and go on to another police job without any worry of his past offenses being considered.

"Recreational rousting" is when the cop is agitated, bored, angry, or sees himself as being treated disrespectfully. He/she has to roust a harmless sleepy person and then can let the person go on about their business and she/he can walk away feeling potent and in charge. Sometimes the cause of the racing blood pressure before he's even holstered his coffee and sped to the scene is because of a call of an "officer down." Cops may come to work already scared, coffeed up, on guard, on defense, on the attack. Or they may get any of those ways because of taunts from a drunken, homeless, cursing guy they know. It may not take much to set a cop off. He may feel a strong need to protect or bump off a fellow officer.

What you won't find cops doing with guns and violence is giving up either one. They are American, after all! When Australia had a (ONE) mass shooting several years ago, they all came together and gave up their guns. Why? Because the lives of their fellow Aussies meant more to them than macho pride and the security that insecure men feel

they get from having a gun at hand. All kinds of people in all kinds of countries all over the world do just fine without the wild worship we Americans have for the gun. We really think it means something important. More important than the lives of our children, people of faith, and those we see as different.

Please count me amongst you-- dog/police violence opponents.

It's quite unAmerican, unjust, and racist. None of the "unfortunate incidents" being discussed have "happened" to people on the City Council or develop land or who look like they could fit in either category. No, police, no matter how impelled they are to employ some of their weaponry, manage never to do it to owners of property or who have white skin or who might have connections to get CASTLE-e-ja to avoid troublesome laws and regulations.

I recommend strongly having an immediate working group to consider and have public and public-involved discussions of the place of the police and how to protect citizens from.

Chuck Jagoda

From: Robert Neff

To: Planning Commission

**Subject:** Item 4 on your 3/31/21 Agenda: Alma and Churchill Intersection Review.

**Date:** Monday, March 29, 2021 11:02:45 PM

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Dear Planning and Transportation Commissioners,

Regarding Item 4 on your 3/31/21 Agenda: Alma and Churchill Intersection Review.

I am glad to see this project moving ahead, and glad to see a generally favorable traffic report for the two alternatives discussed. This crossing is dangerous, and needs this safety improvement.

I think the second alternative, adding more space at the NW corner of the intersection for queueing of bicyclists and pedestrians will increase safety at the crossing. Currently there is minimal space to wait between Alma and the tracks on that corner.

When this report came to PABAC, where I heard it, we did not yet have a traffic report from Hexagon. I have some comments from reading that:

City staff should start routinely asking for measures of pedestrian and bicycle level of service, as well as traditional automobile LOS. It should not take much additional work to compute average and maximum times to wait to cross one or two streets, and to note if there is so much bicycle congestion that cyclists are having to wait through more than one cycle to cross Alma.

This is especially important for this intersection with train pre-emption. I believe one of the Churchill pedestrian phases is the last in the cycle after a preemption, which has the largest impact on LOS. Any disproportionate impact of preemptions on pedestrian or bicycle movements is not counted in this report, and without this reporting, the impact of signal timing choices will not be seen. This is especially important for the Caltrain electrification projections, and the possibility of multiple preemptions. AM Pedestrian / Bicycle LOS went down substantially at Meadow/Alma when signal timing was changed some years ago.

Note that in the AM hour, bicycle traffic on WB Churchill is the dominant mode! There appear to be 390 bicyclist crossing in that hour (assuming most of the bicyclists in the crosswalk are overflow from the street), and only 131 automobiles. There are on average 32 bicycles per 150 sec. cycle over that hour, though the reality is that some cycles are preempted, and bicycle traffic is clumped by the bell times, so peak bicycle movements must be above 50 on some phases.

I think city staff should consider adding a large bicycle queuing space, including a bicycle box and morning removal of street parking on WB Churchill, because a fleet of bicycles crossing the intersection first has the best bicycle safety, and the highest intersection efficiency, assuming typical passengers per automobile.

Thank you for your service to our city,

Robert Neff Emerson Street, near Loma Verde. Current PABAC member. From: <u>Jethroe Moore</u>

To: <u>Jeff Rosen</u>; <u>Jay Boyarsky</u>

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Subject: Meeting Request Regarding K9 use

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From: Rebecca Eisenberg

To: Shikada, Ed; Lait, Jonathan; Council, City; Minor, Beth; Greg Tanaka; Greer Stone; Alison Cormack; Tom DuBois;

DuBois, Tom; Cormack, Alison; Kou, Lydia; Lydia Kou; Tanaka, Greg; Stone, Greer; Filseth, Eric (external); Filseth, Eric (Internal); Pat Burt; Burt, Patrick; Human Relations Commission; Planning Commission

**Subject:** Missing category: Error in Housing Element Working Group Chart

**Date:** Monday, March 29, 2021 3:33:53 PM

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#### Hi all:

I am hoping that you can make a correction to the housing element committee applicant chart available here: <a href="https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/80745">https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/80745</a>

When I filled out my application for the housing element workgroup, I selected SPECIAL NEEDS as one of my categories. More than anything, this category perhaps has informed my experience with most public services, as this has been something I, like other special needs parents, cannot avoid.

I have a child on the autistic spectrum, and as a parent of an autistic child, I have spent years advocating on behalf of her and other neurologically diverse individuals in education, employment, housing, and other life activities. Most of the world - and certainly most of housing - is not built with the needs of the neurologically diverse community in mind. Failure to take reasonable accommodations to serve autistic people can result in great hardship and distress for the impacted neurologically diverse individuals. This is a point of view that is rarely represented in city planning, even though a surprisingly large percentage of people in our community has a neurological difference. This housing element committee is a rare opportunity to serve the needs of a community that includes my 18 year old child, whom I love and cherish.

I would be very grateful if you could correct the chart at <a href="https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/80745">https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/80745</a> to reflect that I am a special needs parent of an autistic young adult. I greatly appreciate your consideration of my candidacy to this impactful committee.

Thank you,

Rebecca Eisenberg

Rebecca L. Eisenberg Esq. www.linkedin.com/in/eisenberg www.winwithrebecca.com rebecca@winwithrebecca.com 415-235-8078

From: Anna Griffin

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James; Anna Griffin

**Subject:** Human Rights

**Date:** Sunday, March 28, 2021 1:27:35 PM

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3-28-2021

To: DA Jeff Rosen,

Law enforcement officials shall at all times respect, and protect human dignity, maintain and uphold the human rights of all persons, by serving the community and by protecting all persons against illegal acts.

The illegal act PAPD Nick Enberg, inflicted on Mr. Joel Alejo, was definitely a violation of the 8th Amendment prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment "Swift Justice" without a trial.

With that being said, it is very repulsion that you are not filing criminal charges again against PAPD agent Nick Enberg, the canine handler who released a vicious dog on a sleeping innocent man just like the Jim Crow law enforcement official who did so when I was growing up as a young black woman in segregated Vicksburg, Mississippi--the terror of these vicious dogs being unleashed on innocent black people in the community never leaves my mind, my soul, my fear-Post Traumatic Syndrome.

Canines can't put handcuffs on human beings.

Please DA Rosen, file charges against PAPD agent Nick Enberg. No one is above the law.

Anna Griffin

"An injustice anywhere, is a threat to justice everywhere" Rev., Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

On Monday, March 22, 2021, 10:13:28 PM PDT, Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com> wrote: 3/22/21 To: Elected District Attorney Jeff Rosen, Palo Alto City Council, Mountain View City Council, and all members of our community From: Aram James Please read the two excellent letters to the editor in today's (Monday

Each letter poignantly describes the vicious canine attack on Joel Domingo

March 22, 2021) Daily Post, Opinion section page 9.

Police Dog attack 2, by Kazuo Yoshimoto, Mountain View

Police dog attack 1, by Ethan Young, Stanford

Alejo:

Both letters make exceedingly powerful arguments that Palo Alto Police officer/agent Nick Enberg, the alleged canine handler in Joel Allejo canine attack, used well beyond excessive force (both letters) and in particular the letter, *Police dog attack 1*, by Ethan Young, makes an extremely powerful case for our elected District Attorney, Jeff Rosen, to file criminal charges against the alleged canine handler, Palo Alto Police Officer/Agent Nick Enberg.

I'm asking members of the public as well as all members of the Palo Alto and Mountain View city councils, to review the tapes in this matter, all nine thus far released. And then, to take action to call or write Mr. Rosen asking him to file felony charges for assault with a deadly weapon or attempted murder in the Joel Domingo Alejo case.

Similar police initiated canine attacks, across this country, have resulted in very serious injuries and even death.

See in this regard, the yearlong 12 part series titled: *Mauled: When police dogs are weapons*, by the Marshall Project, in collaboration with other media outlets. The series is eye opening to say the least.

Aram James

https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/10/15/mauled-when-policedogs-are-weapons

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Subject: .Fire Agent Enberg -directed to DA Jeff Rosen -published in today's Daily Post March 25, 2021

Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 10:03:53 AM
Attachments: Palo Alto Police officer Nick Enberg.doc

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March 26, 2021

TO: DA Jeff Rosen

West Wing, 70 West Hedding St.

San Jose, CA 95110

FROM: Rev. Jethroe Moore II

President, NAACP SJ/SV

Re: Palo Alto Police officer Nick Enberg

District Attorney Rosen:

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Sincerely

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Pastor Jethroe Moore II, President

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From: Moore, Jeff <moorej@esuhsd.org>
To: Pastor Jeff Moore <moore2j@att.net>
Sent: Friday, March 26, 2021, 08:29:52 AM PDT

Subject: Fwd: With Rebecca Eisenberg's permission I am sending out her piece (see below) ....Fire

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From: **Aram James** <a href="mailto:sabjpd1@gmail.com">abjpd1@gmail.com</a>>

Date: Thu, Mar 25, 2021 at 1:09 PM

Subject: With Rebecca Eisenberg's permission I am sending out her piece (see below) ....Fire Agent

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To: Rebecca Eisenberg < rebecca@winwithrebecca.com >, Robert Jonsen

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Sent from my iPhone

**Fire Agent Enberg** 

Dear Editor: The following letter I direct to the attention of Santa Clara County District Attorney Jeff Rosen. Mr. Rosen, I join the community in demanding that you prosecute Palo Alto police Agent Nick Enberg and fellow PAPD officers for the dog attack on Jose Alejo last June.

