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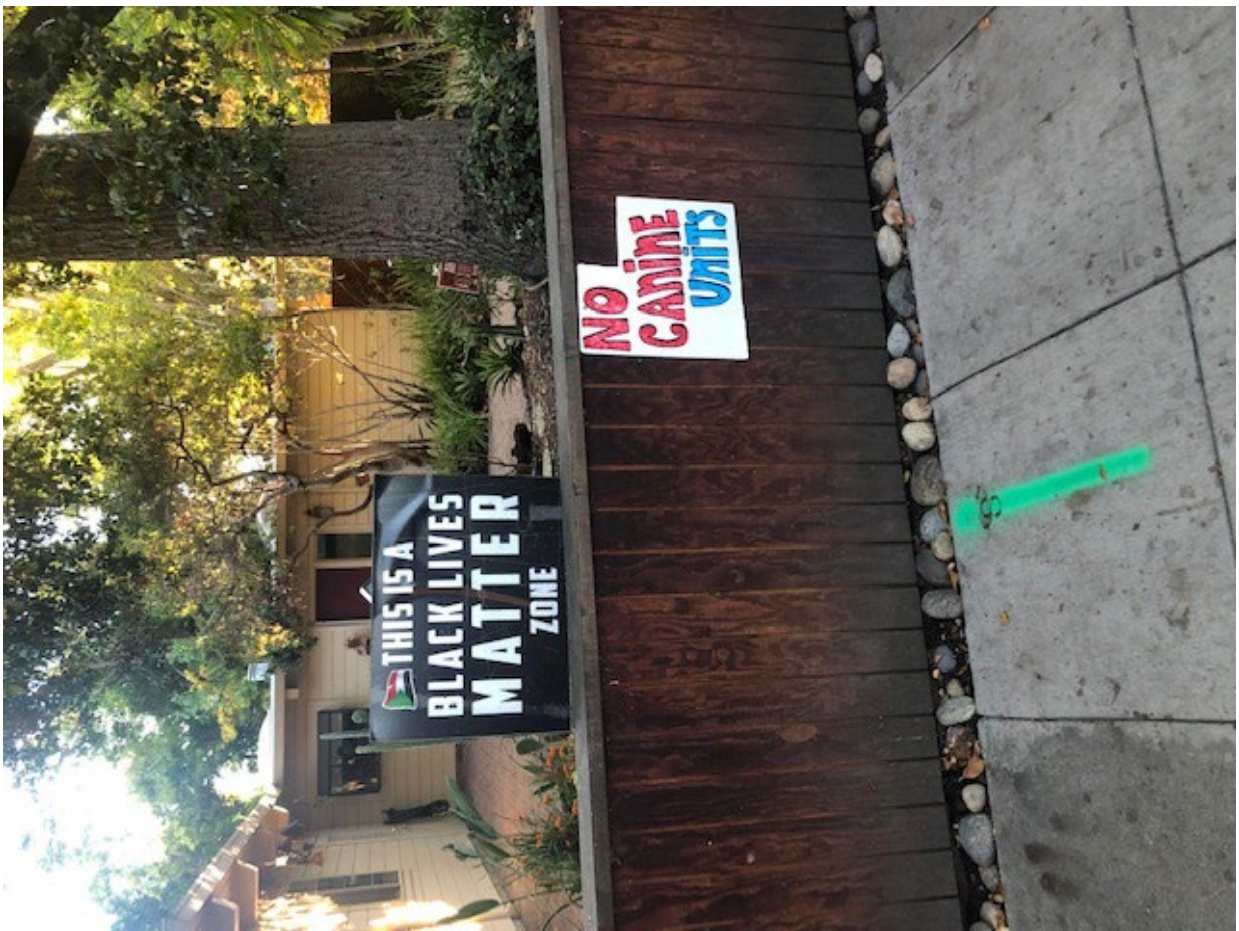
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# Week in Review 10-29-2021

## SRI Wealth Management Group

### **Special Focus: A Historic Moment in the Fossil Fuel Divestment Movement**

U.S. stock benchmarks rose to record highs Thursday as the bond market's yield curve flattened ahead of the Federal Reserve's policy meeting next week. The markets appear to expect that inflation will be kept under control by the Fed ([MarketWatch](#)). The U.S. Commerce Department announced yesterday for the third quarter of 2021 the U.S. gross domestic product grew 2.0%, less than the forecasted rate of 2.7%. This growth marked the slowest rate of expansion since the pandemic began in the first quarter of 2020, signaling the Covid Delta variant spread did more damage than economists predicted and the global supply chain crisis damping the economic recovery ([Business Insider](#)). Also announced by the Commerce Department, annual inflation rose 0.3% during September, pushing the year-over-year gain to 4.4%, the fastest pace in more than 30 years. ([CNBC](#)). However, the U.S. Treasury Department still sees inflation as a temporary result of severe supply chain bottlenecks, and expects price increases to normalize and that we'll see lower monthly inflation rates by second half of 2022 ([Reuters](#)). Meanwhile, the number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits fell to a pandemic low last week of 281,000 ([Politico](#)). For the week, markets ended with the S&P 500 up 1.3%, the DJIA up 0.4%, and the NASDAQ up 2.7%.

Although the world is still falling short of meeting its climate goals ([NatGeo](#)), we are delighted to relay a few great pieces of news related



to the fossil fuel divestment movement to tackle climate change. Ahead of next week's 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference, also known as COP26, two European pension funds have made notable divestment commitments. A Dutch pension fund will divest nearly 3% of its total assets of \$600 Billion of investments in fossil fuels by 2023 ([Reuters](#)) and Denmark's pension fund with more than \$156 Billion in assets under management aims to shift from black (energy) to \$31 Billion worth of green investments by 2030 and half that in 2025 ([Reuters](#)).

Ahead of COP26, the Fossil Fuel Divest-Invest Movement hosted a virtual briefing to release Invest-Divest 2021: A Decade of Progress Towards a Just Climate Future, a [new report](#) detailing how 1,485 institutions representing nearly \$40 Trillion worth of assets have committed to some form of fossil fuel divestment, up from \$52 Billion at the first announcement in 2014.

From the beginning many Foundations helped launch and fund the Divest Invest Movement led by Wallace Global Foundation, the Educational Foundation of America, Park Foundation, Prentice Foundation, Shugar Magic Foundation and others.

The increase from \$52 Billion to nearly \$40 Trillion in 7 years is an extraordinary increase, one that has been driven by a people-powered movement that is comprised of individual activists from around the world and hundreds of organizations, all calling for all institutional investors to divest from fossil fuels and invest in climate solutions.

Ellen Dorsey, Executive Director of the Wallace Global Foundation, said it best, "The Divest-Invest movement is accomplishing what was once considered impossible: cracking the fossil fuel industry's tight grip on governments and the economy, hurting their bottom line, and holding them liable to a greater moral imperative. It is also driving critical resources towards the Invest side of the fight against climate change. We know that philanthropy can achieve even greater impact and success when we choose to align our investments with our values and go all-in by investing in climate solutions and supporting strategic grassroots activism towards a just, sustainable energy future."

We would like to thank and congratulate our partners and our valued clients for achieving a momentous feat in the divestment of fossil fuels

and investing in climate solutions.

Please visit [DivestInvest.org](https://divestinvest.org) to read the [report](#) and view a recording of this week's powerful [event](#), as well as a short [video](#) profiling the history and impact of the fossil fuel divestment movement ([WGF – E. Dorsey](#)).

In a desperate move to distance itself from the myriad of challenges to its core social media business, (whistleblowers, inability to combat the spread of misinformation on its platform, congressional hearings, and other damning reports), a social media giant announced yesterday that it has rebranded itself as a 3-D virtual reality company. We are left wondering - has the CEO learned any lessons? How will this new digital universe manage the same issues that have plagued the social media platform, including mental health issues for young users and human trafficking, among others? ([The Atlantic](#))

Please reach out to us with any market questions or commentary. We wish you a weekend full of frights and a bag full of sweet delights. Happy Halloween!

## **Recommended Event**

Confluence Philanthropy [Climate Initiatives and Philanthropic Strategies in India](#)

Virtual | Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>

## **Weekend Reads**

RBC [Global Insight Monthly October 2021](#)

RBC [Global Insight Weekly October 28, 2021](#)

NY Times [Third Point, an activist investor, is calling for a breakup of an Anglo-Dutch multinational oil and gas company](#)

NY Times [Oil Executives Grilled Over Industry's Role in Climate Disinformation](#)

PBS NewsHour [Can the world's whitest paint save Earth?](#)

PBS NewsHour [Majority in U.S. concerned about climate change, AP-NORC/EPIC poll finds](#)

SF Chronicle [In the middle of a crisis, social media giant renames itself](#)

SF Chronicle [Dairy cows' GHG emissions cut by 52% after eating seaweed at Bay Area farm](#)

The Guardian [The make-or-break climate summit: here's what's at stake at COP26](#)

WSJ [Who Are the World's Biggest Climate Polluters? Satellites Sweep for Culprits](#)

WSJ [U.S.'s largest bank's \\$30 Billion Racial Equity Pledge, One Year Later](#)

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Slight edits:

Hi Rev,

I'm all in on the idea. Can your pull this off with the NAACP and other justice organization you have connections with.

