

From: [Elizabeth Greenfield](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Retail Study to Involve Bicycle and well as Car Parking
Date: Monday, October 23, 2023 12:30:36 PM

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To the Planning Commission,

Please consider adding into the Retail Study the study of bike parking needs, walking needs, and ADA needs. Already, a substantial portion of people accessing downtown do so without a car. They should feel at least as welcome as people who access downtown with a car.

This will help Palo Alto meet it's TDM goal, it's sustainability goal, and support its businesses too. Consider biking and walking needs too for vibrant retail districts.

Regards,
Elizabeth Greenfield

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From: [Robert Neff](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Retail Study and Bike/ped access
Date: Monday, October 23, 2023 11:21:36 PM

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Dear Planning and Transportation Commission,

I see from your retail study that there is much study of sufficient parking. I hope you will include convenient bicycle parking in your study. I know it impacts my attitude and shopping choices. For example, when I am grocery shopping, I am put off by the historic lack of parking at Charleston shopping center. At the North end near Peets, the only good bike parking is one space, behind trash cans, at the gas meters. I hate utilizing that shopping center. By comparison the newer shopping centers - Alma Plaza and Edgewood plaza have sufficient, abundant, dispersed parking that makes visiting a pleasure. Molly Stones has excellent racks, and California Ave, after the redesign is pretty good. I don't get over to downtown as much - how easy is it to use the racks there? The artsy but difficult to use umbrella racks are not a plus for actual users.

You can ask the same questions for walking - how well does the district work for walking, either from nearby, or just getting from parking lots to destinations. Are the street crossings reasonable? For either walking or biking, are there good connections to the neighborhoods? Are there streets to cross which need calming?

Thanks for your efforts for our city,

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: [Lait, Jonathan](#); [Guagliardo, Steven](#); [Nose, Kiely](#)
Subject: Retail study
Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 10:38:13 AM

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Dear commissioners,

The article below mentions evaluating how many people are in a location by using cell phone data. I wonder if this would help understand key areas like DTN and Cal Ave. I wonder if we can get an idea of how current activity on this metric compares to pre-pandemic levels.

I see lots of people DTN and lots of restaurant activity even as some retail struggles and there are vacancies

<https://www.mercurynews.com/2023/10/23/san-jose-downtown-economy-jobs-store-restaurant-build-home-covid-tech/>

In the retail study are restaurants, which have shown a strong rebound in sales tax and activity, included?

I think separating restaurants from store retail would be helpful to reach recommendations.

I am glad you are including an evaluation of what parking is available as it will probably differ from perceptions.

I hope also that the study can be coordinated with our ongoing economic development and Univ and Cal Ave street studies.

Stephen Levy

From: [Aram James](#)
To: [Cait James](#); [Cindy Chavez](#); [Council, City](#); [District1@bos.sccgov.org](#); [DuJuan Green](#); [Lauing, Ed](#); [GRP-City Council](#); [JIM MINKLER1](#); [Jack Ajluni](#); [Jeff Moore](#); [Joe Simitian](#); [Josh Becker](#); [Julie Lythcott-Haims](#); [Kaloma Smith](#); [Lewis james](#); [Zelkha, Mila](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Salem Ajluni](#); [Sean Allen](#); [Supervisor Otto Lee](#); [Supervisor Susan Ellenberg](#); [Vicki Veenker](#); [WILPF Peninsula Palo Alto](#); [cindy.chavez@os.sccgov.org](#); [citycouncil@mountainview.gov](#)
Subject: Re: Watch ""Israelism"" on YouTube
Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 9:56:31 PM

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From: [Amie Ashton](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Safe Parking & Retail (what about bikes/peds)
Date: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 9:51:42 AM

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Honorable Planning Commission Members,

Safe-Parking Ordinance Changes: With 181 people sleeping in vehicles on our streets and ZERO complaints about currently operating safe-parking programs, I very much support the changes to the safe-parking program being contemplated. Once again, our greatest fears went unrealized in our efforts to "house" our residents. Excellent news and perhaps this will emolden us to make more changes to build more housing!

Retail Study: While I understand the retail recovery study is underway, I am disheartened to see that **bike and pedestrian access is not being considered as part of the constraints analysis**. I fully appreciate that the car parking data being collected will be used to dispel ridiculous rumors that there is not enough car parking in our retail areas. However, it is discordant that only car parking is being analyzed when two of the guiding principles from the city's adopted retail strategy (listed below) seek not only to address car parking - but also serve area residents who are most likely to bike or walk. **I urge you to ensure that bicycle and pedestrian needs are not ignored when more than 45% of trips to University Avenue are made using transportation other than a car.**

Guiding principles emerged from the recently completed economic development study seek to:

- 1. Reinforce each district's distinct scale and offerings by stabilizing and reinforcing Downtown as a destination, embracing California Avenue as **a community and neighborhood serving place**, and supporting existing Neighborhood Centers*
- 2. Improve accessibility by embracing **walking and biking solutions** to/from/within all of the City's commercial districts and addressing parking policies and systems*

As always, thank you for your service to the city!