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I look forward to your action.

Rebecca L. Eisenberg Palo Alto



## SAN JOSE/SILICON VALLEY BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

#### 1313 North Milpitas Blvd Suite #163, Milpitas, CA 95035 Phone 408-991-4610

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 From: <u>Aram James</u>

Subject:

To: Rebecca Eisenberg; Jonsen, Robert; <a href="mailto:chuckjagoda1@gmail.com">chuckjagoda1@gmail.com</a>; <a href="https://enumailto:human Relations Commission">human Relations Commission</a>; <a href="mailto:Joe Simitian">Joe Simitian</a>;

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To: <u>Rebecca Eisenberg</u>

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citycouncil@mountainview.gov; city.council@menlopark.org; GRP-City Council; Anna Griffin; Jonsen, Robert; Binder, Andrew; Shikada, Ed; Eduardo Guilarte; Taylor, Cecilia; Donald Mendoza; WILPF Peninsula Palo Alto; Steven D. Lee; Human Relations Commission; Kaloma Smith; Planning Commission; ParkRec Commission; Pat Burt; Josh Becker; Charisse Domingo; Stump, Molly; O"Neal, Molly; Bill Johnson; Gennady Sheyner; Greg Tanaka; Greer Stone; cindy.chavez@bos.sccgov.org; Joe Simitian; supervisor.ellenberg@bos.sccgov.org; Sean James; Perron, Zachary; DuBois, Tom; Filseth, Eric (Internal); Tanner, Rachael; Rodriguez, Miguel; Bains, Paul; mark weiss; michael.gennaco@oirgroup.com; Michele; yolanda; Patrice Ventresca; Palo Alto Free Press; Curtis Smolar

Subject: Re: Time for our District Attorney, Jeff Rosen, to file charges in the Joel D. Alejo case

**Date:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021 6:08:15 PM

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Great letter, Rebecca!

The cruelty is unbelievable.

Do we actually live in a world we all know and accept that we can be viciously attacked by an attack dog at the instigation of a "trained" police officer? (Imagine if it were an **UNTRAINED** officer!! If the training worked, this wouldn't have happened. NOTE to those with responsibility here, i.e. police, city, county, and state administrators and elected officials: DO something about this NOW!!)

What WERE Engberg's motives, goals, intentions?

The ONLY reasons I can imagine behind the things Engberg says are (1) to get the dog to bite the totally unknown victim additional times, and (2) to develop a defense for his defenseless cruelty.

Has anyone investigated the needs of police for recreational and mediated roustings, beatings, and shootings?

I DO think that the incident as seen on screens is way beyond the "unfortunate incident" that Mayor Du Bois calls it. An unfortunate incident is when I step down clumsily from the curb to the street. The treatment resulting from the strategies and commands of Officer Engberg are acts of assault, battery, and vicious attempted great bodily harm and should be prosecuted as such. Or why did you bother to go to law school? Doing nothing is already well covered here.

Take some action that indicates some understanding and responsibility for what acts were consciously, intentionally, horribly wrong here-- and not for the first time in Engberg's police career.

Chuck Jagoda

On Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 4:07 PM Rebecca Eisenberg < rebecca@winwithrebecca.com > wrote: Dear Mr. Rosen,

I join the many other voices in demanding that you prosecute Enberg and his fellow officers

to the fullest extent of the law. These officers should be behind bars, not armed with weapons and free to terrorize the streets.

Our community has been set siege upon by an armed police force that has been allowed to attack innocent individuals without oversight or consequence. Due to this lack of oversight or consequence, our neighbors, family members, visitors, and friends lack basic safety in their and our homes. It is intolerable that we have to live with the rational fear of an unprovoked deadly attack like the one experienced by Mr. Alejo last June. As a mother, wife, daughter, sister, colleague, and friend, I should not have to experience fear for the safety of my loved ones at the hands of a police force that is violently out of control.

Exactly whom can we call for help, when it is the Police from whom we need protection?

I urge you to watch the videos released (after undue amounts of effort) by the MVPD (as well as the inexcusably low-quality single video released by the PAPD). In these videos you will see a group of police officers led by Nick Enberg order their police dog to attack an innocent man sleeping peacefully in his family's property. Notably, the officers arrived at the property visibly excited to set their dog on a victim, shouting "F Yeah!" Only after commanding the dog to "DURSH! DURSH!" (which means "Bite Bite!" in Czeck, the language with which the dog was trained), and only after that dog \*did\* DURSH, and only after Mr. Alejo was wailing in fear and pain, did Enberg or his crew begin to investigate the identity of the innocent man whom they already had caused great grievous bodily injury.

It is your job to protect us from dangerous criminals such as the police officers shown in the released videos. I demand that you protect our community from Nick Enberg and his fellow officers, who performed these violent acts on camera for the world - and, notably - a jury to see for themselves without any room for doubt.

Please feel free to call any time to discuss. I can be reached at your convenience at 415-235-8078.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Eisenberg

Rebecca L. Eisenberg Esq. www.linkedin.com/in/eisenberg www.winwithrebecca.com rebecca@winwithrebecca.com 415-235-8078

On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 6:46 PM Palo Alto Free Press < paloaltofreepress@gmail.com > wrote:

## PAPD Officer Charged with Unlawful Assault of Man He Was Arresting - Wayne Benitez,

**62** https://www.sccgov.org/sites/da/newsroom/newsreleases/Pages/NRA2020/Benitez-.aspx

DA Jeff Rosen said: <u>"Peace officers who use more force</u> than necessary hurt more than the person they are trying to arrest.

They damage the deservedly excellent reputations of the vast majority of officers who work every shift to help people.

And they strain the bonds with their communities who expect and deserve that police officers will protect and serve them fairly and professionally."

Mr. Rosen, please explain to your constituents why the Alejo case is different. Was not the force used "more force that necessary hurt more than the person they are trying to arrest."

Or are these just hollowed words?

Editor: Palo Alto Free Press

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 23, 2021, at 12:56 PM, Roberta Ahlquist < roberta.ahlquist@sjsu.edu> wrote:

Dear Friends,

We support the request that Mr. Rosen file felony charges of assault with a deadly weapon in the Alejo case.

Sincerely,

Roberta Ahlquist Walter Bliss

On Mon, Mar 22, 2021 at 10:13 PM Aram James <a href="mailto:abjed1@gmail.com">abjed1@gmail.com</a> wrote:

3/22/21

To: Elected District Attorney Jeff Rosen, Palo Alto City Council, Mountain View City Council, and all members of our community

From: Aram James

Please read the two excellent letters to the editor in today's (Monday March 22, 2021) Daily Post, Opinion section page 9.

Each letter poignantly describes the vicious canine attack on Joel Domingo Alejo:

Police dog attack 1, by Ethan Young, Stanford Police Dog attack 2, by Kazuo Yoshimoto, Mountain View

Both letters make exceedingly powerful arguments that Palo Alto Police officer/agent Nick Enberg, the alleged canine handler in Joel Allejo canine attack, used well beyond excessive force (both letters) and in particular the letter, *Police dog attack 1*, by Ethan Young, makes an extremely powerful case for our elected District Attorney, Jeff Rosen, to file criminal charges against the alleged canine handler, Palo Alto Police Officer/Agent Nick Enberg.

I'm asking members of the public as well as all members of the Palo Alto and Mountain View city councils, to review the tapes in this matter, all nine thus far released. And then, to take action to call or write Mr. Rosen asking him to file felony charges for assault with a deadly weapon or attempted murder in the Joel Domingo Alejo case.

Similar police initiated canine attacks, across this country, have resulted in very serious injuries and even death.

See in this regard, the yearlong 12 part series titled: *Mauled: When police dogs are weapons*, by the Marshall Project, in collaboration with other media outlets. The series is eye opening to say the least.

Aram James

https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/10/15/mauled-when-police-dogs-are-weapons

--Chuck

From: <u>Aram James</u>

To: Rebecca Eisenberg; Council, City; city.council@menlopark.org; city.council@menlopark.org; GRP-City Council;

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Subject: Re: Evanston, Ill., leads the country with first reparations program for Black residents - The Washington Post—(

Can Palo Alto, Redwood City, Mountain View, Menlo Park do the same? Note Evanston's population is 75

thousand people).

**Date:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021 3:57:42 PM

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#### Hi Rebecca,

We are on the move now. With Evanston's example it becomes increasingly difficult for Palo Alto and surrounding towns, Menlo Park, Mountain View, Redwood City, etc., to shut their eyes to the reparations issue.

We need to, at a minimum: demand a public hearing on the reparations issue, demand that all local city councils take up the issue, an appoint reparations commissions and deal with the issue head on.

A separate, appointed by community members, reparations commission, can be appointed, to render an independent judgement and final report on the issue. It is past time to have an open, thoughtful, intelligent and thorough conversation on this critical topic.

Talk soon,

Aram

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 22, 2021, at 10:15 PM, Rebecca Eisenberg <a href="mailto:rebecca@winwithrebecca.com">rebecca@winwithrebecca.com</a> wrote:

Thank you so much for your email!! I really appreciate it. Chuck's too. Your words mean a lot -- YOU mean a lot to me!!