These issues are critical to the human rights issues we need to expose and discuss at the community level.

We both know getting Rosen & Khan to have a principled debate on these hot potato issues is a long shot, unless we put substantial community pressure on both campaigns to NOT make this critical campaign all about soft police and soft criminal justice reform issues.

White supremacy, Zionist supremacy, and Hindu Nationalism each contribute hugely to keeping people of color disproportionately in our prisons, and the ongoing victims of unconscionable oppression here at home, in India, in Palestine, in African and beyond.

As MLK said: *the United States is the greatest purveyor of terrorism in the history of the planet*. We know MLK's words are even truer now than at the time he spoke them.

And of course, I think you will agree, the overwhelming victims of U.S. terrorism here at home and around the planet are people of color.

We can't let the DA candidates hide behind small issues while the larger ones go unspoken to.

You can bet both candidates will strongly resist our efforts to make their campaigns relevant to the voters on these issues.

We will have only ourselves to blame if we continue to allow this campaign to be dumbed down.

Aram

On Oct 29, 2021, at 12:49 AM, Moore, Jeff <moorej@esuhsd.org> wrote:

GOOD MORNING, LET'S SET IT UP, MAKE IT HAPPEN.

On Thu, Oct 28, 2021 at 1:28 AM Aram James  
<[abjpd1@gmail.com](mailto:abjpd1@gmail.com)> wrote:

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<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/10/26/world/europe/france-murder-trial-holocaust-survivor-mireille-knoll.amp.html>

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> FYI: Greg Tanaka you are not the only one intending to run against Anna Eshoo. You have some very interesting competition: (see link below to the front page of today's Sunday's Mercury News)  
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> [https://mercurynews-ca.newsmemory.com/?publink=34e32f91f\\_1345f7b](https://mercurynews-ca.newsmemory.com/?publink=34e32f91f_1345f7b)



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**Subject:** For the PTC Nov 10 Meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 2, 2021 4:42:04 PM  
**Attachments:** [Statement of Jim-Bev Weager.for PTC Oct 13 "21.pdf](#)

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Hello Ms. Tanner,

Will you please help route the attached to the PTC Commissioners, for pre-read prior to the next PTC meeting? I submitted it before the October meeting but perhaps I did so too late. It seemed apparent none of the commissioners had seen the document before the meeting.

It reflects our (my and my husband's) concerns over the removal of restrictions on 985 Channing. That item is on the agenda item this month and Jim and I wish the commissioners have our comments in advance.

Kindly confirm you can help with this request.

Sincerely,  
Bev Weager  
[REDACTED]  
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Statement of Jim and Bev Weager  
Planning and Transportation Commission Hearing  
October 13, 2021

Objective Facts/Chronological Timeline:

- We have owned 975 Channing Avenue since 1965 and are very established in our neighborhood.
- In 1980 when we learned 985 Channing, the house on our East-side fence line, was to be built outside of Palo Alto codes of the time, we spearheaded a neighborhood campaign to restrict the home to height and other factors. Those legally placed restrictions have been upheld for 40 years.
- Jack and Linda Keating were the original owners and residents of the home at 985 Channing. They were aware of the legal restrictions placed on that parcel. Although they preferred a two-story home they did not try to change the planning regulations.
- In 1989 the one-story home at 955 Channing, on our West-side fence line, was razed and a new two-story home was built...to our disappointment and dismay. Our very narrow 40-foot parcel and home were being encroached upon!
- In 1998 Michel Desbard bought and resided at 985 Channing. He sold it in 2000 after he was made aware of the restrictions imposed on the parcel.
- In 1999 we planned to construct a 2<sup>nd</sup> story on our own house but found the regulations would not allow our building specs, thus we modified our plans and only built a small attic that met all zoning ordinances and codes. This was disappointing for us, but we honored the rules and regulations.
- Early 2021 the Palo Alto City Council held their annual retreat. If you listen to that recording you will hear many members state they “should strive to assure Palo Alto remains a great place to live, and to preserve the quality of life for all.” In addition to those remarks, preserving the character of Palo Alto neighborhoods is one of the first items noted in the city’s IR Guidelines. The character of our neighborhood is slowly eroding and our personal quality of life is being infringed upon.

Subjective Statements:

- Until the time of the subdivision of parcel 991 Channing we enjoyed the unique character of our immediate neighborhood, the spacing of lots and the charm of the surrounding homes. Since that time we



feel the proximity of the newly built homes on either side of us is intrusive.

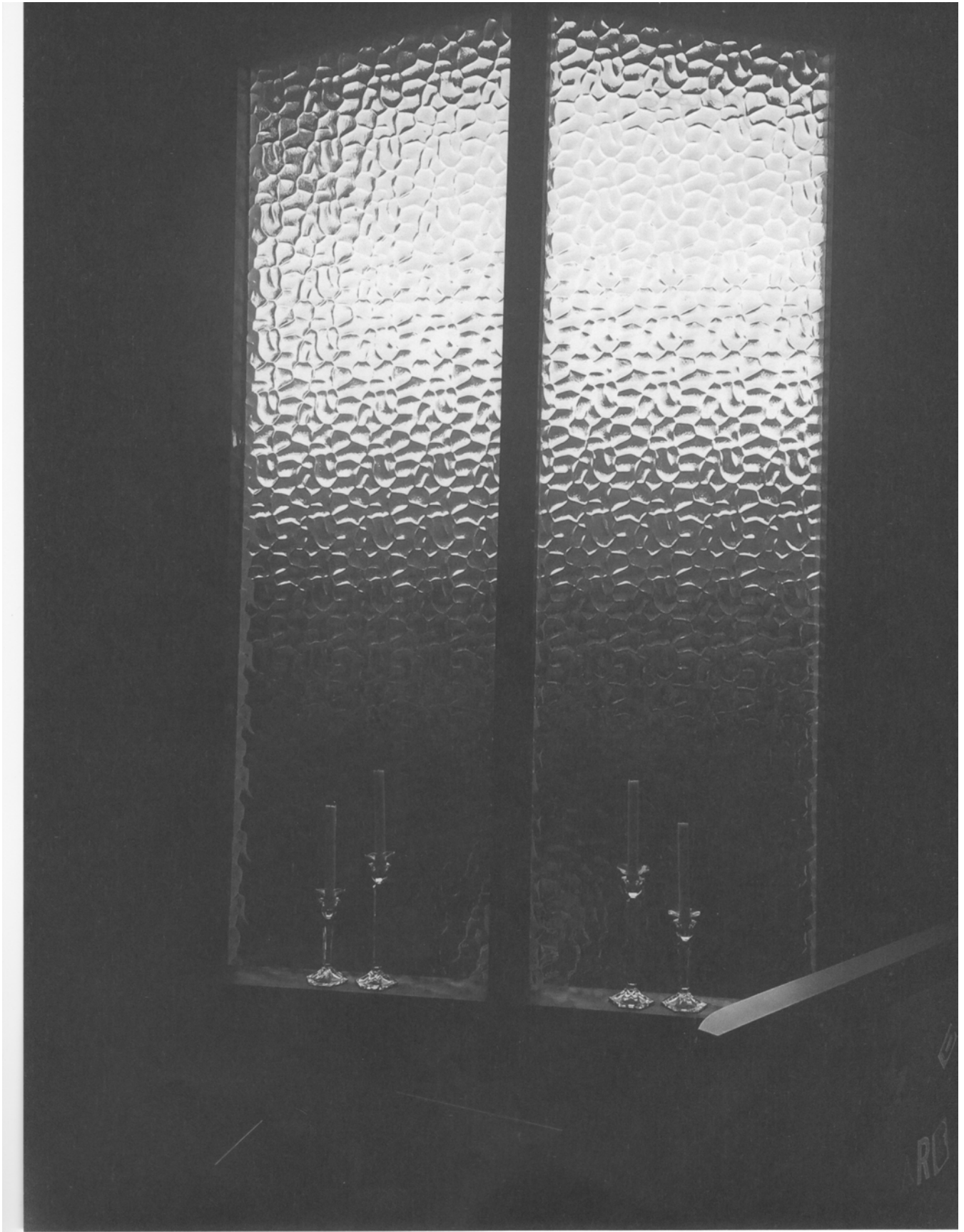
- The existing homes at 955 & 985 Channing make us feel our space was invaded, giving us less natural light from sunsets and sunrises. Each seem to occur at least one hour outside of their actual times. We lost the comfortable feeling of single home ownership also. We feel like apartment-dwellers since we are so closed-in on both sides.
- If the current proposal of lifting restrictions on 985 Channing is approved, we will lose the limited morning sunlight that we see today. Our photos, which we submitted today, show how little the natural morning sunlight is in our East-side facing window. Additional height placed on 985 Channing, although it may meet today's codes, will still hinder that sunlight, just as 955 Channing showed us so many years ago. We will require our lights and heating system to make up for the wonderful natural light and heat that sunshine normally offers. That happened to us in 1989 and we know it will happen again. As senior citizens on fixed incomes we will continue to feel the financial impacts.

