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Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 10:55 AM
To: Gerhardt, Jodie <Jodie.Gerhardt@CityofPaloAlto.org>; Sauls, Garrett <Garrett.Sauls@CityofPaloAlto.org>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: 985 Channing Avenue

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Dear Jodie:

We are writing this letter to you in response to an official post-card notice that we received (September 2, 2021) regarding an upcoming meeting of the **City of Palo Alto Planning and Transportation Commission (PTC)** that will involve a public hearing (“PUBLIC HEARING / QUASI-JUDICIAL”) to discuss “985 Channing Avenue [211PLN-00167]: Request for a Public Hearing of a Preliminary Parcel Map to remove a recorded height restriction on the underlying Parcel Map...”

The postcard notice was received September 2, 2021, and the meeting is less than a week away. We were originally told by Garrett Sauls that “September 29 was being targeted” for this meeting. An e-mail update, indicating a new date of September 8, was received just this week.

The “too-short-notice” that we have received is utterly unreasonable.

I will remind you that the contiguous neighbors to 985 Channing Avenue stand in vigorous and unanimous opposition to the plan to build a 2nd story on the existing 1-story house. We want the existing restrictions (height restrictions and other restrictions), that are legally recorded, to remain in place. These restrictions were well thought out. They were put in place to protect the adjacent and neighboring property owners at the time that 991 Channing Avenue was split into two parcels (in 1980), to prevent an over-sized structure at 985 Channing Avenue from being built that would adversely affect privacy.

We need more time to engage with legal counsel to ensure that our viewpoint is heard loudly and clearly at this meeting.

Any reasonable deliberative process would accord us more time to prepare for the meeting.

A shift to September 8th completely pulls the rug out from under us, limiting our ability to have our viewpoint heard.

This sudden shift to September 8th is unfair and biases the matter in favor of the applicant.

Please come up with a new date for the meeting that will allow us to prepare adequately.

Very truly yours,

David and Juanita Loftus (911 Lincoln Avenue)
David Rogosa and Claudia Natale (991 Channing Avenue)
Jim and Bev Weager (975 Channing Avenue)

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Subject: Why Indian Hindutva supporters back Israel on Gaza bombing | India News | Al Jazeera
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FYI: important piece sent my way. Long love the Palestinian People!!!
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Subject: Durham DA's Office Announces Participation in First of Its Kind Study on Plea Arrangements
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Subject: The Mercury News E-Edition Article
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Subject: good comments on the background checks
Date: Monday, August 30, 2021 9:59:40 PM

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FYI:

Hi Greg,

Thanks much! As you know I've been a huge huge supporter of expanding Safe Parking Programs in Palo Alto and still am. My 25 years as a public defender strongly suggests that an extra layer of safely and gaining community support is robust but nuanced background checks...as I spoke to this evening.

I failed to mention that I agree with Angie Evans comments we do NOT need police (utility team) as front line responders to the unhoused in our community.

I hope the city council will instead use social workers and mental health workers as the first responders re working with the unhoused. The money that would go to the utility team(previously SET-street enforcement team) should instead go for trained case workers, social workers, mental health workers, etc. Such a reallocation of funds is not defunding the police but instead supporting a smart alternative use of city funds consistent with best practices re the current social justice movement in this country. Please consider this progressive alternative to using police as first responders when interacting with the unhoused.

Best regards,

Aram Janes

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On Aug 30, 2021, at 9:20 PM, Greg Tanaka
<greg@gregtanaka.org> wrote:

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Subject: Today's Washington Post Monday August 30,2021
Date: Monday, August 30, 2021 11:37:55 AM

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Hate crimes rise to highest level in 12 years amid increasing attacks on Blacks, Asians, FBI says By David Nakamura Today at 12:56 p.m. EDT The number of hate crimes in the United States rose in 2020 to the highest level in 12 years, propelled by increasing assaults targeting Black and Asian victims, the FBI reported Monday. In all, the federal agency tallied 7,759 hate crimes last year, a tumultuous 12 months marked by a global pandemic, a divisive presidential election and upheaval in the economy. The total marked an increase of six percent from 2019 and the most since 2008, when 7,783 hate crimes were reported. It is the sixth time in the past seven years that the number of attacks rose. The number of hate crimes reported has increased by nearly 42 percent since 2014, according to federal data. Attacks targeting Blacks rose from 1,930 to 2,755, and the number targeting Asians jumped from 158 to 274, the data showed. Those figures come as civil rights groups have warned of increasing hostility toward minorities, amid a rise in white nationalism and an increase in violent crime levels nationwide. Attacks targeting Whites rose to 773, an increase of about 16 percent. Congress mandates that the FBI collect hate-crime data annually based on reports from local law enforcement agencies. In 2020, the number of agencies that participated in that effort fell for at least the second consecutive year — to 15,136, which is 422 fewer than in 2019. Of those agencies that did participate, the vast majority reported no hate crimes. Congressional Democrats and civil rights advocates have criticized what they describe as a large undercount in the number of hate crimes and other bias incidents, saying local police are poorly trained in how to identify and catalogue hate crimes and lack sufficient resources or interest in investigating them. Stop AAPI Hate, a grass-roots groups based in California, reported 6,603 hate incidents against Asians from March 2020 — the start of the coronavirus pandemic in the United States — through March of this year. Of that data, which was collected through self-reporting portals online and was not thoroughly vetted, about 65 percent consisted of verbal harassment, such as name calling, and 12.6 percent involved physical assault. In May, Congress approved the Covid-19 Hate Crimes Act, which requires the Justice Department to appoint an official to expedite investigations into hate crimes reported to federal authorities. The bill also seeks to improve reporting of hate crimes among localities by bolstering online reporting channels and offering resources in more languages to help immigrants. This is a developing story. It will be updated.

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Subject: Why scapegoating Sheriff Smith for jail problems is wrong - The Mercury News
Date: Sunday, August 29, 2021 6:07:53 PM

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Why we need to be so vigilant re jury selection process not just in Texas but in racist and
castist Santa Clara County.

<https://abc13.com/brazoria-county-district-attorney-investigation-texas-rangers/10981504/>

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Subject: NYTimes: When Police Lie, the Innocent Pay. Some Are Fighting Back.
Date: Sunday, August 29, 2021 12:52:47 AM

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Subject: Opinion: Why the Dismantling Global Hindutva Conference is urgent, necessary and long overdue
Date: Saturday, August 28, 2021 11:44:53 PM

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FYI: conference is free starting September 10.

<https://scroll.in/global/1003682/opinion-why-the-dismantling-global-hindutva-conference-is-urgent-necessary-and-long-overdue>

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Subject: Other California Cities
Date: Friday, August 27, 2021 5:01:09 PM

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Dear Mr. Albritton,

As you know, Palo Alto's Planning Director, Jonathan Lait, recently approved three new Verizon cell towers to be located in residential zones (PLN20-00118), cell towers in which two or three bulbous sets of antennae perch on top of a slender streetlamp pole.

Palo Alto's Planning Department tells me they do not know if any other California cities have approved this design. Hence I'm hoping you can tell me if the design has been approved elsewhere and, if so, where—or that, as Verizon's attorney, you can direct me to someone who can answer this question.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Fleming

Jeanne Fleming, PhD
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Subject: Supreme Court strikes down CDC eviction moratorium despite delta's rise - The Washington Post
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Another example of why the democrats may need to expand the number of justices on the Supreme Court from 9 to 13.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/courts_law/supreme-court-eviction-ban-struck-down/2021/08/26/46bce3e2-0511-11ec-a654-900a78538242_story.html

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Subject: NYTimes: 'They Were Bullies': Inside the Turbulent Origins of the Collapsed Florida Condo
Date: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 3:56:26 PM

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Something to watch for in Palo Alto with endless developers pushing high limits, etc?

'They Were Bullies': Inside the Turbulent Origins of the Collapsed Florida Condo
<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/08/25/us/miami-building-collapse-surfside.html?referringSource=articleShare>

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Subject: After George Floyd's death, big business pledged nearly \$50 billion for racial justice. This is where the money is going. - Washington Post
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Subject: The Supreme Court Couldn't Stop a lynching. Racial healing in Chattanooga Tennessee? NYT Sunday August 22
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Subject: As promised I'm sending around the piece I wrote on the Brock Turner case. I wrote back about the same time Sajit Khan wrote his piece on the same topic...
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8/20/21

Hi Sajit, (Sajit Khan candidate for Santa Clara County District Attorney 2022)

As promised I'm sending around the piece I wrote on the Brock Turner case back about the same time frame (June-July 2016) you wrote your article on the same topic. Unlike you I stand by my piece and believe it was appropriately respectful of both sexual assault victims, public safety, and restorative justice-drawing the correct balance between public safety and the need for applying a restorative justice (or as you so eloquently put it, a holistic model) between sexual assault victims, first time offenders, be they poor, people of color or members of the dominant caste.

I look forward to you criticizing my piece and even attacking it-if you find I have fallen short in appropriately balancing the needs of sexual assault victims and first time offenders.

Similarly, if you believe my support for former Judge Persky was misguided, and he deserves what he received-to be recalled for the sentence he imposed in the Turner case; don't hesitate to blast me with criticism.

To Jeff Rosen (the current Santa Clara County District Attorney) or anyone else receiving this email feel free to attack my views on this matter. It's all about the learning process. What say you?

Best regards,

Community activist,

Aram

Don't judge Persky sentence in a vacuum

By Aram B. James

Former Stanford student and potential Olympic swimmer Brock Turner, a 19-year-old freshman at the time of this incident, was convicted in March of three felonies: assault with intent to commit rape of an intoxicated or unconscious person, sexual penetration of an intoxicated person, and sexual penetration of an unconscious person. The victim was a 22-year-old female college graduate, from another university, who attended the same alcohol-fueled Stanford fraternity party as Turner.

On June 2, Judge Aaron Persky of the Santa Clara County Superior Court — after reviewing and considering a very detailed probation report prepared by a senior female member of the Santa Clara County Probation Department, including statements from the victim and defendant, and numerous letters attesting to Turner's good character — sentenced Turner to six months in the county jail, with three years of formal probation. The sentence imposed by Persky — the same judge who presided over the trial — was entirely consistent with the probation officer's recommendation. Turner had no prior record.

The perceived leniency of Persky's sentence set off a near public lynching of both Turner and Persky. A media and social media lynching that were witnessed by the entire nation. Calls for Persky to resign or face a recall election over the case continue to this day.

Before retiring as a career public defender I handled hundreds, if not thousands, of felony probation violations. I can attest to the fact that young offenders, closely supervised on felony probation, frequently fail to make it through formal probation unscathed. The numerous potential pitfalls of formal probation are an important reason why the six-month initial county jail sentence cannot be viewed in a vacuum. To understand the severity of the punishment, one must understand the part probation plays in the overall sentencing scheme.

Defendants, who may have initially received what appears to be a light, or restorative-justice inspired sentence, for a serious crime, often end up serv-

ing some, if not all, of the maximum prison time they could have received at the time of the original sentencing. In Turner's case, this means if he violates probation he could well end up serving a prison sentence of three to 10 years, or more — hardly a slap on the hand.

Given the infamous cause celeb status that this case has achieved, Turner is now one of the most reviled defendants in American. He will undoubtedly be closely scrutinized on probation. Turner will be on a very short leash.

If he violates probation he could well end up serving a prison sentence of three to 10 years, or more — hardly a slap on the hand.

A defendant on probation is spared prison only so long as he agrees to severe limits on his freedom. The terms and conditions of probation define the quality and limits of a defendant's freedom. Even a minor violation — e.g., failure to report to your probation officer, even on one occasion, or a one-time violation of a no drug or alcohol condition — can result in the revocation of probation and imposition of a previously suspended prison sentence.

So what does three years of formal probation really mean in the context of the Brock Turner case? Based on the nature of Turner's convictions, the terms and conditions of his probation are multiple, complex, restrictive and appropriately oppressive.

As an example, while on probation, Turner was ordered by Persky to participate in and complete an approved sex offender program, of not less than one year, and up to the entire three-year term of his probation. His failure to complete this program, or for that matter any other program ordered by the court, would trigger a revocation and a potential prison sentence.

As part of the sex offender program, Turner will be required to submit to polygraph exams to monitor and ensure compliance with the program.

As a further public safety measure, Turner will be required to waive his psychotherapist-patient privilege, al-

lowing his therapist to speak directly to Turner's probation officer re his progress or lack thereof.

Turner must register annually as a sex offender for life, and each time he changes his residence. He must re-register within a few days of moving. Failure to register in a timely manner would be both a new crime, allowing for the potential of new charges and a separate prison sentence, and a violation of his current probation.

Turner must submit to drug and alcohol testing to ensure he is complying with the terms of his probation, that he not consume alcohol or drugs, or frequent places where alcohol is sold or consumed as a primary business.

He must waive his Fourth Amendment rights, to be free of illegal and warrantless searches, and thus submit to random searches and seizure of his person, vehicle and place of residence, at any time.

Upon an alleged violation of probation, Turner, would be returned to court to face a hearing. Unlike with a new offense, there is no right to a jury trial when charged with a probation violation. A judge sitting alone hears the matter.

To find a violation the judge need only determine that the evidence proves the violation by a preponderance of the evidence, not proof beyond a reasonable doubt, as required at a jury trial.

If the judge, after hearing evidence of the alleged violation, concludes that Turner has in fact violated his probation, the judge can then sentence him to the maximum sentence, he faced at the time of the original sentencing.

In my experience, judges assigned to hear probation violations are some of the most putative jurists on the bench. Need I say, that given the media attention and wave of vitriol directed at Turner, he will be the closest watched probationer in America.

Given the dizzying probationary maze faced by Turner, it is hard to quarrel with Persky's initial sentence.

As a society ruined by the scorch of over incarceration, it is critical that we have judges who have the discretion to encourage a rehabilitative model-first approach, while at the same time imposing severe conditions of probation that

maximize public safety and protect us from truly violent predators.

The sentence in the Turner case more than adequately balances both the public safety and the rehabilitative purposes of probation.

Many of the same progressive voices who have spoken out long and passionately against over incarceration, mass incarceration, the disproportionate sentences imposed on the poor and people of color, are now doing an about face in the Turner case.

They are shouting out that more of the same cruelty and barbarism should have been handed down in the Turner case. The same mentality that has brought us to our current failed state of mass incarceration.

Instead of blindly demanding that a white male elite be sentenced to prison for his first offense, the better logic is to demand the same measure of justice and mercy, for similarly situated defendants of color and the poor. We must look to rehabilitation and restorative justice first, and harsh and unforgiving prison sentences, only where absolutely necessary.

The vengeful model of sentencing has proven over and over again to lead to recidivism, overcrowded prisons, and little or no true comfort or safety, for the victims.

We should support Persky's rehabilitation-motivated sentence, as an extension of the progressive movement's call, for an end to our country's failed mass incarceration policies.

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The ACJP Cobarrubias Justice Project

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August 20, 2021

Hi Sajit,

I read your excellent piece written on August 18, 2021 apologizing for being insensitive to sexual assault victims (<https://votesajid.medium.com/centering-survivors-e59e228c0c22>), when you wrote an earlier piece on the sentencing of Brock Turner after his conviction for serious sexual assault charges. <https://www.sanjoseinside.com/opinion/op-ed-in-defense-of-brock-turners-lenient-sentence>.

After reading your recent piece several times over and then your 2016 piece I have the following comments and then a few questions:

Comments:

I found absolutely nothing in your 2016 piece in defense of Brock Turner's sentence that was even slightly insensitive to sexual assault victims.

In fact your 2016 piece pointed out that Mr. Turner's sentence reflected the best of restorative justice while punishing Mr. Turner appropriately, and while protecting both the victim and the safety of the general public by the harsh sentence imposed on Mr. Turner.

In fact your 2016 article pointed out that Mr. Turner was not only going to serve 6 months in county jail, but would suffer a lifetime sexual registration requirement that you well know the failure to comply with could, at anytime, result in a jail or a harsh prison sentence.

In addition you pointed out that Mr. Turner was also placed on felony probation that upon violation could result in up to 14 years in prison, hardly a lenient sentence or in any possible way now be, five years later, construed as disrespectful of sexual assault victims.

In fact I challenge you to show me one word or one sentence in your 2016 article that was disrespectful or insensitive to sexual assault victims.