I just posted the Evanston article to Facebook and tagged you. I can't tell you how satisfying it feels that Evanston was the first! It validates much of the frustration I had with the unfair portrait of the Jewish community in Chicago and Illinois in the book \_Warmth of Other Suns\_, which I realize I should get over, but it's hard. Now we need to bring this to Palo Alto! (Not that we have not been trying!!)

With every day comes steps forward and steps back. With all of the steps, I am proud to be taking them with you!

Best, Rebecca

Rebecca L. Eisenberg Esq. www.linkedin.com/in/eisenberg www.winwithrebecca.com rebecca@winwithrebecca.com 415-235-8078

On Mon, Mar 22, 2021 at 9:46 PM Aram James <a href="mailto:abjpd1@gmail.com">abjpd1@gmail.com</a>> wrote: Very cool! Need Jewish support on progressive issues. See my email re u to chuck, the mayor etc....aram

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On Mar 22, 2021, at 9:38 PM, Rebecca Eisenberg < rebecca@winwithrebecca.com > wrote:

Sent just to you: Evanston, Illinois: home to Northwestern University, and one of the most Jewish cities in the USA. Go Evanston!!

Rebecca L. Eisenberg Esq. www.linkedin.com/in/eisenberg www.winwithrebecca.com rebecca@winwithrebecca.com 415-235-8078

On Mon, Mar 22, 2021 at 7:38 PM Aram James <a href="mailto:abjpd1@gmail.com">abjpd1@gmail.com</a>> wrote:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/evanston-illinois-reparations/2021/03/22/6b5a308c-8b2d-11eb-9423-04079921c915\_story.html

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From: Suzanne Keehn

To: <u>City Council; Planning Commission; city.manager@cityofpaloalto.com</u>

Subject: So Why are we Building???????

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# Drought is real and California is now facing water restrictions

From: <u>Aram James</u>

To: Council, City; Human Relations Commission; Planning Commission; ParkRec Commission

**Subject:** Jameel Douglas in "Helen"

**Date:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 11:40:39 AM

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#### FYI:

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>> On Mar 23, 2021, at 11:05 AM, mark weiss <earwopa@yahoo.com> wrote:

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- >> One) to the extent we're living in a different world since the Black Lives Matter demonstration's last summer, it would be great to feel that a investment in the skateboarding subcommunity of Palo alto would also be seen as representing people of color and therefore Jameel Douglas and his connection to Palo alto is an important asset that Aram has identified for us; to my eye he is professional class;
- >> Two) I thought the white paper or colleagues' memo was somewhat weak very vague looks like it was written by a student not a professional person; I would question the statement for example that the preponderance of graffiti and tags and Art on the Greer Park is what necessitates a second park; I think graffiti culture is copacetic to skate culture and the communities would've self-enforced against sabotage that the memo seems to imply (consistent with Tanaka's constant attack on Art duly noted that Tanaka has posted videos of himself at least commuting on a skateboard or a powered board or whatever);
- >> Three) Maybe we need a blue ribbon committee on skateboarding the precedent of course is the committee that recommended the police station;
- >> Four) It seems like there's a zero sum phenomenon that whenever we increase services to one sports community it is seen is taking away from another see also pickle ball versus tennis; I would presume staff has an institutional history of the Greer skate park and maintenance issues;
- >> Five) I think Castilleja would be a great place for a skate park the Palo Alto weekly had a story in June 2019 about exemplary local graduating seniors including one from Castilleja who was in a rock band and liked to skate; >> Six) I would not say it's a strong connection but it is true that the rock band of one of the world's greatest skaters Steve Caballero —Soda— Performed in my concert series at Cubberley as the opening act for blink-182; The South bay is a hotbed for skateboarding so we should aspire to create something that is a regional draw and not just Palo alto's me-too version.
- >> But based on what I've seen officially in this campaign I would not want \$25,000 worth of tax money spent here let alone \$1 million.

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>> Mark Weiss
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- >> From the clay wheels era
- >> But knows people who know people
- >> Sent from my iPhone

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Jameel Douglas in "Helen" Subject:

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Subject: Residents call for cop's firing in dog attack Date: Monday, March 22, 2021 11:23:58 PM

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https://padailypost.com/2021/03/22/residents-call-for-cops-firing-in-dog-attack/amp/

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From: <u>Aram James</u>

To: <a href="mailto:chuck jagoda">chuck jagoda</a>; <a href="DuBois">DuBois</a>, <a href="Tom:Tom:Council">Tom</a>; <a href="Council">Council</a>, <a href="City">City</a>; <a href="Human Relations Commission">Human Relations Commission</a>; <a href="Rebecca Eisenberg">Rebecca Eisenberg</a>; <a href="Planning">Planning</a>

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Griffin; Rosen, Jeff; Palo Alto Free Press; Emily Mibach

**Subject:** Re: Police K-9 dogs involved in excessive force allegations by bystanders

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### Hi Chuck,

I agree, great line for sure. Not only should the very brilliant Rebecca Eisenberg not speak less

she should be on the city council. How about the mayor and chair of the HRC giving the citizens more time to speak on critical issues --we've been cut from 5 minutes per item to 3 minutes per item now down to 2 minutes per agenda items. Even then the mayor often acts as though it is an inconvenience to have to listen to members of the public at all. Shameful attack on a true democracy where every voice should be given equal value. And I really like Tom as a person. It's mayor Tom I have the issue with.

The job of the city council is not to be efficient but to do justice on all critical items before the council. But I get it! I appeared for 25 years in front of authoritarian judges, Jim Crow judges, straight old school sexist and racist judges, and we always figured a way to push the envelope for justice! Ain"t quitting now, you can bet on that. You go Rebecca, we got your back.

Aram

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### **GREAT line!**

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Rebecca Eisenberg

**Subject:** Palo Alto to give windfall to billionaire developer to the detriment of our community and environment

**Date:** Monday, March 22, 2021 6:26:44 PM

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#### All:

As more attention is being given to the many ways that billionaires have benefited from the pandemic, as well as the huge and growing problem of underreporting and underpayment of taxes by the wealthiest under-1%, especially real estate investors (See e.g. the Wall Street Journal's article today: <a href="https://www.wsj.com/articles/high-income-tax-avoidance-far-larger-than-thought-new-paper-estimates-11616364001">https://www.wsj.com/articles/high-income-tax-avoidance-far-larger-than-thought-new-paper-estimates-11616364001</a>? ) , we MUST pay attention to the many ways that here at home we continue to enrich billionaires to the detriment of the rest of us.

On the Palo Alto City Council Agenda tonight is a proposed legal change that would funnel undue wealth to the billionaire owner of one of Palo Alto's last remaining areas of protected retail space - Town and Country Village. Ellis Partners, who purchased Town & Country 15 years ago for an undisclosed sum now has an asset worth between twice and three times that sum. Despite its appreciation that many estimate to be worth more than half a billion dollars, Ellis Partners asks that Palo Alto allow Ellis to convert much of Town & Country from retail to office use, and Palo Alto's top two city executives want to deliver Ellis this absurd windfall.

After declining to extend lease extensions to numerous small business tenants, while refusing to lower rents to other tenants, Ellis Partners now seeks to exploit the vacancies it created intentionally in order to allow it to convert much needed retail to office space, which creates additional profit to Ellis but far less tax revenue to Palo Alto's general fund.

If City Council pass the law being requested by our City staff, it would be a gross miscarriage of justice for the following reasons:

- 1. Ellis Partners needs no finance assistance from Palo Alto. Since Ellis Partners purchased Town & Country approximately 15 years ago, the value of Palo Alto real estate has continued to skyrocket -- and commercial properties now are worth 2 to 3 the times that they were in 2006. If Ellis no longer wants to own retail space, it can sell it to a willing buyer and recognize its hundreds of millions of dollars of profit.
- 2. Town & Country's vacancies are a short-term impact of the pandemic, and no change to zoning should be made until at very least Stanford and Palo Alto High School are open again, retail occupancy limits are lifted (so that Trader Joe's no longer have 1-hour waits to enter) and residents are no longer facing locktown in their homes.
- 3. Town & Country's vacancies are due to Ellis Partners' refusal to extend leases to tenants, not due to a declining retail market. I have spoken to at least five former tenants of Town &

Country who can testify that they wanted to stay in their leases but Ellis Partners refused to allow them.

4. Ellis Partners claimed that it has done "everything" to support its retail tenants but even Ellis Partners admits that it has not DECREASED RENTS. Ellis has increased its rents steadily every year since purchasing Town and Country and never once decreased them. NOW is the time that they must decrease rents.

NOTE: While Ellis insists it has abated rent, that is NOT TRUE. The City report makes clear that it did not research on this topic. Speaking to former tenants will reveal Ellis's blatant lies. Please note: Ellis Partners's lease disallows tenants to discuss their rents via a nondisclosure agreement, so Ellis has successfully muzzled most of the current tenants, who cannot speak on the record without risking eviction.

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- 6. Converting the retail space to office will cost the City in sales tax at a time when Palo Alto is over-reliant on sales tax revenues for its general fund. This will hurt all community members by reducing funds at a time when the city already is operating at a deficit. Granting this demand will enrich a highly profitable applicant, in other words, while created large costs to a city that is operating at a loss.
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For all of these reasons, I believe that the City Manager and Planning Manager should be censured for fronting billionaire Ellis Partners' outrageous antidemocratic and environmentally-damaging demand.

This is exactly why so many Palo Altans complain that our city is being run - and destroyed - by the wealthiest few.

