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Subject: How can we improve the Palo Alto Police Chief Hiring Process?
Date: Monday, July 25, 2022 10:30:28 AM

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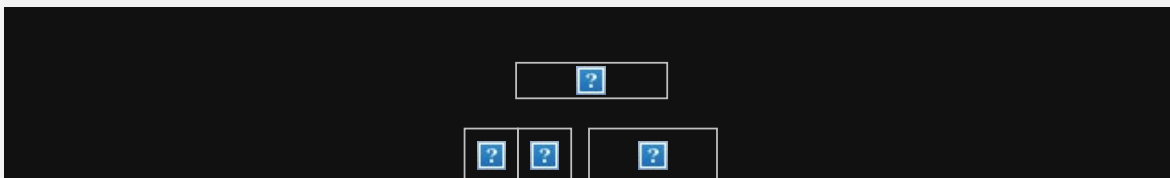
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Subject: Listen now: Our podcast with NPR examines a city's police "reform"
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Dear Reader,

In Yonkers, New York, a man is pulled over by police and flees with a gun. He begins firing; police officers pursue him, tackle him, cuff him, and...they do not shoot.

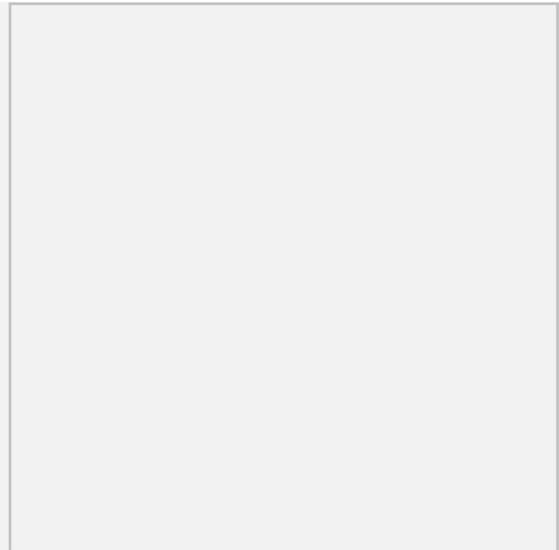
To some, this arrest represents the potential for true police reform. But for many in Yonkers, it didn't change how they feel about their city's department. "Changing the Police," a new four-part podcast series from The Marshall Project and NPR's Embedded, asks: Why not?

As America debates questions of whether police reform is possible (or necessary), NPR's Embedded and The Marshall Project are looking to Yonkers for insight — and you can come along.

"Most people probably have a personal interaction with the police less than five times in their entire life. So we got to make all five of those count."

- John Mueller

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In “Changing the Police,” Episode One, you meet Yonkers Police Commissioner John Mueller, who says he wants reform: He believes in treating civilians as clients, maintaining a database of bad apples, and keeping the faith of “procedural justice.” You’ll also hear from Danny Sullivan, who says he’s been mistreated by Yonkers officers and asks what Mueller’s approach offers when it comes to restitution for past harm.

Does procedural justice get results when it comes to a safer police force? Even if it does, is that enough to restore a community’s trust in a historically dangerous police force — or are there deeper-rooted issues to be addressed? What kinds of reform are truly possible?

“Before you try to fix what is wrong today you have to travel back in time and fix what happened then.”

- Danny Sullivan

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Subject: Re: Have your Palo Alto campaign donation matched
Date: Sunday, July 17, 2022 7:45:25 PM

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Best of luck as you leave the city council after 8 years,

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Dear aram,

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But getting elected requires yard signs, mailing materials, advertising and more.

So as a past supporter of me, I am asking you to support Ed with your vote - and also with a donation.

The good news is that for the next two weeks, we have donors who will match your donation (up to \$100). Let's help Ed get off to a strong start. Make a small donation now, while you're thinking about it and have your funds doubled.

Just go to his website(www.EdLauing.com) and press DONATE. From there you can donate online using the code word Tom4ED, or send a check with that code word to the address listed. Your donation instantly doubles! Any amount helps, but it would be great if you can swing at least \$25.

Thank you for helping Ed. I am all in and will be working hard up to election day to help him across the finish line to Council on election day.

Have a great summer,

Tom

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I wouldn't disagree with Aram's assessment.

Ed Lauing strikes me as a mediocrity who seems safe or controllable by the hypothetical deep state Palo Alto. If you buy the model the people who get votes for commissions and consensus endorsement are people who have somehow signaled that they would never rock a boat or say anything truthful or provocative.