In my view it is disingenuous to suggest that the sentiments reflected in your 2016 letter were written because of your exuberance or zealous advocacy for defendants that grows exclusively out of being a public defender or defense attorney. That doesn't work with me.

Your 2016 letter was extremely well balanced pointing out how judges like former judge Persky should retain judicial discretion to decide each case on a case-by-case basis, with an eye towards a restorative justice model.

If you're being honest with yourself the piece you wrote could have been written either by a thoughtful public defender or a progressive distinct attorney like the one you soon hope to be.

Questions:

1. What you don't say in your new piece, August 18, 2021, Is if you now believe that former judge Persky's sentence was too light, and, as a result, sent a message of insensitivity to all sexual assault victim? Or was his sentence entirely appropriate as reflective of a best restorative justice model? Please respond.
2. In your 2016 letter you praised former Judge Persky for his general fairness toward defendants and the appropriateness of his sentence in the Turner case. Are you now saying his sentence was too lenient and he should have been recalled as the voters decided? Please let me hear your response.
3. * Disclosure: I wrote a check on August 3, 2021 in the amount of \$250.00 in support of Sajit Khan's campaign. BTW I'm still waiting for the check to clear my account.

Sincerely,

Aram James

Khan flip-flops on Turner

BY BRADEN CARTWRIGHT
Daily Post Staff Writer

Santa Clara County district attorney candidate Sajid Khan apologized yesterday for defending convicted Stanford rapist Brock Turner's lenient sentence in 2016.

Khan defended Judge Aaron Persky in an op-ed for sentencing Turner to six months in jail and three years of probation for sexually assaulting a woman while she was unconscious at Stanford.



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"It is the sentence we would want for our brothers, our sons, and our friends if they were convicted of crimes, even sexual assault, for the first time like Mr. Turner," Khan, who is a public defender, wrote at the time. "The lack of empathy for him is astounding."

Five years later, Khan is backtracking. He published a column on Medium yesterday saying the op-ed does not reflect his evolved views, and many of his words were inconsiderate and misguided.

"I am sorry for causing any further pain to survivors of sexual violence, and to our community for speaking on a topic, that at the time, I was not fully equipped to address from a holistic standpoint," he wrote.

Khan said he failed to step out of his role as a public defender,

After he defended lenient sentence of Stanford rapist

which is to ensure people accused of causing harm are not dehumanized by the legal system. He said he was concerned that a large-scale ratcheting-up of sentences would disproportionately impact poor people of color. And while he stands by those ideas, he said he better understands the needs of survivors now.

Cites #MeToo movement

He attributes his growth to representing survivors of sexual violence, hearing testimony of victims and learning from the #MeToo movement.

"I have a deeper awareness that survivors not only suffer the lifelong consequences of sexual violence, but also endure secondary trauma from disrespectful, insensitive and ineffective responses of school systems, law enforcement and the legal system," he wrote.

Khan is running to unseat incumbent DA Jeff Rosen, who oversaw the prosecution of Turner. Rosen said he "vehemently opposed" the sentence at the time, yet he also was against the recall of Persky because he said it undermined judicial independence. Judges should only be recalled when they exhibit a pattern of abuse, are unable to perform their duties, or are biased, Rosen said.

Rosen's office wrote Assembly Bill 2888 in response to the Turner case, and introduced it in front of the Palo Alto courthouse where Turner was prosecuted. The bill lengthened minimum prison sentences for those convicted of sexually assaulting unconscious or intoxicated victims.

Khan announced his campaign to unseat Rosen in July. His first endorsement came from LaDoris Cordell, a retired judge from Palo Alto who led the opposition to the recall of Persky. He was recalled by 61% of voters in 2018.

Reasons for running

Khan is Rosen's first opponent since 2010. He said he is running to undo systemic racism, fight mass incarceration and address the root causes of crime.

Rosen's campaign had \$442,337 in cash at the end of June. Scores of elected officials have endorsed him, including all five members of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, nine current or former police chiefs, and eight council members from Mountain View, Los Altos and Palo Alto.

Khan hasn't filed financial disclosure documents yet. His campaign spokesperson would only say he has raised six figures. He is endorsed by Alex Lee, a state assemblyman; the Real Justice Political Action Committee, which supports reform-minded prosecutors; and Sunrise Silicon Valley, a youth group that pushes for climate action.

Re: Khan flip-flops on Turner

Aug 19, 2021

Hi Folks,

Here is today's Palo Alto Daily Post (August 19, 2021) coverage on the race between Sajid Khan v Jeff Rosen for Santa Clara County District Attorney.

I am not a candidate for anything just a citizen advocate... but I will send all of you my piece on the Brock Turner sentencing, in a subsequent email, written back in July of 2016. Let the debate continue.

We need to send questions (and demand public debates) to both candidates and see where they stand on the critical criminal justice issues today-- and then watch to see if the candidates change their views as we get closer to Election Day based on truly well thought out reasoning or simply political expediency. You be the judge!

Adam James



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[Exhibit A Statement of Hammett & Edison September 29, 2020.pdf](#)
[Exhibit B July 27, 2004 Hammett Statement re 850 Webster Macro Tower July 27, 2004 \(1\).pdf](#)
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Dear Mayor DuBois, Vice Mayor Burt and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kou, Stone and Tanaka,

Attached please find a copy of a letter from the Enforcement Unit of the California Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists stating that the Board has opened a formal investigation of William Hammett of Hammett & Edison. Mr. Hammett is being investigated in regards to the bald-face misrepresentation made in the RF exposure compliance analysis his firm prepared in support of Verizon's application to install a cell tower at 850 Webster Street.

Also attached is the complaint I filed that brought Mr. Hammett's misconduct to the Board's attention and led to their decision to open an investigation.

To remind you, Mr. Hammett and his firm have prepared the required-by-the-City RF (i.e., radio frequency radiation) exposure compliance analyses for dozens of cell towers in Palo Alto, including the three Verizon towers you approved on June 22, 2021. The purpose of these analyses is to determine if the estimated RF emitted by proposed new towers, together with the RF emitted by any nearby existing cell towers, will comply with the RF safety standards established by the FCC.

Mr. Hammett is being investigated because, in purportedly certifying the safety of Verizon's proposed new cell tower adjoining Channing House, his firm made a flagrant misrepresentation of conditions at the site. Specifically, their RF exposure compliance analysis states: "There are reported no other wireless telecommunications base stations at the site or nearby." In fact, however, there is a macro tower—in other words, a very large cell tower—at *the very same address*.

Moreover, Mr. Hammett unequivocally knew that a macro tower existed at the site where Hammett & Edison's report said no cell towers existed. For one thing, he's the person who prepared the initial exposure compliance report when the macro tower was being installed on the roof of Channing House. And for another, the management of Channing House had recently hired Mr. Hammett to prepare a new RF compliance report on the macro tower. (Documentation of these facts can be found in the attached exhibits, which accompanied the complaint.)

So you know, sanctions available to the Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists are a) to suspend or revoke a person's license, b) to issue an administrative citation or c) to refer the matter to the district attorney for criminal prosecution.

Until the Board completes its investigation, I hope Palo Alto will place a moratorium

on accepting RF reports prepared by Hammett & Edison. In addition, given the seriousness of the misrepresentation made in his firm's RF exposure compliance analyses for the proposed cell tower at 850 Webster Street, I hope you will consider directing City Staff to hire an outside engineering consulting firm to conduct a fresh review of the reports submitted by Hammett & Edison in the past, in order to ensure that Mr. Hammett's and his employees' representations of the RF at every cell tower site have been accurate and complete.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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August 6, 2021

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RE: Complaint Investigation Case No. 2021-08-238
against William Hammett, Electrical Engineer / Mechanical Engineer License No. E13026 /
M20676

Dear Jeanne Fleming:

The Enforcement Unit of the California Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists has received your complaint against William Hammett, Electrical Engineer / Mechanical Engineer License No. E13026 / M20676, regarding alleged violations of the Professional Engineers Act (Business and Professions Code section 6700, et seq.), the Professional Land Surveyors' Act (Business and Professions Code section 8700, et seq.), and/or the Board Rules (Title 16, California Code of Regulations section 400, et seq.). The Enforcement Unit would like to thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Enforcement Unit has opened a complaint investigation case regarding the allegations made in your complaint. If you have any additional information or documentation regarding this matter, please send it to my attention at the Board's address including the above-referenced case number.

As the Enforcement Unit's investigation progresses, we will keep you apprised of the status of the investigation and advise you in writing of the outcome upon completion of the investigation.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone at (916) 999-3590 or by email message at Angela.Smith@dca.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Smith".

For Angela Smith
Enforcement Analyst

Submitted to the California Board of Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists, July 26, 2021.
Receipt acknowledged, July 26, 2021.

Complaint against William F. Hammett and Hammett & Edison

Introduction

Hammett & Edison, Inc. is a small engineering consulting firm that provides services to the wireless industry, particularly in the arena of RF exposure compliance. “RF exposure compliance” refers to analyses done to determine whether the radiation (RF) emitted by a proposed or existing cell tower either will or does comply with the standards established by the FCC. Hammett & Edison is based in Sonoma, California, and five registered professional engineers, including William F. Hammett, work there.

Mr. Hammett—the firm bears his father’s and his name—is the most senior member of the firm, and he was president of Hammett & Edison during the time period referenced in this complaint.

In the process of seeking approval for a cluster of three cell towers in Palo Alto, California, Verizon contracted with Hammett & Edison to provide RF exposure compliance analyses for each of the three—analyses Verizon then used to support its assertion that the cell towers it was proposing had been carefully vetted by credentialed-by-the-State of California electrical engineers adhering to the standards of practice, and of ethics, of their profession.

This complaint is regarding the exposure compliance analysis prepared for one of those proposed cell towers, specifically, the cell tower proposed for 850 Webster Street in Palo Alto. In a nutshell, Hammett & Edison did not carefully vet the proposed cell tower at this address, but instead concealed significant information—information that could fuel residents’ concerns about siting cell towers in close proximity to people’s homes.

The Facts: A Bald-Faced Misrepresentation

The “Statement of Hammett & Edison, Inc., Consulting Engineers” prepared for the “Verizon Wireless proposed small cell (No. 56680 ‘SF Palo Alto 204’) 850 Webster Street, Palo Alto, California” states the following:

“There are reported no other wireless telecommunications base stations at the site or nearby.”

(See Exhibit A labeled “Statement of Hammett & Edison September 29, 2020.”)

The reason the presence of “other telecommunications base stations at the site or nearby” is noted is that the FCC’s standards call for taking into account the cumulative RF at a site—i.e., the RF from all nearby cell tower sources—and not simply the RF from the cell tower that is the subject of the analysis.

This assertion made in Hammett & Edison’s Statement is unequivocally false. In fact, there is a macro cell tower—a very large cell tower, in other words—on the roof of the building *at this same address*, 850 Webster Street.

Moreover, Mr. Hammett was fully aware at the time it was made that the statement that “There are reported no other wireless telecommunications base stations at the site [850 Webster Street] or nearby” was false. He unequivocally knew that this statement misrepresented the facts.

Here is the documentation that Mr. Hammett knew that a macro tower existed at the site where his firm said no cell towers existed:

1. It is Hammett & Edison that prepared—and Mr. Hammett who personally signed—the initial RF exposure compliance Statement for the macro tower on the roof of 850 Webster Street. (You can see a copy in Exhibit B, labeled “July 27, 2004 Hammett Statement re Macro Tower at 850 Webster.”)
2. On January 15, 2020, Hammett & Edison prepared—and Mr. Hammett personally signed—another RF exposure compliance Statement for the macro tower on the roof of 850 Webster Street. (You can see a copy in Exhibit C labeled “Jan. 15, 2020 Hammett Statement re Macro Tower at 850 Webster.”)

In other words, only eight months before Hammett & Edison issued an RF exposure compliance report for Verizon’s proposed small cell node cell tower at 850 Webster Street stating that no other cell towers were located nearby, Hammett and Edison had prepared an RF exposure compliance report for the macro tower on the roof of the building *at that same address*.

3. Mr. Hammett was scheduled to speak—and did speak—to the residents of the senior residence at 850 Webster Street about the macro tower on the roof of their building on October 5, 2020. That is only seven days after Hammett and Edison signed off on the RF exposure compliance report for Verizon’s proposed small cell node cell tower at 850 Webster which says no other cell towers were located

nearby. (For documentation that this event occurred, please refer to a link to a recording of Mr. Hammett's presentation. It is in Exhibit D, labeled "Link to William Hammett's Presentation to the Residents of 850 Webster Street on October 5, 2020.")

Roughly 250 people live in apartments in the senior residence at 850 Webster Street, which is called Channing House. In the Fall of 2019, many residents became alarmed and angry when they learned that, unbeknownst to them, a macro tower had been installed on the roof of the building. In response, the management of the facility engaged Mr. Hammett a) to prepare an RF exposure compliance report for the tower (that's the January 15, 2020, Statement referenced above), and b) to speak to residents and address their concerns regarding the health risks posed by the tower.

To summarize, when Hammett & Edison's RF exposure compliance report of September 29, 2020, asserted that there were no existing cell towers near the cell tower Verizon was applying to install at 850 Webster Street, Mr. Hammett not only 1) was well aware of the macro tower on the roof of Channing House, which is located at the same address, but 2) was equally well aware that the residents of Channing House were concerned about the RF exposure from cell towers.

Please note that, even had Mr. Hammett and his staff at Hammett & Edison not been aware of the macro tower at 850 Webster Street, they were—as part of their work in preparing the RF exposure compliance report for Verizon—responsible for determining if any cell towers already existed at or near 850 Webster Street. This is information easily available from the City of Palo Alto. In other words, Hammett & Edison and its engineers would have been negligent and/or incompetent in failing to take note of the macro tower on the roof of 850 Webster Street, even if they had had no prior knowledge of it.

The Aftermath: Ducking and Weaving When Caught

Possibly at the behest of the Fire Department's Hazardous Material's inspector, who was concerned about excessive RF exposure above ground level—for workers and/or the public at, for example, close by utility poles, trees and upper story balconies—Palo Alto City Staff raised the fact that there is a macro tower on the roof of 850 Webster Street with Verizon. Their query resulted in a December 31, 2020, letter from William Hammett to another Verizon vendor, Jeremy Stroup of Qualtek Wireless—a letter which begins "Thanks for passing along the question from the City of Palo Alto Planning Department staff regarding the potential additive impact on RF exposure ... from the present T-Mobile base station on the roof of [850 Webster]". (See Exhibit E, December

31, 2020, Hammett Letter re Additive Impact.)

Mr. Hammett goes on to write “Simply put, there is no additive impact in terms of compliance with the FCC standards limiting human exposure to RF energy.” What Mr. Hammett has written is not the statement of a neutral professional. It is the statement of an advocate. Because with these words, Mr. Hammett conflates the concept of additivity with the issue of FCC standards, thereby implying—falsely—that RF emissions from different nearby sources are not additive unless the sum exceeds FCC standards.

In his December 31, 2020, letter, Mr. Hammett does not acknowledge that Hammett & Edison’s RF exposure compliance analysis dated three months earlier falsely stated that there were no cell towers near 850 Webster Street, much less offer an explanation for it. Instead, he pretends as if the “no other wireless telecommunications base stations at the site or nearby” sentence in the Hammett & Edison Statement of September 29, 2020, doesn’t exist, while falsely claiming that the Statement of September 29, 2020, *did* take the presence of the macro tower on the roof of Channing House into account. (Please see paragraph 3 of Mr. Hammett’s letter (again, Exhibit E).)

Ultimately, the City of Palo Alto, over Verizon’s objections, hired its own RF consultant, CTC, to review Hammett & Edison’s analyses.

In its May, 2021, report, CTC concurred with Mr. Hammett’s December 31, 2020, assertion that, even taking into account the macro tower on the roof of Channing House, the RF exposure at ground level at 850 Webster Street did not exceed FCC standards. CTC also considered the additive impact of yet another source Hammett & Edison had failed to consider—a nearby AT&T small cell node cell tower—and concluded that its presence did not have a significant impact on RF exposure at ground level either. (Please let me know if you would like to see CTC’s report.)

Although agreeing with Mr. Hammett with respect to ground level RF, CTC also took note that, at twenty-eight feet above ground level and extending a least four and one-half feet from the antenna, RF *did* exceed FCC standards for the general public. Please note that, for example, the public has unrestricted access to a small cluster of redwoods near the proposed cell tower, and the branches of the closest trees to the proposed tower almost brush the pole.