This profoundly unjust proposal never should have come before our City Council. Shame on the city manager and city planner.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Eisenberg

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To: chuck jagoda

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Binder, Andrew; Jonsen, Robert; Shikada, Ed; Planning Commission; Council, City; Human Relations Commission; rebecca@winwithrebecca.com; chuckjagoda1@gmail.com To:

Subject: NYTimes: In City After City, Police Mishandled Black Lives Matter Protests

Saturday, March 20, 2021 7:53:43 PM Date:

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In City After City, Police Mishandled Black Lives Matter Protests https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/20/us/protests-policing-george-floyd.html?referringSource=articleShare

To:

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Subject: A city where someone was bitten by a canine every five days

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https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/10/11/the-city-where-someone-was-bitten-by-apolice-dog-every-5-days

Shared via the Google app

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<u>Jeff Moore</u>; <u>Sunita de Tourreil</u>; <u>Tanner</u>, <u>Rachael</u>; <u>Dave Price</u>

Subject: Nanci Kauffman uses the press in a not so subtle effort to bully the Palo Alto city council ...and the people of Palo

Friday, March 19, 2021 10:53:08 PM Date:

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https://www.mercurynews.com/2021/03/17/palo-alto-castilleja-school-expansion-plans-hangs-in-balance-ascouncil-remains-undecided/amp/

From: <u>Aram James</u>
To: <u>Raven Malone</u>

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**Subject:** Re: Police K-9 dogs involved in excessive force allegations by bystanders

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Hi Raven,

Thanks so much for sending out

this announcement of a protest action against the PAPD and the Mountain View police departments' canine units ....and tagainst the vicious canine attack on an innocent man, Mr. Alejo.

Aram "Ban Violent Canine Units Now" James

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 19, 2021, at 4:54 PM, Raven Malone <ravenmalonepa@gmail.com> wrote:

There will be a protest on Sunday if any of you would like to join. See attached flyer.

Respectfully, Raven Malone

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ADEM Delegate AD24 www.ravenmalone.com

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On June 25, 2020, Joel Alejo was sleeping in a shed in his backyard in Mountain View, CA.

# PROTEST

MTN VIEW

While searching for a kidnapping suspect in the neighborhood, MVPD enlisted the help of SUN MAR 21 Palo Alto PD's K-9 unit. PAPD asked Alejo's family if they could search the backyard for the suspect. They obliged, not knowing he was sleeping in the back. Officers did not announce their presence before searching.

Upon discovering Alejo, PAPD immediately

commanded their dog to bite him, told him

handcuffed him. Alejo suffered multiple

to give up and stop resisting, and

bites to his right leg.

2-4PM

CASTRO/EL

CAMINO

STAY PEACEFUL AND ON THE SIDEWALKS

STAY HEALTHY; MASK ON AND 6 FT APART

Since June 2020, members of MV city council have responded to the public's calls for tangible change with denial that policing is an issue in our locality.

> WE ARE NOT IN THE CLEAR. REAL CHANGE IS NEEDED HERE.

Palo Alto Free Press

Human Relations Commission; Jonsen, Robert; Binder, Andrew; Perron, Zachany; Stump, Molly; Molly,Ol Moss; David Angel; Tanner, Rachaej: Raj; Shikada, Ed Re: When police dogs bite: 6 takeaways from the investigation

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Friday, March 19, 2021 4:33:07 PM

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Thanks,, free press, all good points! aram

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What should be note worthy and to the credit of city attorney Molly Stump, with outside legal counsel, negotiated successfully, multimillion dollar settlements mitigating at a fraction, full-blown litigation costs.

But this case, should serve as a warning.....

https://www.mercurynews.com/2008/03/13/palo-alto-loses-longstanding-legal-fight-in-excessive-force-case/

### Palo Alto loses longstanding legal fight in excessive force case

In this instance and through a public records request, revealed the true cost and payout in excess of one million dollars, a first of its kind....

Respectfully.

The Editor of Palo Alto Free Press

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Hi Mark.

Thanks for sending the important piece our way.

Aram

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On Mar 19, 2021, at 11:35 AM, Palo Alto Free Press paloaltofreepress@gmail.com> wrote:

Police dogs are often portrayed as harmless and lovable. But many departments use the K9s as weapons.

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Photo credits: City of Palo Alto

Here's what you need to know and main points to be considered.....

https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/investigations/2020/10/15/policek-9-dogs-involved-excessive-force-allegationsbystanders/3652320001/

- 1. Some police forces use biting dogs far more than others.
- 2. K-9 Bites can cause life-altering injuries, even death.

- 3. Many people bitten were not violent and were suspected of minor crimes
- 4. Most police dogbite victims are men
- ${f 5.}$  Police officers sometimes can't control the dogs, worsening injuries.
- 6. There's little accountability or compensation for many bite victims.

Respectfully,

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Cormack, Alison

**Subject:** Palo Alto officer whose dog attacked man was named in earlier lawsuit over a police K9 attack. .....

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FYI: Breaking new on Officer Enberg ...sued in earlier canine attack —has other bad priors ......

https://padailypost.com/2021/03/18/palo-alto-officer-whose-dog-attacked-man-was-named-in-earlier-lawsuit-over-a-police-k9-attack/

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Subject: Man Sues Palo Alto Over Police Dog Attack, Police Release Body Cam Footage—Mr. Alejo speaks to channel 5

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Check out this video on YouTube:

https://youtu.be/dOWeOMl-kGw

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Subject: PAPD officer Enberg —one of officer involved in canine attack on Mr. Alejo —has a history of very bad acts

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From: Rebecca Eisenberg <rebecca@winwithrebecca.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 9:21 PM

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**Cc:** Aram James; Roberta Ahlquist; Mary Gallagher; Chris Robell; mark weiss; Angie Evans; Gail Price;

patti@safekids.com

**Subject:** Correcting the record to restate that in fact \$1.5 Billion in state housing funds are available

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### **Dear City Leaders**

Earlier this evening, at the Human Relations Commission Meeting, both City Planner Rachael Tanner and HRC liaison Minka van der Zwaag denied knowledge of state funding to address homelessness. They pointed to possible funding from the \*county.\* This was frustrating to hear, given how many times that I and many others have sent emails and made public comments urging the City to apply for grants of the \$800 million that the State distributed through the HomeKey program last year, as well as the \$1.5 billion dollars that will be available this year, including per the email I sent last week, available below. Countless times, I and others have pointed the City to the state website that advertises funding programs available - <a href="https://www.hcd.ca.gov/">https://www.hcd.ca.gov/</a> as well as its email update service, which is the source of the email I sent you last week.

Convincing City Staff and the City Council to apply for a HomeKey grant -- much less, convince the City that this funding actually exists! -- has been an exercise in futility. Last fall I met directly with City Manager Ed Shikada, and asked him directly why Palo Alto has not applied for HomeKey grant. At that meeting, Mr. Shikada told me that HomeKey funding is not something that our City Council is interested in. Query why PA City Council and City Staff would be opposed to receiving free money to address homelessness? We cannot repeat last year's mistake. Palo Alto must seek state funding to serve our unhoused populations and to provide both temporary and permanent housing for our most poor resident and local workers.

Currently, <u>Dignity Moves</u>, the organization that successfully helped house all of Mountain View's homeless, paid for entirely with State HomeKey funding, are hoping to bring a similar program to Palo Alto. <u>Dignity Moves provides</u> temporary, low-cost, and attractive transitional housing shelters, and works in partnership with <u>LifeMoves</u>, a respected and established nonprofit with a decades-long track record of providing successful and life-changing wrap-around services for homeless shelters and vehicle dwellers.

The founder of Dignity Moves, Elizabeth Funk, is cc'd on this message and welcomes the opportunity to present her organizations homlessness solutions at a City Council, Planning Commission and/or Human Relations Meeting. I think you will be amazed and impressed with the life-changing work that Dignity Moves has done, and will enjoy seeing the incredibly successful project that Dignity Moves and Life Moves made possible right next door. You can read about Dignity Moves' Mountain View successful program on page 13 on this extremely informative, short deck: <a href="https://blobby.wsimg.com/go/03189a71-9c00-4510-8a09-86cd6095e5b9/DignityMoves.pdf">https://blobby.wsimg.com/go/03189a71-9c00-4510-8a09-86cd6095e5b9/DignityMoves.pdf</a>

I hope that one of you will respond to Ms. Funk at <a href="mailto:elizabeth@dignityfund.com">elizabeth@dignityfund.com</a>. I would be happy to assist with this process in any way, since as you know, I am passionately committed to helping our most vulnerable improve their circumstances and opportunities.

As a final note, many of you undoubtedly have read the recent news reports, analyzing why California's success with controlling Covid is virtually no better than Florida's. As you may have read, studies unanimously conclude that California's Covid problem is largely due to California's large and growing problems of homelessness, poverty, and overcrowding. As such, housing the homeless and serving the vehicle dwellers not only helps the unhoused, but it also helps the greater community.

I know that you join me in supporting our city's most vulnerable. I hope that this email can be the last I need to send in effort to inform the City of the huge amount of funding available for temporary and permanent housing solutions. I appreciate your attention and consideration to this urgent and pressing public health crisis.

Best, Rebecca Eisenberg

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On Wed, Mar 10, 2021 at 7:47 PM Rebecca Eisenberg < rebecca@winwithrebecca.com > wrote:

Please see below. \$1.5 BILLION is available for affordable housing from the State of California! This is a significant increase from last year.

Palo Alto was the ONLY city with our housing imbalance not to apply for a grant last year. Let's not repeat that error! Please let me know if you need help. I am in regular contact with the organizations that secured \$12.3 million from Mountain View last fall. Mountain View used that funding to ensure that every single one of its unhoused individuals and families now has transitional housing shelter and services.

If Mountain View, Fresno, LA, Santa Clara, Santa Barbara, and dozens other California Cities could use the state's free housing funds, why can't Palo Alto?

