



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 5/25/2021

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Closed Session

A. Call To Order

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Combs, Mueller, Nash, Taylor, Wolosin

Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Starla Jerome-Robinson, Assistant City Manager Nick Pegueros, City Attorney Nira F. Doherty, Human Resources Director Theresa DellaSanta, Legal Counsel Charles Sakai

C. Agenda Review

Staff requested item L5. be continued to a future meeting

The City Council pulled items L3. and L4. for discussion and clarification.

The City Council requested the addition of an urgency ordinance for fireworks item for consideration.

Mayor Combs reordered the agenda.

I. Presentations and Proclamations

I1. Presentation: Recognition of outgoing advisory body members (Attachment)

Mayor Combs presented the certificates of recognition (Attachment).

J. Public Comment

Web form public comment on item J. (Attachment).

- Anders Frisk spoke in opposition of the approved water rates.

D. Closed Session

D1. Closed session conference with labor negotiators pursuant to Government Code §54957.6 regarding labor negotiations with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Local 829 (AFSCME) and Confidential employees; Service Employees International Union Local 521 (SEIU); Menlo Park Police Sergeants Association (PSA); Menlo Park Police Officers' Association (POA); and unrepresented management

Attendees: City Manager Starla Jerome-Robinson, Assistant City Manager Nick Pegueros, City Attorney Nira F. Doherty, Legal Counsel Charles Sakai, Human Resources Director Theresa DellaSanta

E. Adjournment

Mayor Combs adjourned to closed session at 5:26 p.m.

Regular Session

F. Call To Order

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m.

G. Roll Call

Present: Combs, Mueller, Nash, Taylor, Wolosin
Absent: None
Staff: City Manager Starla Jerome-Robinson, City Attorney Nira F. Doherty, City Clerk Judi A. Herren

H. Report from Closed Session

None.

K. Advisory Body Vacancies and Appointments

K1. Consider applicants and make appointments to fill vacancies on the various City advisory bodies (Staff Report #20-110-CC)

City Clerk Judi Herren introduced the item.

- Cynthia Harris spoke on their applications for Community Engagement and Outreach Committee, Housing and Planning commissions and expressed their preference for serving on the Planning Commission.
- Angela Evans spoke on their application for Environmental Quality Commission.
- Vicki Robledo spoke on their application for Community Engagement and Outreach Committee and Housing Commission and expressed their preference for serving on the Community Engagement and Outreach Committee.
- Dan McMahon spoke on their application for Community Engagement and Outreach Committee.
- Lesley Feldman spoke on their application for Community Engagement and Outreach Committee.
- Heather Leitch spoke on their application for Community Engagement and Outreach Committee and Housing Commission.

The City Council made appointments to fill vacancies on the Community Engagement and Outreach Committee, Complete Streets, Environmental Quality, Finance and Audit, Housing, Library, Parks and Recreation, and Planning commissions/committees.

ACTION: Motion and second (Nash/ Combs) to appoint all applicants to the CEOC that have not been appointed to other bodies and add two placeholders for District 5 members, passed 3-2 (Wolosin and Taylor dissenting).

Community Engagement and Outreach Committee

- Michal Bortnik – term expiring December 31, 2022 (approx.)
- Rich Cline – term expiring December 31, 2022 (approx.)
- Tiffany Dao – term expiring December 31, 2022 (approx.)
- Yadira DiSiena – term expiring December 31, 2022 (approx.)
- Lesley Feldman – term expiring December 31, 2022 (approx.)
- Max Fennell – term expiring December 31, 2022 (approx.)
- Carol Marshall Mayer – term expiring December 31, 2022 (approx.)
- Dan McMahon – term expiring December 31, 2022 (approx.)
- Nehezi Ollarvia – term expiring December 31, 2022 (approx.)
- Victoria Robledo – term expiring December 31, 2022 (approx.)
- Aaron Spaulding – term expiring December 31, 2022 (approx.)
- Soody Tronson – term expiring December 31, 2022 (approx.)

Complete Streets Commission:

- Brian Altman – term expiring April 30, 2025
- Lizbeth King – term expiring April 30, 2025
- Jk Jensen – term expiring April 30, 2024
- Sally Cole – term expiring April 30, 2022

Environmental Quality Commission:

- Angela Evans – term expiring April 30, 2025

Finance and Audit Committee:

- Matt Norrington – term expiring April 30, 2023
- Brian Westcott – term expiring April 30, 2023 (reappointed)
- Carol Wong – term expiring April 30, 2023

Housing Commission:

- Rachel Horst – term expiring April 30, 2025 (reappointed)
- Heather Leitch – term expiring April 30, 2025
- Nevada Merriman – term expiring April 30, 2025 (reappointed)
- Chelsea Nguyen – term expiring April 30, 2025

Library Commission:

- Vamsi Velagapudi – term expiring April 30, 2025
- Aldora Lee – term expiring April 30, 2022

Parks and Recreation Commission:

- Peter Joshua – term expiring April 30, 2025

Planning Commission:

- Cynthia Harris – term expiring April 30, 2025

L. Consent Calendar

- L1. Adopt Resolution No. 6629 approving amendment one to the City of Menlo Park's amended and restated franchise agreement with Recology San Mateo to add an additional route for collection of bulky items and abandoned waste (Staff Report #21-112-CC)
- L2. Adopt Resolution No. 6626 approving a third amendment to the South Bayside Waste Management Authority joint powers authority agreement for the purpose of updating and conforming provisions of the agreement (Staff Report #21-106-CC)
- L3. Receive and file the general fund operations report for the quarter ended March 31, 2021 (Staff Report #21-107-CC)

The City Council received clarification that there is a line item for developer payments.

- L4. Authorize the city manager to execute an agreement with the County of San Mateo for continued provision of animal control services for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2021 (Staff Report #21-111-CC)

Web form public comment on item L4. (Attachment).

- Preeti Sharma spoke on discrepancies with animal control and in support of exploring other options.

The City Council received clarification on hearings administered by the San Mateo County (County), hearing costs, and public notices of the changes to the services by the County.

ACTION: Motion and second (Combs/ Mueller) to authorize the city manager to execute an agreement with the County of San Mateo for continued provision of animal control services for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2021 and to receive regular updates, passed unanimously.

- L5. Adopt Resolution No. 6627, preliminary approval of the engineer's report for the Menlo Park Landscaping Assessment District, and Resolution No. 6628, intention to order the levy and collection of assessments for the Landscaping Assessment District for fiscal year 2021-22 (Staff Report #21-108-CC)

Item L5. was continued to a future meeting.

ACTION: Motion and second (Wolosin/ Taylor) to approve consent calendar excluding items L4. and L5., passed unanimously.

The City Council took a recess at 7:55 p.m.

The City Council reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

M. Public Hearing

- M1. Adopt Resolution No. 6630 adopting the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage

Contingency Plan (Staff Report #21-113-CC) (Presentation)

Web form public comment on item M1. (Attachment).

Assistant Public Works Director Chris Lamm made the presentation (Attachment).

Mayor Combs opened the public hearing.

- Peter Drekmeier spoke on the state of the Tuolumne River.
- Jay Siegel spoke on the impacts of the tiered rates proposed.

Mayor Combs closed the public hearing.

The City Council received clarification on the tiered rate drought surcharge and outreach to the public regarding the start date.

The City Council directed staff to send a letter to the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) requesting the inclusion of a reduced duration drought scenario, as recommended by the Tuolumne River Trust as in appendix to their 2020 Urban Water Management Plan, which could then be included in Menlo Park's plan.

ACTION: Motion and second (Combs/ Nash) to adopt Resolution No. 6630 adopting the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan and authorize staff to send a letter to the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) requesting the inclusion of the Tuolumne River Trust drought scenario as an appendix to their 2020 Urban Water Management Plan, which could then be included in Menlo Park's plan, passed unanimously.

N. Regular Business

- N1. Receive an overview of the housing element update project and provide feedback on the goals and objectives, roles and responsibilities of the various reviewing and decision-making bodies, and the community engagement and outreach plan (Staff Report #21-115-CC) (Presentation)

Assistant Community Development Director Deanna Chow and M-Group Geoff Bradley made the presentation (Attachment).

- Gail Gorton requested clarification on public engagement.
- Karen Grove spoke in support of affordable housing and increased public outreach.
- Angel Chen spoke in support of equitable and affordable housing across the City.

The City Council received an overview of the Housing Element goals and objectives, the requirements and components of the project, roles and responsibilities of the various committees and commissions, the outreach and engagement plan, and the timeline and upcoming activities. Members of the City Council expressed general support for the objectives and work plan, and recognized the importance of early outreach. City Council Members asked clarifying questions about public engagement tools, impacts to the job/housing imbalance, the current housing stock and issues, the regional housing need allocation (RHNA) number, and site selection and strategies to help meet the City's RHNA's number.

The City Council discussed the topic of potential changes to zoning across the City, including exploring changes to single-family zoning districts that could enable additional housing in the R-1

zoning districts. A few Council Members expressed concern about the concept given it may not result in credit towards the RHNA and could be an unproductive conversation in the context of the bigger work plan. Other Council Members were supportive of keeping all options available at this time.

ACTION: Motion and second (Wolosin/ Taylor) to approve the work plan as proposed and conversations around land use strategies should not preclude any strategy, passed 3-2 (Mueller and Combs dissenting).

ACTION: By acclamation, the City Council extended the meeting past 11 p.m.

N2. Adopt Resolution No. 6624 creating a special revenue fund titled "2017 Bayfront City Services Contribution" and establish the effective date of the required budget and accounting changes (Staff Report #21-114-CC)

Web form public comment on item N2. (Attachment).

Assistant Administrative Services Director Dan Jacobson introduced the item.

