



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: 10/6/2020

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Special Meeting Location: Joinwebinar.com – ID# 874-990-331

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A. Call To Order

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Carlton, Combs, Nash, Taylor

Absent: Mueller

Staff: City Manager Starla Jerome-Robinson, Interim City Attorney Cara Silver, City Clerk Judi A. Herren

C. Presentations and Proclamations

C1. Proclamation: John Preyer ([Attachment](#))

Mayor Taylor read the proclamation ([Attachment](#)).

D. Regular Business

D1. Consider modifications to the Downtown street closure and temporary outdoor use permit pilot program and adopt urgency Ordinance No. 1073 ([Staff Report #20-221-CC](#)) ([Presentation](#))

City Clerk Judi Herren made the presentation ([Attachment](#)).

- Sandra Ferer spoke in support of the Ryans Lane closure.

The City Council discussed funding for Ryans Lane closure, current City assistance for barriers to current outdoor users, and cost-sharing options. The City Council received clarification on the timeline and review period.

ACTION: Motion and second (Carlton/ Nash) to adopt Ordinance No. 1073, including the closure of Ryans Lane pending permits, and extending the temporary outdoor use permit through Labor Day 2021 (September 6, 2021), passed 4-0-1 (Mueller absent).

D2. Consider an update on the housing innovation fund and confirm use of the housing inventory and local supply study ([Staff Report #20-204-CC](#)) – continued from the **September 15, 2020 City Council meeting**

Principal Planner Kyle Perata made the presentation.

- Kevin Gallagher requested clarification on the oversight board and the group managing funding relationship and how the oversight board is created.

The City Council received clarification on the oversight board and the group managing funding relationship and how the oversight board is created. The City Council discussed the development agreement with Facebook, the housing innovation fund and number of members appointed by each group. The City Council also discussed updating the Y-Plan data to include 2017-2020, revisiting the recommendations based on that updated Y-Plan, and utilizing the Y-Plan study in the housing element as background.

ACTION: Motion and second (Carlton/ Nash) to adopt staff's recommendation, reach out to Y-Plan for methodology, additional time and costs to update study including 2017-2020, return to City Council as a possible priority, and request that the Housing Commission look at Y-Plan recommendation in conjunction with their workplan, passed 4-0-1 (Mueller absent).

The City Council took a break at 7:42 p.m.

The City Council reconvened at 8:09 p.m.

E. City Council Initiated Items

Mayor Taylor reordered the agenda.

Mayor Taylor combined items E2. and E3.

- E2. Discuss endorsement of Proposition 15 on the November 3 ballot ([Staff Report #20-220-CC](#)) ([Presentation](#))

[Web form public comment received on item E2](#) (Attachment).

- E3. City Council consideration on Propositions 16, 17, and 18 on the November 3 ballot ([Attachment](#)) ([Presentation](#))

- Jovan Agee spoke in support of Proposition 16.
- Tony Alexander spoke in support of Proposition 16.
- Alex Melendrez spoke in support of Proposition 15.

The City Council received clarification on required action to initiate items and endorse propositions. The City Council has unanimous consensus around taking no action in the endorsement of propositions.

- E1. Refocus City Council 2020-21 priorities and direct specific land use planning work ([Staff Report #20-199-CC](#)) – **continued from the September 15, 2020 City Council meeting** ([Presentation](#))

[Web form public comment received on item E1](#) (Attachment).

Mayor Taylor and City Councilmember Nash made the presentation (Attachment).

The City Council discussed the public process when updating the amenities list by a subcommittee.

ACTION: Motion and second (Combs/ Nash) to create and appoint Mayor Taylor and City Councilmember Nash to a subcommittee, charged with 1) updating the adopted amenities list to more appropriately serve existing and future residents; 2) inventorying existing, proposed and potential citywide development (amount and type); and 3) maintain the amenities list data, passed 4-0-1 (Mueller absent).

F. Informational Items

- F1. Update on City advisory body workplans ([Staff Report #20-219-CC](#))

G. Adjournment

Mayor Taylor adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m. Judi A. Herren, City Clerk

These minutes were approved at the City Council meeting of November 10, 2020.