Best, Rebecca

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From: CA Department of Housing & Community Development < communications@hcd.ca.gov>

Date: Wed, Mar 10, 2021 at 9:12 AM

Subject: \$1.5 Billion in Housing Funding Scheduled for Release

To: <rebecca@winwithrebecca.com>



### \$1.5 Billion in Housing Funding Scheduled for Release

Critical Fund-Balance-and-Demand Data on State Programs Out Now

Pause on Multifamily Housing Program, Infill Infrastructure Grant Ends

Great news! We're happy to announce that all funding we temporarily paused last November to better align with two top affordable housing funders in the state — the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC) and California Debt Limit Allocation Committee (CDLAC) — is now moving again.

### What we accomplished during the pause

We laid the groundwork to change the way we do business. We are aligning policies across partner agencies and departments, and holding more frequent, focused conversations with you, to both speed up delivery of affordable homes and affirmatively further fair housing. This will be an ongoing effort over the next year as we look to simplify some of our own state-funded multifamily programs into one application consistent with the requirements of AB 434 signed by Governor Newsom last fall. **Watch for opportunities to engage coming soon!** 

### We've updated our Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) calendar

- Infill Infrastructure Grant (IIG)
   NOFA release April 2021
- Multifamily Housing Program
   (MHP) NOFA release July 2021

# California Department of Housing and Community Development Notice of Funding Availability Calendar Calendar Year 2021 Street Service S

### Already-released NOFAs:

- Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC)
- Joe Serna Jr. Farmworker Grant

### **New!** Current program fund balances and outstanding TCAC/CDLAC demand for HCD-funded projects

You asked and we delivered. Seeing the big picture of available funding from HCD and from TCAC/CDLAC allows you to better plan for opportunities and challenges ahead. Having this important data at our fingertips allows HCD to

become a better partner on program innovation and alignment to achieve the goal of expedited housing production.

In addition to the timing of NOFA releases as provided in the NOFA Calendar, knowing how much funding remains in our various programs is critical in putting together financing plans for projects. You can now view the **Status of** Bond-Funded Multifamily Program balances.



Going forward, we will partner with our project sponsors to track the status of HCD-funded projects through quarterly surveys. This information will help us understand our Estimated Outstanding Bond and Tax Credit Demand for HCDfunded Projects.



We will update this information quarterly and you can always find the most recent charts on our main Grants and Funding webpage.

### More improvements coming — AB 434 and beyond

More improvements are coming your way as we implement AB 434 (2020), which will simplify the application process, making it even easier for you to apply for funding from our multifamily housing programs.

We are excited about our continued collaboration with you as we simplify our programs and processes to remove barriers to the critical work you do building and preserving affordable homes for those most in need.

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Subject: Dursh means BITE in Czeck dog commands (Was: Police release video of dog attack - Palo Alto Daily Post)

**Date:** Wednesday, March 17, 2021 3:27:17 PM

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https://www4.uwsp.edu/psych/dog/languag1.htm

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		<u>Fass</u>	Mord	(dursh)	

Whoever said it means STOP is telling a lie that is the direct opposite of the truth.

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Rebecca

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On Wed, Mar 17, 2021 at 2:57 PM Aram James <a href="mailto:abjpd1@gmail.com">abjpd1@gmail.com</a>> wrote:

Hi Mark,

If dirsh means stop it was all for the cameras ...start of the coverup —because the cops clearly not trying to pull this dog off Mr. Alejo—lots of gratuitous pain inflected here ...any more than when the cops were using their standard mantra —of "Stop Resisting" again all for the cameras...and more of the attempted coverup—was Mr. Alejo resisting.

We all know he was sleeping when attacked. Like they really needed to do it this way!!!!....I mean like come on...they had three cops on the scene to secure sleeping Mr. Alejo.....and weapons ...one of the videos shows at least a portion of a gun or taser being pointed into the space Mr. Alejo was sleeping in.

DA Jeff Rosen —file charges now!!!

And really!!! I'm suppose to believe that if the victim here was one of my dad's people, Jewish, charges won't have already been filed. You're not fooling me! Past time for equal justice...watch the tapes Mr. Rosen!!

Aram James

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 17, 2021, at 2:13 PM, mark weiss < <u>earwopa@yahoo.com</u>> wrote:

Here is the link to an article I wrote about our pipeline to Prague maybe we should reconsider this pipeline. I guess "dirsh" is Czech for "stop".

https://markweiss86.com/2019/08/05/prague-police-puppy-pipeline/Mark Weiss
Means "white" or "i know"

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https://padailypost.com/2021/03/16/police-release-video-of-dog-attack/

From: <u>Aram James</u>

To: supervisor.ellenberg@bos.sccgov.org; cindy.chavez@bos.sccgov.org; Bunny Chiba; Lewis. james;

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Subject: California Suburbs are Banishing RV Residents | ACLU of Northern CA

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https://www.aclunc.org/blog/california-suburbs-are-banishing-rv-residents

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From: Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:15 AM

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**Subject:** Re: RV bans have got to go ...ACLU TO SUE THE CITY OF PACIFICA

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Read how RV residents are fighting against Pacifica's ban.



Aram -

There's not a single community in Northern California that hasn't felt the pain of our state's housing crisis.

That includes suburbs like Pacifica, where many who've been priced out by the city's astronomical rents have turned to living in RVs to keep a roof over their heads. But instead of working with their unhoused neighbors, Pacifica's City Council has responded with a campaign of unrelenting harassment aimed at running unhoused people out of town. **So we're suing.** 

Hear some of the stories from our clients:

- "The RV ban has prevented me from progressing. I am afraid to leave my RV to take a bus to go to the doctor because if I come back it might be towed." Sean Geary
- "I am trying to go back to work to save up the money to get into a regular housing unit. That's my goal. But that goal is hard to reach when the place I have grown up all my life is banning RVs from parking anywhere." – Linda Miles

 "If my RV got towed, I would not have the money to pay the tow and storage charges. I would likely be forced into a tent or a sleeping bag on the street." – Jared Carr

Read here to learn what it's like to live under Pacifica's RV Ban – and why local residents are taking action.

The Pacifica city council recently passed a law that essentially bans RVs from parking within city limits. Once the ban passed, Pacifica police began issuing fines to people who can't afford to eat regularly, let alone pay off tickets that can add up to thousands of dollars. The city is also threatening to tow the vehicles – an action that would rob them of all their possessions and last remaining shelter.

We hope that this lawsuit will urge Pacifica, and other cities like it, to reconsider how they treat their unhoused neighbors. We all have a role to play in solving the housing crisis. To fix it, we need to come together and find solutions that respect everyone's dignity.

<u>Just because you live in your vehicle, doesn't mean you're not in your community:</u> Read and share Sean, Linda, and Jared's stories.

Thank you,



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Racial and Economic Justice Attorney, ACLU of Northern California

**DONATE NOW** 







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San Francisco, CA 94111

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Subject:

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Good afternoon Aram,

Per our conversation on the phone, please access the News Detail regarding the Palo Alto Police Canine Team here: https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=5143

 $The video of the footage can be viewed here: \\ \underline{https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?t=43839.19\\ \underline{8}BlobID=80638$ 

Please let me know if there's anything else that I can do to support.

Thank you, Dani



Danielle Kang Administrative Associate III
Office of the City Clerk 250 Hamilton Avenue Palo Alto, CA 94301 P: 650.329.2159 | E: Danielle.Kang@CityofPaloAlto.org From: **Aram James** To: mark weiss

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Subject: Who was the amazing Rose Elizabeth Bird — Palo Alto resident before her untimely death on dec 4, 1999....

Tuesday, March 16, 2021 2:57:55 PM Date:

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FYI: here is the Rose Bird article from 1986 ...

https://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/lifestyle/1986/04/08/rosebird-and-the-court-of-conflict/d391da7f-33dd-4fa5-87b2a7c79e62e048/

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From: Gail Price

To: <u>Planning Commission</u>

Cc: Gail Price

**Subject:** Fwd: Post NVCAP Public Hearing on March 10, 2021

**Date:** Monday, March 15, 2021 3:24:00 PM

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From: Gail Price < gail.price3@gmail.com >

Subject: Post NVCAP Public Hearing on March 10, 2021

**Date:** March 15, 2021 at 2:23:04 PM PDT **To:** PlanningCommission@cityofpaloalto.org

Cc: Gail Price < gail.price3@gmail.com >, Palo Alto City Council

<city.council@cityofpaloalto.org>

Dear Chair Hechtman and Planning and Transportation Commissioners,

I would like to thank you for your thoughtful discussion of the NVCAP Alternatives and your support of an enhanced Alternative 3 to the Palo Alto City Council. Its strong economic feasibility and support of community benefits, including a variety of housing choices for many incomes, is very critical. Clearly, it will help address the RHNA housing numbers and contribute to the creation of the next Housing Element for Palo Alto.

NVCAP will serve both current and future needs of the immediate vicinity and region. Alternative 3 also has a balance of land uses and densities to support a sustainable and balanced economy. This is a major opportunity area for Palo Alto.

The planning and transportation staff and consultants will continue to do a fine job. Palo Alto Forward and a significant number of community members and organizations have repeatedly supported an enhanced Alternative 3. We appreciate your thorough and hard work on planning issues.

Thank you, Gail A. Price Board President Palo Alto Forward From: <u>Liz Gardner</u>
To: <u>Council, City</u>

Cc: <u>Clerk, City</u>; <u>Planning Commission</u>

**Subject:** Re:Palo Alto & Fed Relief to Local Money from 1.9Trillion

**Date:** Monday, March 15, 2021 3:04:17 PM

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Please Can you forward to Parks Commission? TY

Dear City Council, Parks Commission and Planning and Transportation Commission:

I am writing to ask that a good, strong thorough discussion be had in how the City will distribute local Rescue Federal monies coming into our community.