Conclusion

In filing this complaint, I realize that Hammett and Edison's misrepresentation relating to the proposed cell tower at 850 Webster St. in Palo Alto was ultimately uncovered prior to the cell tower being permitted. But that's beside the point. Presumably to further the interests of his long-time client, Verizon, in gaining approval for the tower, Mr. Hammett and his firm made a blatantly false statement in the RF exposure compliance analysis submitted in support of Verizon's application. For this they deserve to be held accountable.

Coda: Other Duplicity with Respect to Channing House

Hammett & Edison's turning a blind eye to the macro tower on the roof of Channing House was not the only piece of funny business to occur during the application process to install a new Verizon cell tower right next to this senior facility where residents were already up in arms about the tower on their roof. Although Palo Alto's municipal code specifically mandates that companies seeking a permit to install a cell tower must a) notify residents living within 600 feet of the proposed tower and b) hold an informational meeting for them, not one of the hundreds of residents of Channing House received notification of the proposed tower or an invitation to attend an informational meeting (to be clear, all other residents living within 600 feet were notified). In other words, Verizon viewed Channing House as a hornet's nest not to be kicked, a situation Mr. Hammett was well aware of when he omitted the cell tower on the roof of the building from Hammett & Edison's RF exposure compliance analysis.

Thank you for your attention. Please let me know if you have any questions or if there are additional materials you would like to review.

Exhibit A

Statement of Hammett & Edison September 29, 2020

See the last sentence on Page Two of the report which follows. It states:

“There are reported no other wireless telecommunications base stations at the site or nearby.”

**Verizon Wireless • Proposed Small Cell (No. 566800 “SF Palo Alto 204”)
850 Webster Street • Palo Alto, California**

Statement of Hammett & Edison, Inc., Consulting Engineers

The firm of Hammett & Edison, Inc., Consulting Engineers, has been retained on behalf of Verizon Wireless, a personal wireless telecommunications carrier, to evaluate its small cell (No. 566800 “SF Palo Alto 204”) proposed to be sited in Palo Alto, California, for compliance with appropriate guidelines limiting human exposure to radio frequency (“RF”) electromagnetic fields.

Executive Summary

Verizon proposes to install two small antennas on the municipal light pole sited in the public right-of-way near 850 Webster Street in Palo Alto. The proposed operation will comply with the FCC guidelines limiting public exposure to RF energy.

Prevailing Exposure Standards

The U.S. Congress requires that the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) evaluate its actions for possible significant impact on the environment. A summary of the FCC’s exposure limits is shown in Figure 1. These limits apply for continuous exposures and are intended to provide a prudent margin of safety for all persons, regardless of age, gender, size, or health. The most restrictive limit for exposures of unlimited duration at several wireless service bands are as follows:

Wireless Service Band	Transmit Frequency	“Uncontrolled” Public Limit	Occupational Limit (5 times Public)
Microwave (point-to-point)	1–80 GHz	1.0 mW/cm ²	5.0 mW/cm ²
Millimeter-wave	24–47	1.0	5.0
Part 15 (WiFi & other unlicensed)	2–6	1.0	5.0
CBRS (Citizens Broadband Radio)	3,550 MHz	1.0	5.0
BRS (Broadband Radio)	2,490	1.0	5.0
WCS (Wireless Communication)	2,305	1.0	5.0
AWS (Advanced Wireless)	2,110	1.0	5.0
PCS (Personal Communication)	1,930	1.0	5.0
Cellular	869	0.58	2.9
SMR (Specialized Mobile Radio)	854	0.57	2.85
700 MHz	716	0.48	2.4
600 MHz	617	0.41	2.05
[most restrictive frequency range]	30–300	0.20	1.0

Power line frequencies (60 Hz) are well below the applicable range of these standards, and there is considered to be no compounding effect from simultaneous exposure to power line and radio frequency fields.

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General Facility Requirements

Small cells typically consist of two distinct parts: the electronic transceivers (also called “radios” or “channels”) that are connected to the traditional wired telephone lines, and the passive antennas that send the wireless signals created by the radios out to be received by individual subscriber units. The radios are typically mounted on the support pole or placed in a cabinet at ground level, and they are connected to the antennas by coaxial cables. Because of the short wavelength of the frequencies assigned by the FCC for wireless services, the antennas require line-of-sight paths for their signals to propagate well and so are installed at some height above ground. The antennas are designed to concentrate their energy toward the horizon, with very little energy wasted toward the sky or the ground. This means that it is generally not possible for exposure conditions to approach the maximum permissible exposure limits without being physically very near the antennas.

Computer Modeling Method

The FCC provides direction for determining compliance in its Office of Engineering and Technology Bulletin No. 65, “Evaluating Compliance with FCC-Specified Guidelines for Human Exposure to Radio Frequency Radiation,” dated August 1997. Figure 2 describes the calculation methodologies, reflecting the facts that a directional antenna’s radiation pattern is not fully formed at locations very close by (the “near-field” effect) and that at greater distances the power level from an energy source decreases with the square of the distance from it (the “inverse square law”). This methodology is an industry standard for evaluating RF exposure conditions and has been demonstrated through numerous field tests to be a conservative prediction of exposure levels.

Site and Facility Description

Based upon information provided by Verizon, including drawings by All States Engineering & Surveying, dated September 10, 2020, it is proposed to install two Ericsson Model 6701, 2-foot tall, directional panel antennas with integrated radios on top of a new light pole to replace the existing pole sited in the public right-of-way on the southeast side of Homer Avenue about 100 feet southwest of Webster Street, adjacent to the tall residential building at 850 Webster Street in Palo Alto. The antennas would employ no downtilt, would be mounted at an effective height of about 23 feet above ground, and would be oriented toward 0°T and 240°T. The maximum effective radiated power proposed in any direction is 193 watts in the 28 GHz band. There are reported no other wireless telecommunications base stations at the site or nearby.

**Verizon Wireless • Proposed Small Cell (No. 566800 “SF Palo Alto 204”)
850 Webster Street • Palo Alto, California**

Study Results

For a person anywhere at ground, the maximum RF exposure level due to the proposed Verizon operation is calculated to be 0.0085 mW/cm², which is 0.85% of the applicable public exposure limit. The maximum calculated level at any nearby building* is 1.1% of the public exposure limit. It should be noted that these results include several “worst-case” assumptions and therefore are expected to overstate actual power density levels from the proposed operation.

Recommended Mitigation Measures

Due to their mounting locations and height, the antennas would not be accessible to unauthorized persons, and so no measures are necessary to comply with the FCC public exposure guidelines. To prevent occupational exposures in excess of the FCC guidelines, it is recommended that appropriate RF safety training be provided to all workers who have access within 8 feet outward from the antennas. No access within 2 feet directly in front of the antennas should be allowed while the antennas are in operation, unless other measures can be demonstrated to ensure that occupational protection requirements are met. It is recommended that explanatory signs† be posted at the antennas and/or on the pole below the antennas, readily visible from any angle of approach.

Conclusion

Based on the information and analysis above, it is the undersigned’s professional opinion that operation of the small cell proposed by Verizon Wireless near 850 Webster Street in Palo Alto, California, will comply with the prevailing standards for limiting public exposure to radio frequency energy and, therefore, will not for this reason cause a significant impact on the environment. The highest calculated level in publicly accessible areas is much less than the prevailing standards allow for exposures of unlimited duration. This finding is consistent with measurements of actual exposure conditions taken at other operating small cells. Training authorized personnel and posting explanatory signs are recommended to establish compliance with occupational exposure limits.

* Including the second- and third-floor balconies of the adjacent residential building, located at least 40 feet away based on the drawings.

† Signs should comply with OET-65 color, symbol, and content recommendations. Contact information should be provided (e.g., a telephone number) to arrange for access to restricted areas. The selection of language(s) is not an engineering matter, and guidelines from the landlord, local zoning or health authority, or appropriate professionals may be required.



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Authorship

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September 29, 2020

**MetroPCS • Proposed Base Station (Site No. SF09150B)
850 Webster Street • Palo Alto, California**

Statement of Hammett & Edison, Inc., Consulting Engineers

The firm of Hammett & Edison, Inc., Consulting Engineers, has been retained on behalf of MetroPCS, a personal wireless telecommunications carrier, to evaluate the base station (Site No. SF09150B) proposed to be located at 850 Webster Street in Palo Alto, California, for compliance with appropriate guidelines limiting human exposure to radio frequency ("RF") electromagnetic fields.

Prevailing Exposure Standards

The U.S. Congress requires that the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") evaluate its actions for possible significant impact on the environment. In Docket 93-62, effective October 15, 1997, the FCC adopted the human exposure limits for field strength and power density recommended in Report No. 86, "Biological Effects and Exposure Criteria for Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields," published in 1986 by the Congressionally chartered National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements ("NCRP"). Separate limits apply for occupational and public exposure conditions, with the latter limits generally five times more restrictive. The more recent Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers ("IEEE") Standard C95.1-1999, "Safety Levels with Respect to Human Exposure to Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Fields, 3 kHz to 300 GHz," includes nearly identical exposure limits. A summary of the FCC's exposure limits is shown in Figure 1. These limits apply for continuous exposures and are intended to provide a prudent margin of safety for all persons, regardless of age, gender, size, or health.

The most restrictive limit for exposures of unlimited duration to radio frequency energy for several personal wireless services are as follows:

<u>Personal Wireless Service</u>	<u>Approx. Frequency</u>	<u>Occupational Limit</u>	<u>Public Limit</u>
Personal Communication ("PCS")	1,950 MHz	5.00 mW/cm ²	1.00 mW/cm ²
Cellular Telephone	870	2.90	0.58
Specialized Mobile Radio	855	2.85	0.57
[most restrictive frequency range]	30-300	1.00	0.20

General Facility Requirements

Base stations typically consist of two distinct parts: the electronic transceivers (also called "radios" or "cabinets") that are connected to the traditional wired telephone lines, and the passive antennas that send the wireless signals created by the radios out to be received by individual subscriber units. The transceivers are often located at ground level and are connected to the antennas by coaxial cables about 1 inch thick. Because of the short wavelength of the frequencies assigned by the FCC for wireless services, the antennas require line-of-sight paths for their signals to propagate well and so are installed at some height above ground. The antennas are designed to concentrate their energy toward



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the horizon, with very little energy wasted toward the sky or the ground. Along with the low power of such facilities, this means that it is generally not possible for exposure conditions to approach the maximum permissible exposure limits without being physically very near the antennas.

Computer Modeling Method

The FCC provides direction for determining compliance in its Office of Engineering and Technology Bulletin No. 65, "Evaluating Compliance with FCC-Specified Guidelines for Human Exposure to Radio Frequency Radiation," dated August 1997. Figure 2 attached describes the calculation methodologies, reflecting the facts that a directional antenna's radiation pattern is not fully formed at locations very close by (the "near-field" effect) and that the power level from an energy source decreases with the square of the distance from it (the "inverse square law"). The conservative nature of this method for evaluating exposure conditions has been verified by numerous field tests.

Site and Facility Description

Based upon information provided by Metro, including zoning drawings by MSA Architecture & Planning, Inc., dated June 13, 2005, it is proposed to mount three directional panel antennas inside a new fiberglass enclosure to be installed above the mechanical equipment penthouse of the 11-story Channing House building, located at 850 Webster Street in Palo Alto. One Kathrein Model AP2019410-45 antenna and two Allgon Model 7721 antennas would be mounted at an effective height of about 139¹/₂ feet above ground, about 22¹/₂ feet above the main roof, and would be oriented toward 0°T, 90°T, and 190°T, respectively, to provide service to surrounding areas. The maximum effective radiated power in any direction would be 1,890 watts, representing six channels operating simultaneously at 315 watts each. There are reported no other wireless telecommunications base stations installed nearby.

Study Results

For a person anywhere at ground, the maximum ambient RF exposure level due to the proposed Metro operation is calculated to be 0.0010 mW/cm², which is 0.10% of the applicable public limit. The maximum calculated level at the second floor elevation of any nearby home* is 0.036% of the public exposure limit. The maximum calculated level on the roof of the subject building is 7.2% of the public exposure limit. It should be noted that these results include several "worst-case" assumptions and therefore are expected to overstate actual power density levels.

* Located at least 120 feet away, based on aerial photos from Terraserver.

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Recommended Mitigation Measures

Due to their mounting locations, the Metro antennas are not accessible to the general public, and so no mitigation measures are necessary to comply with the FCC public exposure guidelines. To prevent occupational exposures in excess of the FCC guidelines, no access within 5 feet directly in front of the antennas themselves, such as might occur during maintenance work on the building, should be allowed while the base station is in operation, unless other measures can be demonstrated to ensure that occupational protection requirements are met. Posting explanatory warning signs† at roof access door(s) and on the enclosure housing the antennas, such that the signs would be readily visible from any angle of approach to persons who might need to work within that distance, would be sufficient to meet FCC-adopted guidelines.

Conclusion

Based on the information and analysis above, it is the undersigned's professional opinion that the base station proposed by MetroPCS at 850 Webster Street in Palo Alto, California, can comply with the prevailing standards for limiting human exposure to radio frequency energy and, therefore, need not for this reason cause a significant impact on the environment. The highest calculated level in publicly accessible areas is much less than the prevailing standards allow for exposures of unlimited duration. This finding is consistent with measurements of actual exposure conditions taken at other operating base stations.

Authorship

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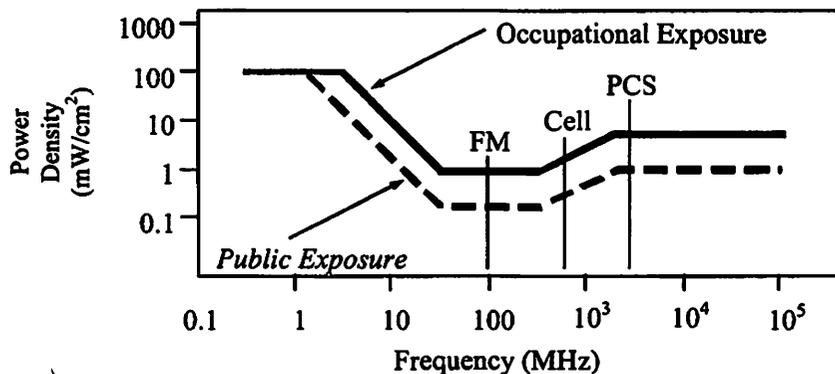
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FCC Radio Frequency Protection Guide

The U.S. Congress required (1996 Telecom Act) the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") to adopt a nationwide human exposure standard to ensure that its licensees do not, cumulatively, have a significant impact on the environment. The FCC adopted the limits from Report No. 86, "Biological Effects and Exposure Criteria for Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields," published in 1986 by the Congressionally chartered National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements, which are nearly identical to the more recent Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Standard C95.1-1999, "Safety Levels with Respect to Human Exposure to Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Fields, 3 kHz to 300 GHz." These limits apply for continuous exposures from all sources and are intended to provide a prudent margin of safety for all persons, regardless of age, gender, size, or health.

As shown in the table and chart below, separate limits apply for occupational and public exposure conditions, with the latter limits (in *italics* and/or dashed) up to five times more restrictive:

Frequency Applicable Range (MHz)	Electromagnetic Fields (<i>f</i> is frequency of emission in MHz)					
	Electric Field Strength (V/m)		Magnetic Field Strength (A/m)		Equivalent Far-Field Power Density (mW/cm ²)	
0.3 – 1.34	614	<i>614</i>	1.63	<i>1.63</i>	100	<i>100</i>
1.34 – 3.0	614	<i>823.8/f</i>	1.63	<i>2.19/f</i>	100	<i>180/f²</i>
3.0 – 30	1842/f	<i>823.8/f</i>	4.89/f	<i>2.19/f</i>	900/f ²	<i>180/f²</i>
30 – 300	61.4	<i>27.5</i>	0.163	<i>0.0729</i>	1.0	<i>0.2</i>
300 – 1,500	3.54√ <i>f</i>	<i>1.59√f</i>	√ <i>f</i> /106	<i>√f/238</i>	<i>f/300</i>	<i>f/1500</i>
1,500 – 100,000	137	<i>61.4</i>	0.364	<i>0.163</i>	5.0	<i>1.0</i>



Higher levels are allowed for short periods of time, such that total exposure levels averaged over six or thirty minutes, for occupational or public settings, respectively, do not exceed the limits, and higher levels also are allowed for exposures to small areas, such that the spatially averaged levels do not exceed the limits. However, neither of these allowances is incorporated in the conservative calculation formulas in the FCC Office of Engineering and Technology Bulletin No. 65 (August 1997) for projecting field levels. Hammett & Edison has built those formulas into a proprietary program that calculates, at each location on an arbitrary rectangular grid, the total expected power density from any number of individual radio sources. The program allows for the description of buildings and uneven terrain, if required to obtain more accurate projections.