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PROCLAMATION

John Preyer

WHEREAS; John Preyer lived a full life, often reminiscing about his younger years in New Orleans. He joined the Armed Forces in World War II and was one of the last veterans residing in the Belle Haven community; and

WHEREAS; After completing his tour of duty, John Preyer moved to Chicago, IL where he studied art and photography and became a fantastic photographer; and

WHEREAS; John Preyer also liked to cook, and people, like Louie Armstrong and Cab Calloway, to name a few, often showed up at his home for a delicious meal. John was a people person and loved by those around him; and

WHEREAS; From Chicago, John Preyer made his way to Southern California. Finally, he found a place in Menlo Park during the early 60's and made that home. He noticed SRI International was hiring for a photographer, he applied, and was hired. He enjoyed photography and worked at SRI International until he retired; and

WHEREAS; John Preyer was a member of a bonsai club for 35 years. Often, his plants took the top spot in competitions; and

WHEREAS; John Preyer was involved with his community and became a member of the Belle Haven Neighborhood Association and the Police Advisory Board. He was committed to the community and worked to ensure rules and codes were followed and enforced.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Cecilia Taylor, Mayor of the City of Menlo Park, on behalf of the City Council, thank you for your service to our Country, community, and the City.

DocuSigned by:

Cecilia Taylor

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Cecilia Taylor, Mayor
October 2020

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SANTA CRUZ AVENUE CLOSURE PILOT REVIEW

City Council Meeting – October 6, 2020

ANNUNCIATA FAMILY
GYMNASIUM



PROGRAM REVIEW

- Adopted urgency ordinance 1070 – June 19
 - Establish Santa Cruz Avenue street closure and temporary outdoor use permit program
- Adopted urgency ordinance 1071 – July 16
 - Modify Santa Cruz Avenue street closure
 - Allow personal services (e.g. salons) and fitness studios as eligible uses
- Adopted updated urgency ordinance 1072 – September 8
 - Modify Santa Cruz Avenue street closure
 - Allow use of closed travel lanes (4:00 p.m. Friday to 11:59 p.m. Sunday)
 - Extend temporary outdoor uses permit through February 28, 2021
 - Review bicycle routing options at future meeting



PROPOSED ACTION

- Proposed urgency ordinance 1073
 - Direction provided by City Council on September 22
 - Install ‘walk your bike’ signs and allow the use of travel lanes without time limitations
 - No change to Santa Cruz Avenue street closure configuration
 - No change to end date of permit program (February 28, 2021)
 - Implement changes mid-October

- Consideration for partial closure of Ryan’s Lane
 - Crane Street to Escondido Lane