#### Final Statement:

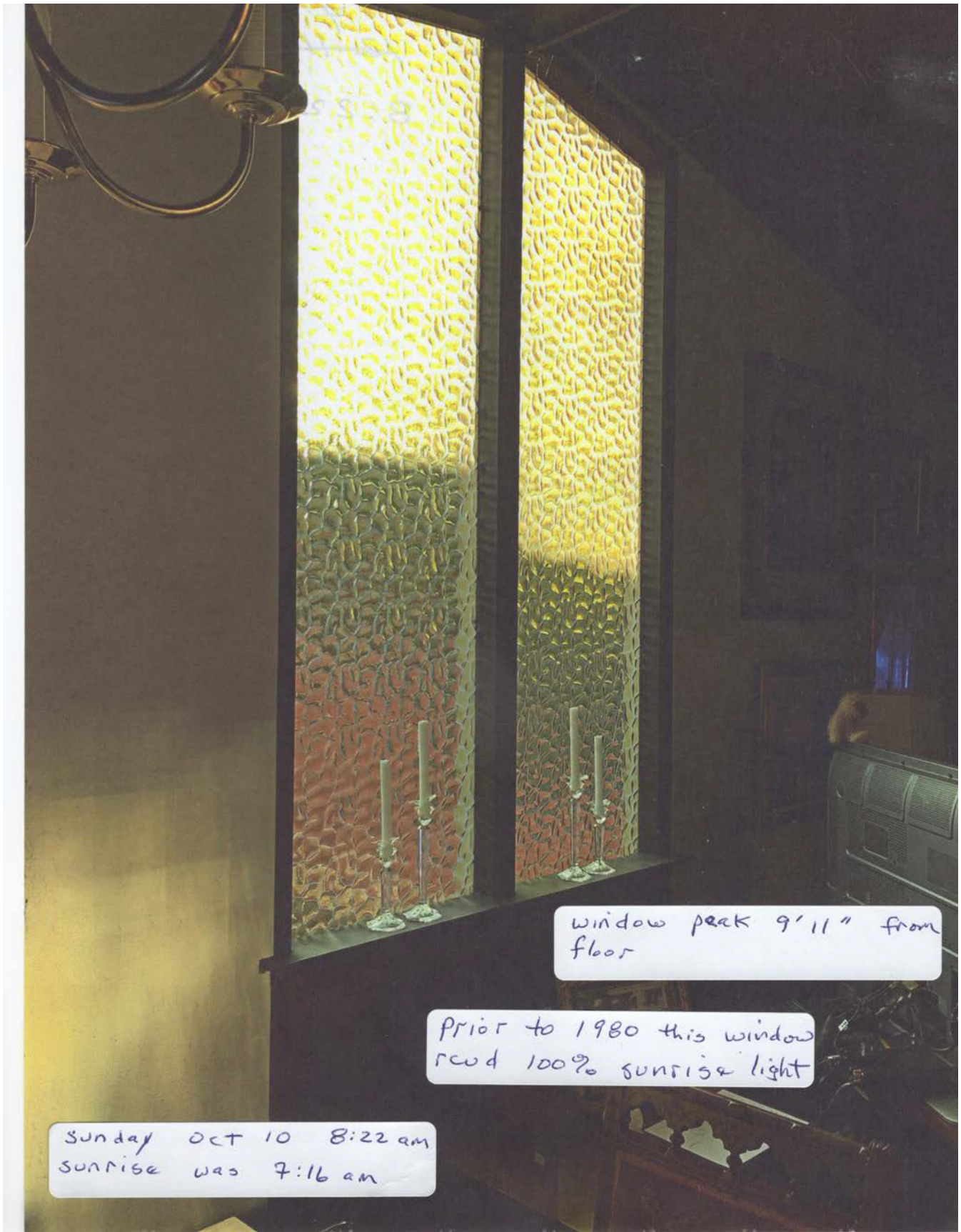
- We ask you to deny removing the long-standing restrictions set on 985 Channing for the applicants, Frank Dunlap and Pei-Min Lin. They have never resided at 985 Channing so have no feel for the neighborhood's character. Their actions do not mirror the actions of the many resident-owners before them that respected and adhered to the zoning rules, restrictions and ordinances. Please keep our neighborhood as it is today and preserve our quality of life.

Thank you.

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**Weager Exhibit #1:** Photograph of Weager living room window, East wall, showing marked reduction in incoming light in the morning as a result of the 1-story house at 985 Channing Avenue built in 1980. The proposed 2-story house at 985 Channing would make the problem even worse. *Photo taken by homeowner, October 7, 2021, at 6:56 AM. Sunrise that day was at 7:13 AM.*



**Weager Exhibit #2:** Photograph of Weager living room window, East wall, showing marked reduction in incoming light in the morning as a result of the 1-story house at 985 Channing Avenue that was built in 1980. The proposed 2-story house at 985 Channing would make the problem even worse. Photo taken by homeowner, October 10, 2021, at 8:22 AM.



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**First Do NO Harm.** Before you voted on Smart Meters, I would have thought you would do your research as a Council, as what you decide effects all of the residents. I have known for years the harm Smart Meters do, and other 'modern' Wireless Technology. There has been much research by doctors and scientists about the effects on our bodies. When I 'googled' Health and Smart Meters, this was one of many sites. I hope you'll read it and make a new decision if possible, making things less expensive and more efficient is not a reason to keep harmful technology.

Physicians for Safe Technology

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## Smart Meter Radiation Health Effects

### Strange Symptoms

"Many of them said they had never heard of electrical sensitivities before, were developing strange symptoms they never had before, could not use computers, wi-fi or cell phones any more without painful symptoms (even though previously they had been using them heavily with wi-fi in offices and on in homes 24/7). Weeks or months after their symptoms began they first discovered a smart meter on their home. Upon inquiry, they found out it had been installed at the time or just before their symptoms initiated... All this was surprising to me because this device was initiating ES (electrosensitivity) in previously normal, healthy persons who had tolerated wi-fi and cell phones for years with no problems."

Richard H. Conrad, Ph.D., John Hopkins trained biochemist, Pre-Filed Testimony to the Maine Public Utilities Commission regarding Smart Meter Opt out Program, Feb 1, 2013 and the Maine Smart Meter Survey he conducted (begins page 65).

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W.E. Energies meter likely culpable in house fire Utility "smart" meter linked to fire causing \$100,000 in damages. Waukesha, WI. No Carrier. Oct 8, 2020. <https://nocarrier.interlinked.us/?vol=1&issue=1>

AT&T shelving DSL may leave hundreds of thousands hanging by a phone line. Oct 3, 2020. USA Today. Rob Pegoraro. <https://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/columnist/2020/10/03/att-dsl-internet-digital-subscriber-line-outdated/5880219002/>

Inside the fight between my small Iowa hometown and a \$12 billion utility over smart meters and the radiation that some residents call 'poison'. Business insider. May 31, 2020. Benji Jones. <https://www.businessinsider.com/a-small-towns-battle-against-smart-meters-and-a-utility-2020-5>

Bay Area Safety Power Outage Sparks a Fire and Electrical Hazard Report by Local Resident Sent to Officials: Information on hazards of smart meters and other electrical transformers (October 2019). Fire and electrical hazards report

Michigan Senator Colbeck sponsors International Wireless Forum. December 4, 2018 Senator Colbeck held the first of it's kind forum on Wireless Technology with a variety of speakers. To link to Smart Meter discussion go here. To view entire speaker series go here

PG and E Removes Smart Meters from homes with Solar. To see how Smart Meters can be removed from homes with Solar installations and replaced with the prior analogue meter and attach to landline go here. Eric Windheim moderates this demonstration.

Palo Alto Power surge raises questions about SmartMeters: East Palo Alto electricity surge burnt out digital meters. Palo Alto Weekly. Sept 6, 2011. <https://www.paloaltoonline.com/news/2011/09/04/power-surge-raises-questions-about-smartmeters>

## "Smart" Meters for a "Smart" Grid

Utilities in all states have been replacing decades old but still perfectly functioning analogue meters with so-called Smart Meters on peoples homes for the purpose of wirelessly reading electricity use by sending radio frequency signals to neighboring houses which then are sent to local nodes and then to the local utility. This creates a continuous "Smart Grid" blanket of electromagnetic radiation in neighborhoods for the purpose of efficient wireless transfer of household data on energy use to the main utility carrier for billing and data analysis. The human meter readers are no longer needed to read the meters directly. Although convenient and cheaper for utilities there have been a host of problems reported from privacy and security to serious health effects and fires. Many residents have organized nationwide to educate others about these risks and pass legislation to allow residents to Opt Out of Smart Meters. Convenience or Hazard?

Smart Meter placement seems to be a wonderful convenience, however, these meters use 2.4 GHz microwave (and 900 MHz) radiation for communications which is what our microwave ovens, Wi-Fi routers and other wireless devices use. The Smart Meters are also on 24/7. Although consultants average the electromagnetic radiation emitted, they do not take into account research showing that pulsed radio frequency radiation is harmful even at lower power. It is the spikes of pulsed energy and not the average power density that causes the harm to cellular structures. In addition the long term cumulative exposures have been found to be harmful and are not taken into consideration in the rollout of these devices . Smart Meters can pulse up to 190,000 times a day. The 2.4 GHz wireless technology frequencies pulse at 2.4 billion cycles per second. We evolved in the earth's natural low magnetic field resonance of 7.83 Hz (7.83 cycles per second) and are now exposed in almost every environment- home, work, school and businesses-to continuous mix of manmade microwave frequencies.