RFR.CALC™ Calculation Methodology

Assessment by Calculation of Compliance with FCC Exposure Guidelines

The U.S. Congress required (1996 Telecom Act) the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") to adopt a nationwide human exposure standard to ensure that its licensees do not, cumulatively, have a significant impact on the environment. The maximum permissible exposure limits adopted by the FCC (see Figure 1) apply for continuous exposures from all sources and are intended to provide a prudent margin of safety for all persons, regardless of age, gender, size, or health. Higher levels are allowed for short periods of time, such that total exposure levels averaged over six or thirty minutes, for occupational or public settings, respectively, do not exceed the limits.

Near Field.

Prediction methods have been developed for the near field zone of panel (directional) and whip (omnidirectional) antennas, typical at wireless telecommunications cell sites. The near field zone is defined by the distance, D, from an antenna beyond which the manufacturer's published, far field antenna patterns will be fully formed; the near field may exist for increasing D until some or all of three conditions have been met:

$$1) D > \frac{2h^2}{\lambda} \quad 2) D > 5h \quad 3) D > 1.6\lambda$$

where h = aperture height of the antenna, in meters, and
 λ = wavelength of the transmitted signal, in meters.

The FCC Office of Engineering and Technology Bulletin No. 65 (August 1997) gives this formula for calculating power density in the near field zone about an individual RF source:

$$\text{power density } S = \frac{180}{\theta_{BW}} \times \frac{0.1 \times P_{net}}{\pi \times D \times h}, \text{ in mW/cm}^2,$$

where θ_{BW} = half-power beamwidth of antenna, in degrees, and
 P_{net} = net power input to the antenna, in watts.

The factor of 0.1 in the numerator converts to the desired units of power density. This formula has been built into a proprietary program that calculates distances to FCC public and occupational limits.

Far Field.

OET-65 gives this formula for calculating power density in the far field of an individual RF source:

$$\text{power density } S = \frac{2.56 \times 1.64 \times 100 \times RFF^2 \times ERP}{4 \times \pi \times D^2}, \text{ in mW/cm}^2,$$

where ERP = total ERP (all polarizations), in kilowatts,
RFF = relative field factor at the direction to the actual point of calculation, and
D = distance from the center of radiation to the point of calculation, in meters.

The factor of 2.56 accounts for the increase in power density due to ground reflection, assuming a reflection coefficient of 1.6 ($1.6 \times 1.6 = 2.56$). The factor of 1.64 is the gain of a half-wave dipole relative to an isotropic radiator. The factor of 100 in the numerator converts to the desired units of power density. This formula has been built into a proprietary program that calculates, at each location on an arbitrary rectangular grid, the total expected power density from any number of individual radiation sources. The program also allows for the description of uneven terrain in the vicinity, to obtain more accurate projections.

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T-Mobile West LLC • Base Station No. SF15104A
850 Webster Street • Palo Alto, California**

Statement of Hammett & Edison, Inc., Consulting Engineers

The firm of Hammett & Edison, Inc., Consulting Engineers, has been retained by Channing House to evaluate the T-Mobile West LLC base station (Site No. SF15104A) located at 850 Webster Street in Palo Alto, California, for compliance with appropriate guidelines limiting human exposure to radio frequency (“RF”) electromagnetic fields.

Executive Summary

T-Mobile had installed directional panel antennas above the roof of the mechanical equipment penthouse of the eleven-story Channing House, located at 850 Webster Street in Palo Alto. All exposure levels under the existing conditions for anyone in publicly accessible areas nearby were well below the federal standard; certain measures are recommended to comply with FCC occupational guidelines.

Prevailing Exposure Standards

The U.S. Congress requires that the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) evaluate its actions for possible significant impact on the environment. A summary of the FCC’s exposure limits is shown in Figure 1. These limits apply for continuous exposures and are intended to provide a prudent margin of safety for all persons, regardless of age, gender, size, or health. The most restrictive limit for exposures of unlimited duration at several wireless service bands are as follows:

Wireless Service Band	Transmit Frequency	“Uncontrolled” Public Limit	Occupational Limit (5 times Public)
Microwave (point-to-point)	1–80 GHz	1.0 mW/cm ²	5.0 mW/cm ²
Millimeter-wave	24–47	1.0	5.0
Part 15 (WiFi & other unlicensed)	2–6	1.0	5.0
CBRS (Citizens Broadband Radio)	3,550 MHz	1.0	5.0
BRS (Broadband Radio)	2,490	1.0	5.0
WCS (Wireless Communication)	2,305	1.0	5.0
AWS (Advanced Wireless)	2,110	1.0	5.0
PCS (Personal Communication)	1,930	1.0	5.0
Cellular	869	0.58	2.9
SMR (Specialized Mobile Radio)	854	0.57	2.85
700 MHz	716	0.48	2.4
600 MHz	617	0.41	2.05
[most restrictive frequency range]	30–300	0.20	1.0

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General Facility Requirements

Antennas for base station use are designed to concentrate their energy toward the horizon, with very little energy wasted toward the sky or the ground. Since the antennas need an unobstructed area in front of them, it is generally not possible for exposure conditions to approach the FCC limits without being physically very near the antennas.

Site Description

The site at 850 Webster Street in Palo Alto was visited by Mr. David Kelly, a qualified field technician employed by Hammett & Edison, Inc., during normal business hours on December 13, 2019, a non-holiday weekday. T-Mobile had installed six directional panel antennas above the roof of the mechanical equipment penthouse on the eleven-story residential Channing House, located at that address. Access to the antennas was restricted by their mounting location. Explanatory signs* had been posted at the roof access hatch. Plastic chains had been hung from plastic posts set on rubber feet near the enclosure.† There were observed no other wireless telecommunications base stations located at this site, although two microwave “dish” antennas and several other antennas were observed at the site, presumed to be in low-power voice or data service.

Measurement Results

The measurement equipment used was a Wandel & Goltermann Type EMR-300 Radiation Meter with Type 18 and 25 Isotropic Electric Field Probes (Serial Nos. C-0010 and E-0001, respectively). The meter and probes were under current calibration by the manufacturer. The maximum RF exposure level on the main roof of the building was 0.0036 mW/cm², which is less than 1.8% of the applicable public limit; levels did not exceed the applicable occupational limit at any location on the roof or on the penthouse roof. The three-dimensional perimeter of RF levels equal to the public exposure limit did not reach any publicly accessible areas.

Maximum observed ambient power density levels for a person at several locations inside the building were as follows:

<u>Measurement Location</u>		<u>Maximum Measured Power Density</u>	
		<u>mW/cm²</u>	<u>FCC Public Limit</u>
11th floor	open space	0.0001	0.05%
10th floor	hallway	0.0001	0.05%
	solarium	0.0003	0.15%
	common dining room	0.0001	0.05%
	outside unit 1023	0.0001	0.05%

* Signs complied with OET-65 color and symbol recommendations.

† Such materials do not weather well, as was the case at this site, and they should be removed.



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Recommended Training

Due to their mounting locations, requiring passage through a locked door and a locked hatch to reach the penthouse roof, the T-Mobile antennas were not accessible to the general public, and so no additional measures are necessary to comply with the FCC public exposure guidelines. To prevent occupational exposures in excess of the FCC guidelines, in addition to the access restrictions and signs already in place, it is recommended that appropriate RF safety training, to include review of personal monitor use and lockout/tagout procedures, be provided to all authorized personnel who have access to the roof, including employees and contractors of T-Mobile and of the property owner.

Conclusion

Based on the information and analysis above, it is the undersigned's professional opinion that the T-Mobile West LLC base station located at 850 Webster Street in Palo Alto, California, as installed and operating at the time of the visit, complies with the FCC guidelines limiting public exposure to radio frequency energy and, therefore, does not for this reason cause a significant impact on the environment. Training authorized personnel is recommended to establish compliance with occupational exposure limits.

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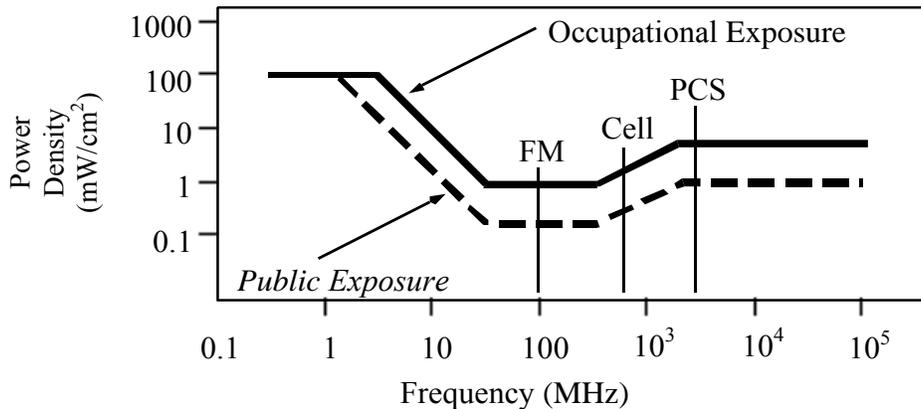
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**Link to William Hammett's Presentation to the Residents of
850 Webster Street on October 5, 2020.**

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Dear Jeremy:

Thanks for passing along the question from the City of Palo Alto Planning Department staff regarding the potential additive impact on RF exposure conditions near the proposed Verizon Wireless small cell proposed to be installed on a municipal light pole on Homer Avenue, next to the block-wide Channing House retirement home at 850 Webster Street, from the present T-Mobile base station on the roof of that building. Simply put, there is no additive impact in terms of compliance with the FCC standards limiting human exposure to RF energy.

The reasons for this are several, especially **distance** from the T-Mobile facility (about 250 feet, as shown in the aerial photograph below), and **directivity** of the T-Mobile antennas, which focus their energy out toward the horizon rather than downward onto close streets. These two factors alone limit the RF levels from the T-Mobile facility in areas nearby. In fact, measurements earlier this year on Webster Street found ambient RF levels to be less than 0.0002 mW/cm², which is more than 1,000 times below the applicable FCC public exposure limit. In addition, there is considerable **shadowing** by the building toward the proposed Verizon small cell location, where there is no line-of-sight from the T-Mobile antennas.

It was with the knowledge and understanding of this information that we concluded in our report dated September 29, 2020, that "operation of the small cell proposed by Verizon Wireless near 850 Webster Street in Palo Alto, California, will comply with the prevailing standards limiting public exposure to radio frequency energy and, therefore, will not for this reason cause a significant impact on the environment."

Please let us know if any additional questions arise.

Sincerely yours,

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STAND UP FOR SPRING STREET

At 8 AM on Tuesday, August 17, unhoused residents and community supporters will gather at Spring and Asbury Streets in San Jose to protest the lack of a City or County plan to house its residents who are scheduled to be swept from their homes in the Spring Street area. At 8:45 am, they will march and car caravan down Hedding Street to a rally on the plaza in front of the County Building at First and Hedding Streets.

The Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) is ordering the City to clear the area to make it safe for airline traffic. Residents are demanding that the City and County make another location available and provide relocation assistance, just as was done by Apple for residents of its property at First and Component. The City is planning to crack down on Spring Street residents by ramping up police presence and demanding that RVs and other vehicles that people live in get registered and be moved onto street parking. Possibly hundreds of people could have their vehicles towed, lose what little shelter they have, and end up with nothing – if City and County officials fail to act.

Homelessness in San Jose is out of control. Even before the pandemic, homelessness in San Jose increased by 42% between 2017-19. Every time a tech corporation, developer, or government entity wants a piece of land, it is the poor and unhoused who suffer the consequences.

In the richest country in the world, every human being deserves to have a home, and when homes are not immediately available, a safe and legal place where they can live in the meantime. Silicon Valley has the wealth to prevent this injustice. The City and County have the land, and between Apple, Google, the FAA, the airport, and the American Rescue Plan, there are more than enough resources. No one deserves to be swept without recourse and to have their vehicle or other property seized without compensation.

Please join us!

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Subject: Tell the Truth about Israel's Nukes
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https://en.abna24.com/news//america-needs-to-start-telling-truth-about-israel%E2%80%99s-nukes_1169168.html

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From: [Aram James](#)
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Subject: On the witch-hunt against Judge Persky
Date: Friday, August 13, 2021 2:24:20 PM

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<https://acjusticeproject.org/2016/07/28/dont-judge-persky-decision-or-any-sentence-in-a-vacuum-by-aram-james/amp/>

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From: [Aram James](#)
To: [Human Relations Commission](#)
Subject: Wow! The PTC didn't support an anti-gouging ordinance —that's crazy -if some landlords increase rents by 55% in Palo Alto...that's gouging and ugly for sure... please continue to be bold —support an anti gouging ordinance —thanks, aram Janes
Date: Thursday, August 12, 2021 8:01:50 PM

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From: [Aram James](#)
To: [Human Relations Commission](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Council, City](#)
Subject: My heart doesn't bleed for wealthy developers any more then for Palo Alto Landlords. But I do agree with the chairs framing of the issue of People versus property. In support of my view that people come 1st profits and property second —please support a...
Date: Thursday, August 12, 2021 7:28:21 PM

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Subject: Critical importance of Santa Clara County District Attorney's 2022 race. see Dave Price's (Daily Post) interview of DA candidate Sajit Khan
Date: Thursday, August 12, 2021 5:50:26 PM

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See link below my comments.... to Dave Price's excellent interview of District Attorney candidate Sajit Khan.

District Attorney's race: Let the debates begin. This race will decide a key component of how justice in our community will be administered for years to come. Listen to the debates and vote on June 7, 2022.

The candidates must come to Palo Alto to debate so we can hear their positions on the critical criminal and social justice issues of the day. We must demand a positive campaign focused on the issues not attack politics based on demeaning your opponent.

I personally could care less which side has accumulated the most money or the most, often totally meaningless, endorsements. I want to hear the substantive differences between the candidates, which candidate has the most practical ideas to end mass incarceration and mass criminalization?

We need real world solutions to ending systemic racism in our criminal justice system. Which candidate can deliver real world solutions, not just lip service and symbolic gestures that aren't focused on real change?

Which candidate offers the best ideas, including a partial defunding of the district attorneys office? With the goal of redistributing monies, currently set aside for unnecessary prosecutions, jails and prisons, to social problems, like housing, education, and quality health care. Solutions that go directly to the root causes of crime.

Which candidate can commit to prosecuting bad cops with the same passion, resources, and professionalism, equal protection of the law and due process as is currently applied to the prosecution of ordinary community members?

Which candidate supports a stronger public defender's office with an elected public defender and with more equal funding between the two offices?

Which candidate can best guarantee safety in our community while at the same

time promoting a restorative justice approach, not just old school models of punitive justice?

Which candidate stands for justice for all, not just justice for the police and the well off, the privileged, and the dominant caste members of our community?

Listen carefully to all debates, read the candidates position papers, and submit thoughtful questions to both candidates. Become fully informed. Then vote on June 7, 2022.

<https://padailypost.com/2021/08/11/opinion-district-attorney-candidate-emphasizes-criminal-justice-reform/amp/>

From: [Aram James](#)
To: [Council, City; Human Relations Commission; Roberta Ahlquist; Planning Commission; Greer Stone; chuckjagoda1@gmail.com; DuBois, Tom; Winter Dellenbach; wilpf.peninsula.paloalto@gmail.com](#)
Subject: DA's Race critical race for how justice will be administered in Santa Clara County
Date: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 8:21:09 PM

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<https://www.paloaltoonline.com/news/2021/07/11/public-defender-sajid-khan-runs-for-santa-clara-county-district-attorney>

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From: [Aram James](#)
To: [Filseth, Eric \(external\)](#)
Cc: [Planning Commission](#); [Rebecca Eisenberg](#); [Council, City](#); [Dave Price](#); [Tanaka, Greg](#); paloaltoreresident@paloaltocalifornia.us; [Cormack, Alison](#); [Human Relations Commission](#); [Joe Simitian](#)
Subject: Eric good comments
Date: Monday, August 9, 2021 11:17:41 PM

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Eric,

Great comments -life moves appears to be a great model. We can't let staff drag this project down by stalling and delaying this project into oblivion...how about Geng Road as a plan B?