In my personal special interest of the first amendment I called out to him about the fact that Palo Alto has a law contrary to the first amendment about the "amplifier ban" in Lytton Plaza (since 2012) which came to pass during his tenure on parks and he gave some political Gobley goop dodging the issue rather than saying thanks for suggesting it I'll work on it during my campaign. Not to mention the fact that the whole current "residentialists" thing is not at all what the original residentialists had in mind and people just steal that term. According to Tom Jordan who was my campaign advisor the cycle before he was Tom DuBois' the residentialists were against corporate hegemony in the form of Hewlett-Packard tearing out 100 homes from Oregon Street. Nowadays the corporate citizens are way worse than HP but leadership is afraid to Tax them.

Ed Lauing seems like the kind of guy who wants to be useful to powerful people and then tells his neighbors through a false smile that he's trying hard.

Mark Weiss

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Date: Wednesday, July 20, 2022 9:50:34 AM

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Subject: How can we improve the police chief selection process ?
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Subject: Josh, time to ban police weaponized canine units?
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Hi Josh,

Here is a critical series to review in considering whether to propose statewide legislation banning the use of weaponized police canines .

In light of this series I believe a strong case can be made that weaponized police canines should be banned except for their possible retention for search and rescue missions. I look forward to hearing your view point.

aram

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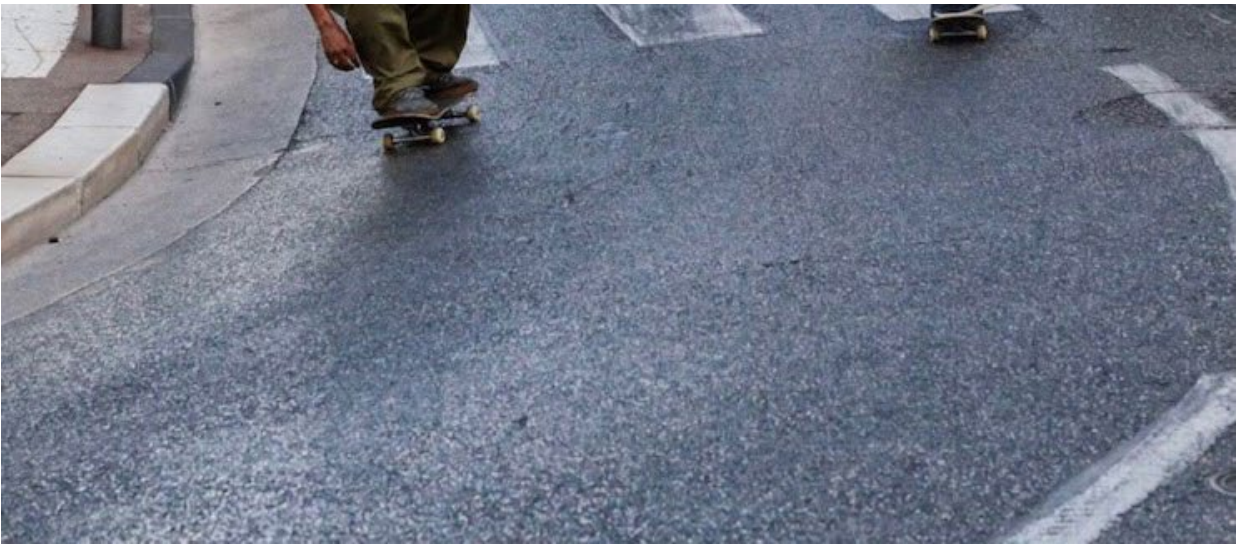
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Hello,

My name is Joe Wertheimer and I am a Southern California based Sculptor and Architectural Designer. I wanted to reach out and introduce myself for consideration of any future needs you may have.

My passion for incorporating Art in Architecture has allowed me to be a part of some of the biggest projects around the world including The Palace Hotel in South Africa and The Atlantis Resort in the Bahamas. I have also designed and executed from start to finish a 10,000 square foot, 10 acre private residence in South Palm Springs as well as had the honor of designing the 9/11 Memorial for the Palm Springs Fire Department. Each of my designs, no matter what the size or location, is meticulously thought out to meet client satisfaction.

I have decades of experience in everything from Architectural and Commercial design and construction to freeway overpass, bridge and soundwall construction as well as EPS foam sculpting, cast concrete and bas relief.