Amie Ashton
Proud Downtown Resident (who shops downtown car-free daily)
Chair of the Board of the Silicon Valley BIcycle Coalition

From: [Sandhya Laddha](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: FY 2024-25 Sustainable Transportation & Climate Adaptation Planning Grant Call for Applications
Date: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 1:22:03 PM

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Dear Planning,

Here is a message from MTC -

On behalf of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), we are pleased to release the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Application Guide and Call for Applications. **Applications are due by 5:00 PM on Thursday, January 18, 2024.** The grant awards will be announced next summer 2024.

This year's grant program includes a second cycle of Climate Adaptation Planning grants to award the remaining budget of approximately \$32 million. These grants will support local and regional identification of transportation-related climate vulnerabilities through the development of climate adaptation plans, as well as project-level adaptation planning to identify adaptation projects and strategies for transportation infrastructure. Through this grant program, we look forward to supporting climate change adaptation efforts and studies statewide.

Visit the grants [website](#) for workshop dates and times, the Grant Application Guide, application forms and template.

Caltrans is conducting **grant application workshop on Thursday, October 26th** (see more information below) to provide a grant program overview and review the resources for competitive application development. Reach out to the D4 contacts, Becky Frank, Senior Transportation Planner (becky.frank@dot.ca.gov) or Stephen Conteh, Senior Transportation Planner (Stephen.Conteh@dot.ca.gov) to request workshop information and draft application feedback. They can also help choose the best grant category for your proposed planning project.

Grant Open House THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023

10:00-11:30 A.M.

WebEx Meeting Link:

<https://cadot.webex.com/cadot/j.php?MTID=m08dec08472c11d04dee272815c16d3c9>

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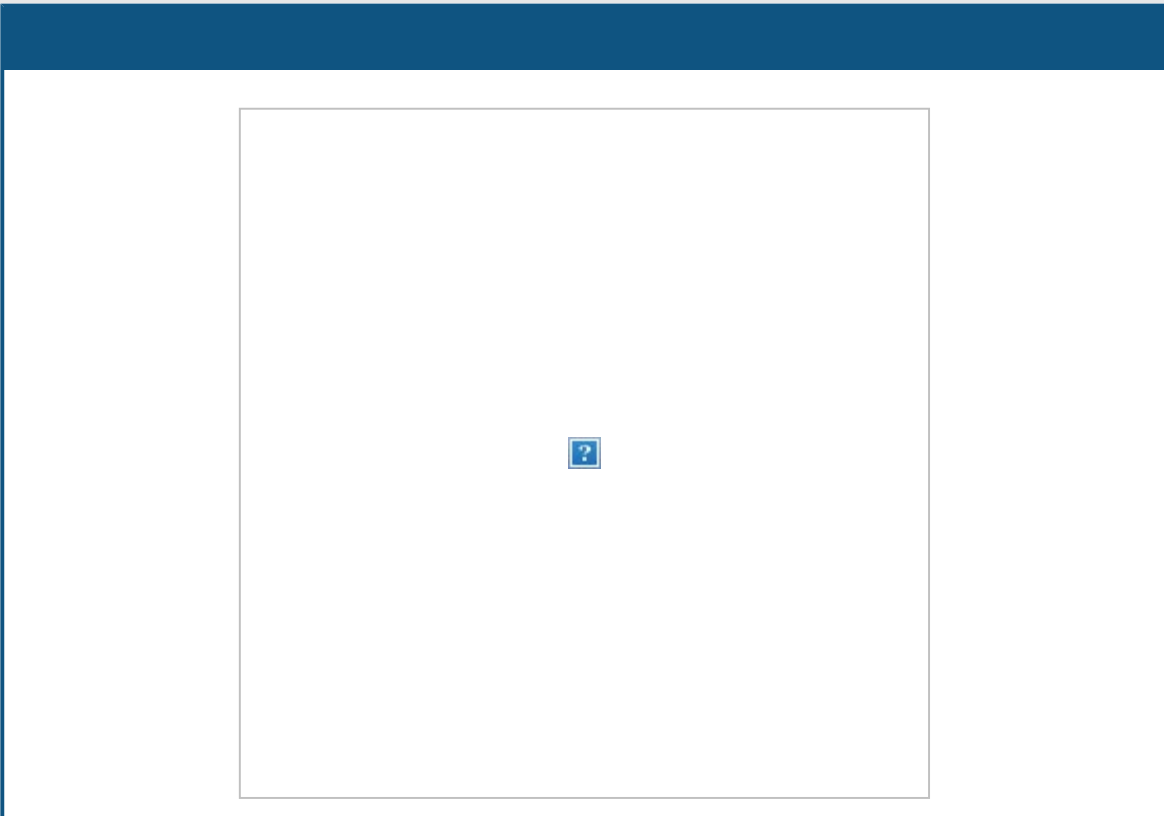
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Policy Director