### Smart Meters and "Dirty Electricity"

Smart Meters placed on homes appear to have a particularly devastating effect on health as this pulsed non-ionizing radiation is transmitted through household wiring, creating widespread local fields of what is termed dirty electricity (Dirty electricity EMF Analysis) Although aiming to connect wirelessly to our appliances and Internet of Things Appliances that are now being sold, this disharmonic mix of frequencies from both wired and wireless sources can affect our biological functioning. This is despite the fact that these levels are well below the ICNIRP Guidelines that are considered "safe". Sienkiewicz et al notes that with regards to research in this field, "there is a crucial difference between epidemiology studies and laboratory work in terms of signals investigated: most people are exposed to a complex mixture of frequencies and signals at varying intensities, whereas the majority of animal studies have been performed using a single frequency or intensity." Are Exposures to Multiple Frequencies the Key to Future Radiofrequency Research?

For an engaging, concise and helpful explanation see also Electrical Pollution in Your Home. Alison Main. Nov 2017.

### Research on Smart Meters

Although there is a growing body of peer reviewed evidence that wireless non-ionizing microwave electromagnetic radiation is harmful to all living organisms at high and low exposures and to all organ systems there is virtually no research on Smart Meters themselves. Dr. Lamech, however, examined a government survey in Victoria, Australia looking at symptoms development after smart meters were installed. One would expect adverse symptoms similar to electrosensitivity and this was confirmed by

Frederica Lamech (2014).

She writes, "In 2006, the government in the state of Victoria, Australia, mandated the rollout of smart meters in Victoria, which effectively removed a whole population's ability to avoid exposure to human-made high-frequency nonionizing radiation. This issue appears to constitute an unprecedented public health challenge for Victoria. By August 2013, 142 people had reported adverse health effects from wireless smart meters by submitting information on an Australian public Web site using its health and legal registers."

After removing any ineligible participants without confirmed address, she took a survey of symptoms reported after the smart meters were placed. She found host of adverse physical health symptoms. These symptoms had a negative effect on these peoples lives in terms of normal functioning. Notably only 8% of the 92 final group reported they had electrosensitivity prior to the installation of smart meters, which Dr. Lamech states, "... points to the possibility that smart meters may have unique characteristics that lower people's threshold for symptom development." The most common reported symptoms were:

insomnia  
headaches  
tinnitus  
fatigue  
cognitive disturbances  
dysesthesias (abnormal sensation)  
dizziness

Dr. Lamech Research

Self-reporting of symptom development from exposure to radiofrequency fields of wireless smart meters in victoria, australia: a case series. (2014) Lamech F. Altern Ther Health Med. 2014 Nov-Dec;20(6):28-39. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/25478801>

Research on EMR Exposure from Smart Meter: Within ICNIRP guidelines

All measurements done in the lab were well below ICNIRP reference level for the general public. The issue that has been brought up by electrical engineers in that the radiofrequency radiation that ravel from the Smart Meter also apparently travels through the wiring of the house setting up an electromagnetic field in all of the electrical wiring. This could account for the symptoms felt by many when Smart Meters are placed.

Exposure to electromagnetic fields from smart utility meters in GB; part I) laboratory measurements. (2017) Peyman A et al. Bioelectromagnetics. 2017 Mar 21. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/28324620>



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## Testimonials

Dr. De-Kun Li Provides Testimony to the FCC on Smart Meter Harm.

Dr. De-Kun Li Testimonial Letter to FCC regarding electromagnetic radiation. <https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/7022311506.pdf>

Dr. De-Kun Li Testimony FCC– Docket2011-00262

<https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/7520940945.pdf>

2012 Maine Smart Meter Survey Reveals Health Impacts

Richard Conrad, PhD, a John Hopkins biochemist, performed a health symptom survey of residents in Maine after installation of smart meters in 2012, in response to reports of neurologic symptoms in residents after the smart meters were placed . A constellation of symptoms of electrosensitivity that were reported as severe included fatigue, insomnia, difficulty concentrating, headaches, agitation, ringing in the ears, pressure in the head, tingling burning skin, heart racing, arrhythmia, memory problems. Here is testimony from one individual.

"Before smart meters, I had worked in an office full of computers and wi-fi and had no electrical sensitivities. I had not even heard of electrical sensitivities, and had no concerns about smart meters. Both my wife and myself began to develop mysterious symptoms that we never had before, and then more than a week after the symptoms began, we discovered that smart meters had been installed before we first developed the symptoms. Because of smart meter exposure I am now extremely electrically sensitive and can no longer safely live in our San Francisco home. I went from being a perfectly healthy 35 year old to being electrically sensitive in a matter of weeks. The limitations of this condition are extraordinary. I do not know how much longer I will be able to work at my financial services firm. Nor do I know how much longer I will be able to live in a city or town with a cell phone tower. Once a person becomes sensitized to microwave radiation, life becomes completely different, and difficult. I have constant headaches, unless I am in nature. My ears ring if I am within miles of a cell tower. I have fatigue if I am around wi-fi for too long. Using a cell phone for calls or internet functions has become impossible. I used all of the above technology just 15 short months ago with no problems. I had no idea such technology could be harmful. Now my wife and I search for a safe place to live and I look back fondly on the days I could use a computer without symptoms. I know that many, many others are going through similar situations-all since installation of smart meters. Something must be done."

## An Inconvenient Truth: Richard H. Conrad, Ph.D. Pre- Filed Testimony to Maine PUC on smart Meters

Dr. Conrad, who received a Biochemistry degree from John Hopkins University and completed post graduate work at the Institute of Molecular Biophysics of Florida State University and in the Department of Biochemistry of Cornell University, gave clear and compelling expert testimony to the Maine Public Utilities Commission in 2013 regarding Smart Meters. He describes the key issues with development of electrosensitivity symptoms after the installation of Smart Meters, reporting on his own Smart meter survey. He dispels the myths of electrosensitivity and provides scientific evidence that electrosensitivity is NOT a placebo effect.

Dr. Conrad notes, "If a government agency or a corporation was forcing the deployment of technology on citizens that was known in advance to cause disability or significant harm to one out of every 100 citizens, would this amount of harm be "acceptable" or would it be cause to halt such deployment? What would the probability of harm have to be to prevent deployment? The actual acceptable limit chosen would probably be proportional to the perceived degree of necessity of the particular technology. Most technology is not as necessary as we think it is. There is always a safer design. The precautionary principle is the only ethical way to proceed."

### AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH:

"Smart meters are sensitizing hundreds of thousands, maybe millions of people all over the world to become Electrically HyperSensitive, regardless of the stubborn adherence of industry and the FCC to thermal "safety" standards. Their response to non-thermal evidence is to ignore, disregard, deny, and above all, disbelieve. They neither conduct nor support unbiased non-thermal effects research." Dr. Conrad- Maine Public utilities Commission Testimony on Smart Meters. 2013.  
Health Effects Reported with Smart Meters

Once these Smart Meters began to be installed in different states, reports of adverse health effects similar to electrosensitivity surfaced. These symptoms include fatigue, insomnia, poor concentration and heart palpitations. These are especially noted when Smart Meters are installed near where people's heads are in the bedroom. When the Smart Meters were removed many people reported their symptoms resolved. Some people have to leave their homes due to immediate severe adverse symptoms. Because of the widespread health effects that were observed, in addition to reports of inaccurate inflated billing and privacy issues, at least 24 states have a Smart Meter Opt Out Law of one degree or another. Smart Meter Opt Out Laws in 24 States Massachusetts is one of the most recent states to consider a similar Bill- S1684 Smart Meter Opt Out

Massachusetts.

## Andrew Marino Testimony to Pennsylvania Utilities Commission

Andrew Marino, a seasoned researcher on the biologic effects of electromagnetic fields, has both a PhD in biophysics as well as JD and stresses the need for burden of proof of safety vs harm. In 2016 he provided comprehensive testimony on Smart Meters to the Pennsylvania Utilities Commission noting, "From animal studies we can now see that essentially any biological system in the body can be altered by environmental-strength levels of any technical type of electromagnetic energy." He also comments on the importance of basic research and the lack of usefulness of epidemiologic studies stating, "Such studies produce the most relevant type of scientific knowledge regarding health risks of electromagnetic energy because their conclusions apply directly to human beings. Nevertheless their probative value is far more limited compared with experimental studies. This limitation arises directly from the logical structure of epidemiological studies."