Most recently I have just spent the last 12 years on the redesign, construction and installation of 3 custom, hand-carved freeway overpasses for the cities of Agoura Hills, Westlake Village and Calabasas. (Pictures Attached)

Whether you are in need of a conceptual design, custom art piece, architectural elements or are looking for a unique addition to a location in your city - classic or contemporary - I am able to bring these ideas to life - anything is possible.

If there is any way I can contribute my expertise to any ongoing or upcoming projects you may have it would be my pleasure.

I am including some images of my work but I also invite you to visit my website www.joewertheimer.com to see a larger scope of my work.

Thank you in advance and I look forward to speaking with you.

Regards,

Joe Wertheimer
760-320-0255



Award Winning Hand Carved Westlake Village Bridge
Lindero Canyon Offramp - 101 Freeway



Precast Horses for Soundwall - Southern California



Award Winning Hand Carved Agoura Hills Bridge
Cheseboro Crossing offramp - 101 Freeway



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Subject: SF school board member apologizes for racially insensitive comment
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Subject: Re: How are you going to spin this?
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2022 12:23:58 PM

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Thanks, Mark!!
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> I believe the court of public opinion will establish beyond all reasonable doubt of my Innocence factually. With a little help from Twitter.
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> Mark Petersen-Perez
> Editor in chief
> Bay Area Free Press
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> Reporting from Nicaragua
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February 1, 2007

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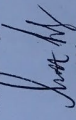
Dear Mr. James:

I reviewed case #04-182-0110 involving your client, Mark Scott Petersen, to ascertain whether an appropriate reporting occurred. After reviewing the case and the DOJ reporting requirements it is my belief the "child abuse" investigation aspect of this case should be unfounded.

P.C. Section 11169(a) identifies what may not be reported to DOJ as: Unfounded Reports - Reasons for unfounded reports as defined in 11169 PC, may include false reporting, improbable incidents, accidents and events that do not constitute child abuse as defined by law.

The events in this case involving any alleged "child abuse" did not appear to constitute child abuse as defined by law. Notification has been sent to The Department of Justice CACJ to correct the reporting. Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,


Scott Wong
Sergeant
Investigative Services Division

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Aram Johnson
Police Chief

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Attached is a letter opposing a number of changes to the Palo Alto building code as they pertain to ADU's.

Thanks for your consideration, Rega and Allen Wood

July 28, 2022

Dear Planning Commission

This is to express our dismay at the Planning Commission's decision to make it harder to build ADUs in Palo Alto. We are planning to build such a dwelling for our school teacher son, who works in East Palo Alto and cannot afford to rent a place to live in Palo Alto.

I note first that Lauren Lajoie of California's Department of Housing and community Development has already criticized Palo Alto's existing ordinance

1. For "establishing a maximum square footage requirement for either attached or detached ADUs that is less than 850 square feet and 1000 square feet for an ADU that provides more than one bedroom."
2. For the height requirement that makes no provision to compensate for the extra height conforming to flood requirements makes mandatory.
3. For requiring that "exterior staircases be located toward the interior side or rear yard of the property."
4. For requiring that "Second story door and deck shall not face a neighboring dwelling unit."

The planning officer Jonathan Lait both rejects the State's suggestions that the phrase 'where feasible' in the case of problems 3 and 4 and makes 4 appreciably more restrictive by changing the phrase "neighboring dwelling unit" to "neighboring property line." That means that all such staircases, doors, and decks must face the street and the existing residence. The problem is further exacerbated by the requirement that egress windows "shall not face adjacent property lines"

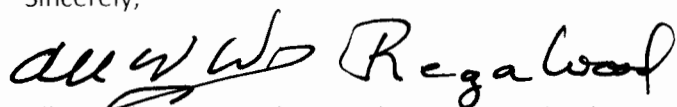
In his reply to Ms. Lajoie, Jonathan Lait who failed to respond to my request that he call me to explain what I took to be threatening newspaper reports, responds to many of these points. In response to 1, Lait points out that larger units can be built under 18.09.40. They are just not entitled to the protections afforded by 18.09.30 – namely, they are spared the need to conform to City regulations that commercial builders pay professionals to negotiate with Palo Alto's planners. This is certainly contrary to the spirit of the state legislation.

We worry about the height requirement and regulations about doors and windows, because we live in a flood plain, the finished floor already has to be about 5 feet above the ground level. This means that 16 feet is in effect 11 feet, and I can't figure whether this includes the roof, but I suspect it does. We also wonder whether this subjects us to all the rules and regulations about 2nd stories. We are not planning a two-story dwelling, but in my correspondence with Mr. Garret Sauls he declined to clarify.