I was quite shocked that there are no PAUSD campus resources officers assigned to our schools. How does this serious community gap apply with state mandated campus lock down drills or any pranks that may get called in and must be handked? Or what about the ease un which our kids are getting drugs on SnapChat . Menlo Park has a resource officer, why not us? Our District has 1200 students and just as many easy access pint via the Internet or other.

As well. Children have been cooped up for over a year. Everything has been closed to them, the public and our youth. No real time face to face interaction, no recreation and park programming, no art programing. It's been "wear your mask, wash our hands, six feet apart! Psychologically speaking there is going to be youth fall-out from these well intentioned safety precautions. Yet it's not just about CoVID mitigation. it's do much more.

Equity and access is a concern. Poor kids have very little and its been so much worse during the pandemic. Their hope, morale and mental health has dropped very low. Youth of today are our future. And with COVID has closely followed with a lot of hurt, humiliation and grief among our biggest asset. No not property/real-estate holdings — but our young our future's leaders (not just followers of Instagram/SnapChat/ Tik-Tok/YouTube/MineCraft/RoBlox/GTA or the next big online thing!).

At this time, and for low income children/families, those of color, disabled, only get a 50% discount in participating in PAUSD/Recreational outdoor and after school sports, arts (there is no music program). And in this only get one class per year. This last year has laid a severe shortage beyond grasp for regular renters, the unemployed, school children's engagement. Our kids and families are overZoomed, consumed, taxed with having had to adjust to a screen en only worked beyond our living rooms (if we have one), kitchen tables, bedrooms and front doors. There is no messaging that gives us hope and rekief as to when libraries will welcome us back, or when the art center, Rinconada pool, will be open. As well with the gap in dedicated PAPD resource officers, I would hope this would be addressed. Above this need, I would hope the city will expand it's 50% scholarship to %80 or 100% based on income.

Most critical hundreds's of families live in Alta housing, Mid-pen housing, Mayfield Place etc. Alta has a close relationship with the city. zi would think you'd be working to address the hole in teen, children based positive activities in sports, arts, cultural programming. For exampke: Just after WWII the term Juvenile was a new to our American lexicon. Youth having matured during that war. Delinquency post War w got out-of hand and many Rec add

Park departments confronted this with creating Teen Centers, Head Start and programs to combat the loss of such nurturing safety nets and community during the years of Tge War. Obviously, the war was was our priority. Rec & Park did their part: Victory Gardens, First Aid classes etc. However when it was over much of life in locally was about the GI Bill and getting men back into jobs.

As we move through COVID, get vaccinated, return to school it will be time to replenish other means of creativity, positive reinforcement, engagement. Life has to include measure and money and real connection for our youth to heal and given every opportunity to thrive and mature into adults.

I urge you yo NOT expand technological connections. These Apps and such have been isolation, invited darker behaviors in our youth. Let's brung them near with good supervision and ingenuity they deserve and are yearning for.

I ask that consideration be given to our youth first not only law enforcement and emergency services or even just COVID mitigation.

Please consider funding:

Youth related sports, arts, music, gardening

New Skateboard Park planning/implementation/construction (cubberely or Mitchel) Not Greer or Peers (too close to rail and 101)

Hiring positive campus Resource officers

Safe Routes to School

Recreational programming

80-100% income based fees & services

Invest in our libraries

Teen drop in Center - with into evening and eeekend hours

Affordable Housing construction w/ good site programs and larger outdoor space for all ages

I am happy to meet with any one if you individually to discuss. At your convenience. Please email or text me.

Stay Safe, Stay Well

Liz Gardner 2500 ECR #301 Palo Alto, Ca 94306 650-845-7502

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Liz Gardner

From: <u>Aram James</u>

To: Council, City; Shikada, Ed; Stump, Molly; Greer Stone; Rebecca Eisenberg; Raven Malone;

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Perron, Zachary; Planning Commission; ParkRec Commission; Jeff Moore

Subject: PAPD Canine attacks innocent Mountain View Resident -council to consider case in close session Monday March

15 at 5 pm

**Date:** Sunday, March 14, 2021 7:31:07 PM

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FYI: just sending this to council again as a reminder re the importance of the item # 1 ( closed session) re the canine attack on innocent Mountain View Resident Joel Domingo Alejo.

March 10, 2021

Dear City council members:

I see you will be in a conference with the city attorney from 5-6:30 pm, at the March 15, 2021 city council meeting regarding the alleged vicious PAPD canine attack on an innocent Mt. View resident Mr. Joel Domingo Alejo. As I understand the initial claim filed with the city is in the amount of \$20 million dollars. Depending on the extent of the injuries, the trauma of experience, the age of the victim, the callousness of the officer(s) involved in the attack, prior misconduct claims against the officer and the particular canine use in this attack, one with a reputation for inflicting particularly serious wounds in the past, a \$20 million dollar settlement may in fact be a reasonable settlement when compared with what a civil jury may reward after a jury trial.

In considering the claim I suggest you read at least the two articles I sent you back on February 21, 2021: When Police Violence Is A Dog Bite (see link below/article dated 1o/2/2020. This piece gives a harrowing perspective of how pervasive the problem of police canine attacks often resulting in serious injuries and even death. Sadly, as is the case of other forms of police violence, canine

2/21/21

CPRA request and cover letter re the current status of the Palo Alto Police Department's Canine unit.

Dear City Council members, members of the Palo Alto Community,

and the local press:

I am very concerned that as a community we are not as fully informed regarding the current status of the PAPD canine unit, as we should be. I'm requesting that we all do our part to obtain a full picture of the risks these canines potentially pose to the health and safety of community members attacked by these vicious dogs. My most recent concern was raised after reading a Daily Post piece, Jan, 28, 2021, "Police dog attacks innocent man," an incident where a Palo Alto police dog was released on an innocent Mt. View resident, Mr. Joel Domingo Alejo, who subsequently filed a \$20 million claim against the city of Palo Alto for injuries suffered in the attack.

In addition, I have attached two recent articles, see links below, that suggest the weaponization of police dogs targeting particularly African Americans is an under recognized form of police terror and brutality resulting in life threating injuries, life changing injuries and even death. The first article: *When Police Violence Is a Dog Bite* (*First published on 10/2/2020*) gives a harrowing perspective on the fact that police dogs bite thousands of Americans every year and that few ever obtain justice.

https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/10/02/when-police-violence-is-a-dog-bite?utm\_medium=email&utm\_campaign=share-tools&utm\_source=email&utm\_content=post-top

The second piece, published Feb 12, 2021 is titled: *The City Where Police Unleash Dogs On Black Teens (In Baton Rouge, police dogs bit a teenager 17 or younger every three weeks, on average)* is an equally disturbing must read.

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In addition I have attached the Palo Alto City Manager report from 2005 titled: REVIEW OF THE POLICE CANINE PROGRAM -- a report that was responsive to a CPDA request 1 filed on 9/5/2004 to then Palo Alto Police Chief Lynne Johnson. Said CPRA request is available should you wish to read it.

Here is the link to a 2005 CMR, Palo Alto city manager report, providing a detailed review of the Palo Alto Canine Unit, as it existed in 2005. The report looks at a 36-month time frame and also breaks down the 13 dog bites, reported during the 36-month time frame in question, based on race. Of the 13 bites, analyzed, four involved whites, five involved African-Americans, three involved Hispanics and one involved a Pacific Islander.

(http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/cityagenda/publish/cmrs/4091.pdf)

During the course of 2020 and now in 2021 there have been discussions by the Palo Alto City Council regarding expanding the scope of the duties of the Palo Alto Independent Police Auditor. According to the CMR (City Manager Report) REVIEW OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S CANINE PROGRAM, dated January 10, 2005, CMR: 113:05, the Palo Alto canine program was developed in 1982, nearly forty years ago.

During this time frame, our Independent Police Auditor (established 2006) has to my knowledge, never reviewed complaints filed by community members, regarding allegations of use of excessive force by the PAPD canine team. It is my understanding that the canine unit is primarily used during nighttime shifts under cover of darkness and most often outside of public view. Given the current national epidemic of the thousands of Americans bitten by police dogs every year it is past time Palo Alto consider adding review of dog bite incidents, perpetrated by our canine unit, to the list of police complaints reviewed by our police auditor.

Sincerely,

Aram James

California Public Records Act Request

Re: Palo Alto Police Department's Canine Unit (filed Feb 20, 2021)

- 1. Any and all City of Palo Alto and Palo Alto Police Department documents and related information re the numbers of police dogs currently in the PAPD canine unit.
- 2. Any and all documents related to the purchase, training, and cost of maintaining the current canine unit.
- 3. Any and all documents and related information re the annual cost of maintaining the Palo Alto's Canine unit. (The total annual canine budget for the Palo Alto Police Department)
- 4. Any and all documents re the number of times the canine unit has deployed their dogs during the last 36 months against a person. (# of times the canines have been deployed as a weapon as a opposed to the use of the canine in a search and rescue mission.)
- 5. Any and all documents reflecting the race of those who were attacked by dogs in the PAPD canine unit-during the last 36 months —from today's date back 36 months.