[https://www.andrewamarino.com/PDFs/F277-Povacz\\_v\\_PECO2017.pdf](https://www.andrewamarino.com/PDFs/F277-Povacz_v_PECO2017.pdf)

He has authored many studies and articles on electromagnetic effects that can be found at his website [https://www.andrewamarino.com/?page\\_id=3258](https://www.andrewamarino.com/?page_id=3258)

Testimony Kirstin Beatty to the Massachusetts PUC outlining issues with Smart Meter infrastructure- Letter Kirstin Beatty Mass Public Utilities Modernization 8:29:2020

Military Expert Jerry Flynn Reveals EMR and Smart Meter Secrets to Preserve Industrial Profit

In this 2012 video below, high level retired military expert Jerry Flynn explains the history of military uses of pulsed electromagnetic radiation (radar) and reviews why wireless devices we use including smart meters, cell phones, baby monitors, Wi Fi routers that use pulsed 2.4GHz RF are harmful to biological processes and linked to chronic illness. He highlights other scientists warning that this is "the single largest technological experiment the public has endured without their knowledge or consent". He notes that scientist Dr. Robert Becker, who studied basic science of EMR and wrote *The Body Electric* warns, " I have no doubt in my mind that at the present time the greatest polluting element in the earths environment is the proliferation of electromagnetic fields. I consider that to be far greater on a global scale than warming and the increase in chemicals in the environment."

Jerry Flynn notes that industry has chosen wireless telecommunications for 2 reasons. 1) It is cheaper for them, thus more profitable and 2) The wireless radiation goes through walls. This means data gathering and surveillance are easy. He points out that no government around the world has ever studied health impacts on children. Despite no studies on Smart Meters these are now placed on our homes without our consent or choice.

## PG&E REFUNDS SMART METER "OPT-OUT" FEES TO EMF-DISABLED CUSTOMER

In a press release April 22, 2021, it is stated that PG and E refunded, by court order, "Opt Out" fees to Nina Beety, who is disabled by electromagnetic sensitivity, as an "unlawful surcharges against a disabled person (ADA Title II Technical Assistance Manual, II-1.3000 Relationship to title III)... She explained that EMF-emitting devices cause her disabling health effects. PG&E ignored Beety's requests for disabled accommodation, and refused to allow residential customers to have analog, non-digital meters without paying a so-called "opt- out" fee. The family was forced to pay \$415. in fees to avoid Smart Meters on their home."

"It took facing a bankruptcy judge in court for PG&E to quit fighting and refund fees that were unlawful surcharges under the ADA and that discriminate against disabled people...

Beety said, "With this action, PG&E and other utilities must now halt their practice of charging unlawful "opt-out" surcharge fees to customers disabled by electromagnetic sensitivity or who have other EMF-sensitive medical conditions, and the companies must refund all unlawful surcharge fees already paid by these disabled customers. Utilities must allow the simple, readily achievable, and reasonable disabled accommodation of analog, electromechanical, non-digital utility meters for all disabled persons who require them."

Opt Out Option in 24 States

Many citizens and community groups have organized in the United States and abroad to oppose and stop Smart Meter installations for several reasons, including health effects. As noted above 24 states now have an opt out option. Reports of harassment and power being shut off has raised concern and awareness about this issue. Michigan is now in the middle of assessing their utility, DTE Energy Corporation, with testimony being entered into the record for 2018 (see below). Massachusetts is the latest to propose legislation allowing opt outs for smart meters Massachusetts Bill S 1864 , S 1864-An Act relative to utilities, smart meters, and ratepayers' rights.

California Opt-Out

In Northern California you can call Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) Opt Out Program at 1-866-743-0263 and ask to Opt Out or call your local utility. People who do not wish to keep their Smart Meters in the 24 states that allow this can call their local utility as well to return back to an analogue meter with a human meter reader. Note that municipalities vary even in states to allow opting out of Smart Meters.

Michigan Senator Patrick Colbeck Sponsors Wireless Forum

On Dec 4, 2018 Senator Colbeck sponsored a groundbreaking international



wireless forum, with speakers discussing all aspects of wireless technology including Smart Meters. This is the first of its kind forum in the depth and breadth of this issue. Senator Colbeck states this is the most important environmental issue of our time as it affects every human. He also notes the first steps of awareness of wireless technology, similar to grieving:

Denial  
Anger  
Bargaining  
Depression  
Acceptance

Senator Colbeck then relates the need to depoy this technology in a safe manner.

Wireless Technology Forum Dec 4, 2018: To view the entire speaker series and panel discussion go [here](#)

Electrical Engineer Bill Bathgate on Health and Safety Issues with Smart Meters, Dec 4, 2018

At the Dec 4, 2018 Wireless Forum sponsored by Michigan Senator Patrick Colbeck Here is an eyeopening video of Bill Bathgate, an electrical engineer, reviewing smart meters and how these can be not only a health hazard but also a fire hazard.

Diana Ostermann Smart Grid Talk to Local Citizens

SMART METERS: Michigan Stop Smart Meters – Diana Ostermann Provides Detailed Information on Smart Meters and How They Work, interference, dirty electricity and more. Technical thorough 1 hour video posted June 13, 2013.

Smart Meters: A National Crisis?

In this article in Health Impact News Smart Meters are discussed in detail and an engineer directly measures the difference between Smart Meters and Cell Towers.

Smart Meters: Countdown to a National Crisis of Illness and Death. April 15, 2018. Smart Meters- A National Crisis  
How Smart Meters Work

Experienced engineer and lecturer Rob States describes below how Smart Meters and the mesh network is created in neighborhoods. He discusses how Smart Meters can increase exposure to potentially harmful microwave radiation. In addition, he looks at how Italy uses somewhat different “smart meters” that do not emit microwave radiation.

The "Dark Side " of Smart Meters . Robert States describes the many dilemmas with Smart Meters including health, privacy and home security. Are There Safer Smart Meters? Truckee California is Testing This

Jeromy Johnson, on his website <http://www.EMFAnalysis.com>, Do You Have a Smart Meter?, examines conventional Smart Meters versus newer models put in Truckee, California, that transmit infrequently and only once a month when the truck reader comes by. Are these safer? The question remains, however the Truckee Donner PUD aims to " have the least amount of RF in their community as possible." They also allow Opt Outs to any of its customers and they do not force this untested technology on their residents.

Dr. David Carpenter on Smart Meters and Health

Public health expert and Harvard Professor Dr. David Carpenter explains that there are no studies showing long term safety of Smart meters. Smart Meter Versus Fruit Tree

This non-scientific observational testimonial video from EMF Analysis.com demonstrates what scientists have found with non-thermal cell tower radiation effects on trees. There are widespread environmental effects now emerging in peer reviewed journals. For Scientific Literature Environmental Effects see <https://mdsafetech.org/environmental-and-wildlife-effects/>

Radiofrequency radiation injures trees around mobile phone base stations. (2016) Waldmann-Selsam C. Sci Total Environ. 2016 Dec 1;572:554-569. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27552133>.

Privacy, Hacking, Fire and Billing Concerns  
Privacy

Privacy of utility billing and usage has been a consumer priority. Third party regulations lag behind in many states, however, some have put in place laws that afford some protection of information. The California Public Utilities Commission was the first to establish rules to protect the privacy and security of customer smart meter usage data to third parties. Unfortunately, when electricity data is transferred to a third party, utilities can no longer reasonably protect that information.

Balancing Smart Grid Data and Consumer Privacy. Constance Douris. June 2017. [https://www.lexingtoninstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Lexington\\_Smart\\_Grid\\_Data\\_Privacy-2017.pdf](https://www.lexingtoninstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Lexington_Smart_Grid_Data_Privacy-2017.pdf)

Smart electricity meters can be dangerously insecure, warns expert. Hackers can cause fraud, explosions and house fires, and utility companies should do more to protect consumers, conference told. Dec 29, 2016. Alex Hern. The Guardian.

<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2016/dec/29/smart-electricity-meters-dangerously-insecure-hackers>

San Francisco Water District- About Your Water Meter. Encrypted data read every 6 hours. <https://sfwater.org/index.aspx?page=386>

## Hacking

Hacking of smart meters has been reported for many years. In 2009 a series of hacking incidents was reported in Puerto Rico where smart meters were altered and settings changed to reduce electricity bills. The FBI got involved at that time. Hackers with not much sophistication according to experts can take control of your electricity as well as any IoT devices that are connected. Hackers RF device fools the "Smart Meter" into thinking it is a cell tower. IoT devices have unique signature loads and this information can be linked to personal information useful to police but also to others for surveillance purposes. Legitimate hacking concerns surround identity theft, burglary and vandalism. Encryption is now used but experts agree that there is no 100% hack proof system.

Hackproofing smart meters. Science Daily. June 6, 2019. University of British Columbia. "He adds that as with all security techniques, there is no such thing as 100 per cent protection: "Security is a cat-and-mouse game between the attacker and the defender, and our goal is to make it more difficult to launch the attacks. I believe the fact that our techniques were able to find not just one or two vulnerabilities, but a whole series of them, makes them a great starting point for defending against attacks."