Then there's the incentive provided by the City for owners to build affordable housing in 18.09.060. This incentive is neatly undercut by requiring owners to pay for the "City's housing administrator to cover the cost associated with documenting a potential tenants (sic !) income level as well as annually recertifying the tenant's income." Surely Palo Alto could accept the tenant's notarized statement of income, accompanied by a copy of his or her tax return. But, no, seemingly the aim is to justify further bloating the city's bureaucracy. Or maybe this is just to make it more expensive to build affordable housing.

Please don't authorize adding obstacles to the construction of additional housing, particularly affordable housing in Palo Alto.

Sincerely,



Allen and Rega Wood, 3310 Thomas Dr., Palo Alto

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To: Andrew Binder & Ed Shikada

Do we have a major problem with white supremacists being entrenched in law enforcement-including in agencies across California? You bet.

Andrew Binder -do you believe such a problem is pervasive across this state? Your solution to rooting out white supremacy from the ranks of law enforcement?

Best, aram

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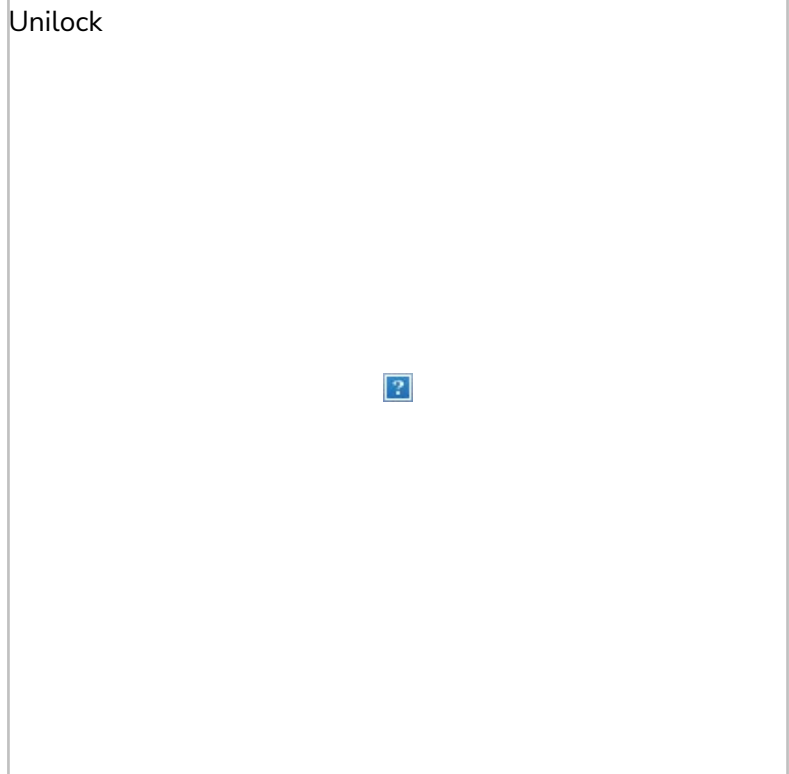


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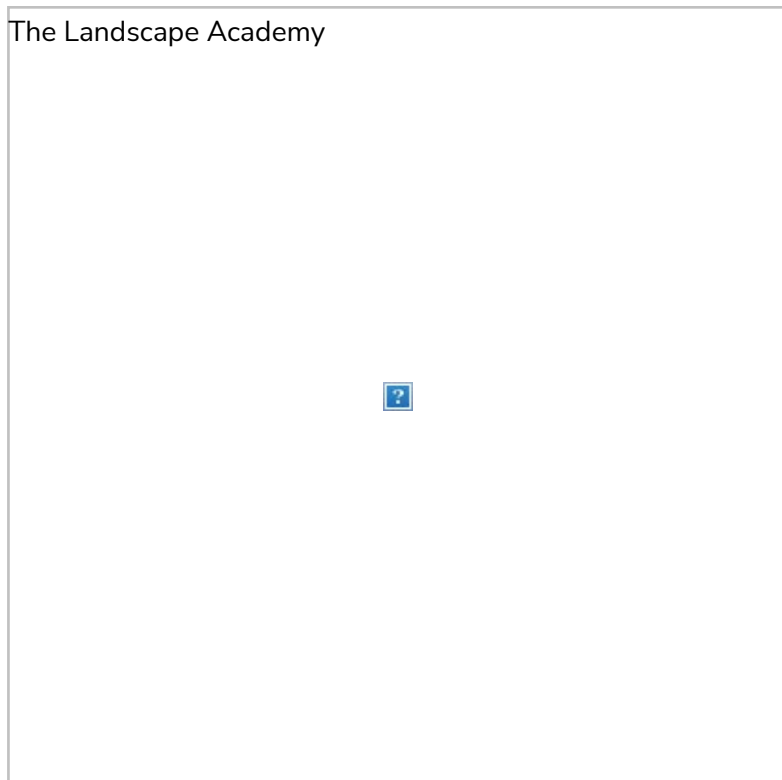