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Subject: Re: Gaza Emergency Webinar Tonight! + Ceasefire Petition + Peace in Israel/Palestine Vigil + More...
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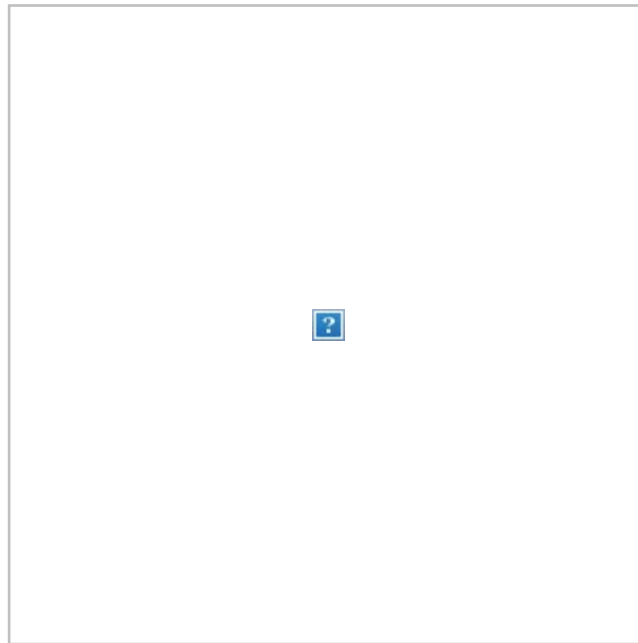
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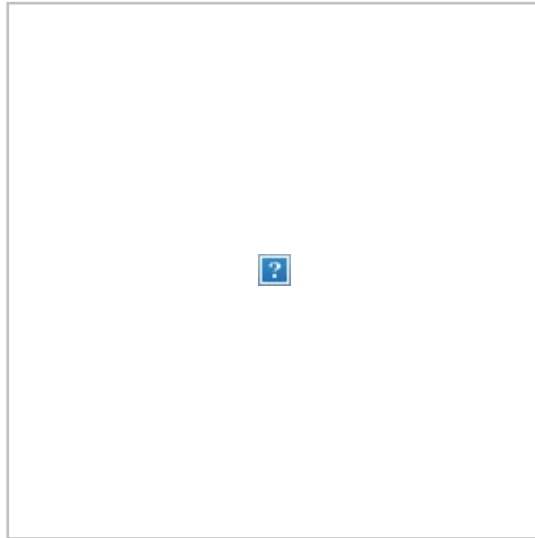


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Perhaps one could protest Egypt too because Palestinians just as easily could enter the country on their southern border -- Egypt.

And perhaps someone could point out that Hamas operates its military bases entirely out of residential buildings, schools, and mosques. Israel cannot aim at Hamas without aiming at the Palestinians that Hamas uses as human shields. Maybe someone could step in and save Palestinians from the terrorists who took over their country by military coup in 2007? The terrorists who steal 1/3 of all international aid, the majority of which is provided by Israel? Or maybe someone could cut off the weapons pipeline from Iran to Hamas using crypto?

And maybe someone could point out that the Hamas monsters actually targeted the pacifist communes (Kibbutzim) that was home to the vast number of Israelis providing humanitarian aid to Palestinians? (Egyptians provide no humanitarian aid.). Among the 1500 murdered individuals -- individuals who were not killed in a bombing but rather were hunted down in their homes, the children beheaded, the women and girls raped and often abducted -- among those individuals were hundreds of Israelis that had been ferrying Palestinians for decades to Israeli hospitals, given that hospitals in Gaza were insufficient due to Hamas stealing their resources and using their hospitals as military bases.

Honestly, at this point I have given up on gentiles taking the time to see this massive rampage for what it was: a massive murder and rape rampage that targeted Jews for the purposes of killing Jews and especially targeted Jewish (or Jewish-looking) women and girls from infancy to 90s for abduction, sexual assault, rape, and celebration over the used up bodies as spoils of war.

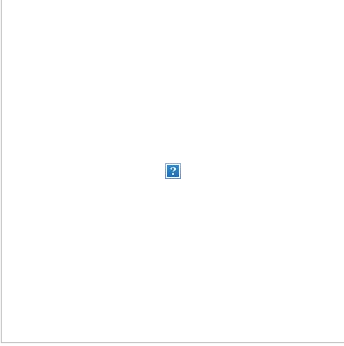
While you continue to blame the Jews for the harms caused by Hamas, I am focussed on retaining any last remaining hope of rescuing the 250 Jews (of numerous nationalities, and many non-Jews) who were abducted by Hamas monsters, the majority of whom were women and young girls. These victims never were "hostages" -- they were taken to use for rape and torture as spoils of war. Not ONE has been returned. Not ONE has been proven to be alive. For many of them, their best hope is a swift death. Parents and other loved ones, including several in my extended family (although Jews tend to view all of us as family of each other) will never receive any part of their raped and murdered babies.