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From: [Sue Freeman](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Re: South Palo Alto Bikeways Update: New Segment 4 Alternative with No Parking Lane Removal
Date: Monday, August 9, 2021 4:03:25 PM

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Hello City Council Members,

I am aware that you have the South Palo Alto Bike Project on your meeting agenda for this evening. Please be sure that what you are voting for this evening -- is the "revised plan" - with updated changes made to the East Meadow segment 4 area.

The "revised plan" for segment 4, is to keep all of the existing parking on BOTH SIDES of East Meadow, between Middlefield Road and East Meadow Circle.

A group of us met with Councilman Tanaka yesterday (Sunday, 8/8) and the diagrams he had in front of him yesterday and shared with us - which he told us were from his 'staff report' notes, were unfortunately not the latest revision of the plans. I am writing to you, to be sure you make a vote for the plans that do not change or remove any parking from East Meadow's segment 4. Please vote on the correct / updated version of the plans this evening.

As many of my neighbors and I have been writing to you and meeting about -- we agree that the best plan for segment 4 (Middlefield to East Meadow Circle) is to keep all of the existing parking on both sides of the street, since we "host" numerous activities in the busy East Meadow corridor. Please keep in mind that yes, we do want safe routes for cyclists and pedestrians - but, we need the parking, due to all the activities we host at Mitchell Park, Ramos Park, Fairmeadow Elementary, Hoover Elementary, JLS Middle School, many churches, Mitchell Park Library events and their community rooms, the Little League Park and all the family events and community activities that take place in South Palo Alto. Keep in mind that Google will be moving into several newly remodeled buildings at the East Meadow Circle end of East Meadow -- which will only add to the need for more parking, once their employees return to the offices.

So, please take the time to be sure you vote on the correct version of the South Palo Alto Bike Plan -- with the revision of segment 4 -- to KEEP ALL EXISTING PARKING - on both sides of East Meadow between Middlefield and East Meadow Circle.

Many of the residents along this busy corridor, are in agreement that painting the bike lanes green, along with images of white bicycles in the lanes -- will be a great help to added safety for cyclist. We are cyclists too! Let's start with this great visual bike lane upgrade - then keep this conversation actively going, in regards to any future changes and upgrades to East Meadow. We live here, we can help with good decision making. Please communicate with us.

Our additional suggestions to the Planning Committee have been:

to remove the small roundabout at Ross Road, which causes confusion for cars and cyclists
remove the small roundabout, to make it easier for Fire Trucks to drive through.

and

do not add "traffic calming" structures -- which are noted in the planning notes -- yet, were never discussed or seen before this week

we do not want surprises in the plans - please communicate with us.

Many of us are in agreement that pinching curbs in at intersections, and forcing cyclists to merge with cars, is not a safe method of "traffic calming" in our neighborhoods.

Thank you for your time and for listening to me and to the residents along this busy East Meadow corridor.

Sue Freeman

On Fri, Jul 30, 2021 at 12:24 PM City of Palo Alto <cityofpaloalto@service.govdelivery.com> wrote:

Dear Palo Alto Community,

South Palo Alto Bikeways map



South Palo Alto Bikeways Project Segments on Fabian Way, the Waverley Path, and E. Meadow Drive

On August 9, the [Palo Alto City Council](#) will consider moving forward with the [South Palo Alto Bikeways Project](#) initial concept plan. This project upgrades bicycle lanes to buffered lanes (with a wide striped area) or protected lanes (with a vertical barrier) where feasible so that there is more separation between those on bikes and moving or parked cars.

Based on feedback from residents and the Planning and Transportation Commission (PTC), the new recommendation in the [Council staff report](#) updates the concept plan regarding Segment 4 on E. Meadow Drive east of Middlefield Road.

City staff are working with VTA to maintain grant funds for this bicycle lane upgrade project while addressing community concerns around parking removal on Segment 4. City staff believe they can be successful in modifying the grant requirements with VTA if there is community support for traffic calming and bicycle lane visibility treatments on this segment, including travel lane width reduction to 10 feet, green bike lane treatments at intersections, mid-block bike lane stencils, and other feasible traffic calming treatments. The parking lane reduction along Segment 4 is no longer proposed.

The full recommendation proposes improvements by segment:

1. Waverely Multi-Use Path Alternative 2 - Widen towards either side of the path

2. Fabian Way – Protected bicycle lanes on both sides (requires travel lane reductions and addition of center turn lane)
3. E. Meadow Drive Segment 1 between E. Meadow Circle and Fabian Way – Standard bicycle lanes on both sides
4. E. Meadow Drive Segment 2 between Alma Street and Waverley Street – Protected bicycle lanes on both sides (requires removal of one parking lane)
5. E. Meadow Drive Segment 3 between Waverley Street and Middlefield Road – Protected bicycle lane on one side with buffered bicycle lane on the other side (requires removal of one parking lane)
6. **E. Meadow Drive Segment 4 between Middlefield Road and E. Meadow Circle – Traffic calming and bicycle lane visibility treatments, including travel lane width reduction from 11 to 10 feet and retaining both parking lanes in this segment.**

As this project is still early in the design phase, additional treatments on all project segments could be suggested by the public in upcoming community engagement opportunities if Council moves the project forward on August 9.

If you would like to send comments to the City Council related to this project before their [August 9 meeting](#), please send them to city.council@cityofpaloalto.org. Project details, including webinar presentations and videos, can be accessed on the [project website](#).

Thank you,
Office of Transportation



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From: [Charles Wilson](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); [Council, City](#)
Subject: Re: South Palo Alto Bikepath Project
Date: Monday, August 9, 2021 12:27:13 PM

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Thanks Sue, Please send your message to the entire City Council and Planning Commission:

City.Council@cityofpaloalto.org
Planning.commission@cityofpaloalto.org

Chuck

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 13, 2021, at 3:46 PM, Charles Wilson <hllrnr@icloud.com> wrote:

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> Dear Palo Alto Planning Commission and City Council,

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> Just last Thursday, I was notified by an observant neighbor that there was a plan to “improve” the safety of biking in South Palo Alto, that included eliminating the parking along the south side of E. Meadow Drive, from Middlefield to Fabian! I was immediately shocked and my mind was full of reasons why this would be a bad and UNSAFE change:

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> 1) There isn't enough space to move all parking to 1 side of E. Meadow Drive — With the city's encouragement of the development of ADUs, the residents of E. Meadow have more cars than can fit on one side, even considering off-street parking in driveways. So, as an example, where I live, the south side is the overflow location for the northside.

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> 2) Doubling the number of cars on the North side would double the number of car doors opening and cars driving over the north bike lane in the morning, when the student bike traffic is the heaviest and the students are rushing to get to school on time. In the afternoon, when school lets out, the bike flow on the south side is strung out over several hours as some students have after-school activities of various lengths and they aren't rushed!

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> 3) Don Ramos park is heavily used for youth sports after school and for family picnicing and sports on weekends. Currently, most park users try to park on the south side, so their kids don't have to cross 4 (2 bike + 2 car) lanes. It would be EXTREMELY UNSAFE to eliminate south side parking forcing all of these, mostly very young (T-ball and first year soccer) kids to cross E. Meadow. It will also make it difficult for the adults, unloading and carrying sports equipment, picnic stuff, etc. !!!

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> 4) E. Meadow Drive, from Middlefield to Fabian IS ALREADY A VERY SAFE BIKE ROUTE with 1 exception (see below). I've lived on E.Meadow Drive for 41 years. My 3 children all used E. Meadow Drive to bike to school, including Fairmeadow, JLS, and Gunn, with no problems. I'm unaware of any bike accidents along E. Meadow Drive. The existing bike lanes on E. Meadow Dr. are very wide, almost as wide as the car lanes and they are marked by wide solid white lines on both sides, between the bike lane and traffic and parking lanes.

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> 5) The recently-installed round-a-bout at Ross Rd. is a BIKE/CAR ACCIDENT WAITING TO HAPPEN! Not only is the intersection too small for a round-about (watch a firetruck try to make a left turn), but the bikes and cars are funneled into each other with little warning, very likely to catch unsuspecting bikers and drivers:

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> <image.jpg>

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> 6) The traffic on E. Meadow between Middlefield and Fabian is at the lowest level its been in 40 years! Before the covid pandemic, there was steady traffic on E. Meadow, in both directions, throughout the day; since the pandemic it is common for there to be no cars in either direction. Even now that many businesses have resumed, most workers seem to be working from home. This may change, but I doubt if it will ever be as busy as it was in the past!

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> 7) Directing students down Mayview into Mitchell Park instead of E. Meadow Dr. would greatly reduce the morning and afternoon mix of bikes and cars in front of Fairmeadow and JLS, as parents drop off and pickup their students. Many students already take this route!

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> 8) I doubt if any of the proposed changes to the bike path on E. Meadow from Middlefield to Fabian would increase the percentage of students biking to school! Parents that are afraid to let their students commute now, when it is very safe, aren't going to let their students bike after the changes, which the consensus of E. Meadow Dr. residents think will be more dangerous!

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> 9) In addition to resident parking, there are delivery, landscaping, cleaning, utility, and construction vehicles that regularly park on the south side of E. Meadow Dr.

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> 10) For all big events at Mitchell Park, such as the Chili Cookoff, evening concerts, Little League games, etc. , the south side of E. Meadow Dr., both east and west of Middlefield, is an important parking resource. Removing the south side E. Meadow parking will make these events a headache to attend!

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> Note: there were no attendees at the Don Ramos Park meeting, that are residents along E. Meadow Dr. that received the notice of the changes. The 1 or 2 that heard of it previously don't live on E. Meadow Drive. We can't help but feel that this whole project has been done behind our backs!

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> This response is not a "not in my backyard" reply. The residents of E. Meadow Drive want to have a safe biking environment for ourselves and our children! We are ready and willing to support changes that will improve the safety of the bike lanes. Our recommendations are:

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> 1) Paint the bike paths green with bicycle stensils so that everyone knows that the very wide bike lanes aren't traffic lanes.

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> 2) Remove the dangerous round-a-bout at Ross and E. Meadow Drive.

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> Please read and consider all of the responses from the residents of E. Meadow Drive. We have a wide range of experiences and views on this subject.

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> Best Regards,

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> Chuck Wilson
> 770 E. Meadow Dr, 1980-2021
> Palo Alto, CA 94393

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> Sent from my iPhone

From: [Gail Price](#)
To: [Council, City: Planning Commission](#)
Cc: [Gail Price](#)
Subject: August 9, 2021: Item 5- Support Denial of Appeal of Safe Parking and Item 13: Support Resolution , Resource allocation and Homekey Proposal
Date: Monday, August 9, 2021 10:53:00 AM

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August 9, 2021 Palo Alto City Council

Dear Mayor DuBois and Palo Alto City Council Members,

STATEMENT ONE

Palo Alto City Council: Consent Agenda Item No. 5 : Support of the Safe Parking Program and Denial of the Appeal of the Safe Parking Permit Application

I am Gail Price, President of Palo Alto Forward. I am a former Chair of the Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Board and long serving Board member of the Community Working Group, part of Abode Services.

We support both the Safe Parking program and the City staff recommendation to deny the appeal of the Safe Parking Program.

The people served by the Safe Parking Program are vulnerable and need help now. The experiences of being homeless pose several mental and physical health risks combined with stigmatization, anxiety, and uncertainty.

This program is one means of providing temporary shelter as service providers help them access appropriate services and secure permanent affordable housing. This model is widely used and meets or exceeds, national, state and local recommendations for an effective and valuable security plan.

There is broad agreement among service providers for the homeless that a background check increases barriers to individuals needing and securing shelter.

We concur there are ethical, operational and legal barriers to establishing a background check. The proposed security plan is sound and based on existing practices.

If we are serious about helping to address homelessness, this is one of several ways to make a difference.

STATEMENT TWO

Palo Alto City Council: Agenda Item No. 13: SCC Community Plan to End Homelessness 2020-25 and Strategies for Services for the Unhoused Palo Alto Residents

I am Gail Price, President of Palo Alto Forward. Thank you to the staff for the strong report and related recommendations.

1. We support the adoption of the resolution endorsing the SCC Community Plan to End Homeless 2020-2025. As the staff report notes: The Plan has strategies, including the ways to address the root causes of homelessness through system and policy changes; The Plan reiterates the key role of local cities to meet local homelessness needs through the implementation of urgent strategies to address the crisis.

A key strategy is to prioritize development of housing, via the update of our Housing Element, serving the needs of low and very-low income individuals and families while recognizing the variety of housing needs, including emergency housing, transitional housing and permanent affordable housing for a range of incomes groups.

A very important goal of the Plan is to address the racial inequities present among unhoused people and families through providing a more robust range of housing options.

2. We support giving staff direction to return to City Council for thoughtful policy discussions about key elements that will be included in a permanent Safe Parking Ordinance. Unless this is done, there will be an endless cycle of evaluation without results.

3. Take the necessary related actions noted in the staff report to allocate funding resources to support a qualified Street Outreach Worker and Special Enforcement Team (SET) for critical additional support to Unhoused Palo Altans. Traditionally, the City has not had a single person with sufficient training and expertise to coordinate all of these activities; this focus is important.

There are numerous local and regional models that demonstrate how this can be done; resources and actions have repeatedly been identified by community activists, and various Boards and Commissions.

4. We also strongly support the staff's recommendations which include seeking authorization to pursue a Project Homekey application and all of the steps outlined in the staff report on Page 9.

We do believe that temporary and interim housing solutions are important and needed but there should be increased attention to how our zoning, land use, and public-private partnerships decisions will enable building permanent supportive housing. This is the sustainable outcome we need.

Your discussion and actions are critical and will demonstrate that the City of Palo Alto is serious and committed to supporting many projects designed to make a difference in the lives of the unhoused.

From: [Aram James](#)
To: [Sajid@votesajid.com](#); [Jeff Rosen](#); [paloaltofreepress@gmail.com](#); [Bains, Paul](#); [Planning Commission](#); [ParkRec Commission](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); [Charisse Domingo](#); [Filseth, Eric \(external\)](#); [Eduardo Guilarte](#); [Donette](#); [Bunny Chiba](#); [Lewis, james](#); [Raj](#); [EPA Today](#); [mike.wasserman@bos.sccgov.org](#); [Jonsen, Robert](#); [Perron, Zachary](#); [Binder, Andrew](#); [Vara Ramakrishnan](#); [Kou, Lydia](#); [Kevin Nious](#); [Dr t](#); [Ruth Silver Taube](#)
Subject: My letter to DA George Kennedy and DA Sinunu circa 2005 re why the cop beating case of Palo Alto resident Albert Hopkins should be retried (From the archives of Aram James)
Date: Saturday, August 7, 2021 2:26:37 PM

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FYI: From the archives of Aram James(see letter below from 2005.

Has anything changed(since 2005) re the willingness to charge bad cops with current DA Jeff Rosen's administration? You be the judge. The race for District Attorney in 2022 will now include a challenger, currently a deputy public defender, Sajid Khan.

We need to play close attention to this important race that will do much to determine the quality of justice, racial fairness, due process and equal protection, delivered by the criminal justice system in Santa Clara County.

I intend to vote for the candidate most willing to take on the serious challenge of ending mass incarceration in our county. The candidate who is unafraid to prosecute police officers with the same resources, energy, passion, and equal protection of the law that is currently applied in the daily prosecution of ordinary community members charged with crimes.

We must insist the candidates bring their voices, their debates, on the critical criminal justice issues of the day... to all corners of Santa Clara County including Palo Alto.

Let the debates begin. The election of our next District Attorney in Santa Clara County will determine the quality of justice delivered to all of us for years to come. Please pay careful attention to this critical campaign and make certain to vote on Election Day.