- Sol Martinez spoke in support of the resolution and directing funds to the Tha Hood Squad.
- Caroline Kim spoke in support of the resolution with the inclusion of East Palo Alto, directing funds to the Tha Hood Squad, and providing reparations to residents.
- Ruth Robertson spoke in opposition of police department funding and in support of funding Menlo Park and East Palo Alto public welfare.
- JT Ferati, Tha Hood Squad representative, spoke in support of the resolution with the inclusion of East Palo Alto.
- Nasa in support of the resolution and directing funds to the Tha Hood Squad.
- Lucky Jordan spoke in support of the resolution with the inclusion of East Palo Alto and directing funds to the Tha Hood Squad.
- Gabe Alverex spoke in support of the resolution with the inclusion of East Palo Alto and directing funds to the Tha Hood Squad.
- Nate Ramos spoke in support of the resolution with the inclusion of East Palo Alto and directing funds to the Tha Hood Squad.
- Olivia Lamberti spoke in support of the resolution with the inclusion of East Palo Alto and directing funds to the Tha Hood Squad.
- Tim Mackenzie spoke in support of the resolution with the inclusion of East Palo Alto and directing funds to the Tha Hood Squad.
- Melody Yanh spoke in support of the resolution with the inclusion of East Palo Alto and directing funds to the Tha Hood Squad.
- Pamela Jones requested clarification on the two resolutions presented in the staff report.
- Hanon McShea spoke in support of the resolution with the inclusion of East Palo Alto and directing funds to the Tha Hood Squad.
- Chris Tan spoke in support of the resolution with the inclusion of East Palo Alto and directing funds to the Tha Hood Squad.
- Ndeya spoke in support of the resolution with the inclusion of East Palo Alto and directing funds to the Tha Hood Squad.
- Bella Carrera spoke in support of the resolution with the inclusion of East Palo Alto and directing funds to the Tha Hood Squad.

The City Council discussed the initial date of adoption of Facebook funding a Menlo Park Police

Department (MPPD) beat, funding Tha Hood Squad, community grant funding opportunities, allocation of funds, and fiscal year budget impacts related to the effective date.

The City Council requested information on MPPD presence in East Palo Alto and received clarification on the two proposed resolutions.

ACTION: Motion and second (Nash/ Taylor) to adopt Resolution No. 6624 as Attachment B creating a special revenue fund titled “Bayfront mitigation fund”, adding the year 2017 to the February 28 date, and effective date November 1, 2020, passed unanimously (Attachment).

O. Informational Items

- O1. City Council agenda topics: June 2021 (Staff Report #21-105-CC)
- O2. Transmittal of print-friendly version of the city manager’s proposed budget for fiscal year 2021-22 (Staff Report #21-109-CC)

P. City Manager's Report

City Manager Starla Jerome-Robinson reported on the redistricting demographer item coming to the City Council on June 8, 2021.

Q. City Councilmember Reports

City Councilmember Taylor requested the agendizing of an urgency ordinance related to illegal fireworks, going into effect before July 4, 2021.

ACTION: By acclamation, the City Council directed staff to agendize an urgency ordinance related to illegal fireworks, going into effect before July 4, 2021

R. Adjournment

Mayor Combs adjourned the meeting at 12:35 a.m.

Judi A. Herren, City Clerk

These minutes were approved at the City Council meeting of June 22, 2021.

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS, COVID-19, EMERGENCY ADVISORY NOTICE

On March 19, 2020, the Governor ordered a statewide stay-at-home order calling on all individuals living in the State of California to stay at home or at their place of residence to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Additionally, the Governor has temporarily suspended certain requirements of the Brown Act. For the duration of the shelter in place order, the following public meeting protocols will apply.

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According to City Council policy, all meetings of the City Council are to end by midnight unless there is a super majority vote taken by 11:00 p.m. to extend the meeting and identify the items to be considered after 11:00 p.m.

Agenda item J
Eva Tang

Facebook's privately-funded sector of Menlo Park PD needs to end. Since the pandemic's impact on marginalized communities, the last thing the communities of Belle Haven and North Fair Oaks needs is more police. These communities are reeling due to gentrification and displacement already, and to add the effects of the pandemic and overpolicing is asking to destroy them. Please divest the rest of the funds you have acquired from Facebook from the PD and use them to support and invest in the people of East Menlo Park who were here before Facebook moved in... not to incarcerate them.

Agenda item J Sebastian Brisbois

Facebook's funding pledge to MPPD will further damage the communities of Menlo Park and East Palo Alto. It will only serve to enforce poverty and systemic racism. Facebook has already led to gentrification of the area, pushing out Black and brown people from the Bay Area. This increased police funding and presence will only accelerate gentrification. The residents east of 101 have been ignored and mistreated for far too long. If anything, Facebook's money should go towards programs that help the community (not the police!). Private police forces have no place in the Bay Area.