Aram, please do me the favor of taking me off the list when you circulate these triggering and hateful emails. There is and was no justification for the hundreds of rapes and murders that Hamas sociopaths did on the best and favorite Jewish Holiday which is now ruined forever - Simchat Torah. Blaming Jews for their abductions, murder, beheadings, and so much rape is equivalent to blaming Jews for the actions of the Holocaust. Get your head on straight and if you continue to forward emails that continue to justify the unprecedented terror attacks on so so many people who were sleeping in their beds or dancing at a peace rave and praying at shul, LEAVE ME OUT.

Sincerely,
Rebecca


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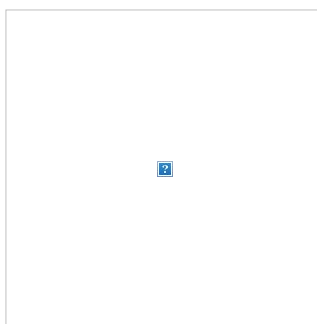
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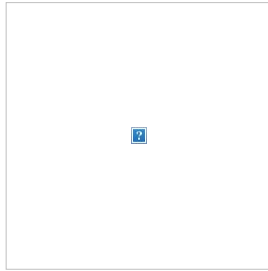
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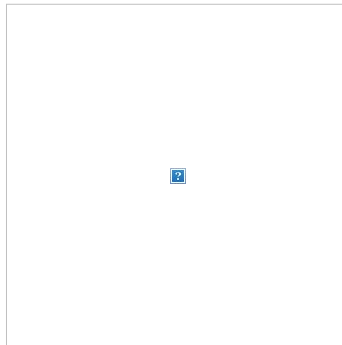
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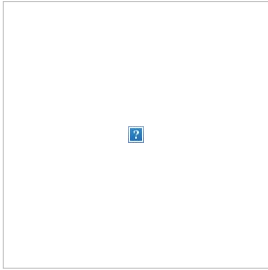
Haiti Action Committee is honored to announce that Mme. Mildred Aristide, the former First Lady of Haiti and a member of the Board of Administration of the University of the Dr. Aristide Foundation (UNIFA), will be coming soon to the Bay Area to discuss the remarkable work of UNIFA amidst the deepening crisis in Haiti. Endorsed by Peninsula Peace and Justice Center. [More...](#)



Report from Chile on the 50th Anniversary of the US AFL-CIO Supported Coup
Saturday, October 28, 2:00 - 4:00 PM
San Jose Peace and Justice Center
[48 S. 7th Street, San Jose](#)

Lisa Milos, a Chilean American and member of UPTC UCSF (University Professional and Technical Employees, University of California San Francisco) went to Chile to join in the commemoration events. Lisa will report on what happened during the commemoration and the lessons for today and Chile. Co-sponsored by: Labor Education Project on AFL-CIO International Operations, WorkWeek Radio, San Jose Peace and Justice Center. [More...](#)