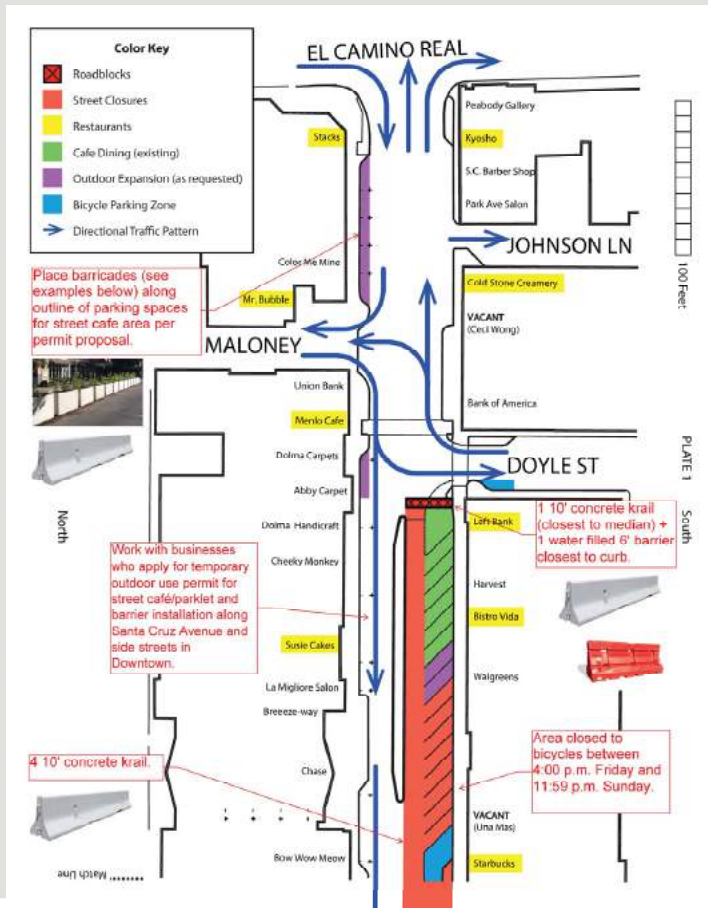
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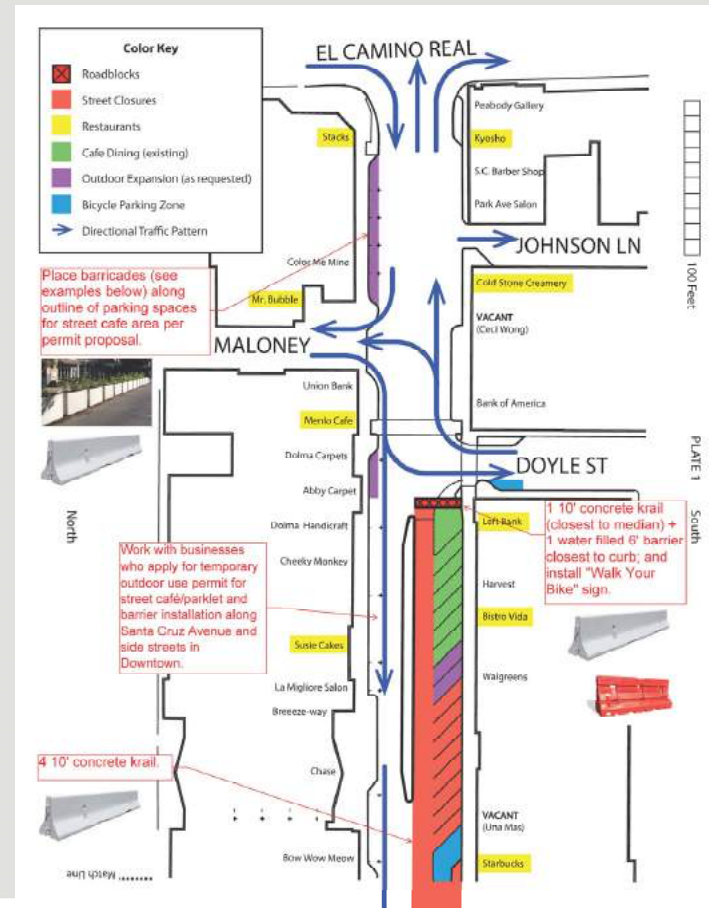
Temporary Outdoor Use Permit Applications			
Use	Downtown Core	Outside Downtown Core	Approved
Dining	10	1	4
Retail	3	0	1
Personal service	4	1	3
Fitness studio	1	0	1
Total	17	2	9



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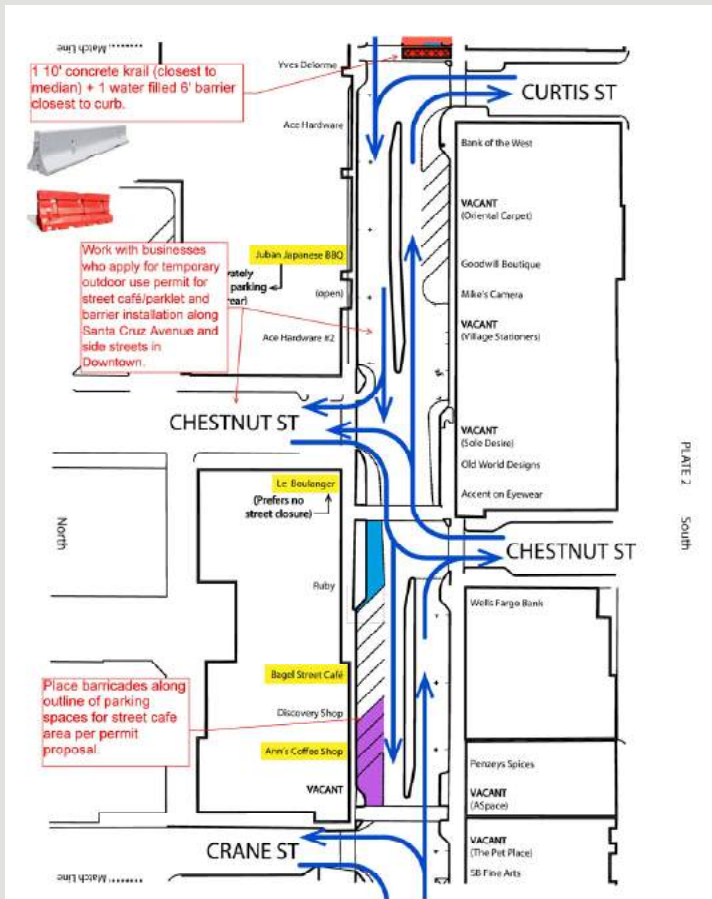