Agenda item J Rana Ali Amjad

I would like to ask the city council to suspend residential renovations from immediate effect that are not necessary during the next few months while we are still facing the Covid restrictions and everybody is working from home. Noise due to such constructions causes people to go to the office to avoid the noise which can create a community wide health concern. This puts the resident in a precarious situation where he has to make a choice between his/her ability to work in order to earn vs his/her health and all due to some construction that could have been easily conducted after the Covid crisis is finished and most of the people have gone back to the office.

I believe this action will improve the lives of the residents of Menlo Park on average significantly, hence a positive impact on the society in these trying times.

Agenda item J

Gail Sredanovic, resident

My name is Gail Sredanovic and I am an 83 year old resident of Menlo Park. I am co-leader, together with Ruth Robertson of Palo Alto, of the social justice organization the Raging Grannies. Our organization has been active on the Peninsula for two decades and you may have seen us on the streets of Menlo Park and nearby cities demonstrating against war, for the environment, and for social justice.

We are very concerned that Facebook is racially profiling people that do not appear to them to be Facebook employees. That this giant company has been able to, in effect, buy a public police force is abhorrent, and Menlo Park can be ashamed that word of this had made national news.

The Raging Grannies urge you to do what can be done now to rectify this situation by moving any remaining funds from Facebook into services that genuinely serve the public's welfare. As East Palo Alto is historically part of the underserved area on the bay front, we ask that you not limit use of these funds to East Menlo Park alone, but include our brothers and sisters in that city also.

We further ask that city council issue a statement that it regrets the error in having entered into an agreement with Facebook and that the company will never be allowed to manipulate the city of Menlo Park again.

Thank you for this forum for public comment.

Agenda item J Shikha Srinivas

My name is Shikha, and I am a senior at Stanford University.

Stanford is incredibly tied to the past, present, and future of Menlo Park, East Palo Alto, and other neighborhoods. I am here to support Resolution 6624 and all future policies which aim to repair the harm done by police by funding local community organizations who provide authentic public safety for their neighborhoods.

4 years ago, Facebook offered \$11.2 million over five years to expand the Menlo Park Police Department, funding years of racial profiling and police harrassment, particularly in Belle Haven, a primarily Latinx neighborhood. With \$2,607,766 being considered for reallocation in the final year of funding, it's time to reinvest the money back into the community and back into the streets, instead of into corporate-sponsored police terrorism. The funding should be used to reverse Facebook's impacts on community members and provide actual health and safety, such as by providing a community center, housing, food, water, clothing, and public health. Therefore, I urge the council to adopt Resolution 6624, effective as soon as possible, in order to begin this process.

These funds can support affordable housing projects, mental health treatment, and other social support programs that actually build trust and local agency in communities instead of harmful police presence.

Agenda item L4
Lauren Berger

Hello, my name is Lauren Berger and I was appalled to read about Preeti Sharma's dog Sparky's horrific death in Palo Alto Online, and the protocol she had to not only endure, but pay for. Making the victim pay \$350 to even attempt justice and *protect the community* on top of emergency medical bills and death or injury of a beloved family member is just wrong. Not to mention the PHS failing to protect the community despite all the evidence from three victims, two of whom had died. PHS seems more focused on protecting the attacker than the victims and the greater community. The attacking dog should not have been allowed to attack again and again without repercussion, killing and seriously injuring other people's family members. This is completely irresponsible of the city of Menlo Park. If Menlo Park had taken the first attack seriously, Sparky would still be alive today and other animals and their Menlo Park families would have been spared from trauma.

Last year my dog was attacked and I was seriously injured by an aggressive dog in Palo Alto, and I was so grateful to Jeanette at Palo Alto Animal Control and the Capt. Perron at the hearing for taking it seriously. Jeanette found and interviewed witnesses and they took the attacking dog into custody until the hearing, where they declared him a dangerous dog and banned him from the city. It was like a dark cloud lifting when I knew we *and our neighbors* wouldn't run into the dog or his irresponsible owner again, and I was so grateful that justice was served. What we went through was traumatizing and I can't even imagine if I'd lost my dog. How devastating.

I read that Palo Alto Animal Control works for Los Altos and Los Altos Hills as well — perhaps Menlo Park could contract with them as well. It is not acceptable for the city to continue to contract with PHS.

Agenda item L4 Preeti Sharma, resident

After having killed 2 pets on the street and viciously attacked another, the animal prowls the neighborhood unattended and unleashed. He ends up at the porch couple blocks from where he lives. Two cats and a dog live in this house in front of which he stands. This is the result of a systemic failure. How can such an animal be allowed to roam then neighborhood freely. This happens continually and came up at the hearing. As a result of continual neglect of such behavior now the animal spins out of control even on a leash at the sight of a small pet. Had a hearing taken place for the 2 previous attacks my Sparky would likely be safe.