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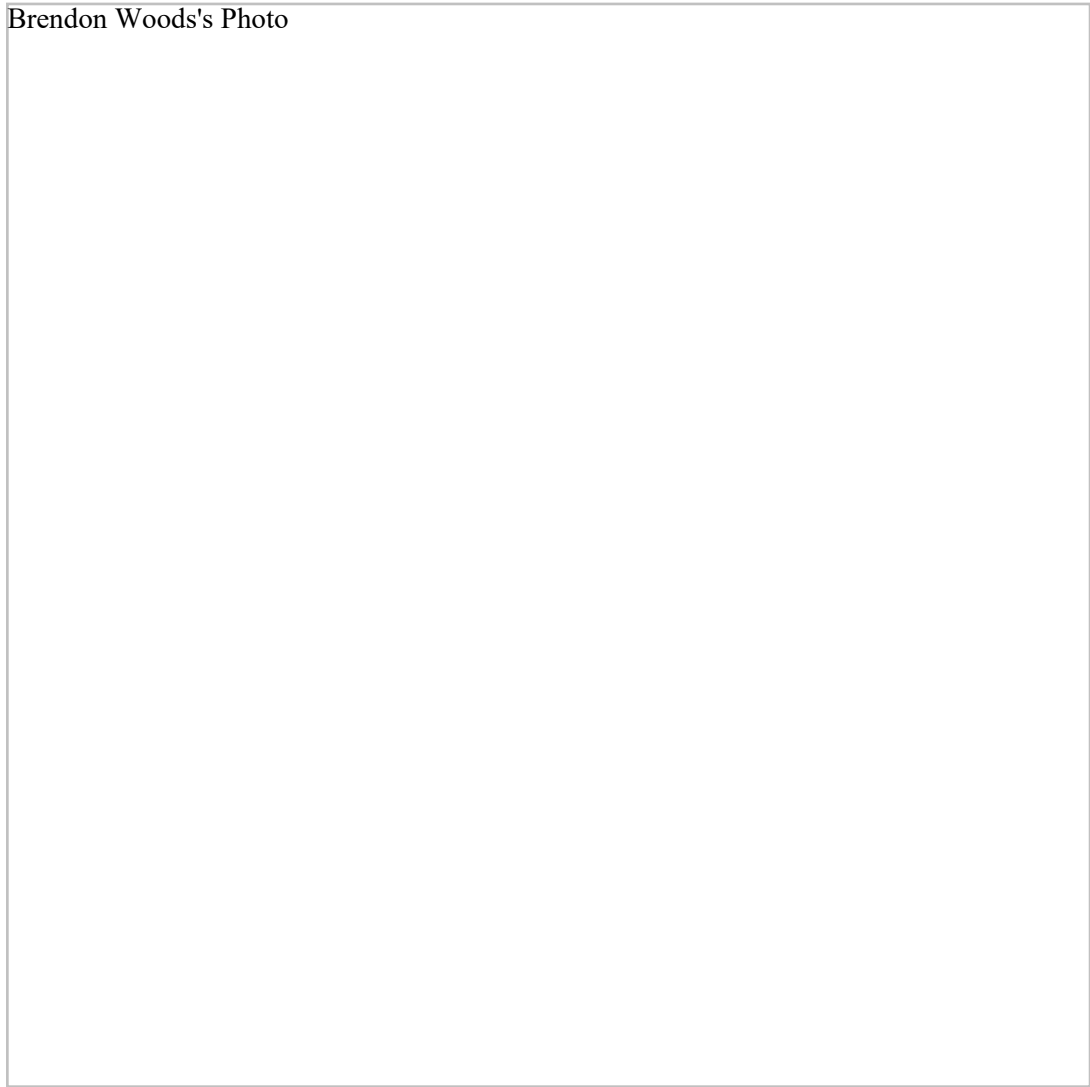
Brendon Woods is the Public Defender for Alameda County



 **Brendon Woods**
@BrendonWoodsPD

This statement should not be controversial. Calling for an end to human suffering and violence should not be controversial, but I imagine it will be. We need a ceasefire now.

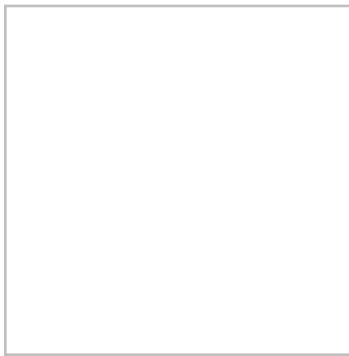
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Brooke Jenkins 謝安宜
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Thank you to the North Beach residents who joined our Public Safety Town Hall last night.

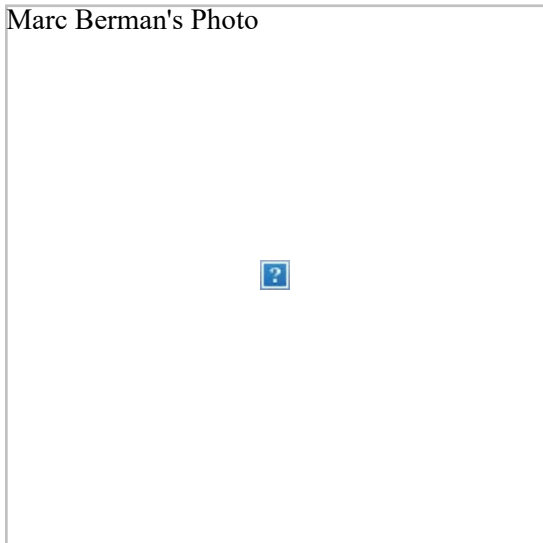
I am a District Attorney that believes we have to enforce our laws & make sure there is accountability so we can get back to living in a safe city.



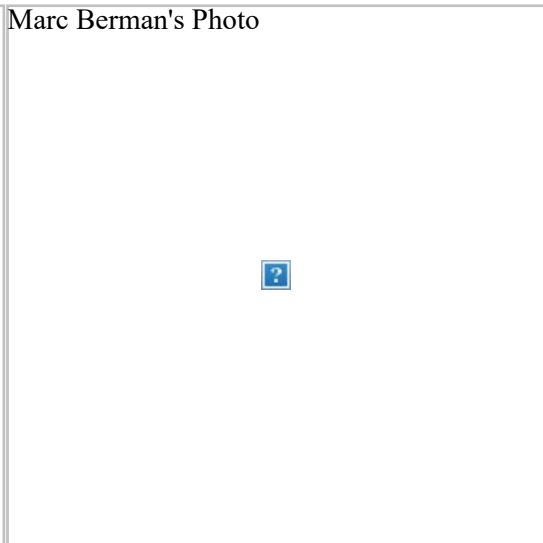
Marc Berman
@AsmMarcBerman

I had the chance to attend [@codeorg](#)'s 10th anniversary celebration. They've done amazing work expanding access to computer science education, especially for women & communities of color, and I've been proud to partner with them on legislation to do that in CA. More to come!