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2019/06/190606101822.htm>

How to hack a smart meter. Engerati Network. Feb 12, 2018. <https://www.engerati.com/transmission-and-distribution/article/energy-security/how-hack-smart-meter>

Fired Employee Hacked Smart Water Meters Just to be a Jerk. June 30, 2017. Elizabeth Montalbano. <https://securityledger.com/2017/06/fired-employee-hacked-smart-water-meters-just-to-be-a-jerk/>

Black Hat: Water Smart Meters Vulnerable To Attack. Jan 15, 2015. Stefanie Hoffman. <https://news.hamlethub.com/swyonkers/life/1157-smart-water-meters-vulnerable-to-hacking>

Smart Meter Hack Shuts Off the Lights. European researchers will reveal major security weaknesses in smart meters that could allow an attacker to order a power blackout. Kelly Jackson Higgins. Oct 1, 2014. Dark Reading. <https://www.darkreading.com/perimeter/smart-meter-hack-shuts-off-the-lights/d/d-id/1316242>

## Cybersecurity

Cybersecurity is an ongoing problem, despite encryption. The hackers are keeping up with more sophisticated technology. Having data in the "Cloud"

is no assurance of security as well.

Key Biscayne Hit by Cybersecurity Attack. Key Biscayne is the third Florida town to be hit by hackers in June. June 28, 2019.

<https://www.darkreading.com/attacks-breaches/key-biscayne-hit-by-cybersecurity-attack/d/d-id/1335086>

Hackers Won't Let Up in Their Attack on U.S. Cities. Baltimore is still recovering month after more than one group breached its network. Wall Street Journal. June 7, 2019. Scott Calvert and Jon Kamp.

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/u-s-cities-strain-to-fight-hackers-11559899800>

Ransomware Cyberattacks Knock Baltimore's City Services Offline. NPR. May 21, 2019. <https://www.npr.org/2019/05/21/725118702/ransomware-cyberattacks-on-baltimore-put-city-services-offline>

Yes. Ransomware Can Encrypt Your cloud Storage. MUO. Gavin Phillips. March 29, 2017. <https://www.makeuseof.com/tag/cloud-drive-ransomware/>

## Surveillance

Invasive surveillance makes consumers and the ACLU uncomfortable. A recent May 2018 article in the North Jersey USA Today states "Electric cars take the surveillance potential one step further, according to Kate Connizzo of the ACLU in Vermont, one of six states with more than 80 percent residential smart-meter penetration. "Determining how much electricity was required to recharge an electric car, and extrapolating from that how far it had traveled, would seem to be a pretty simple matter," said Connizzo. "Put all this together with such devices as automated license plate readers, surveillance cameras, facial recognition technology, and you construct a detailed record of a person's movements and activities."

## Fires

Fires and explosions have also been reported with smart meters that overload. This is another potential risk. EMF Safety Network has compiled a list of smart meter fires. Installing smart meters takes expertise and time. According to an interview with a former Wellington Energy employee who installed smart meters, there was improper training. If the smart meter is placed too close to a gas line there could be arcing with resultant explosion.

Eight fires were documented by The Coalition to Stop Smart Meters in British Columbia. In a 2017 comprehensive report BCUC & SMART METER FIRES: THE FAILURE TO PROTECT

The author notes:

Smart Meters in BC have never been independently certified by any agency as safe

Smart Meters are being removed from the scene of fires without electrical inspections

No agency is tracking fires

Smart meters have burned, melted, and caused house fires

Palo Alto Power surge raises questions about SmartMeters: East Palo Alto electricity surge burnt out digital meters. Palo Alto Weekly. Sept 6, 2011. <https://www.paloaltoonline.com/news/2011/09/04/power-surge-raises-questions-about-smartmeters>

Billing Issues

While cities across the country have spent tens of millions of dollars “upgrading” water metering systems, residents have frequently reported increased billing as soon as advanced water meters have been installed. The utilities have attributed this to leaks in the system or home renovations, which homeowners have found not to be the case.

Water Bill Investigation: Are smart meters to blame for skyrocketing rates? There is still no explanation behind skyrocketing water bills across the City of San Diego. Steve Price. Feb 6, 2018.

<https://www.cbs8.com/article/news/water-bill-investigation-are-smart-meters-to-blame-for-skyrocketing-rates/509-3ac436c8-e822-4b0d-931a-1929ebfbc184>

Homeowners Question If City’s Smart Water Meter System to Blame for High Bills. NBC San Diego. Tom Jones, Consumer Bob and Erica Byers. Feb 6, 2018. <https://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/Homeowners-Question-If-Citys-Smart-Water-Meter-System-to-Blame-for-High-Bills-473027503.html>

Residents claim water bills are rising after new water meters are installed. Jessica Bruno. Oklahoma News. August 3, 2016. <https://kfor.com/2016/08/03/residents-claim-water-bills-are-rising-after-new-water-meters-are-installed/>

Problems with city’s new ‘smart’ water meters generate numerous written complaints. Daniel chacon. Dec 28, 2015. The New Mexican. [https://www.santafenewmexican.com/news/local\\_news/problems-with-city-s-new-smart-water-meters-generate-numerous/article\\_d4a8e931-9ff9-58a4-8a90-d366f2d3692e.html](https://www.santafenewmexican.com/news/local_news/problems-with-city-s-new-smart-water-meters-generate-numerous/article_d4a8e931-9ff9-58a4-8a90-d366f2d3692e.html)

EMF Safety Network Smart Meter Bill Complaints. <http://emfsafetynetwork.org/smart-meters/complaints/>

San Diego Lawsuits Over Smart Meters: For Electricity, Then Water and Now for Everything

As Smart Meter systems are being installed in cities, there has been no premarket testing of these devices and no consideration for privacy or



cybersecurity. All are significant threats to the health and wellbeing of the communities where these have been and are soon to be installed.

Electric Monitoring: In 2012 A San Diego Woman filed a lawsuit after her Smart Meter was installed and she became ill with symptoms typical of electrosensitivity. Smart Meter Lawsuit Filed in Federal Court by San Diegan

Water Monitoring Smart Meters: This 2018 lawsuit challenges where they money for these meters is coming from and rate increases. Environment Report: Lawsuit Targets Smart Water Meters

Population Monitoring: Jan 2018. New "Smart" monitoring equipment has been placed on streetlights in San Diego to monitor the sounds and sights of those in the city, as well as temperature, humidity and air pollution which will be uploaded to AT&T cloud. They claim it will save energy. San Diego Installs Smart Streetlights to Monitor the Metropolis

Testimony Smart Meters

Michigan House Energy Policy Committee Hearing 1/16/18 Smart Meters

Michigan residents testify about harassment by DTE Energy Corporation, with many testifying to poor customer service, lack of communication, un-consented removal of analogue meters with placement of Smart Meter as well as people having their power abruptly shut off.

At time 43:49 A 90 year old woman and her caretaker discuss how her power was shut off for 2 weeks in November 2014.

At time 1:00:00 A woman discusses the lack of communication with the DTE when she requested keeping her Smart Meter due to health issues with ultimate shutting off of her power.

At time 1:17:15 A doctor discusses her electrosensitivity and the lack of knowledge and respect for her condition from DTE when her power was shut off because of her refusal to have a Smart Meter.

Michigan Senator Patrick J. Colbeck Speaks on concerns about Smart Meters as a Part of Smart Grid and support for HR 4220 to allow Opt Out, March 9, 2017

Michigan Senator Patrick J. Colbeck discusses security threats and consumer protections regarding Smart Meters and a Smart Grid. He highlights a study done in California on failure mode and effects analysis showing that the power to our homes, offices and businesses is put at risk by using Smart Meters. Analogue meters do not carry this risk. He puts Smart Meter risks in three broad categories- National Security, Business

Liability and Family Security. He quotes former CIA Director James Woolsey, "A so called "Smart Grid" that is as vulnerable as what we've got is not smart at all. It's a really stupid grid." Business risks to their operation include "threats of terrorism" and "Cyber attacks". These are listed in the Michigan DTE 10K filing. "Technology systems are vulnerable to disability or failures, due to hacking, viruses, acts of war..." Regarding Family risks there are No surge protectors thus risking fires, no conducted emissions filter leading to early appliance failure, Cyber security back-door access for hackers, no circuit breaker between the meter and the power source.

Michigan Senator Patrick J. Colbeck Speaks in Support of Smart Meter Choice for Opt Out, Nov 10, 2016

Senator Patrick Colbeck speaks in support of property rights to allow property owners the choice of having a Smart Meter during the November 10, 2016 session. He notes that there are many reasons citizens wish to have an analogue meter rather than a Smart Meter. These concerns include privacy, health, accurate pricing and data hacking on usage profiles. He states this comes down to property rights and the ability of people to refuse a device that causes substantial harm. Senator Colbeck notes there is no substantial harm in letting people have a choice.

Dr. Martin Pall Testimony in Massachusetts on Smart Meters

Dr. Martin Pall, Professor Emeritus at Washington State University and author of many papers on EMR on cellular structures, testifies June 20, 2017 in Massachusetts on Smart Meter bill SB1864.

<http://healthimpactnews.com/2017/smart-meters-countdown-to-a-national-crisis-of-illness-and-death/>  
Power Cut off in 4 North Carolina Homes as They Refuse Smart Meters.

On June 28, 2018, four Asheville North Carolina homes had their power cut off for refusing Smart meters. No advanced notice was given according to the residents. They state they had signed a notarized document requesting removal of smart meters and replacement with analogue meters.