I insisted on a hearing with the city as opposed to a civil law suit since I figured the city has the interest of the community in mind in taking any decision. This really is the core difference between the 2 hearings. However the decision letter reads "All relevant factors were considered in a light favorable to the attacking animal ". This should read : " All relevant factors will be considered in the interest of keeping the neighborhood safe going forward" . A civil suit is capable of awarding compensation for the loss and medical expenses. I did not expect that from a city hearing but I did expect the neighborhood to be a safer place. Which it was provably not. This reflects a deep seeded lack of understanding of their roles as animal control officers and county employees.

All bites should go to a hearing, this helps keep records straight, does not necessarily require involvement from owners who may be too distraught dealing with the aftermath of the attack .This is required for community safety. Additionally having to pay \$350 is highly undesirable.

I think at this time the city should consider other options it may have w.r.t their cost and quality of service.

In the Palo Alto 2021 budget doc <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/79371>

I found the following points noteworthy :

1. Page 365 talks of Key Performance Measures(the pdf page number, not the page number written on the page itself): Goal to respond within 45 minutes to animal control requests/calls was met 90% of time. How does PHS compare and what are the goals? They did not respond in the case when Cleo was loose in our neighborhood.
2. Page 366: resident satisfaction with animal control services. Do we have similar data for PHS published anywhere ?

Costs of the two (or any other) options need to be considered in light of these benefits before coming to a final decision .
I thank you for taking the time to read my email in the interest of the current and future small pets in Menlo Park.

Agenda item L4

Stephanie Zeller, resident

Given the lack of sufficient procedures and reasonable action by animal control in response to incidents of dog attacks in my neighborhood (the Willows), I urge the council to consider all options for animal control in Menlo Park at this time.

Agenda item L4
Fiona Walker, resident

I am shocked by the disparity in animal services between Menlo Park and our neighboring city of Palo Alto. That a victim should be required to pay a fee for a hearing in Menlo Park, while in Palo Alto there is none. I'm even more shocked that a dog who is known by many neighbors to be extremely dangerous can be permitted to remain in our neighborhood with no consequences following multiple attacks resulting in injuries or deaths to other animals. Is it only after a person is attacked that there are actual consequences for dangerous animals? Our current animal control services are dangerously inadequate and I urge you to consider other options.

Agenda item M1
Jay Siegel, resident

My name is Jay Siegel and I'm a resident of Sharon Heights in the Menlo Park Water District. Tonight, I want to comment on the impact of the tiered rates in the Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

The city in its April 2021 draft presentation of the Urban Water Management Plan contains Table 9.1. Category 3 of the water demand management measures is Conservation Pricing where the Target Sectors in that table are listed as SF (single-family), MF (multi-family), CII (commercial, industrial, & institutional), and IRR (irrigation/landscaping), essentially all customer segments. This is blatantly wrong. First, the tiers are based on family water use and tier 3 is defined as excess outdoor watering. Thus, the tiered pricing structure is relevant only to families. Secondly, in practice, all customers NOT living in single-family residences end up in tier 3 each month and are charged, in effect, a single price. It is virtually impossible for multi-family residences to end the month in tier 2, let alone tier 1. Families living in apartments and condominiums end up in tier 3 NOT for excessive outdoor watering but as a result of having a single meter. And furthermore, how can tiers defined by family water usage be relevant for businesses, schools, churches, and commercial enterprises? Thus, the only target sector that is relevant for conservation pricing is single family residences. That table needs to be corrected.

Most importantly, the water district must not use the pricing tiers as a tool for enforced water reduction. But, the March Final Water Rate Study does exactly this. Table 3.12 lists the required reductions of water consumption for each tier in percentages. In the case of a stage 3 drought emergency, the required reductions are 2% for Tier 1, 5.5% for tier 2, and 40.3% for tier 3. Families living in multi-family residences, and thus in tier 3, will be required to reduce water usage by over 7 times more than tier 1 and 2 families living in single residences not to mention the impact on businesses and schools. Clearly, tier 3 is much more than excessive outdoor watering. When we have a drought emergency and need to require significant reduction in water consumption, I urge the water district to treat all families equally, whether they happen to live in single residences, apartments, or condominiums.

Thank you for listening.



URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

May 25, 2021 – Chris Lamm, BAWSCA, EKI





REQUESTED DIRECTION



Adopt Resolution No. 6630 adopting the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

1. Adopt 2020 Urban Water Management Plan
 - Water supply reliability
 - Water service reliability and drought risk assessment