Aram James

5/3/2005

*To: District Attorney George Kennedy & Assistant
District Attorney Karyn Sinunu*

Re: Request that your office retry the criminal case against Palo Alto officers Craig Lee and Michael Kan

Dear Mr. George Kennedy & Ms. Karyn Sinunu:

I am writing to you to request that your office retry the criminal case against Palo Alto police officers Michael Kan and Craig Lee. I would like to make some observations and comments regarding the recently completed trial in this matter wherein the jury ultimately hung 8 to 4 for guilty. I would then like to comment on the importance of this case being retried. I hope you will consider all of my comments in the constructive manner in which they are intended.

Comments re the recently completed trial of Defendants Kan & Lee

- First I think it is important to acknowledge the fine work performed during the course of all of the proceedings in this matter by Deputy District Attorney Peter Waite. Not only was his preparation and presentation of the case outstanding, but it was apparent that his confidence in the strength of the case grew as the matter proceeded. No doubt the case was not tried without some mistakes and at least one questionable judgment call, but, given all of the many pressures and roles being balanced, it was an outstanding job. By the time the case went to the jury it was my observation/opinion that Mr. Waite had out performed the very talented attorneys for the defendants. (I sat through the entire PX and trial in this matter.)
- From the perspective of a former public defender and trial lawyer it was clear to me that Mr. Waite and his investigative team (Sgt. Mike Denson and Sgt. Ron Watson from the PAPD) left few stones unturned in an effort to assure that the prosecution in this matter was both professionally managed and aggressively pursued.
- I had no sense during the trial of this matter, despite the obvious political pressures and ramifications for the entire prosecution team, that at anytime that the prosecution team treated this case lightly or in any fashion differently than any other serious felony matter. Finally, Mr. Waite, in an example that more public servants

should model, made himself available to members of the public who had endless questions for and observations to share with him.

- During the jury selection process in this case Mr. Waite's questions and the nature of the responses by prospective jurors re the role of race, racial profiling, the right of citizens to be free of undue and unwarranted harassment by the police etc., were both fascinating and instructive re the current public mood towards law enforcement. Had the voir dire process been taped it would have made a provocative documentary on the current status of the relationship between law enforcement and the community. As indicated by the responses during voir dire, as it currently stands, the relationship appears tenuous at best.
- There were numerous jurors who expressed just barely restrained anger re the recent killing of Bic Cau Tran by San Jose police officer Chad Marshall and similarly deep concern re other recent high profile killings by members of the SJP.
- What came across strongest from the jury selection process is that both the depth and width of anger and concern over misconduct by law enforcement in this county is much greater than reflected by the mainstream media in Santa Clara County. Whereas the conventional wisdom has been that police cases are hard to successfully prosecute in this county the current dynamically shifting demographics, combined with a well informed citizenry re police misconduct issues, may well have changed the landscape permanently. Given the above, it would appear that police prosecutions are much more like to be successful in this county now and in the future.
- During the course of the jury selection the defense exercised a peremptory challenge against the one black female who made it into the jury box. Given the quality of her responses to the questions posed by attorneys for both sides it was clear that this prospective juror was totally free of bias for either side.
- Despite the fact that Mr. Waite made an appropriate Batson/Wheeler objection that the

defense, specifically attorney Harry Stern, had exercised the challenge in a in a racially discriminatory fashion the judge, Andrea Bryan, declined to ask defense council for a showing of specific bias (to establish a race-neutral reasons for the strike) or to find a prima facie case for requiring a response by the defense. The judge should have reseated the juror in the presence of the entire panel as a clear message to the defense that the racist removal of a fair-minded juror would not be tolerated. (Case law clearly supports the notion that one race based peremptory challenge is sufficient to trigger the remedies contemplated by Batson/Wheeler and its descendants.)

- Given that only three African-Americans were in the initial jury panel of approximately 160 perspective jurors called for in this case, there is little doubt that the discriminatory strike of the one black female to make it into the jury box denied the people a jury made up of a cross-section of the community and thus a fair trial.
- The following quotes serve as a reminder of the impact of a discriminatory challenge based on race in the context of this case: ... "The harm from discriminatory jury selection extends beyond that inflicted on the defendant and the excluded juror to touch the entire community." *Batson V. Kentucky*, 476 U.S, at 77 (1986).
- "The need for public confidence is especially high in cases involving race-related crimes. In such cases, emotions in the affected community will inevitably be heated and volatile. Public confidence in the integrity of the criminal justice system is essential for preserving community peace in trials involving race related crimes." (Citations omitted). Finally, as to Judge Bryan's role in denying the community a fair trial the following is pertinent: "Be it at the hands of the state or the defense, if a court allows the juror to be excluded because of group bias, it is a willing participant in a scheme that could only undermine the very foundation of our system of justice—our citizens' " (citations omitted).
- In addition to the failure of Judge Andrea Bryan to perform her constitutional responsibility to

insure the selection of a fair jury in this matter it was apparent that the court allowed the atmosphere surrounding the trial to favor the defense. Not only did the court appear to bend over backwards to rule in favor of the defense on issues where you would normally not expect such favorable rulings, but the court personnel, including the bailiffs, routinely acted with favoritism to members of law enforcement. This included providing preferential seating in the courtroom to members of law enforcement, to allowing outbursts by law enforcement spectators to go unpunished while, at the same time, closely monitoring the conduct of non-law enforcement citizens in the courtroom to the point of a constitutional chill on access.

- Despite all of the efforts by the court and its personnel to tamper with the jury selection, evidentiary rulings, deny equal access to the courtroom to the public versus members of law enforcement, all in a thinly veiled attempt to direct a verdict of acquittal, 8 members of the community still rendered a verdict of guilty refusing, in the greatest tradition of independent jurors, to buckle under the weight of the intimidating atmosphere allowed to exist by Judge Andrea Bryan. All of this speaks volumes re the strength of the evidence in this case and the fine job done by the prosecution team.
- Despite the fact that only 8 of the 12 jurors in this case voted for guilty the verdict was still one of historic proportions in Santa Clara County. I know of no other case in recent Santa Clara County history where 8 jurors have voted to convict police officers for the beating of an African-American citizen. This result calls out for a retrial.

Conclusion re why case should be retried.

- Community sentiment: I have enclosed an editorial from the Palo Alto Daily News, *Accused officers should be retried, April 20, 2005*, outlining some of the reasons why this case should be retried and encouraging your office to do so, both in the interest of the Palo Alto Police Department and the Community at large.

- Given the statements attributed to Karyn Sinunu in the San Jose Mercury News (enclosed), (April 19, 2005), that the district attorney usually retries hung juries and given that in this case 8 citizens voted for guilty under the difficult conditions described in the first section of this letter, failure to do so in this case would feed into the perception that there is two standards of justice in this community, one for the ordinary citizen and one for police officers.
- Given comments in a recent article in *The Recorder*, April 27, 2005, that there will be a chase for endorsements by police and law enforcement groups by the presumed candidates for District Attorney in 2006, and given Ms. Sinunu's apparent intent to run for this position, failure to retry this case might well be seen as decision based on political expediency rather than the merits of retrying this case.
- It is clear that this case would likely not have come to light but for the courageous act of a few "whistle blowing" members of the PAPD willing to break down the traditional "code of silence" that so perniciously permeates much of law enforcement in this community. By the jury's verdict in this case the community has spoken: it is time, once and for all, to send the message that the so-called "code of silence" will not longer be tolerated by those we entrust with the awesome power of the badge. Failure to retry this case would discourage officers in the future to speak out against rogue officers in their ranks and, as result, put the public at risk of more unwarranted beatings and deaths.
- Given all of the above, the strength of the evidence presented in the first trial, the resources and efforts expended by the prosecution, the strong likelihood of a conviction beyond a reasonable doubt at a second trial, the efforts of the trial judge to sabotage the prosecution's case in the first trial, and the strong public support for a retrial in this matter it is my request that you exercise your prosecutorial discretion in favor of a retrial in this case.

Sincerely,

Aram James
Citizen Advocate

Nguyen, Vinhloc

From: Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 6, 2021 10:23 PM
To: Council, City; Shikada, Ed; Greer Stone; Jay Boyarsky; chuck jagoda; Planning Commission; GRP-City Council; Cormack, Alison; roberta.ahlquist@sjsu.edu; DuBois, Tom; Filseth, Eric (external); Kou, Lydia; Bains, Paul; Pat Burt; Human Relations Commission; paloaltofreepress@gmail.com; ParkRec Commission; Josh Becker; Joe Simitian
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Date: Friday, August 6, 2021 6:08:10 PM

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To: Council, City; Pastor Kaloma Smith; Human Relations Commission; Planning Commission; Aram James; rebecca; ParkRec Commission; Mark Mollineaux; Angie, Palo Alto Renters Association; Dave Price; Jocelyn Dong
Subject: Fwd: Check out our latest video!

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info on the video is an update on the status of working people. We need an educated council that is humane and working to provide

our service sector workers with housing-- Roberta Ahlquist, WILPF

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From: Matthew Lewis, California YIMBY <info@cayimby.org>

Date: Thu, Aug 5, 2021 at 12:10 PM

Subject: Check out our latest video!

To: <roberta.ahlquist@sjsu.edu>



Dear roberta --

This morning, California YIMBY released [our latest explainer video: "What is 'Affordable Housing?'"](#)

The video focuses on a fictional firefighter, Michael, and his grandmother, Iris. Michael has a job with a good salary, and Iris is on a fixed income; but California's housing shortage has led to an affordability crisis -- which means neither of them can find housing they can afford.



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We produced this video to explain the challenges middle-income workers face finding housing they can afford, and how that “naturally” affordable housing is distinct from subsidized housing provided to seniors and low-income tenants.

The video ends with a call for Californians across the state to join the YIMBY movement to make it legal to build both types of housing -- both subsidized housing, and naturally-affordable housing -- in the state’s cities.

[Click here to watch](#), then be sure to [share the clip on social media](#) to help us reach as many Californians as possible.

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California YIMBY is focused on making it legal to build more homes in our cities — both subsidized affordable housing, and multi-family, market-rate housing — in order to end the housing shortage that has created the affordability crisis.

As long as it remains illegal to build this type of housing on 75% of our urban land, the dream of affordable housing will be out of reach to all but the wealthiest Californians.

That’s why we all need to raise our voices and demand more housing in California -- because building more homes means building a more inclusive state, for Californians of all income levels.

Be sure to give the video a watch and share, and we'll have some legislative updates for you shortly!

Gratefully,

Matthew

Matthew Lewis
Communications Director
California YIMBY

California YIMBY is a movement dedicated to ending our state's housing crisis and building a more inclusive, affordable, and accessible state for ALL Californians. If you were forwarded this email, you can [join our movement here](#). **Donate now »** Want to keep track of housing issues and the YIMBY movement?

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Subject: Why we should say NO to Tasers in Palo Alto (from the archives of Aram James—1st published in August 2018) in the LA/SF Daily Journal -written by Attorneys Richard Konda & Aram James
Date: Thursday, August 5, 2021 5:16:59 PM

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From: [Transportation](#)
To: mayrazanza@gmail.com
Cc: [Planning Commission; City Mgr](#)
Subject: RE: Turning left on Embarcadero Road
Date: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 7:10:45 PM

Hello Ms. Azanza,

We have entered this request into our PaloAlto311 system. For your reference, the ID # is 10551913.

A city staff member might reach out to you for additional information, if necessary. You will be receiving email updates from staff or our PaloAlto311 system as staff evaluates the issues.

In the future, if you would like to make requests or report issues directly, you can enter it through the PaloAlto311 system (<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/Residents/Services/Report-an-Issue/>).

Thank you for your email.

Sarah Wilson (she, her, hers)
Administrative Assistant, Office of Transportation
City of Palo Alto
Transportation@CityofPaloAlto.org
(650) 329-2520

From: Mayra Azanza <mayrazanza@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 23, 2021 12:24 PM
To: Council, City <city.council@cityofpaloalto.org>; Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@cityofpaloalto.org>
Subject: Turning left on Embarcadero Road

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Dear Council and Planning Commission members,

I live in Walter Hays Dr and in order to enter Walnut Dr coming East or incorporating into Embarcadero to take 101 Fwy, I have to turn left on Embarcadero.

I have been very close to being hit by cars while waiting to turn left on Embarcadero. It is also very dangerous (and sometimes long-wait) to make a left from Walnut Dr towards 101 fwy.

Is there a possibility to add a traffic light or a stop sign for that corner? Just yesterday as I was waiting to turn left, the person behind was hit by the car behind them. I am a cautious driver, I usually have my children in the car with me and I am changing my driving habits to turn left on Newell or all the way to St. Francis, but it has become more and more dangerous as we go back to pre-covid traffic, with people going back to the office and children to school.

Me, my family and neighbors would benefit from a safer corner with crosswalks, traffic lights or stop signs and clear signaling.

Thank you,

Mayra Azanza

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Subject: Silicon Valley De-Bug | James and Konda: The Time Has Come for a robust police crimes unit in every DA's office in America (
Date: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 2:55:35 PM

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Aug 20, 2020

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Date: Sunday, August 1, 2021 10:21:51 PM

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A Fight Over Zoning Tests Charlottesville's Progress on Race
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Subject: PSN] Come leaflet Barbara Lee movie Mon. evening at Grand Lake,
Date: Sunday, August 1, 2021 7:42:51 PM
Attachments: [leaflet layout14 7-31.pdf](#)

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Please distribute to people you know.

Thank you
Donna

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From: **Henry Norr** <henrynor@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, Aug 1, 2021 at 3:29 PM

Subject: [PSN] Come leaflet Barbara Lee movie Mon. evening at Grand Lake,

To: PSN <palestine_solidarity_network@googlegroups.com>

As folks might recall from earlier posts to this list, there's going to be a screening of a movie called "Barbara Lee: Speaking Truth To Power," with Rep. Lee in attendance, tomorrow evening at the Grand Lake Theater in Oakland. In response to her increasingly poor record on Palestine (she sponsored a bill, just passed by the House, that gives the Israelis \$3.3 billion+ in 2022), a small ad hoc group of us put together a leaflet (PDF attached) that aims to educate the 600 people who have bought tickets about her record on this issue and to encourage them to press her to speak and act in support of justice for the Palestinians. It's respectful of her good works but firm in calling her out on this issue.

We'll be meeting at the Grand Lake at 6:15 pm. Can you join us to help with the leafleting?

Henry Norr

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You received this message because you are subscribed to the Google Groups "Palestine Solidarity Network" group.

To unsubscribe from this group and stop receiving emails from it, send an email to palestine_solidarity_network+unsubscribe@googlegroups.com.

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2 books you must read:

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

<http://www.againstourbetterjudgment.com/>

"State of Terror: How Terrorism Created Modern Israel" by Thomas Suarez

<http://thomassuarez.com/SoT.html>

Other important websites to visit

<http://www.ifamericansknew.org>

<http://www.councilforthenationalinterest.org/new/>

<https://wearenotnumbers.org/>

End the Blockade/Siege on Gaza!

Tear down the Apartheid Walls in West Bank & Gaza!

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

End the illegal Apartheid Israeli Occupation of all of Palestine!

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

End all U.S. aid to Israel

Free Palestine! Long Live Palestine!

Support Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) & Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (PACBI) Campaigns!

<http://www.bdsmovement.net>

<http://www.WhoProfits.org>

<http://www.pacbi.org>

Support Solidarity with Gaza Fishers

<https://sgf.freedomflotilla.org/>

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<https://sgf.freedomflotilla.org/category/we-are-not-numbers>

Support ISM volunteers in West Bank and Gaza Strip!

<http://www.palsolidarity.org>

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Ask Barbara Lee to Speak Truth to the Power of Israel and its Lobby!

- **Stop voting to spend billions of US taxpayer dollars in military aid to Israel - use the money here to house the homeless, care for the sick, and educate the children.**
- **Demand an end to Israeli evictions, home demolitions, land annexations, and settlement expansion and endorse Rep. Betty McCollum's HR 2590.**
- **Speak out against Israel's brutal, illegal and immoral 14-year siege and military assaults on Gaza.**

Supporting Israel means supporting US imperialism. Being “progressive except Palestine” is not being a true progressive!

Call Rep. Lee's offices in DC at (202) 225-2661 and in Oakland at (510) 763-0370 or go to <https://lee.house.gov/contact> and tell her this is not the kind of progressive leadership her constituents expect. Ask her to
**Stand up for Justice for Palestinians and
Stop Funding Israel's crimes!**

*For more information about Palestine/Israel, see: IfAmericansKnew.org Mondoweiss.net
Fosna.org/norcal wrmea.org electronicintifada.net dci-palestine.org*

Do you know where Barbara Lee stands on Israel and Palestine?