Smart Meters, Dirty Electricity and Disease

Dr. Sam Milham, physician, epidemiologist and author of the book Dirty Electricity, is featured here, explaining smart meter devices, dirty electricity and adverse health effects. Informative. Research papers he highlights can be found on his website Sam Milham Research Papers.

" I have no doubt in my mind that at the present time the greatest polluting element in the earths environment is the proliferation of

electromagnetic fields. I consider that to be far greater on a global scale than warming and the increase in chemicals in the environment.”

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**Subject:** Los Gatos, Redwood City Men Charged in Separate Hate Crime Assaults | San Jose Inside  
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Nov 4, 2021

Hi Council Member Greg Tanaka:

Please read the below article regarding two different individuals recently charged with misdemeanor hate crimes by the Santa Clara County District Attorney Jeff Rosen.

As you will note, in both cases, the alleged hate crimes included both hate speech in addition to allegations of battery and assault.

In one case the defendant attempted to spit on the alleged victim (assault) combined with alleged hate speech ( why don't you go back to your own country).

In the other case, the defendant is alleged to have struck the alleged victim ( battery) combined with -(alleged hate speech).

Council member Tanaka: I hope the above examples will convince you that your effort to have Palo Alto pass an ordinance criminalizing alleged stand-alone-hate-speech-is both unnecessary and violative of our constitution, specifically the 1st Amendment of our Bill of Rights.

Best regards,

aram james

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**Subject:** Re: D.A. Boudin charges S.F. cop with voluntary manslaughter in 2017 shooting of Sean Moore  
**Date:** Friday, November 5, 2021 2:11:03 PM

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Yeah I've only seen this and I've tweeted about it I sent you a copy of it

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> On Nov 5, 2021, at 2:07 PM, Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com> wrote:

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> FYI:

> <https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/amp/DA-Boudin-charges-S-F-cop-with-homicide-in-2017-16585937.php>

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**Subject:** S.F. police sergeant arrested in Rite-Aid robbery  
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**To:** [Atkinson, Rebecca](#)  
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**Subject:** FW: How many cell towers are there in Palo Alto?  
**Date:** Friday, November 5, 2021 4:10:11 PM

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Hi Rebecca,

Thank you for the heads up to Tina, Todd, Bill and me regarding the “study session” on November 15<sup>th</sup>, and for letting us know that you are once more the person at City Hall we should contact first if we need cell tower information.

On the latter point, I would appreciate it if you would answer the questions I asked your colleague Garrett Sauls two weeks ago, namely: 1) how many macro towers have been installed or are pending installation in Palo Alto, and 2) how many small cell node cell towers have been installed or are pending installation here. (My email to Garrett is appended below.)

Thanks and best,

Jeanne

Jeanne Fleming, PhD  
[JFleming@Metricus.net](mailto:JFleming@Metricus.net)  
650-325-5151

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**From:** Jeanne Fleming <jfleming@metricus.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 22, 2021 3:21 PM  
**To:** 'Sauls, Garrett' <Garrett.Sauls@CityofPaloAlto.org>  
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**Subject:** How many cell towers are there in Palo Alto?

Hi Garrett,

I would appreciate it if you would tell me: 1) how many macro towers have been installed or are pending installation in Palo Alto, and 2) how many small cell node cell towers have been installed or are pending installation here.

Thank you for your help. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Jeanne

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**Subject:** Rapper T.I. develops 143 unit of affordable housing in Atlanta  
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**Subject:** Re: Racism in jury selection in the Ahmaud Arbery case( you decide)  
**Date:** Saturday, November 6, 2021 12:45:20 AM

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Ok, thanks to the Palo Alto Free Press for their contribution to this critical issue: whose up next?

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> On Nov 6, 2021, at 12:35 AM, Palo Alto Free Press <[paloaltofreepress@gmail.com](mailto:paloaltofreepress@gmail.com)> wrote:

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> Well in my opinion of the status quo....and the criminal justice system in Santa Clara and beyond.....Almost without exception, all with KKK white robes and hoods.....

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>> On Nov 5, 2021, at 11:02 PM, Aram James <[abjpd1@gmail.com](mailto:abjpd1@gmail.com)> wrote:

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>> FYI: Only one Black juror allowed to remain on the jury in a county where one of four citizens are African American.

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>> Is this routine justice in the courts of America? You be the judge. 24 peremptory challenges for the defense only 12 for the prosecution.

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>> Is this a stacked deck for the acquittal of 3 white men....who executed Ahmaud Arbery for being black in a predominantly white neighborhood?

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>> White Supremacy equals our criminal justice system-from Santa Clara County to courtrooms of Glynn County Georgia.

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>> What's your opinion of justice in America?

>> Speak up! Don't bite your tongue!

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>> Aram

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>> <https://www.insider.com/why-ahmaud-arbery-case-has-mostly-white-jury-2021-11?amp>

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**Subject:** Time to reconsider the use of deadly Tasers in Palo Alto  
**Date:** Saturday, November 6, 2021 12:09:25 PM

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FYI: Tasers are an inherently dangerous weapon whether used in our jails or by law enforcement on the streets of our community. Palo Alto should ban tasers now:

Time for Palo Alto to reconsider the human and financial cost of maintaining Tasers in their already bloated arsenal of weapons .

( piece written by attorneys Richard Konda & Aram James circa 2017) see link below

<https://siliconvalleydebug.org/stories/stop-tasers-from-being-introduced-to->

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**Subject:** Man burst into flames after Taser used on him, police say | KRON4  
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FYI: A very very disturbing case. And one more reason to Ban Tasers.

The Palo Alto City Council should at minimum place the Taser issue on calendar as an action item to review the growing body of evidence that Tasers should never be used on unarmed individuals. The statistics are clear Tasers are used in unarmed individuals 80% -90% of the time.

Police training is clear that a gun not a Taser should be used on a suspect who is threatening the police with gun or other deadly weapon and has the actual ability to inflict deadly force on an officer.

Aram

<https://www.kron4.com/news/national/man-burst-into-flames-after-taser-used-on-him-police-say/>

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**Subject:** Ex-prosecutor indicted for misconduct in Ahmaud Arbery death | Fox News. ( Fox News September 3, 2021)  
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**Subject:** Renter Protections  
**Date:** Sunday, November 7, 2021 7:49:29 AM

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Dear Members of the Palo Alto Council:

The local Low-income & Homeless Committee of the Women's International League for Peace & Freedom (WILPF) supports the PA Renter's Assn list of protections for nearly 1/2 the population of Palo Alto, who are tenants!. In addition, WILPF seeks support for the following:

**RENT CONTROL/STABILIZATION** --as rents continue to go up in Palo Alto. Cities all around here have mandated control over how much owners can increase rents

**NO OFFICE DEVELOPMENT** until the city meets the state requirements for Low-income housing for its workers--We have a glut of office space while city workers cannot find affordable housing in the city

Also, we oppose destroying housing for pools--**NO Swimming Pools** to replace any kind of housing!

You all-- members of our city council-- are responsible for regulating construction for the benefit of all-- renters are as important as landlords-- maybe more important.

Would each of you please respond to this and explain what you as a council member have done and will do to rectify the very difficult plight of renter residents of Palo Alto?

If you are not going to support rent control and encourage low-income residential development, what do you propose to do about the long standing, difficult-for-everyone lack of affordable housing for Palo Alto's support system?

Roberta Ahlquist & Chuck Jagoda for the WILPF Low-Income & Homeless Committee

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**Subject:** When Police Call a Car a Weapon ( aka: Why many people have an extraordinary distaste for police)  
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FYI: Front page of today's ( Sunday) NYT's

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**Subject:** Don't Choose Extinction!  
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Hi Mayor, Council members and Staff,

I will be brief: Don't Choose Extinction! Please view this short video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VaTgTiUhEJg> (2:30)

Another way to put this is: Business As Usual will kill us all. No BAU!

We must Build Back Better and Uplift Local. We must address climate change whenever possible. What does this mean for Palo Alto?

The SCAP is a good start for BBB and UL, but it is happening at BAU pace such that we are more than 10% off our goal and we have no programs operating at scale that can help us meet our goals. We need to ramp this up faster than Staff's current timelines.

Other examples:

- Opening University Ave to cars is BAU. Making it bike/ped/people friendly is BBB and UL.
- Closing the crossing at Churchill Ave. is BBB and UL. Both the Comp Plan and the SCAP say we need to reduce car use – so let's start here. It is also the least expensive and destructive to our neighborhoods and the XCAP has agreed with this choice.
- No more City parking lots. This is against the SCAP and Comp Plan and encourages car use.
- The new bike bridge over 101 is a good example of BBB and UL but it was done at half speed and much greater cost i.e. BAU.

For all City expenditures, policy decisions, and capital improvement projects, climate change must play a much larger roll in how these decisions are made.

Please always include climate change as a top driver/consideration for all actions you make to govern our city, otherwise you are favoring the fate of the dinosaurs on us. Please don't subsidize our extinction. Always choose Built Back Better and Uplift Local.