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"why are clothes all made from synthetics now?" asks a man who wears clothes four sizes too small



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While the FDA has found that the ingredient is safe to use, many doctors have questioned phenylephrine's effectiveness for years.

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From: [Aram James](#)
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Date: Monday, October 23, 2023 12:08:59 AM

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From: [Keri Wagner](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Keri Wagner](#)
Subject: Bike/ped safety projects in Palo Alto
Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 11:27:02 PM

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Dear PTC Commission Members and City Council Members,
Thank you all for serving on the PTC and the City Council, I know you are dedicating a lot of your time to our community and I'm grateful that you have stepped up to serve in this manner.

Emotions are high right now after several children have been injured recently by collisions with vehicles on Palo Alto streets. We are all angry about these collisions. I've been involved with bike/ped advocacy in the City for over 20 years. I've seen the City staff propose safety improvements that have been weakened or nullified because of residents' concerns, mostly around street parking removal, lowered speed limits, and street modifications that encourage lower driving speeds.

Our community needs the PTC and the City Council to lead here in determining what are the priorities for our community. I've witnessed pushback on the Charleston/Arastradero corridor improvements, the Ross Road improvements, the El Camino Real/Cal Ave intersection improvements, and the East Meadow bikeways improvements. Most notably, the East Meadow bikeways proposal was cancelled because residents on East Meadow didn't want to give up their parking spots in front of their homes on city-owned streets.

Bikeway and pedestrian improvements might inconvenience drivers, but is the convenience of drivers the most important factor? I believe the safety of our bikes/pedestrians is paramount. The City of Palo Alto staff can propose progressive bike/ped safety improvements, but those plans must be championed by the PTC and the City Council to reach fruition and increase safety. It's time to prioritize the safety of our bikes and pedestrians, which include a large number of children.

Thank you,
Keri Wagner


From: [Aram James](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Re: Gaza Is Under Attack. Here's How You Can Help.
Date: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 10:36:53 PM

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On Wed, Oct 11, 2023 at 10:36 PM Aram James <[REDACTED]> wrote:

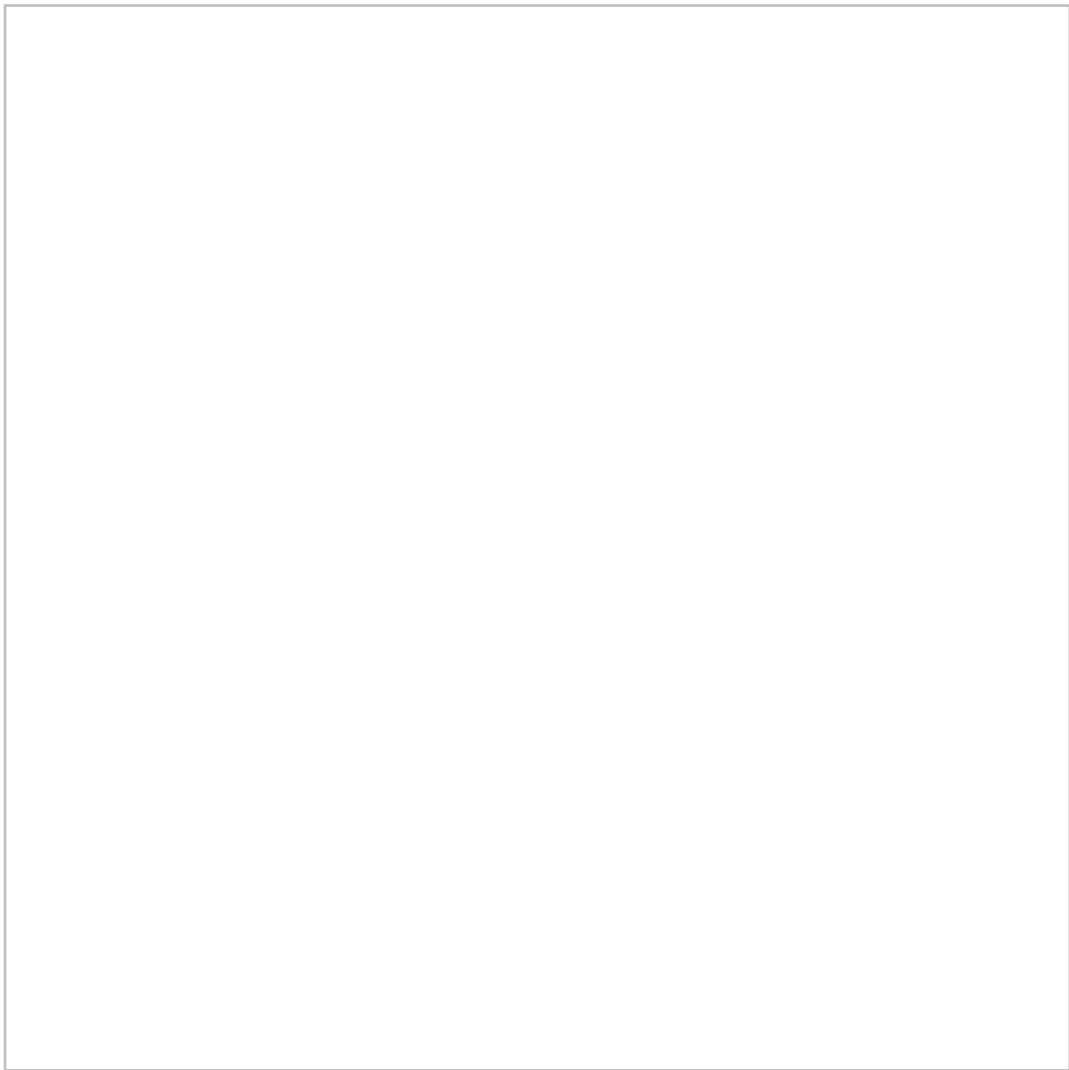
On Wed, Oct 11, 2023 at 10:00 PM CAIR-SFBA <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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How You Can Help the People of Palestine Right Now