Rep. Barbara Lee boasts that she speaks truth to power. She even titled her autobiography *Renegade for Peace and Justice*. On many issues she has lived up to this image: We honor her opposition to US military adventures abroad and her support for Black Lives Matter, police reform, healthcare, affordable housing, and other important domestic causes.

But when it comes to Israel and Palestine, she loses sight of her values and refuses to hold Israel accountable or join human-rights advocates around the world in calling Israel what it is: a racist, settler-colonial apartheid state engaged in systematic ethnic cleansing.

Worse yet, Rep. Lee uses her political clout to assist Israel in its crimes. Did you know that:

- Lee was the sole sponsor of a 2022 appropriations bill just passed by the House that gives Israel \$3.3 *billion* in military aid in 2022 – nearly \$10 million a day – plus a slew of other pro-Israel programs, plus billions more in military funding for its allies Egypt and Jordan? That she was the first legislator thanked by AIPAC, the ultra-Zionist lobby group, for her leadership on the bill?
- She has refused to endorse Rep. Betty McCollum’s HR 2590 bill, which aims simply to prevent Israel from using US taxpayer funds for military detention of Palestinian children, forced displacement, or further annexation of Palestinian land? Most progressive House members, including the “Squad,” have signed on as co-sponsors – but not Barbara Lee.
- In 2016 she voted against an amendment drafted by Sen. Bernie Sanders that would have added a call to “end occupation and illegal settlements” in the West Bank and “an international effort to rebuild Gaza” to the Democrats’ election platform?

From: [Scott O'Neil](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Roger Pai](#); [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Feedback on South Palo Alto Bikeways Project
Date: Sunday, August 1, 2021 3:43:20 PM

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Hello,

We are both Palo Alto homeowners, residents, and board members for the Vantage of Palo Alto Homeowner's Association. We do not speak for the Board, but know the community and HOA operations well. We are also experienced cyclists. When we began discussing this project we were on opposite sides of the issue, but in our discussions we were able to come around to this shared position on it.

Vantage is a 76-unit townhome-style community at the intersection of East Meadow and Meadow Circle. Of the two multifamily developments there, we are the one that borders East Meadow on both sides. Due to the moderate density in this area, street parking is highly utilized. Probably moreso than anywhere else in the project area, notwithstanding only transient peak cases such as school pickup and dropoff in the Mitchell Park area. Vantage is arguably the community most impacted by parking losses due to this project.

Nevertheless, we support the project, for several reasons. First of all, the parking situation, while worse here than elsewhere, is quite good. Each of our floorplans includes two parking spaces. In addition, we have 28 on-site guest parking spaces. This such an over-abundance of on-site parking that it creates challenges around management. It is difficult to simply ban non-guest use because it would leave parking shamefully underutilized to nobody's benefit, yet security vendors struggle to implement nuanced policies that allow limited resident use.

Why, if we have so much parking, is the curb so crowded? One answer is that curb parking is free and abundant, so why wouldn't people be using it? But moreover, while Vantage may be most impacted in a relative sense, that doesn't mean that it will be heavily impacted in an absolute sense. The curb is only heavily parked directly in front of the complex, where parking is most convenient. Move down East Meadow toward Louis, or in either direction on Meadow Circle, and one quickly finds many curb spaces. If we lose half our curb parking, we will find more very close. The abundance of onsite parking means that all our residents not willing to walk any farther will have alternate on-site options available.

Also, the current curb situation reflects both extensive 24-hour parking due to the Covid crisis keeping people home, and the temporary allocation of eight of our on-site spaces (29%) to construction-related use. Resuming full availability of onsite parking at our complex when repairs complete should offset around half the parking losses.

The parking concerns are minor, but do exist, so we must also look at the merits off

the project. Simply put: we are thrilled that our city with an abundance of North/South biking corridors is considering adding a much-needed East/West corridor. This specific location couldn't be better: it will enhance safety travelling to a three amazing schools that draw heavy bike ridership, and create safer access to the new Fabian overpass and the abundant jobs at Facebook, Google, Amazon, Microsoft, Yahoo, the North Bayshore office complexes in Sunnyvale, and the downtown area of Mountain View that are all accessible via the Bay Trail. We are fortunate that such a strategic corridor even exists for meeting so many diverse needs at once, and it would be folly to pass on the opportunity to use grant money to fund developing it.

We have one concern about option 1 for the East Meadow segment. Including bollards risks creating street cleaning issues that could result in debris hazards. If debris are present in the lane that would offset safety benefits of the bollards. We are not sure if the proposal accounts for this, and suggest that council would be wise to inquire with staff and consultants on the question of how street cleaning would work with bollards. If cleaning is addressed, then bollards are definitely safer.

Finally, we want to note that while the merits of this project are considerable, we think the best option for bike safety is usually to block intersections to through vehicle traffic. This sorts vehicle traffic into high-throughput areas, which keeps them out of neighborhoods and avoids conflicts with bikes, children, and pedestrians. Palo Alto has done this to great effect in several places and while we understand that this is not the direction East Meadow is going in today, Council and the PTC would be wise to keep his approach top-of-mind for considering future projects.

Thank you!

-Scott O'Neil and Roger Pai

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Subject: Another cop you gotta love NOT!! !!!!!
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Cc: [Rebecca Eisenberg](#); [chuck jagoda](#); [Council, City](#); [Tanaka, Greg](#); [alisa mallari tu](#); [Palo Alto Free Press](#); [Planning Commission](#); [ParkRec Commission](#); [Roberta Ahlquist](#); [DuBois, Tom](#); [Human Relations Commission](#); [GRP-City Council](#); [city.council@menlopark.org](#); [Pat Burt](#); [Binder, Andrew](#); [Raj](#); [Jeff Moore](#); [Jeff Rosen](#); [Greer Stone](#); [Jay Boyarsky](#); [wilpf.peninsula.paloalto@gmail.com](#); [michael.gennaco@oirgroup.com](#); [Jonsen, Robert](#); [supervisor.ellenberg@bos.sccgov.org](#); [Winter Dellenbach](#); [citycouncil@mountainview.gov](#); [mike.wasserman@bos.sccgov.org](#); [David Angel](#); [Joe Simitian](#)
Subject: Re: NYTimes: We're Ben and Jerry. Men of Ice Cream, Men of Principle.
Date: Thursday, July 29, 2021 3:06:28 AM

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Greetings all,

The statement written by Ben and Jerry of Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream is the reason I have been boycotting for over about a decade. Israel practices it's racist, Jewish Supremacist policies within its own borders. Israel is not a democracy. Palestinian citizens of Israel do NOT have equality or equity with Israeli Jews or with any Jews who come to visit Israel. Israel has passed more than 30 laws to ensure that Palestinians with Israeli citizenship do not have equality and equity with Jews.

Israel controls all the borders of the West Bank and Gaza and determines who can leave and who can enter. Both the West Bank and Gaza are totally surrounded by Apartheid Walls. The Apartheid Wall in the West Bank is often deep inside the Palestinian territory, i.e. land that Israel has stolen from the Palestinians. Typically this is rich agricultural land. Palestinians are denied their human and civil right to farm their land, tend to their flocks, go to school, go to work, travel, visit family and friends. Gaza has been under a siege/blockade/collective punishment since 2005 when Palestinians democratically elected Hamas as their government.

Ben and Jerry should be ashamed of themselves, saying that they are men of principle and that they are proud supporters of Israel. Vermonters for Justice in Palestine have supplied them with tons of information about the truth of what Israel does, how Palestinians are mistreated, denied their human and civil rights, Israeli soldiers invading Palestinian villages in the middle of the night breaking down doors, kidnapping children, interrogating them without the presence of their parents or an attorney and forcing them to sign documents in Hebrew that they cannot read or understand, torturing them, incarcerating them for months without charges, etc. Israel bombs Gaza with impunity. There is no safe place in Gaza for Palestinians to go when the bombs start dropping. Entire families have been murdered in cold blood. There is no Palestinian Armed forces, they do not have planes, tanks, APCs, etc. It is their right to pick up a gun and defend themselves when Israeli soldiers attack.

Israel is an Apartheid State. They commit War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity and Crimes Against Peace on a second-by-second basis. Our U.S. Congress supports these acts of terrorism and finances them. Our tax money enables Israel to commit these crimes. Ben and Jerry are fully aware of this. Shame on them!!!!

If any of you could not open the link to the New York Times article, I pasted it below.

Respectfully
Donna Wallach

We're Ben and Jerry. Men of Ice Cream, Men of Principle.

July 28, 2021



Credit...

Emmanuel Dunand/Agence France-Presse, via Getty Images

By Bennett Cohen and Jerry Greenfield

Mr. Cohen and Mr. Greenfield founded Ben & Jerry's Homemade Holdings in 1978.

We are the founders of Ben & Jerry's. We are also proud Jews. It's part of who we are and how we've identified ourselves for our whole lives. As our company began to expand internationally, Israel was one of our first overseas markets. We were then, and remain today, supporters of the State of Israel.

But it's possible to support Israel and oppose some of its policies, just as we've opposed policies of the U.S. government. As such, we unequivocally support the decision of the company to end business in the occupied territories, which a majority of the international community, including the United Nations, has deemed an illegal occupation.

While we no longer have any operational control of the company we founded in 1978, we're proud of its action and believe it is on the right side of history. In our view, ending the sales of ice cream in the occupied territories is one of the most important decisions the company has made in its 43-year history. It was especially brave of the company. Even though it undoubtedly knew that the response would be swift and powerful, Ben & Jerry's took the step to align its business and operations with its progressive values.

That we support the company's decision is not a contradiction nor is it anti-Semitic. In fact, we believe this act can and should be seen as advancing the concepts of justice and human rights, core tenets of Judaism.

Ben & Jerry's is a company that advocates peace. It has long called on Congress to reduce the U.S. military budget. Ben & Jerry's opposed the Persian Gulf war of 1991. But it wasn't just talk. One of our very first social-mission initiatives, in 1988, was to introduce the [Peace Pop](#). It was part of an effort to promote the idea of redirecting 1 percent of national defense budgets around the world to fund peace-promoting activities. We see the company's recent action as part of a similar trajectory — not as anti-Israel, but as part of a long history of being pro-peace.

In its [statement](#), the company drew a contrast between the democratic territory of Israel and the territories Israel occupies. The decision to halt sales outside Israel's democratic borders is not a boycott of Israel. The Ben & Jerry's statement did not endorse the [Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions](#) movement.

The company's stated decision to more fully align its operations with its values is not a rejection of Israel. It is a rejection of Israeli policy, which perpetuates an illegal occupation that is a barrier to peace and violates the basic human rights of the Palestinian people who live under the occupation. As Jewish supporters of the State of Israel, we fundamentally reject the notion that it is anti-Semitic to question the policies of the State of Israel.

When we left the helm of the company, we signed a unique governance structure in the acquisition agreement with Unilever back in 2000. That structure is the magic behind both Ben & Jerry's continued independence and its success. As part of the agreement, the company retained an independent board of directors with a responsibility to protect the company's essential brand integrity and to pursue its social mission.

On Wed, Jul 28, 2021 at 10:25 PM Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com> wrote:

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We're Ben and Jerry. Men of Ice Cream, Men of Principle.
<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/07/28/opinion/ben-and-jerry-israel.html?referringSource=articleShare>

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Mutulushakur <http://mutulushakur.com/site/>

Julian Assange <https://assangedefense.org>

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Ghassan Elashi

Mufid Abdulqader

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Subject: Inside a KKK murder plot: Grab him up, take him to the river
Date: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 9:48:02 PM

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More sickening details re the state of law enforcement in this country today including more numbers of the number of law enforcement members attend the jan 6 riot rampage at the U.S. Capital

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Subject: You really gotta love this x cop -are you kidding me is this an example of cop we are hiring to protect us?
Date: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 9:27:31 PM

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<https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2021/07/02/thomas-robertson-cop-arsenal-weapons-capitolriot/?outputType=amp>

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Subject: Trumper Who Wore 'Back The Blue' Shirt To Rally Arrested For Assaulting Officers On Jan. 6 | HuffPost
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FYI: Lazar: NOT a cop but you gotta love this guy too....

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Subject: NYTimes: How a Respected N.Y.P.D. Officer Became the Accused Capitol Riot #EyeGouger
Date: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 1:50:07 AM

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FYI: you gotta love this story

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Subject: NYTimes: The Left Needs the A.C.L.U. to Keep Defending Awful Speech
Date: Sunday, July 25, 2021 1:13:31 AM

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Subject: Re: Tasers Forum Aram James (2014)
Date: Friday, July 23, 2021 8:05:18 PM

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From the archives of Aram James: why the Palo Alto Police Department should Shelve Tasers.

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> Check out this video on YouTube:

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> <https://youtu.be/zxRyBZjY46s>

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From: [Mayra Azanza](#)
To: [Council, City; Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Turning left on Embarcadero Road
Date: Friday, July 23, 2021 12:24:28 PM

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Dear Council and Planning Commission members,

I live in Walter Hays Dr and in order to enter Walnut Dr coming East or incorporating into Embarcadero to take 101 Fwy, I have to turn left on Embarcadero.

I have been very close to being hit by cars while waiting to turn left on Embarcadero. It is also very dangerous (and sometimes long-wait) to make a left from Walnut Dr towards 101 fwy.

Is there a possibility to add a traffic light or a stop sign for that corner? Just yesterday as I was waiting to turn left, the person behind was hit by the car behind them. I am a cautious driver, I usually have my children in the car with me and I am changing my driving habits to turn left on Newell or all the way to St. Francis, but it has become more and more dangerous as we go back to pre-covid traffic, with people going back to the office and children to school.

Me, my family and neighbors would benefit from a safer corner with crosswalks, traffic lights or stop signs and clear signaling.

Thank you,

Mayra Azanza

From: [Suzanne Keehn](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Lait, Jonathan](#); [Shikada, Ed](#)
Cc: [Susan Kirsch](#); [Flora Sullivan2](#); [Barry Smith](#); [Maurice Green](#); [Greg Schmid \(external\)](#); [Holzemer/hernandez](#)
[Holzmer](#); [Mary Gallagher](#); [Paul Machado](#); [Joe Hirsch](#); [Ben Lerner](#); [Lydia Kou](#)
Subject: Fw: Wildlife and Biodiversity: A Disappearing Act by Cell Towers on Land and in Space
Date: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 4:53:12 PM

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From: Lynette Lee Eng <lynetteleeeng@gmail.com>
To: Lynette Lee Eng <lynetteleeeng@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021, 9:16:01 AM PDT
Subject: Wildlife and Biodiversity: A Disappearing Act by Cell Towers on Land and in Space

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Wildlife and Biodiversity: A Disappearing Act by Cell Towers on Land and in Space. July 19, 2021. PST Blog. <https://mdsafetech.org/2021/07/19/wildlife-and-biodiversity-a-disappearing-act-by-cell-towers-on-land-and-in-space/>

Original article

Levitt, Lai, Manville. (2021) **Effects of non-ionizing electromagnetic fields on flora and fauna, Part 1. Rising ambient EMF levels in the environment.** Rev Environ Health. 2021 May 27. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34047144/>

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Cc: [Donna Wallach](#)
Subject: Re: Ben & Jerry's ending sales in West Bank settlements
Date: Monday, July 19, 2021 8:43:06 PM

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Hi Donna,
Thanks for sharing this important information. As you suggest I will share this information with others.

Aram

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 19, 2021, at 8:25 PM, Donna Wallach <cats4jazz@gmail.com> wrote:

Greetings all,

Although this is good news that the current owners of Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream, Unilever, have said that they will stop selling their ice cream in the West Bank, they are still selling their ice cream within the '48 borders, so the Zionists are still profiting from their illegal Occupation of Palestine. The group Vermonters for Justice in Palestine, <https://vtjp.org>, have been organizing for over a decade to get the company to stop selling its ice cream there within the '48 borders and within the West Bank. On 19th July, as you will read below, Ben & Jerry's says they will end sales of their ice cream in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. However, they will continue to sell their ice cream within the '48 borders and are being highly pressured to go back on their word. Please read the Press Release from Vermonters for Justice in Palestine how they say that the Israeli Occupation is still profiting from the sales of Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream and it needs to totally stop selling there.

in solidarity
Donna

PRESS RELEASE

Ben & Jerry's fails to end its Complicity in Israel's Occupation and Abuses of Palestinian Human Rights according to Vermonters for Justice in Palestine

Press Email Contact: Mark Hage or Wafic

Faour <ContactUs@vtjp.org>; **Phone Contacts: Mark Hage** [802 229 4011 or 802 272 3554]

or Wafic Faour [802 310 0212]

Date - July 19th 2021 For immediate Release.