Sincerely,

David Coale

Barron Park





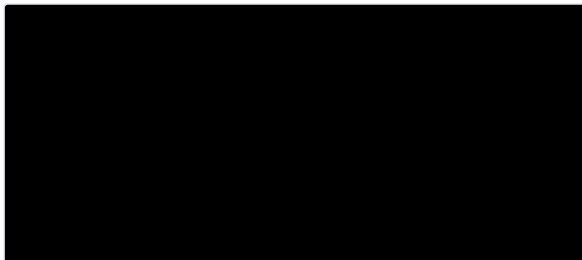
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**"Against Our Better Judgement: The hidden history of how the U.S. was used to create Israel"** by Alison Weir

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

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

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

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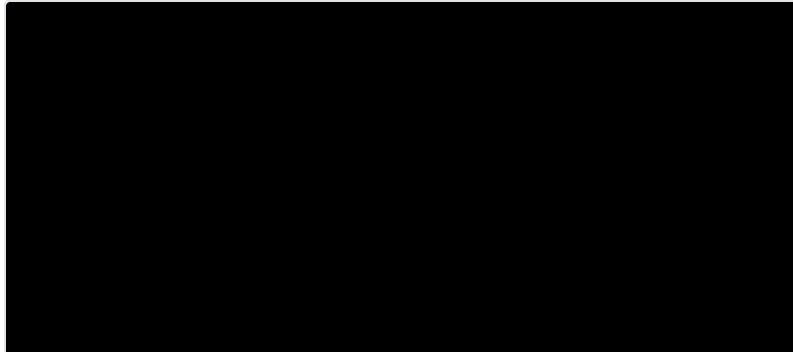
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Good morning Planning Commission,

Attached please find (1) a letter regarding tomorrow evening's PTC hearing and formal requests regarding Frank Dunlap's Preliminary Parcel Map Application for 985 Channing Avenue, and (2) slides in support of Mr. Dunlap's application. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or comments.

Best,

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# Approval Recommended

Because the proposed map is consistent with Palo Alto's Comprehensive Plan and all the reverse findings are met, the PTC should grant Mr. Dunlap's Preliminary Parcel Map application.

## **Recommendation:**

Pursuant to the statutory framework outlined in Gov. Code section 66474 and PAMC 21.12.090, the PTC should grant the Dunlap's Preliminary Parcel Map.

## **Reasoning:**

- Consistent with Palo Alto's Comprehensive Plan
- Satisfies the findings necessary
- Suits the neighborhood, and
- Brings the Dunlaps' home up to the City's modern standards

**Authority:** Gov. Code section 66474 and PAMC 21.12.090.

# SUMMARY OF ARGUMENTS: RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY PARCEL MAP APPLICATION

**Rule:** If Gov. Code Section 66474 (“Reverse”/ “Negative”) Findings Satisfied, the PTC should approve Dunlap’s Preliminary Parcel Map

## **Seven Findings Satisfied:**

1. Proposed map falls outside of Specific Planned areas and is consistent with Comprehensive Plan (66474(a).)
2. Design/Improvement consistent with General Plan. (66474(b).)
3. Physically Suitable for Type of Development (66474(c).)
4. Physically Suitable for Proposed Density (66474(d).)
5. No Wildlife Damage (66474(e).)
6. No Public Health Problems (66474(f).)
7. No Public Easements (66474(g).)

# Gov. Code Section 66474 Explained:

## “Negative” Findings

According to Gov. Code section 66473.5, for a city to approve a subdivision map, it must make a finding that a proposed subdivision is consistent with its general plan.

You must deny approval only if you make one of the seven “negative” findings pursuant to 66474.



# Finding #1: Consistent with General & Specific Plans

Site is not a specific plan area and is consistent with Comprehensive Plan.

## **Finding #1:**

“That the proposed map is not consistent with applicable general and specific plans as specified in Section 65451.”

## **Reasoning:**

- The site does not lie within a specific plan area, and
- The proposal is consistent with the provisions of the Comprehensive Plan (next slide).

**Authority:** Gov. Code section 66474(a) and PAMC 21.12.090.

# Finding #2: Consistent with General & Specific Plans

Encourages Land Use

Promotes new development  
and livability

Compatible with  
neighborhood and adjacent  
structures

## Finding #2:

“That the design or improvement of the proposed subdivision is not consistent with applicable general and specific plans.”

### Reasoning: Consistent with the Comprehensive Plan:

- a. L-1.6: Encourage land uses addressing needs of community and manage change and development to benefit community.
- b. L-1.11: Hold new development to the highest development standards in order to maintain Palo Alto’s livability and achieve the highest quality development with the least impacts.
- c. L-3.1: Ensure that new or remodeled structures are compatible with the neighborhood and adjacent structures.
- d. L-6.1: Promote high quality, creative design and site planning ...compatible with surrounding development and public spaces.

Authority: Gov. Code section 66474(b) and PAMC 21.12.090.

# Finding #3: Physically suitable for Type of Development

Physically Suitable for the  
Type of Development:  
(1) R-1 neighborhood;  
(2) already limits the height  
of homes;  
(3) this brings it into parity  
with the neighbors.

## Finding #3:

“That the site is not physically suitable for the proposed density of development.”

## Reasoning:

- The site is well suited for, and currently developed as a single-family home;
- The site is within an urbanized area of the city
- Parity with Neighbors: Neighbored by single-family use as well as other two-story homes.

**Authority:** Gov. Code section 66474(c) and PAMC 21.12.090.

# Finding #4: Physically Suitable for Density

A Two-Story Home is Physically Suitable for the R-1 neighborhood that: (1) has a tailored “Individual Review” process; and (2) this brings it into parity with the neighbors.

## **Finding #4:**

“That the site is not physically suitable for the proposed density of development.”

## **Reasoning:**

- The subdivision does not modify the physical conditions of the parcels already established in 1980, and is consistent with all zoning regulations allowed by the City at the time.
- Parity with neighborhood.

**Authority:** Gov. Code section 66474(d) and PAMC 21.12.090.

# Finding #5: No Wildlife Damage

The Application poses no threat to wildlife.

## **Finding #5:**

“That the design of the subdivision or the proposed improvements are likely to cause substantial environmental damage or substantially and avoidably injure fish or wildlife or their habitat:”

## **Reasoning:**

- The subdivision will not cause environmental damage or injure fish, wildlife, or their habitat.
- The project site has been fully urbanized and developed and is located within an area of the City where there is no recognized sensitive wildlife or habitat in the project vicinity.

**Authority:** Gov. Code section 66474(e) and PAMC 21.12.090.

# Finding #6: No Public Health Problems

The Subdivision poses no threat to public health.

## **Finding #6:**

“That the design of the subdivision or type of improvements is likely to cause serious public health problems.”

## **Reasoning:**

- Application does not seek to further subdivide an existing lot.
- The existing parcel will not cause cognizable public health problems and does not pose a threat to public health.

**Authority:** Gov. Code section 66474(f) and PAMC 21.12.090.

# Finding #7: No Public Easements on Property

The Property has no recorded public easements, and therefore this is a non-factor.

## **Finding #7:**

“That the design of the subdivision or the type of improvements will conflict with [public] easements...”

## **Reasoning:**

The property does not have any public easements recorded on site and the proposed map does not establish any going forward. As a result, the application does not create any conflicts with any public easements.

**Authority:** Gov. Code section 66474(g) and PAMC 21.12.090.

# Conclusion: Approval Recommended

Because all reverse findings are met, the PTC should grant Mr. Dunlap's Preliminary Parcel Map application.

## **Recommendation:**

Pursuant to the statutory framework outlined in Gov. Code section 66474 and PAMC 21.12.090, the PTC should grant the Dunlap's Preliminary Parcel Map.

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Re: Frank Dunlap's Preliminary Parcel Map Application for 985 Channing Avenue

Dear PTC Commissioners,

I write today with three formal requests regarding Frank Dunlap's 985 Channing Ave. Preliminary Parcel Map application: (1) a request for additional time to present Mr. Dunlap's position at the November 10, 2021 PTC hearing, (2) a request that Mr. Dunlap's new presentation materials, i.e. power point slides, be made a part of the official record, and (3) that copies of the slides are distributed to the members of the commission for their review prior to the hearing.

Request for Additional Presentation Time:

First, I write to formally request additional time to present new arguments and/or for public comment in support of Mr. Dunlap's position.

I do so on the basis that since the October 13, 2021 hearing we have been operating with the understanding that the Parcel Map Amendment procedure outlined in Gov. Code, § 66472.1 and mirrored in PAMC Title 21.16.280 was the applicable statutory scheme.

After reviewing the updated PTC Staff Report issued on November 3, 2021 and consulting with deputy City Attorney, Albert Yang, and Associate Planner, Garrett Sauls, we understand that the more appropriate vehicle for Mr. Dunlap's application is that of a new Preliminary Parcel Map, pursuant to Gov. Code § 66474 and reflected in PAMC Title 21.12.090. Therefore, we request additional time to present Mr. Dunlap's position.

Requests regarding Slides:

Likewise, due to the newly applicable statutory scheme outlined above, we prepared additional materials for the commission's review and request that (a) they are included in the official record and (b) that they are distributed to all of the members of the commission prior to the hearing.

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If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at [jfoconnor@clarkhill.com](mailto:jfoconnor@clarkhill.com) or at (415) 984-8545.

Very truly yours,

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