The CAIR-CA staff and board express their heartfelt condolences and mourn with the families who have lost loved ones in the Israeli assault on Gaza. As most are aware, Israel has blocked entry points; cut power, water, and gas; caused communication barriers; and is bombing residential apartments to intentionally target civilians.

Many of us have family members in Gaza and are being personally impacted by this horrific situation.

CAIR offices across the country began taking action immediately after the start of this crisis. Since Saturday, CAIR San Francisco Bay Area has:

- Partnered across our chapter network to coordinate media interviews on [radio, television, and newspapers](#) to ensure Muslim and Palestinian

voices are heard.

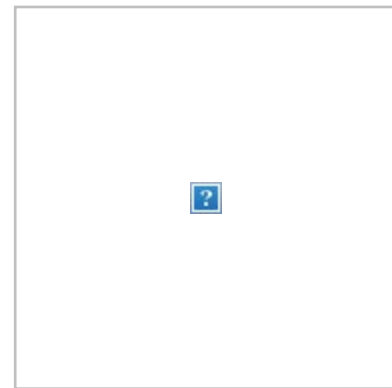
- Offered counsel to individuals receiving biased statements at school and work. If you need help, email info@sfba.cair.com.
- Contacted over 250 San Francisco Bay Area-based elected officials, urging them to adopt a balanced perspective that reflects *all* of their constituents, not reactive, one-sided support for Israel.
- Contacted over 350 school leaders across Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, Napa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara counties, urging them to consider *all* students affected by the current crisis while educating them on the decades-long Israeli occupation and its devastating effects on the Palestinian people.

The following are resources our team has compiled for you to use to take action, as well.

Email Your Members of Congress

Join over 7,000 community members across the nation that have emailed their Congressional representatives about the ongoing situation in Israel and Gaza, requesting they take the following actions:

- Acknowledge the loss of lives and recognize the humanity on both sides, including Palestinians and Israelis.
- Express support for an immediate ceasefire.
- Demand that the U.S. reassert its leadership role as a negotiator in pursuit of a lasting peace. This entails addressing the root causes of violence, terminating Israel's occupation of Palestinian territories, and ending the Israeli government's apartheid policies.

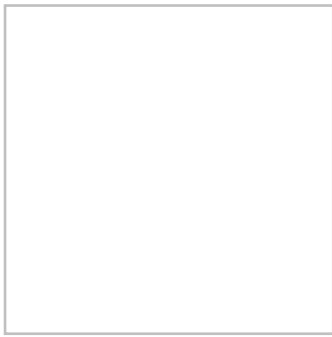


Let's use the privilege this country affords us to hold our elected officials accountable. Email your representatives today!

Act Now

Bullying and Harassment Guidance

With the blatantly biased news coverage of Israel's assault on Gaza and the many one-sided statements released in support of Israel, Muslims and Palestinians may find themselves the targets of bullying and discrimination—particularly in schools



and universities.

Students have the right to visibly practice their faith and advocate for human rights without facing harassment, threats, or punishment.

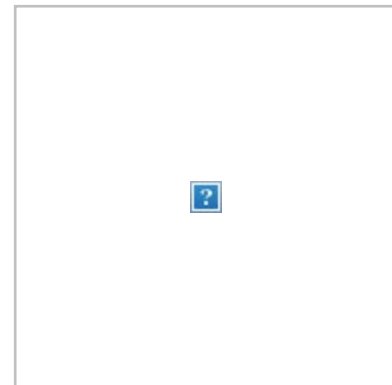
See [CAIR's Guidance for Students Targeted in Response to Palestine Rights Advocacy](#), as well as [CAIR's Guide to Addressing Bullying and Bias in Schools](#) for bullying prevention strategies for youth and their families.