- 6. While redacting the name of the individuals for privacy purposes —the number of individuals injured by the canine unit and the extent of said injuries...and all related documents redacted for privacy concerns. Including photos of the injuries.
- 7. Access to viewing all body worn camera footage of canine attacks going back 36 months.
- 8. A list of all complaints and law suits growing out of attacks by dogs on the canine unit going back 36 months from receipt of this CPRA request.
- 9. Any and all documents, name and type of artificial teeth, —and the material used, to create these artificial teeth, that are made for each dog. As example teeth made of titanium.
- 10. Any and all documents, and related information, regarding the vendor used by the PAPD to make teeth for each canine on the team.
- 11. Any and all documents, or related information, re the annual budget to pay for replacement of artificial teeth for the canine unit? Food budget? Medical budget?
- 12. All documents and information re the certification process each dog member of the canine unit must go through.
- 13. Documentation or related information re whether the necessary documentation/certification for each canine is current.
- 14. The name of each officer assigned to the canine unit.
- 15. Any and all documents related to the training officers must undergo to qualify for membership to the canine unit.
- 16. Any and all documents and related information re the certification process members of the canine unit (police officers) must undergo to qualify for the unit.
- 17. Any and all current information and documentation related to re whether each police officer currently assigned to the canine unit has up to date certification? Is not currently certified?
- 18. Any and all documentation re the number of times a non police officer who has been bitten/attacked by a Palo Alto police dog has been required to obtain medical treatment

during the last 36 months. Dating back 36 months from receipt of this request.

- 19. Number of times the victim of a Palo Alto Police dog bite or attack has been required to be hospitalized. Time frame going back 36 months from the receipt of this CPRA request.
- 20. Area or areas of the city of Palo Alto where police have released their canines most frequently.
- 21. Any and all information and documentation re the frequency (the number of times) the Palo Alto Police use their canine unit to assist the East Palo Alto Police during the last 36 months?
- 22. To assist the Mountain View Police Department during the last 36 months?
- 23. The Menlo Park Police Department during the last 36 months?
- 24. To assist the Santa Clara County Sheriff's office?
- 25. The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office?
- 26. Monies spent on training either a police officer member of the canine unit or a dog member of the unit for out of the Palo Alto training?
- 27. Any and all e-mails, memos, written policies, other documentation re the need to use the canine to keep or intimidate residents of East Palo Alto from traveling to Palo Alto. (last 36 months)
- 28. Any and all text messages (or similar electronic communications) between members of the canine unit and other members of the Palo Alto Police department, or other local law enforcement agencies reflecting racial bias, towards African Americans or other racial minorities. (Last 36 months).
- 28. Name of the canine supervisor and length of time that officer has occupied that role.
- 29. The name of canine team manger and the length of time that officer has held this position.
- 30. Any and all documents or information re the number of times victims of canine bits, by the PAPD canine unit, have

been transported to the Stanford Hospital or any other local hospital facility for injuries. (Last 36 months)

- 31. Cost of all hospital visits for canine bits inflicted by the PAPD canine unit (last 36 months)
- 32. Any additional documents and information re the canine unit I have not specifically asked for but that are relevant to my current CPDA request for the current status of the PAPD canine unit.
- 33. Current Palo Alto Police Department policy or policies regarding the function, structure, and deployment of canines etc.
- 34. Name of the current computer system, i.e., Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) used to track all activity of the Palo Alto Police Department Canine Unit?

From: **Aram James** 

To:

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Subject: City of Minneapolis settles George Floyd Case for \$27 million dollars

Friday, March 12, 2021 12:01:59 PM Date:

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FYI:

https://amp.cnn.com/cnn/2021/03/12/us/george-floyd-minneapolis-settlement/index.html

Sent from my iPhone

From: <u>Cedric de La Beaujardiere</u>

To: Planning Commission; de La Beaujardiere, Cedric

Subject: PTC 3/10/2021 NVCAP Public Comments Presentation

**Date:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 9:46:07 PM

Attachments: NVCAP Renderings Explained.WithWavyApartments.pdf

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Hi,

I hope to show this presentation during public comment in tonight's meeting on the NVCAP alternatives.

In a nutshell, I am advocating for a building form which is terraced such that each level is stepped back from the one below it with a rooftop garden. This means we can have greater residential density without tall buildings looming over neighbors.

I also support the widest creek restoration alternative. It is more affordable per acre than creating brand new parks, and has greater ecological value. The city has the resources to do this option, and the possible \$8M price-tag is a drop in the bucket compared to, e.g. \$130M to fund more housing.

Thank you, Cedric



An example of mixed use building with multi-family apartment with private roof-top gardens over retail/commercial space on the ground floor.



Garden Apartment with continuous wavy balconies and planter on the edges of the balconies and roof top gardens.

Each Bedroom has a bathroom and each level has private bedrooms and common areas for kitchen, dining & living. Each Bedroom has its own large usable balcony, and the common areas access larger roof-top garden space.



Interior view of rectilinear and curvy Garden Apartments





Overview of Garden Apartments, two historic buildings in NVCAP area

This plan has 769 Bedrooms, contained within between 353 and 769 "units" depending on how many bedrooms are included in each unit.

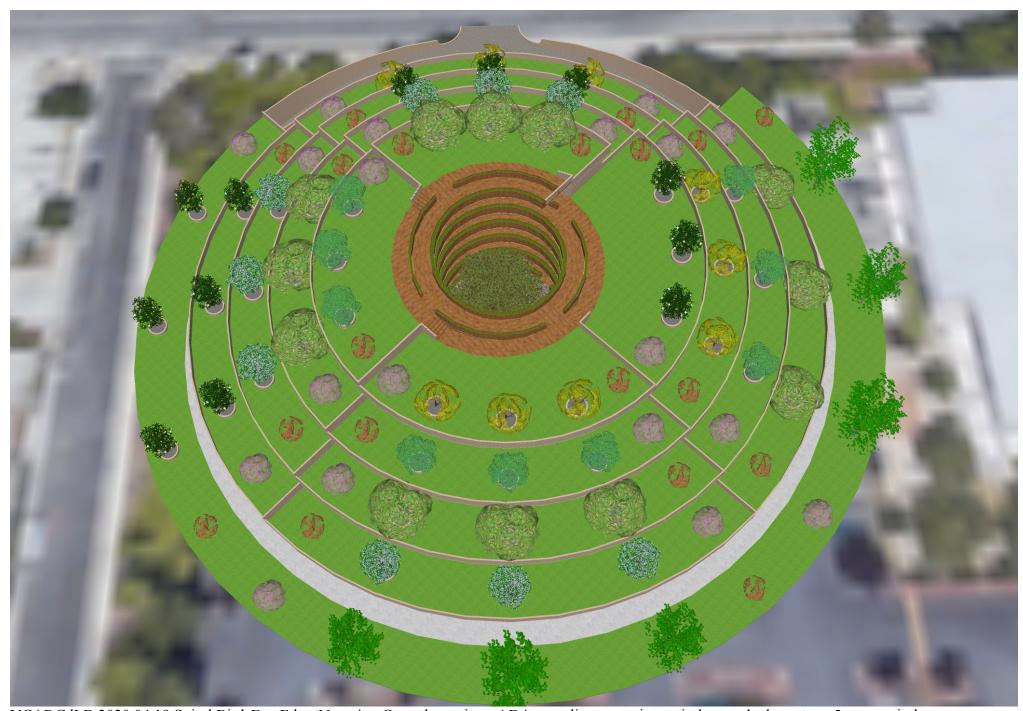
It includes the widest naturalized creek option.



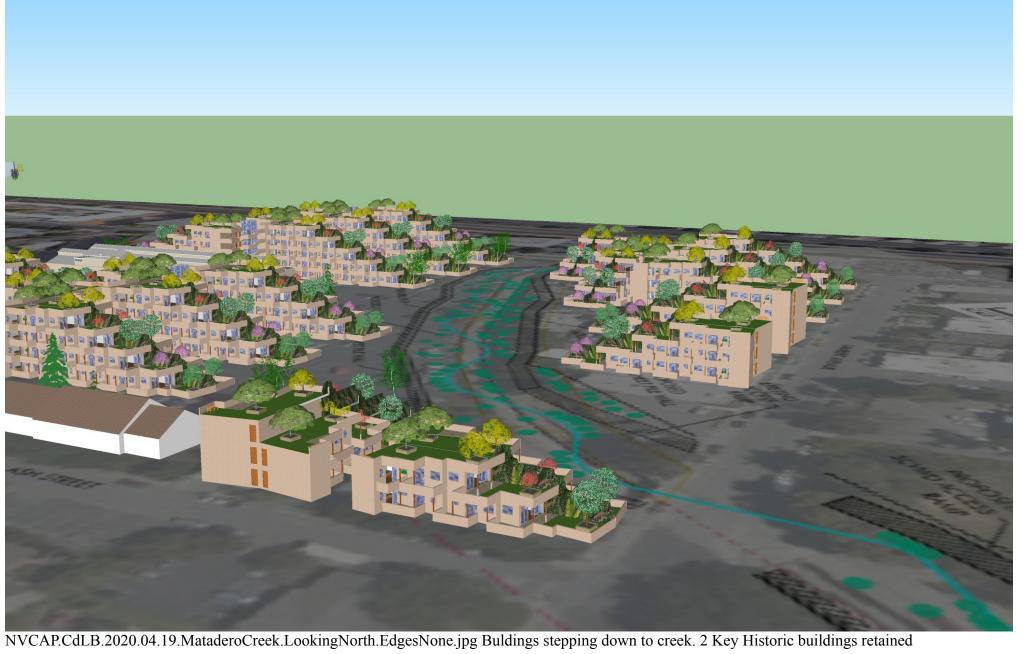
Possible Layout, Single Family Homes preserved, Spiral Coils on Cloudera site, Staggered on Fry's Site and creek frontage, two key historic structures. Version with mixed-use staggered apartments with ground-floor retail/restaurants not shown. Widest naturalized creek version.



NVCAP.CdLB.2020.04.19.ClouderaSite.jpg 4 to 5-story cone spiral up clockwise, each quarter wedge is 2.5' taller than prior level, 50' roof, retail ground.