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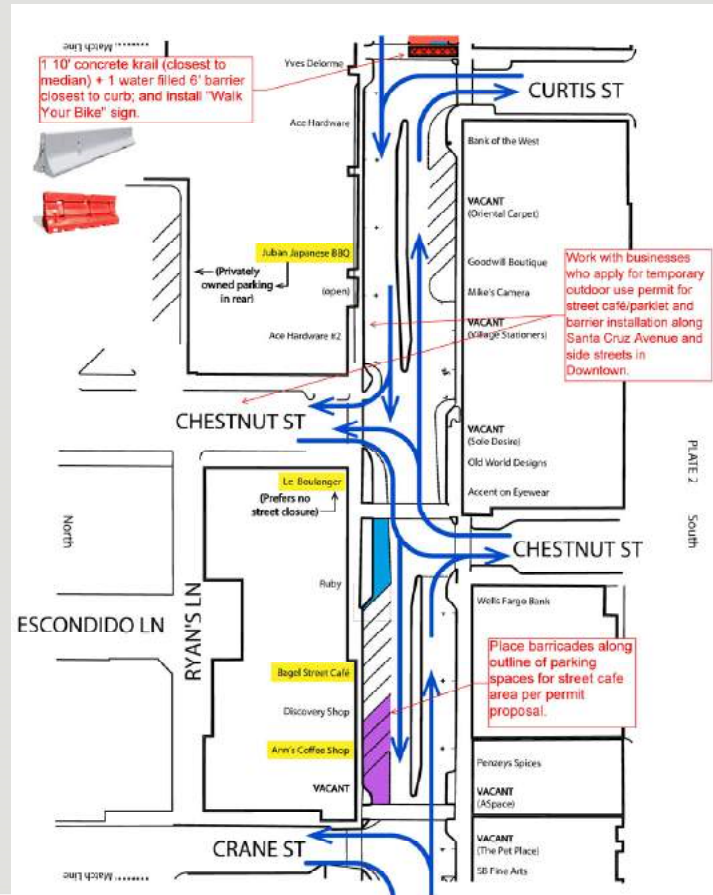