To report a bias incident, contact CAIR-SFBA's Civil Rights Department at **408.986.9874** or click the button to complete an incident report.

[Report an Incident](#)

Response to Biased Statements

For Students and Parents: Many community members have received emails from schools and universities with one-sided statements of support for Israel. These statements fail to acknowledge the dispossession of the Palestinian people under the illegal Israeli occupation or their humanity as they are bombarded and killed by Israeli forces.



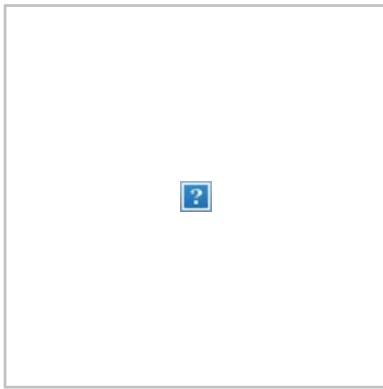
We know that these statements can be upsetting and hurtful. To help you respond to these messages, CAIR-CA has developed letters that you can download and customize to send to your school or university.

[K-12 Letter Template](#)

[Higher Ed Letter Template](#)

For Employees: If your employer releases a biased statement, contact CAIR-SFBA's Civil Rights Department at 408.986.9874 or [click here](#) for further assistance.

Know Your Rights When Protesting



This weekend will bring [more protests](#) in support of Palestinian human rights and we invite you to join them.

Protesting is an important way to exercise your right to free speech and to make your voice heard on important issues. However, it can also be intimidating. So we encourage you to familiarize yourself with your rights before you and your loved ones go out to protest with community members.

[Know Your Rights](#)

Humanitarian Relief Organizations

Help our brothers and sisters in Palestine by providing life-saving emergency aid during this critical time. The following is a partial list of organizations that are positioned to provide on-the-ground assistance.

- [Islamic Relief USA](#)
- [Penny Appeal USA](#)
- [Zakat Foundation](#)



Most Importantly, Pray for the People of Palestine

اللهم أصلح أحوال المسلمين في فلسطين. اللهم أصلح أحوال المسلمين في فلسطين و في كل مكان، يا ذا الجلال والإكرام

Allahuma aslih ahwal al-Muslimina fi Filistin, Allahuma aslih ahwal al-Muslimina fi Filistin wa fi kulli makan, ya Dhul-Jalali wal-Ikram

Oh Allah, rectify the affairs of the Muslims in Palestine. Oh Allah, rectify the affairs of the Muslims in Palestine and in every place, oh Lord of Majesty and Bounty.

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From: [John Kelley](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: [Lait, Jonathan](#); jean@lexingtonplanning.com; [Council, City](#)
Subject: PA-PTC: Oct. 11, 2023 meeting, Action Item #3, Recommendation on a Resolution Amending the Land Use Element [Etc.]
Date: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 5:32:12 PM

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Honorable Commissioners,

Regarding Action Item #3 on [tonight's agenda](#), "Recommendation on a Resolution Amending the Land Use Element [Etc.]," I wish to associate myself with the letters that I believe you have received previously from Stephen Levy and Amie Ashton. I agree that the proposed zoning changes in the "El Camino Real & Page Mill Road Focus Area" would constitute an important, initial step towards meeting Palo Alto's housing obligations under the current Housing Element cycle, and that they might ultimately help to provide our community with considerably more, and more affordable, housing, which is desperately needed.

In addition, I wish describe three questions that I urge you to investigate with City Staff during tonight's meeting:

1. Now that City Staff have recognized the area immediately south of the El Camino Real & Page Mill Road intersection along El Camino Real as being suitable for denser and higher housing, why confine the "Focus Area" to the generally southern and eastern side of El Camino Real? If the City is committed to expanding housing production within central, rather than peripheral, parts of Palo Alto in a revised Housing Element, making similar zoning changes on the opposite side of El Camino Real would be a sensible addition to the current proposal.
2. As part of a revised Housing Element, are City Staff proposing substantive changes to the onerous impact fees fees adopted by the immediately prior City Council? I believe that there was a brief reference to at least some such changes during a City Council meeting a few months ago. If City Staff are not proposing substantial reductions to those impact fees, why not? The present, extremely high impact fees will continue to act as serious obstacles to expanding housing production in Palo Alto, particularly of multifamily units and ADUs.
3. What other plans, if any, are City Staff proposing to affirmatively further fair housing in a revised Housing Element? Again, the proposed zoning changes in the "Focus Area" would be important, initial steps forward, if adopted and instantiated in actual zoning changes. It is far from clear, however, that such changes alone would be sufficient to meet Palo Alto's obligations to affirmatively further fair housing in a revised Housing Element.

Respectfully submitted,

John Kelley