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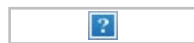
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Subject: PAPD Press Release-Andrew Binder selected as Palo Alto's Next police chief.
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Dear Community members:

I like Andrew Binder very much and will support him in doing a great job as Palo Alto's next police chief. Sadly his selection as our next police chief is tainted by City Manager Ed Shikada's failure to insist on an open and transparent hiring process. Ed Shikada failed to bring the three most qualified finalists to Palo Alto for a public vetting by both our city council and members of the community, particularly those members of our community who have been victims of police misconduct at the hands of members of the Palo Alto Police Department. Ed Shikada's failure to make the hiring process public is shameful and an affront to our democracy.

Sincerely,

Aram James

P.S. At Monday August 8th city council meeting I will ask members of the city council NOT to approve Andrew Binder's selection as our next police chief until the city council and community members are allowed to interview Andrew Binder and at least the other two most qualified finalist for the chief's position.

See video below re my views on how the hiring process should be carried out.

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July 26, 2022

CITY MANAGER SELECTS ANDREW BINDER AS PALO ALTO CHIEF OF POLICE ***Selection of 25-year law enforcement veteran follows extensive community engagement and competitive selection***

PALO ALTO, CA – City Manager Ed Shikada announced today the selection of Andrew Binder as the City’s Chief of Police, subject to City Council approval on August 8. This appointment follows an extensive community engagement process and competitive nationwide recruitment. Binder is a 25 year-veteran in law enforcement, serving in several leadership level roles in Palo Alto as well as in San Jose. Binder is currently the City of Palo Alto’s acting Chief of Police.

“I am very pleased to announce that following a robust recruitment process, one candidate clearly rose to the top for this critical leadership position. This selection has been one of our highest

priorities and I look forward to presenting this decision to the City Council,” said Shikada. “I am confident that Andrew’s experience and leadership skills position him well to advance Palo Alto’s public safety priorities; he also has the knowledge, commitment, and forward-thinking that aligns with the Palo Alto community.”

Binder’s law enforcement experience includes serving eighteen years with the City of San Jose in addition to more than seven years in Palo Alto. In Palo Alto, Binder held several command level executive leadership roles; progressing within the department from Lieutenant to Captain, and two years of experience as Assistant Chief, before serving in his current capacity as Acting Chief of Police since June.

“I am honored to continue to work with members of the police department, City Manager Shikada, and the City’s department heads and look forward to building on the progress we’ve made delivering public safety services to the community. The police department will continue addressing crime professionally and equitably, and focus on key areas such as accountability, communications and community engagement, and the wellness of our personnel,” said Andrew Binder, Palo Alto’s acting chief of police. “I am thrilled to continue to partner with the Palo Alto community and union leadership to further the important work of the department.”

Binder is a Bay Area native and holds a Criminal Justice Administration degree from San Jose State University and a master’s degree in Criminal Justice from Arizona State University and has completed the FBI National Academy for Law Enforcement Managers as well as the POST Executive Development Course.

The City Manager will present his selection of Binder to the City Council on Monday, August 8, 2022.

The Palo Alto Police Department is one of fourteen departments in the City of Palo Alto and is supported by 125.5 FTE (86 sworn) and has an annual FY 2021-22 General Fund budget of \$40 million. The Department is organized across eight divisions: Field Services, Technical Services, Investigations, Traffic Services, Parking Services, Police Personnel Services, Animal Services, and Administration. The Department responds to 55,000 calls for service annually with an average current response time of 6:30 for emergency calls.