VCAP.CdLB.2020.04.19.Spiral.BirdsEye.EdgesNone.jpg Central core is an ADA compliant ramp in a spiral around a large tree. 5-story spiral cone.





NVCAP.CdLB.2020.04.19.MataderoCreek.LookingSouth.Edges.jpg Includes wide natural creek Not shown: ground-floor retail version on Historic Axis.



NVCAP.CdLB.2020.04.19.HistoricFrysAndRestaurants.GroundLevel.EdgesNone.jpg Ground-level-view of Mixed-Use with ground-floor retail/restaurants flanking Historic Component



NVCAP.CdLB.2020.04.19.HistoricFrysAndRestaurants.AxiometricView.EdgesNone.jpg
Key historic building components and Mixed-use stepped buildings with ground-floor retail/restaurants and widest version of naturalized creek.
Other buildings not shown.

 From:
 Joye, Ken

 To:
 Council, City

 Subject:
 NVCAP

**Date:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 7:22:00 PM

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Tonight I am dialed in to the Planning & Transportation Commission meeting because NVCAP is on their agenda. I would like to share with you what I plan to say to them during public comments.

When the NVCAP Working Group was first proposed, I became very engaged in the process and offered much input to the team. Over time, I have become less engaged, primarily because I do not have any hope that there can be a "Coordinated" approach to development in the study area.

Accordingly, there are two fairly narrow points which I would like to address:

- (1) I hope that the PTC and Council will direct staff to require any development in the study area to treat sidewalks and bike lanes as they would treat street trees. An example of what I mean is the construction site of Wilton Court, at El Camino Real & Wilton Ave. The developer there has erected a scaffolding system such that the sidewalk remains open while work progresses. I think that it is much more important to keep sidewalks and bike lanes usable on Park Blvd than it is on El Camino Real, given the number of people who walk and ride on the former.
- (2) I hope that the PTC and Council will direct staff to address traffic flow such that motor vehicle traffic in the study area is primarily from El Camino Real and that "cut-through" traffic to Park Blvd is kept to a minimum. An example of what I mean is the way that the Elks Lodge re-development was planned, such that access to the bulk of the construction is via El Camino Real, leaving Wilkie Way relatively unaffected. Note: there is bike/ped access between El Camino Real and Wilkie Way but no motor vehicle access (except for emergency vehicles)

As you know, Park Blvd is part of Palo Alto's bicycle boulevard network. Also, many pedestrians use Park Blvd to walk between the Ventura neighborhood and the California Avenue shopping district. Thank you for making sure that those things are preserved during any development in the NVCAP study area.

respectfully, Ken Joye Ventura neighborhood CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Be cautious of opening attachments and clicking on links.

Please see below. \$1.5 BILLION is available for affordable housing from the State of California! This is a significant increase from last year.

Palo Alto was the ONLY city with our housing imbalance not to apply for a grant last year. Let's not repeat that error!

Please let me know if you need help. I am in regular contact with the organizations that secured \$12.3 million from Mountain View last fall. Mountain View used that funding to ensure that every single one of its unhoused individuals and families now has transitional housing shelter and services.

If Mountain View, Fresno, LA, Santa Clara, Santa Barbara, and dozens other California Cities could use the state's free housing funds, why can't Palo Alto?

Best, Rebecca

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From: CA Department of Housing & Community Development < communications@hcd.ca.gov>

Date: Wed, Mar 10, 2021 at 9:12 AM

Subject: \$1.5 Billion in Housing Funding Scheduled for Release

To: <rebecca@winwithrebecca.com>



# \$1.5 Billion in Housing Funding Scheduled for Release

Critical Fund-Balance-and-Demand Data on State Programs Out Now

Pause on Multifamily Housing Program, Infill Infrastructure Grant Ends

Great news! We're happy to announce that all funding we temporarily paused

last November to better align with two top affordable housing funders in the state — the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC) and California Debt Limit Allocation Committee (CDLAC) — is now moving again.

#### What we accomplished during the pause

We laid the groundwork to change the way we do business. We are aligning policies across partner agencies and departments, and holding more frequent, focused conversations with you, to both speed up delivery of affordable homes and affirmatively further fair housing. This will be an ongoing effort over the next year as we look to simplify some of our own state-funded multifamily programs into one application consistent with the requirements of AB 434 signed by Governor Newsom last fall. **Watch for opportunities to engage coming soon!** 

### We've updated our Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) calendar

- Infill Infrastructure Grant (IIG) — NOFA release April 2021
- Multifamily Housing Program
   (MHP) NOFA release July 2021



#### Already-released NOFAs:

- Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC)
- Joe Serna Jr. Farmworker Grant

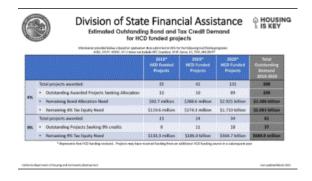
# **New!** Current program fund balances and outstanding TCAC/CDLAC demand for HCD-funded projects

You asked and we delivered. Seeing the big picture of available funding from HCD and from TCAC/CDLAC allows you to better plan for opportunities and challenges ahead. Having this important data at our fingertips allows HCD to become a better partner on program innovation and alignment to achieve the goal of expedited housing production.

In addition to the timing of NOFA releases as provided in the NOFA Calendar, knowing how much funding remains in our various programs is critical in putting together financing plans for projects. You can now view the <a href="Status of Bond-Funded Multifamily Program balances">Status of Bond-Funded Multifamily Program balances</a>.



Going forward, we will partner with our project sponsors to track the status of HCD-funded projects through quarterly surveys. This information will help us understand our <u>Estimated Outstanding Bond and Tax Credit Demand for HCD-funded Projects</u>.



We will update this information quarterly and you can always find the most recent charts on our main <u>Grants and Funding webpage</u>.

## More improvements coming — AB 434 and beyond

More improvements are coming your way as we implement AB 434 (2020), which will simplify the application process, making it even easier for you to apply for funding from our multifamily housing programs.

We are excited about our continued collaboration with you as we **simplify our programs and processes to remove barriers to the critical work you do** building and preserving affordable homes for those most in need.

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Subject: March 10th, 2021 North Ventura Coordinated Area Plan (NVCAP) Study Session

**Date:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 6:26:06 PM

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March 10, 2021

Re: March 10th, 2021 North Ventura Coordinated Area Plan (NVCAP) Study Session

Dear Chair Hechtman and PTC members,

I support the City of Palo Alto to focus on further exploration and enhancement of Alternative 3 for the NVCAP area; California Avenue, Page Mill/Oregon and El Camino Real.

Over one hundred years ago, in 1896, Palo Alto's leaders had an universal community vision and created The City of Palo Alto Utilities (CPAU). The utility company grew from 1896, with a water supply system to include wastewater/sewer collection system in 1898, municipal electric power system in 1900, natural gas in 1917, and then passed the construction of the dark fiber loop in 1996. Palo Alto is the only city in California to own and operate six essential utility services, including refuse and storm drains. Palo Alto does not want to fail to meet its housing needs again or demonstrate that it's not cooperative with the state. Not agreeing on a comprehensive plan will insult the entire Palo Alto community and allow CA State to levy fines, disqualify the City for funding, appoint an agent to take over the City's Housing Element, remove or reinstate land use policies, and even approve housing proposals irrespective of our local zoning policies. Please take prudent action to complete the analysis, revise Alternative 3, and approve the broadest plan. "The Plan" will provide important direction for all current and future developers and land owners.

The Council, Commission and Working Groups along with Community input must make wise and clear decisions to take control of our City's Comprehensive Plan/Housing Element in 2021. In California State, the City of Palo Alto can become an affordable housing leader while addressing environmental needs, public health and education concerns, and revive the economic vitality of our community. We can be bold and creative by addressing all the issues and enhance Palo Alto's communities and culture while meeting the State's housing requirements. The NVCAP provides significant opportunities to demonstrate our willingness to meet our RHNA goals. Land in Palo Alto is too scarce and development is too expensive to resist opportunities like this one. Please work closely with land owners and developers to create the best plan. Palo Alto could affordably create an European style ambiance in the area with foot and biking traffic, and private retail businesses to support the diverse cultures who live and work in the area. Specifically work with Sobrato to incorporate their Fry's building office tenants by building designating rental space nearby. Allow private businesses to support that immediate area, such as at least one private cafe, one private restaurant, one private bakery, one small private retail/card/small gifts/pharmacy, and other private businesses agreed upon by the people who would frequent the businesses such as the home owners and tenants.

Along with affordable housing the city needs to address the inequities among all essential workers from store clerks, delivery personnel, nurses and interns to teachers, service providers, technologists and young low, middle income earners. In addition, higher education students along with new graduates from our community colleges and universities need affordable housing. Young families in all income levels need affordable housing along safe and accessible transit corridors to attend Palo Alto schools. Current home owners of all ages in the NVCAP area need to be assured they will not lose their homes to new development, but be reassured that they will have a better lifestyle because of the plan.

A well designed development with the latest technology and sustainable materials for energy efficient

buildings, with social landscaping and a variety of amenities on the ground level, with inviting and solar lit, safe, foot and bike paths, with open space parks, with a playground/school yard area (the area currently has a childcare facility) and access to public transportation. A well designed neighborhood/city scape will inevitably attract members from other areas of Palo Alto, local cities and contribute wealth to the NVCAP area. "If you build it, they will come."

The Palo Alto City Council needs to capture the full potential of an enhanced NVCAP Alternative 3 and be more invested in the development of the entire city by supporting it and current proposals brought before the council for consideration. Be the visionaries, change makers and leaders for today's entire community and Palo Alto's future community.

Sincerely, Heidi Schwenk

760 Northampton Drive Palo Alto, CA 94303

cc: Mayor DuBois and Palo Alto City Council Members

cc: NVCAP Working Group