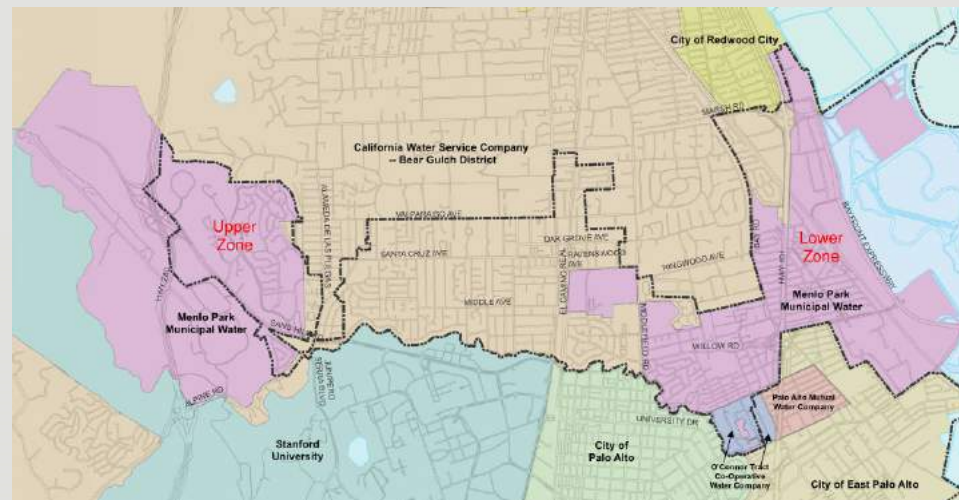
2. Adopt 2020 Water Shortage Contingency Plan
 - Proposes City actions and corresponding regulations/prohibitions for each of the 6 required drought stages



MENLO PARK MUNICIPAL WATER



- 100% supply purchased from San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC)
- Approx. 4,400 service connections
- Water service for half of the city
- SFPUC supply guarantee 4.456 MGD during non-drought periods





URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN TIMELINE



- April 2020 City hires EKI to develop the 2020 UWMP and WSCP
- August 2020 State releases draft UWMP guidelines
- March 2021 State finalizes UWMP guidelines
- April 13 City Council study session
- May 3 Draft plans available on the City's website. Staff notifies municipal customers and local agencies (water bills, emails, weekly digest, newspaper notices)
- May 25 City Council public hearing to adopt plans
- July 1 Submit plans to the State. Final plans available on the City's website. Staff will notify municipal customers and local agencies.



SUPPLY RELIABILITY



- Sufficient supplies during normal non-drought years through 2040
- Projected demands are less than MPMW’s supply guarantee from SFPUC
- Includes population/employment growth from the City’s general plan, and accounts for recycled water in partnership with West Bay Sanitary District
- Additional growth from Housing Element update will evaluate water supply needs

Table 1: Projected water demands

20-year projections	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040
MPMW ISG (million gallons, mgd)	4.456	4.456	4.456	4.456	4.456
MPMW projected demand (mgd)	2.869	3.549	3.682	3.864	4.06
Percent of total ISG	64.4%	79.7%	82.6%	86.7%	91.1%



WATER SERVICE RELIABILITY AND DROUGHT RISK ASSESSMENT



- Per the CA Water Code, MPMW must include SFPUC's water supply information in its UWMP
- SFPUC provided several scenarios of supply reliability, and each BAWSCA agency needed to decide what to include in their UWMP
- SFPUC included supply reliability with the Bay-Delta Plan in their draft UWMP
- MPMW and other BAWSCA agencies are following SFPUC by including supply reliability with the Bay-Delta Plan in their UWMPs based on projected demands



WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN REQUIRED DROUGHT STAGES



Drought Stage	Shortage Level	Shortage Response Actions
No Drought	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water waste prohibitions effective at all times
1	Up to 10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Declaration by the City Council</u> upon the determination that the SFPUC or another governing authority (e.g., the State) has required a voluntary or mandatory reduction due to water supply shortages or an emergency. Includes implementation of mandatory restrictions on end uses, as well as agency actions and potential supply augmentation. Each stage allows the City Council the flexibility to approve other measures (prohibitions/regulations).
2	Up to 20%	
3	Up to 30%	
4	Up to 40%	
5	Up to 50%	
6	Greater than 50%	



OPTION TO UPDATE PLAN WITHIN THE NEXT 5 YEARS



- The State requires that Urban Water Management Plans be updated every 5 years at a minimum.
- Agencies have the option to update their plan more frequently if conditions change.
- If an UMWP plan is NOT adopted by July 1, 2021, agencies would be ineligible to receive grant funds and state sponsored loans. The City has recently been awarded a \$500k grant for automated meter reading infrastructure which would be at jeopardy



REQUESTED DIRECTION



Adopt Resolution No. 6630 adopting the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

1. Adopt 2020 Urban Water Management Plan

- Water supply reliability
- Water service reliability and drought risk assessment

2. Adopt 2020 Water Shortage Contingency Plan

- Proposes City actions and corresponding regulations/prohibitions for each of the 6 required drought stages



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CITY OF MENLO PARK

HOUSING, SAFETY & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

ELEMENTS

City Council

May 25, 2021

PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- Project Goals
- Housing Element Requirements
- Related Elements
- Community Engagement & Outreach
- Roles & Responsibilities
- Provide feedback & confirmation of the approach
- Questions