The July 19th 2021 announcement from Ben & Jerry's <https://www.benjerry.com/about-us/media-center/palestine-statement> announces that

"Ben & Jerry's Will End Sales of Our Ice Cream in the Occupied Palestinian Territory" and continues:

"We believe it is inconsistent with our values for Ben & Jerry's ice cream to be sold in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT). We also hear and recognize the concerns shared with us by our fans and trusted partners.

We have a longstanding partnership with our licensee, who manufactures Ben & Jerry's ice cream in Israel and distributes it in the region. We have been working to change this, and so we have informed our licensee that we will not renew the license agreement when it expires at the end of next year.

Although Ben & Jerry's will no longer be sold in the OPT, we will stay in Israel through a different arrangement. We will share an update on this as soon as we're ready."

Ben & Jerry's intended actions fail to address the widespread anger at the actions of the Israeli government against Palestinian people who live in occupied territory, or who are refugees denied their legitimate right to return to their former homes. According to VTJP member Kathy Shapiro "By maintaining a presence in Israel, Ben & Jerry's continues to be complicit in the killing, imprisonment and dispossession of Palestinian people and the flaunting of international law. Israel destroys lives and property in the lands it occupies by force."

Vermonters for Justice in Palestine (VTJP) continues to call on Ben & Jerry's to:

1. End the marketing, catering and sales of Ben & Jerry's products in Israel and Jewish-only settlements in occupied East Jerusalem and the West Bank.

2. Stop manufacturing ice cream in Israel.

3. Issue a statement (a) calling on Israel to end its occupation and settlement enterprise and

(b) appealing directly to other socially responsible companies to do likewise and to cease business operations in Israel and its illegal settlements.

These three demands have been clearly stated in a series of petitions directed to the CEO and others at Ben & Jerry's. Now, seven years after our campaign

has drawn attention to Ben & Jerry's complicity with the illegal and immoral actions of its licensee in Israel they have finally moved eventually to end sales of their ice cream in illegal settlements, which they have admitted represent a very small part of their business in Palestine/Israel. However, their licensee will continue to operate in Israel for another seventeen months, and the company will remain in Israel in a form yet to be announced.

Ben & Jerry's fails to recognize that Israel has been identified as an Apartheid State, and their factory there is [built on stolen land](#) near the demolished Palestinian village of Qastina. Their attempt to normalize the widely recognized Apartheid practiced by the Israeli government and military is completely inconsistent with the company's stated [social mission](#). VTJP member and Palestinian refugee Wafic Faour asserts that "since 1947, Palestinian people have been victimized by Israeli Zionists who have arrived there through racially-selective immigration policies. Ben & Jerry's should completely disengage from Israel and apologize for their normalization with an Apartheid state over the past decades".

The [campaign by VTJP](#) has included meetings with Ben & Jerry's management and members of their Board of Directors, direct appeals to scoop shop owners and recipients of grant funding from the Ben & Jerry's Foundation, and several petitions signed by thousands of people directed to the company's management. This campaign has been joined by petitions organized by Decolonize Burlington [VT] and by SumOfUs.org.

[Vermonters for Justice in Palestine](#) works to support the Palestinian people in their struggle for human rights and to end Israel's illegal and immoral occupation of Palestinian lands through education, advocacy, and action.

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So the Zionists who can afford it still get to enjoy Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream as they, Ben & Jerry's, totally violate their social mission. Especially considering where the Ben & Jerry's factory was built, it is an outrage that they continue to claim their social mission. Everyone needs to boycott Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream.

Please share widely
Donna

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From: 'isis feral' via Stop ZIM Action Committee <stop-zim-action-committee@googlegroups.com>

Date: Mon, Jul 19, 2021 at 4:43 PM

Subject: [SZAC] Fw: Ben & Jerry's ending sales in West Bank settlements

To: Stop ZIM Action Committee <stop-zim-action-committee@googlegroups.com>

No more ice cream for Zionists!

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<https://forward.com/fast-forward/473175/ben-jerrys-will-end-sales-of-its-ice-cream-occupied-palestinian-territory>:

Ben & Jerry's will end sales of its ice cream in the Occupied Palestinian Territory

Haaretz July 19, 2021 Photo by iStock

Ben & Jerry's announced Monday that it would end sales of ice cream in the Israeli settlements in the West Bank, following "concerns shared with us by our fans and trusted partners."

"Although Ben & Jerry's will no longer be sold in the OPT [Occupied Palestinian territories], we will stay in Israel through a different arrangement. We will share an update on this as soon as we're ready," it added.

The Vermont-based ice cream company, which launched in 1978, has long been associated with progressive values. Last year, following the murder of George Floyd, the company added a special section of its website devoted to combating white supremacy.

But until now, Ben & Jerry's had conspicuously refrained from weighing in on Israeli-Palestinian affairs. So while it has readily marked the anniversary of the Supreme Court's landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* ruling barring school segregation in the 1950s and condemned the Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol attack as a riot for white supremacy, the company did not mention Israel or Palestine even as the flare-up in May grabbed headlines around the world.

Ben & Jerry's will end sales of our ice cream in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. Read our full statement:

<https://t.co/2mGWYGN4GApic.twitter.com/kFeu7aXOf3>— Ben & Jerry's (@benandjerrys) July 19, 2021

The criticism of the brand over its silence on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict coalesced on May 19 with a call by a social justice group called Decolonize Burlington in Vermont for Americans to boycott the company, according to the Burlington Free Press. Local activists have been lobbying against Ben & Jerry's Israel ties since at least 2012. Ben & Jerry's hasn't posted on its social media accounts since June, when it was bombarded with criticism for licensing a factory in Israel which provides Israeli settlements with products.

In its statement, Ben & Jerry's also said: "We have a longstanding partnership with our licensee, who manufactures Ben & Jerry's ice cream in Israel and distributes it in the region. We have been working to change this, and so we have

informed our licensee that we will not renew the license agreement when it expires at the end of next year.”

The Israeli Ben & Jerry’s, the brand’s only independent licensee, is widely popular. It has produced special flavors for holidays, such as haroset for Passover and “mixed-up” for this spring’s national election, and last year held a Purim costume party whose prize was a six-month supply of ice cream.

Foreign Minister Yair Lapid upbraided Ben & Jerry’s, calling its decision a “shameful surrender” to BDS and to antisemitism. Lapid noted that many states in America have laws against sanctioning Israel, and promised to demand they implement these laws against the Vermont company. “We will not stay silent,” Lapid said.

Lapid’s Foreign Ministry said in a statement that the Ben & Jerry’s decision was a “willing cooperation with economic terrorism led by the boycott movement, an anti-Israeli movement tinted with antisemitic hues.

“It is a discriminatory and immoral decision that singles out Israel, harms both Israelis and Palestinians, and gives a tailwind to extremist, thuggish groups. This decision not only does not advance peace and the solution of the conflict, but strengthens the opponents of reconciliation between the two peoples and those who call for the destruction of the State of Israel.”

In response to Ben & Jerry’s announcement, the Yesha Council, an umbrella organization of the Israeli settlements in the West Bank, said it hopes Ben & Jerry’s backtracks on its decision, and in the meantime urged Israelis to buy local ice cream instead of Ben & Jerry’s. “In the hot summer days, we urge Israelis around the country to eat delicious, sweet Israeli ice cream. There’s no need to buy products from companies that boycott hundreds of thousands of citizens of the State of Israel because of where they chose to live,” they said in a statement.

“We hope that the Ben & Jerry’s company will walk back this discriminatory decision, which brings a bitter spirit to such a sweet area.”

David Ha’Ivri, of the Samaria Regional Council, told Haaretz: “I don’t tend to mix ice cream and politics. Currently Ben & Jerry’s ice cream is available in local supermarkets. Sometimes we buy their products and take home even though they are substantially more expensive than local brands. If they choose to pull out of our stores it will be their loss and gain only to their competition.”

Americans for Peace Now, the U.S. sister organization to Israel’s left-wing Peace Now, praised the move, congratulating Ben & Jerry’s “for making a principled distinction between sovereign Israel and Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank, which are illegal and illegitimate.”

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee — the most powerful pro-Israel organization in Washington — sharply criticized the “discriminatory” move. “It is against the interests of peace and reconciliation to launch a one-sided boycott when it is the Palestinian leadership that refuses to come to the negotiating table

with Israel," an AIPAC spokesperson told Haaretz.

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Ruchell Cinque Magee

<http://denverabc.wordpress.com/prisoners-dabc-supports/political-prisoners-database/ruchell-cinque-magee/>

Russell Maroon Shoatz

<https://russellmaroonshoats.wordpress.com/>

Mutulushakur

<http://mutulushakur.com/site/>

Julian Assange

<https://assangedefense.org>

The Holy Land Five:

Shukri Abu Baker

Ghassan Elashi

Mufid Abdulqader

Abdulrahman Odeh

Mohammad Elmezain

<https://www.mintpressnews.com/the-trial-and-conviction-of-the-holy-land-foundation-five/237440/>

and thousands more

End Solitary Confinement

<https://prisonerhungerstrikesolidarity.wordpress.com>

California Prison Focus

http://newest.prisons.org/our_story

End United States of Amerikkka invasions and occupations

U.S. Government and UN Occupation Force Soldiers - Hands off Haiti!

<http://www.haitisolidarity.net/>

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2 books you must read:

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

<http://www.againstourbetterjudgment.com/>

"State of Terror: How Terrorism Created Modern Israel" by Thomas Suarez

<http://thomassuarez.com/SoT.html>

Other important websites to visit

<http://www.ifamericansknew.org>

<http://www.councilforthenationalinterest.org/new/>

<https://wearenotnumbers.org/>

End the Blockade/Siege on Gaza!

Tear down the Apartheid Walls in West Bank & Gaza!

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

End the illegal Apartheid Israeli Occupation of all of Palestine!

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Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (PACBI) Campaigns!

<http://www.bdsmovement.net>

<http://www.WhoProfits.org>

<http://www.pacbi.org>

Support Solidarity with Gaza Fishers

<https://sgf.freedomflotilla.org/>

<https://freedomflotilla.org/>

<https://sgf.freedomflotilla.org/category/we-are-not-numbers>

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From: [Transportation](#)
To: [Gary Davis](#)
Cc: [Planning Commission](#); [City Mgr](#)
Subject: RE: Proposed Bike Project on East Meadow
Date: Monday, July 19, 2021 4:50:00 PM

Hello Mr. Davis,

Thank you for your email. Your comments will be forwarded to City staff and taken into consideration.

This topic will come before the City Council at their meeting on August 9th. City Council meeting agendas with zoom meeting information can be found on [City Council Meeting Agenda & Minutes web page](#).

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From: Gary Davis <gmdavislaw@outlook.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 17, 2021 3:07 PM
To: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@cityofpaloalto.org>; Council, City <city.council@cityofpaloalto.org>
Subject: Proposed Bike Project on East Meadow

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Dear Planning Commission and City Council,

A concerned neighbor of mine reached out to me on July 14 to advise that the Planning Commission was in session to decide on changes to East Meadow that would directly impact me and my family. Until then, I was unaware of what had been brewing it seems for some period of time. Before I jump head first into this subject, allow me to emphasize that I am an avid biker and 13-year resident of 881 East Meadow (the north side where parking would be retained under the current plan). In fact, since work from the office has resumed, I am back to biking to Mountain View a few times a week. During my route, I run into a few somewhat rough patches that I need to navigate, with the most difficult being the stretches on Middlefield Road that border both sides of San Antonio Road. On my return trip home, when I arrive back to East Meadow Dr., my internal antennae are able to relax as this stretch of road is extremely safe for biking.

As to the issue at hand, my feeling is that - similar to the controversial changes implemented along Ross Road not long ago - this would be throwing money at something that is not a huge issue in our neighborhood. I raised two boys here that went through the Palo Alto public school system. They used their bikes at times, and while parents will always have concern about their kids' wellbeing, I always felt that Palo Alto is a relatively safe town to bike in. While I am all for progress, I am not a believer in making changes to roads and neighborhoods where the negative impact on the residents of those areas outweighs the stated justification for the changes. It is pretty easy for those not directly impacted by these changes to aggressively support them when the subject is the perceived added safety of our community's children. Unfortunately, urban biking will always have some level of risk involved. Just recently, while biking in the bike lane across from Gunn High School I hit a short stump of wood (likely from a tree trimming service) hidden in the shadows and flipped off of my bike. No amount of city planning would have saved me that day from that horrible fall.

People have bought into and invested in these neighborhoods with an understanding that - apart from natural disasters - what they see today they will continue to see tomorrow. Taking away a whole side of street parking on East Meadow is simply too extreme of a solution to the desire for more bike safety for children commuting to and from school. The peak school bike commute windows cannot be more than 45-60 minutes in the early morning and mid-afternoon, so for approximately two hours of time per day for five days a week the city needs such a drastic solution?

While my personal situation might not be the norm, I feel that it might help you see another side of this debate. My two children are now young, working adults and they have been living at home while this resilient Covid virus has upended life all around us. We are four adults in 1421 sq. ft. of living space. I am not complaining and am privileged to be living in this community, but we were forced to make some adjustments in the last 1.5 years, including utilizing our garage space as working space. We do require our driveway and the street to park our automobiles - there is no way to get around that. Reducing parking in the neighborhood would negatively impact us during a time when we are already feeling squeezed by this pandemic. I am sure others feel the same way.

Children tend to be bigger risk takers than adults, so those that are not already biking today in this safe biking environment are unlikely to bike because of the suggested changes to my neighborhood. I have not seen a survey on this, so maybe you have different information. Even if that's the case, my suggestions for greater safety that do not require upheaval of our neighborhood are as follows:

- i. Place police and/or other traffic enforcement personnel at various intersections during the morning and afternoon commute. That would discourage any aggressive speeding during those short commute windows.

- ii. Paint the bike lanes and place more signage for cars to be cautious (especially) during school commute times.
- iii. Provide more bike safety education in the schools, since I have seen young bikers frequently making crazy moves during commute times that can actually be the cause of an accident involving cars.
- iv. Close East Meadow to through traffic from Louis to Middlefield during a one-hour stretch at least during the morning commute to schools (7:30am - 8:30am?), while only allowing residents to come in and out. [I suspect that some of those who are quick to support a drastic change to our neighborhood would not find that solution to be all that palatable as an inconvenience to them.]

Please find an alternative solution to what has been proposed. I am not in favor of the permanent removal of street parking for my neighbors across the street.

Sincerely,

Gary Davis

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Subject: White Too Long | Book by Robert P. Jones | Official Publisher Page | Simon & Schuster
Date: Saturday, July 17, 2021 10:13:03 PM

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Subject: Re: Cops allowed to lie to juveniles to obtain confessions banned in Illinois—how about banning cops from lying all together -wouldn't that be novel
Date: Friday, July 16, 2021 11:38:45 PM

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I hardly think It's restricted to the NYPD although they may be the biggest and most prolific police miscreants in the country.

Remember there are 18 thousand separate police departments in this country and they guarantee that routine constitutional violations of our citizenry far out number the rare occasion when constitutional rights are upheld.

Its just that when the constitution is upheld a bright line shines on the case leaving the illusion that justice and the constitution are regularly upheld in this country.

The illusion allows the legally naive or those invested in the big lie of justice for all...in this country.... to praise a system that deserves no such respect or admiration. Justice in this country, when it happens at all, is a random and rare act.

Aram

I agree. The idea of the guardians/paragons/judge & jury of public behavior to have lying as one of their prime "tools" is a contradiction and sets up more lying in the justice system and in the world. BAD idea. Why not endorse them stealing, which they do if they get to a corpse before the fire department, in which case they will have stripped the jewelry off the body? At least in NYC, that's the way they play.

On Thu, Jul 15, 2021 at 9:44 PM Palo Alto Free Press

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