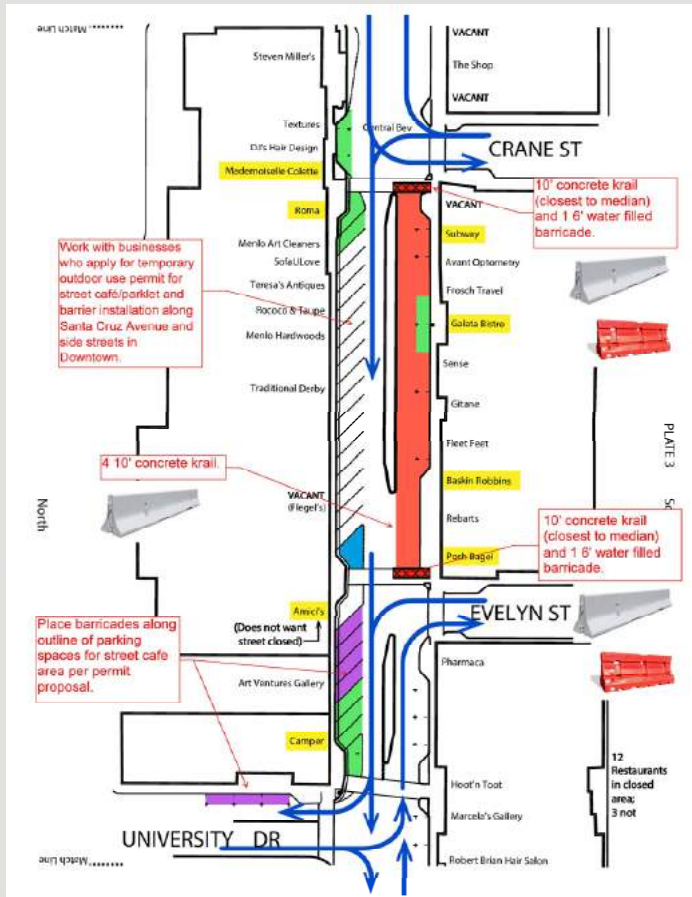
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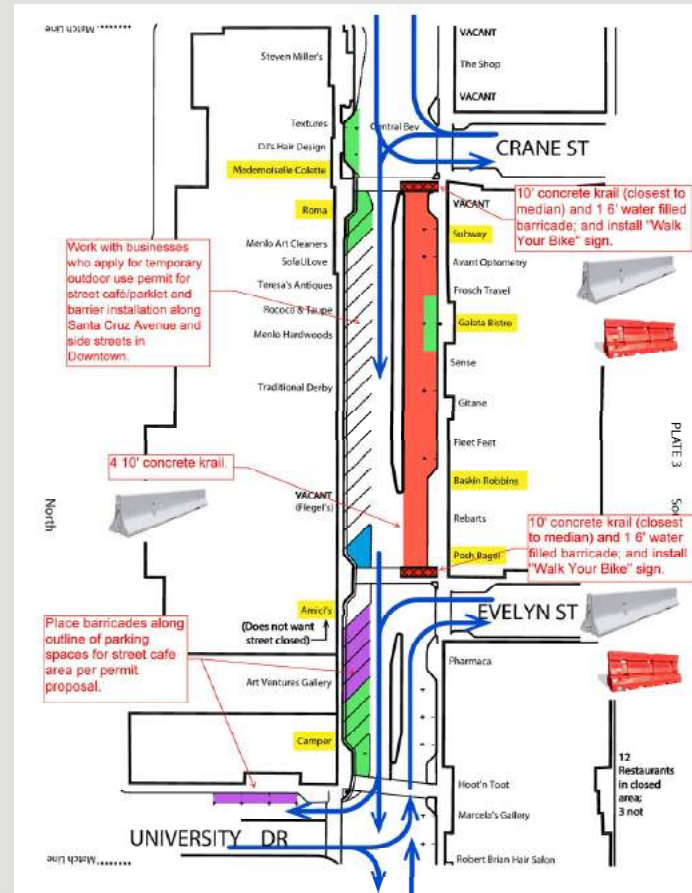
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Agenda Item E2
Karen Grove, Resident
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Dear Mayor Taylor and City Councilmembers,

As you know, I wear many hats, but I am writing as an individual resident of Menlo Park.

I'm very glad to see agenda items E2 and E3 on tonight's agenda. I support endorsing Prop 15 and 16 as a city, as I think the research has been done by our county staff, and our county board of supervisors voted today – unanimously – to endorse both initiatives. I'll add that several informed public comments were heard on both initiatives, all in support.

In case it's helpful for your discussion tonight, here are my notes from the discussion of Prop 15, which was presented and discussed in some depth.

Staff - Overview:

- Commercial property owners with < \$3M in holdings are exempt (check that I got this right)
- Legislature will set the process for implementation and appeal
- Funds in order of priority/distribution: (check my accuracy here)
 - o Backfill state general fund for any losses
 - o Counties, to cover administrative costs
 - o Local govts
 - o Schools
- School share goes to the state to be distributed in proportion with exceptions that a lower proportion to basic aid districts and a higher proportion to higher need districts.

Staff - Impacts to County:

- 2428 properties meet the threshold for reassessment in San Mateo County
- Increase value of 46.3M upon full implementation
- Increased workload especially assessor's office, county counsel, controller
- Most reassessments will be challenged.
- 8-10x workload over three year implementation period

Pine:

- Long overdue to implement split roll
- 2/3 of property tax used to come from commercial properties

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- Now it's reversed.
- Prop 15 website has estimates for each and every jurisdiction in the county of San Mateo County and each estimate is NEW money. \$169M new money to SMC; \$22.5M to RWC;
- How does it affect our basic aid school districts; pie increases for all even as some of our property tax goes to higher need districts.
- SMC is biggest beneficiary in per capita basis

Horsley:

- Prop 13 made our state tax system is a mess. Although I will support Prop 15, I don't love it because it will make the tax system even messier.
- Sea level rise, wild fires, we have major funding needs.
- Will support

Groom:

- Nothing else to add.