PROJECT COMPONENTS

- Update the **Housing Element**
- Amend the **Land Use Element**, the Zoning Ordinance, and/or rezone property
- **Environmental Justice Element**
- Update **Safety Element** to address climate adaptation
- Prepare **Fiscal Impact Analysis and Environmental Impact Report**



GOALS



**Balanced
Community**



**Affordability
Focused**

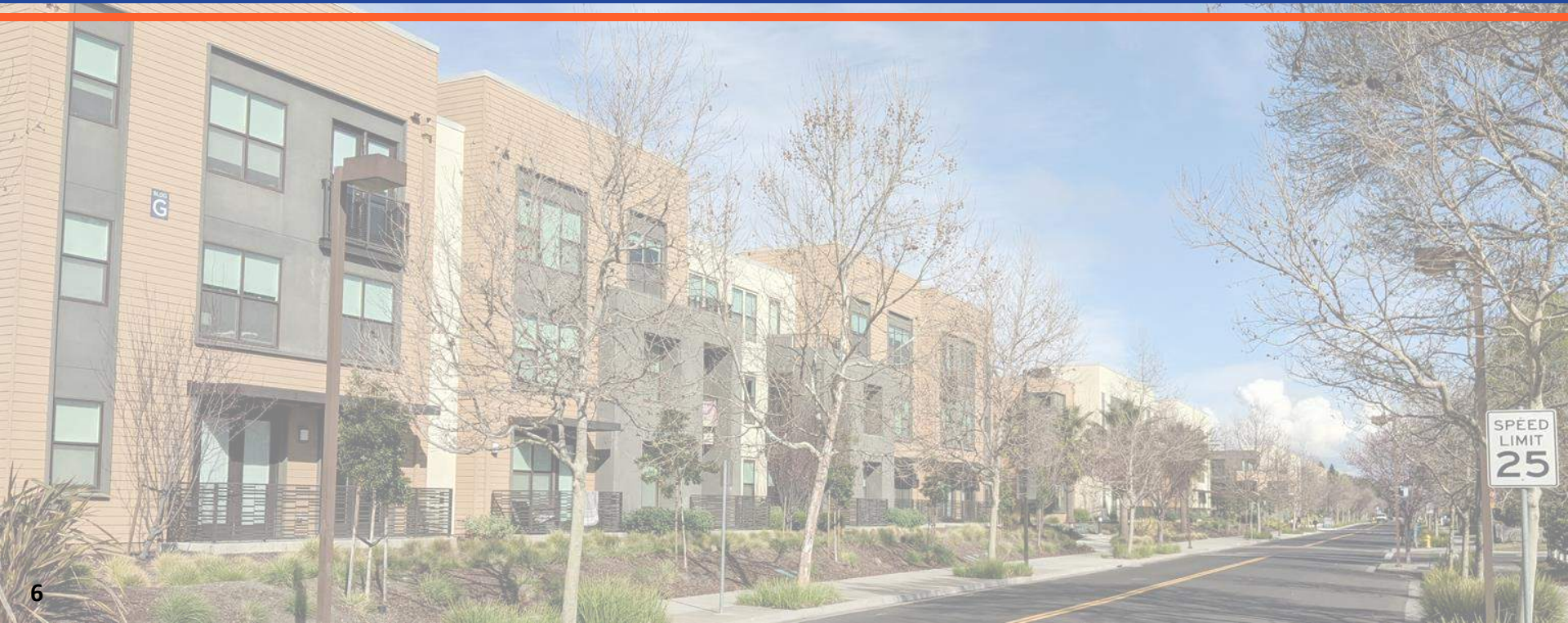


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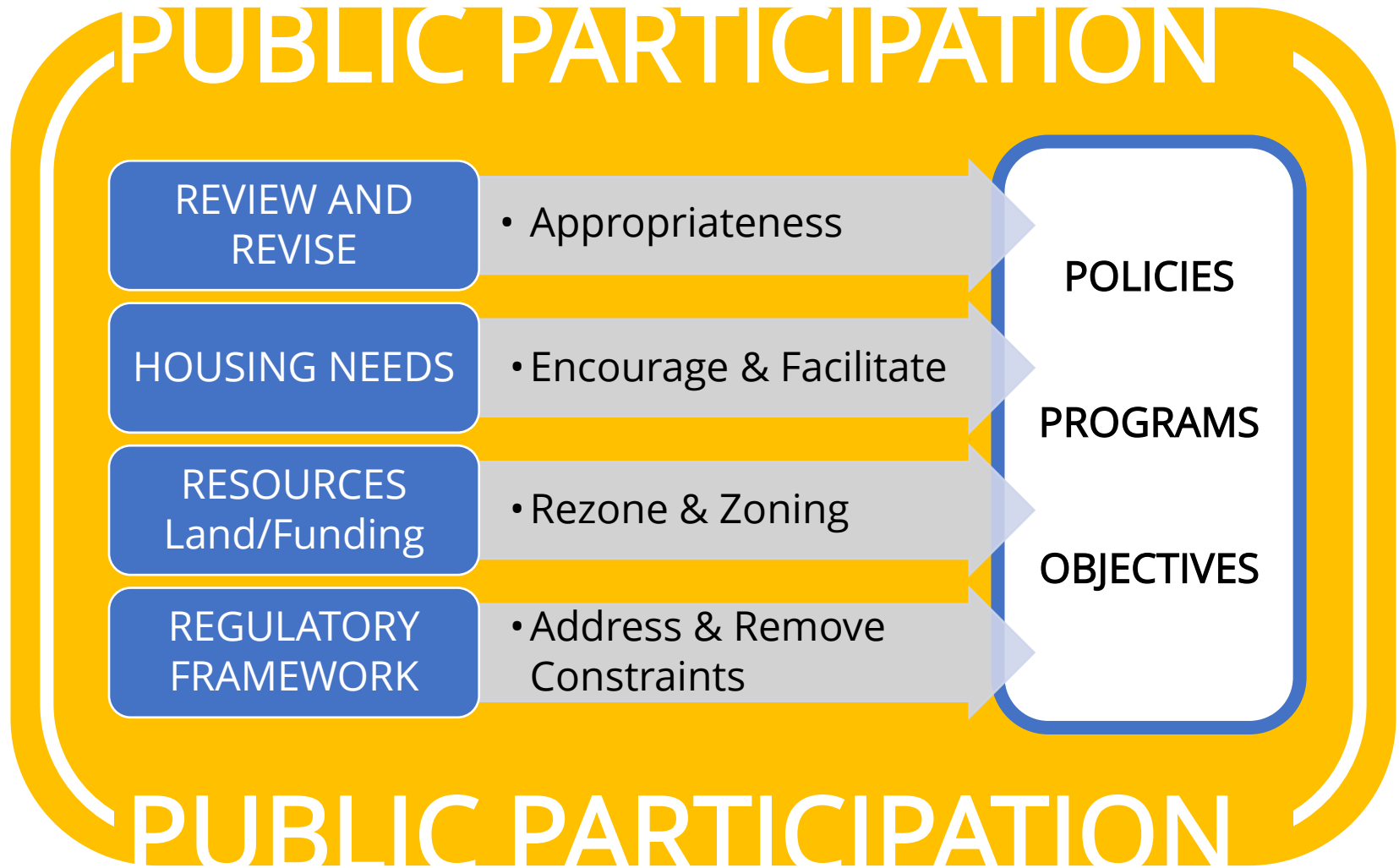




HOUSING ELEMENT REQUIREMENTS



HOUSING ELEMENT FRAMEWORK



MAJOR BUILDING BLOCKS

Existing Housing Needs

- Affordable Housing at Risk of Conversion
- Extremely Low-Income Housing Needs
- Overpayment & Overcrowding

Projected Housing Needs

- New housing needed – Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA)

MAJOR BUILDING BLOCKS

Special Housing Needs

- Large Families, Female Headed Households
- Homelessness
- People with Disabilities including Developmental Disabilities
- Seniors

Site Inventory & Analysis

- Adequate Sites & Analysis
- Inventory of Suitable Land
- Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)
- Opportunities for Energy Conservation
- Zoning for a Variety of Housing Types

MAJOR BUILDING BLOCKS

Constraints

- Regulations and Codes
- Constraints for People with Disabilities
- Fees & Exactions
- Land Use Controls
- Non-Governmental Constraints
- Processing & Permitting Procedures