The City began recruitment for the Chief of Police in January 2022 when Chief Robert Jonsen announced his plans to retire in the summer of 2022. In preparation for the recruitment of Palo Alto’s next Police Chief, the City Manager conducted several community listening sessions including a session with the City’s Human Relations Commission, online submissions, and numerous conversations, to solicit input on the priorities and key skills needed for success in this position. Information on the selection process can be found at www.cityofpaloalto.org/policechiefselection. In addition, the panel interview process consisted of 16 stakeholders including residents, local business, faith, education, and other organizations, City leadership staff, public safety unions and police chiefs from other Bay Area cities.

Learn more about the Police Department, including an annual report available at www.cityofpaloalto.org/Police.

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As the global center of technology and innovation, Palo Alto is the corporate headquarters and research facility for many world-class companies such as VMWare, Hewlett-Packard, and Tesla. Home to Stanford University and a top-ranked public school system, Palo Alto also features beautiful and historic residential neighborhoods, vibrant shopping and retail districts. Palo Alto has a highly educated and culturally sophisticated citizenry that is actively engaged in making a difference both locally and globally.

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Dear members of the Planning Commission,

I write today in part because I probably won't be able to attend the meeting on Wednesday, August 10. Moreover, should I attend, it is not clear that public comments would be permitted on the issue that concerns me – namely, ADU regulations, as they pertain to size, height, and daylight plane. These are issues that David Zisser of the State's Local Government relations and Accountability raised in his letter of December 23, 2021.

We seek to build a two bedroom ADU for our son who teaches in East Palo Alto. Our plan calls for an ADU that 895 square feet in size. That takes us from an ADU subject to the provisions of 18.09.030 to one subject to the provisions of 18.09.04 according to current regulations. Most painfully, the daylight plane requirement, which indicates that the maximum height of the ADU at a 4 foot setback would be 12 feet.

Because our home is in the floodplain, those 12 feet would include 4 feet 8 inches below the finished floor. Flat roofs are between 6 and 14 inches thick – for these purposes let's say take the average 10. As the planner on duty August 3 confirmed that would mean that a conforming unit would be only 7ft 4" from the finished floor and that's including the roof. Once we take account of the roof, we would be left with a floor to ceiling height of 6ft 6in ceiling. This is most distressing, since a standard recommendation is that average ceiling height for a residential building should be at least 9 ft. 6 inches for any habitable room.

Does the planning commission intend for us build an uninhabitable dwelling? I note that Mr Zisser foresaw this consequence and wrote:

“Section 18.09.040(b) Daylight Plane and ADU Height Standards: Table 2 states that “daylight plane” acts as a limit on the height of ADUs. In many instances, this may not be a problem; however, daylight plane concerns cannot be used to unduly limit the height of an ADU. ADUs are permitted up to 16 feet high. (Gov. Code, § 65852.2, subds. (c)(2)(C), (e)(1)(B)(ii).) Therefore, in considering restrictions that the City is imposing on ADUs for daylight planes, the ordinance should note the 16-foot height allowable for ADUs. **This Table must be amended to clarify this point.**” (emphasis added).

In his reply to this paragraph Mr Lait wrote: For all other ADUs, however, the City has requested clarity on HCD's position on daylight plane on numerous occasions, most recently by email dated August 8, 2021. Please see this email, which is DocuSign Envelope ID: 26247F48-AB81-46DC-AE75-91A87A8EE5383.f Packet Pg. 68 attached, for an explanation of the City's position. The City looks forward to continued discussion of this topic.” Please provide information on the progress of this discussion.

Here I note that this problem arises because most cities which impose daylight plane requirements start at a height of 12ft, whereas Palo Alto starts at 8ft, which is what makes it seem that we may not be able to build an ADU for our son, despite having already invested almost \$30000 for survey, soil engineer, architect, etc. When we met with planners before starting we were warned about impact fees and flood zone provisions, but not about the daylight plane problem.

With thanks to Madina Klicheva for her help in communicating with the commission.

Sincerely,

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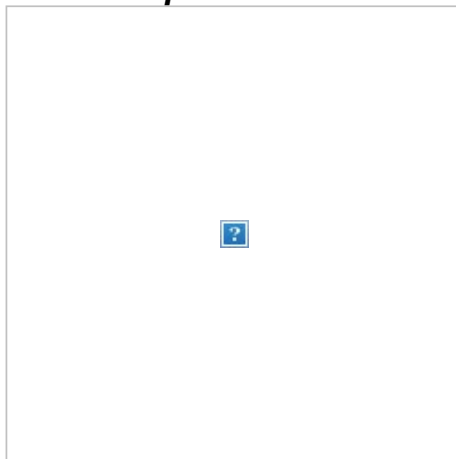
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