Canepa:

- Sound policy; makes sense
- 8-12.5B state-wide, upon full implementation
- Obviously I'm in support of this...
- CTA, State Dem Party, support Prop 15; why is the CA NAACP is opposed?
- Makes a ton of sense, I support it.

Slocum:

- Has serious concerns
- Did considerable amount of research
- Some newspapers have supported this and some have not
- Subject of school financing is a mystery
- I intend to support Prop 15 but I would caution that the impact will be huge to the assessor's office. Expect a massive number of appeals. Asks county manager to pay attention to, and plan for, the probable impact on assessor's and county counsel's office.

Thanks for your consideration,
-Karen Grove

CALIFORNIA BALLOT PROPOSITIONS 15, 16, 17, AND 18 FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2020

	<p>PROPOSITION 15: Taxes on Commercial property</p> <p>The Question: Should the California Constitution be amended so that most commercial and industrial property is reassessed on a regular basis?</p>	<p>PROPOSITION 16: Allow Public Agencies to Consider Diversity</p> <p>The Question: Should California and local government entities be allowed to consider diversity as a factor in public employment, education, and contracting decisions?</p>	<p>PROPOSITION 17: Voting Rights for People on Parole</p> <p>The Question: Should people on parole in California be allowed to register to vote and vote in elections?</p>	<p>PROPOSITION 18: Voting Rights for 17-Year Olds</p> <p>The Question: Should 17-year-olds who will be 18 by a general election be allowed to vote in the primary and special elections in that election cycle?</p>
Summary	Increases funding for public schools, community colleges, and local government services by changing tax assessment of commercial and industrial property	Allows diversity as a factor in public employment, education, and contracting decisions	Restores voting rights upon completion of prison term.	Amends California constitution to permit 17-year-olds to vote in primary and special elections if they will turn 18 by the next general election and be otherwise eligible to vote.
A YES vote means:	Property taxes on most commercial properties worth more than \$3 million would go up in order to provide new funding to local governments and schools.	State and local entities could consider race, sex, color, ethnicity, and national origin in public education, public employment, and public contracting to the extent allowed under federal and state law.	People on state parole who are U.S. citizens, residents of California, and at least 18 years of age would be able to vote, if they register to vote.	Eligible 17-year-olds who will be 18 years old by the time of the next general election may vote in the primary election and any special elections preceding the general election.
A NO vote means:	Property taxes on commercial properties would stay the same. Local governments and schools would not get new funding.	The current ban on the consideration of race, sex, color, ethnicity, and national origin in public education, public employment, and public contracting would remain in effect.	People on state parole would continue to be unable to vote in California.	No one younger than 18 years of age may vote in any election.

Agenda Item E1
Luis Guzman

Dear Menlo Park city council, candidates and city staff,

I would like to know what you are planning to do to address illegal dumpings on your city borders which affects neighboring cities but seems to be left unaddressed so far by Menlo Park?

Here are a couple of examples on Kavanaugh Way and University Avenue in Menlo Park (ref. https://nextdoor.com/news_feed/?post=163425420).

Several community cleanups have been organized by resident neighbors but at some point Menlo Park needs to take action and actively address this problem.

Would you leave these sights unattended for months if they were on El Camino Real or Santa Cruz Avenue?

Looking forward to hearing back for your feedback and suggestions.

Respectfully, your neighbors.

Luis Guzman

10.6.2020 Agenda Item E-1

We are proposing to create a council subcommittee of Mayor Taylor and Councilmember Nash:

- Now:
 - Update adopted **Amenities List** to appropriately serve existing and future residents.
 - Inventory existing, proposed and potential **citywide development** (amount and type) – and keep up-to-date.

- Future:
 - Review how land use is counted.
 - No impact to Willow Village or the other development projects in pipeline. Existing projects will proceed through the current system and be evaluated on standard criteria.
 - Review impacts of Bayfront development using our Guiding Principles.