Program Requirements

- Quantified Objectives
- Address, Mitigate and Remove Constraints
- Assist in the Development of Housing
- Identify Adequate Sites
- Improve & Conserve the Existing Housing Stock
- Preserve Units at Risk of Conversion of Market Rates
- Provide Equal Housing Opportunities

6TH CYCLE RHNA



Emphasis on fair housing, diversity, equity, and inclusion



Higher total regional housing need



Expanded HCD oversight on methodology & allocations



New requirements for identifying eligible sites for Housing Elements



	5 th Cycle RHNA	6 th Cycle RHNA
Bay Area	187,990	441,176
San Mateo County	16,418	47,321
Menlo Park	655	2,946

		6 th Cycle RHNA
Lowest	Town of Colma	202
Average	All 21 Jurisdictions	2,253
Highest	City of San Mateo	7,015

RHNA OBJECTIVES

- 1. Increase housing supply and mix of housing types, tenure and affordability in an equitable manner**
- 2. Promote infill development and socioeconomic equity, protect environmental and agricultural resources, encourage efficient development patterns, and achieve greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets**
- 3. Promote improved intraregional jobs housing relationship, including balance between low wage jobs and affordable housing**
- 4. Balance disproportionate household income distributions, more high-income RHNA to lower income areas and vice-versa**
- 5. Affirmatively further fair housing (AFFH)**

AFFH/FAIR HOUSING

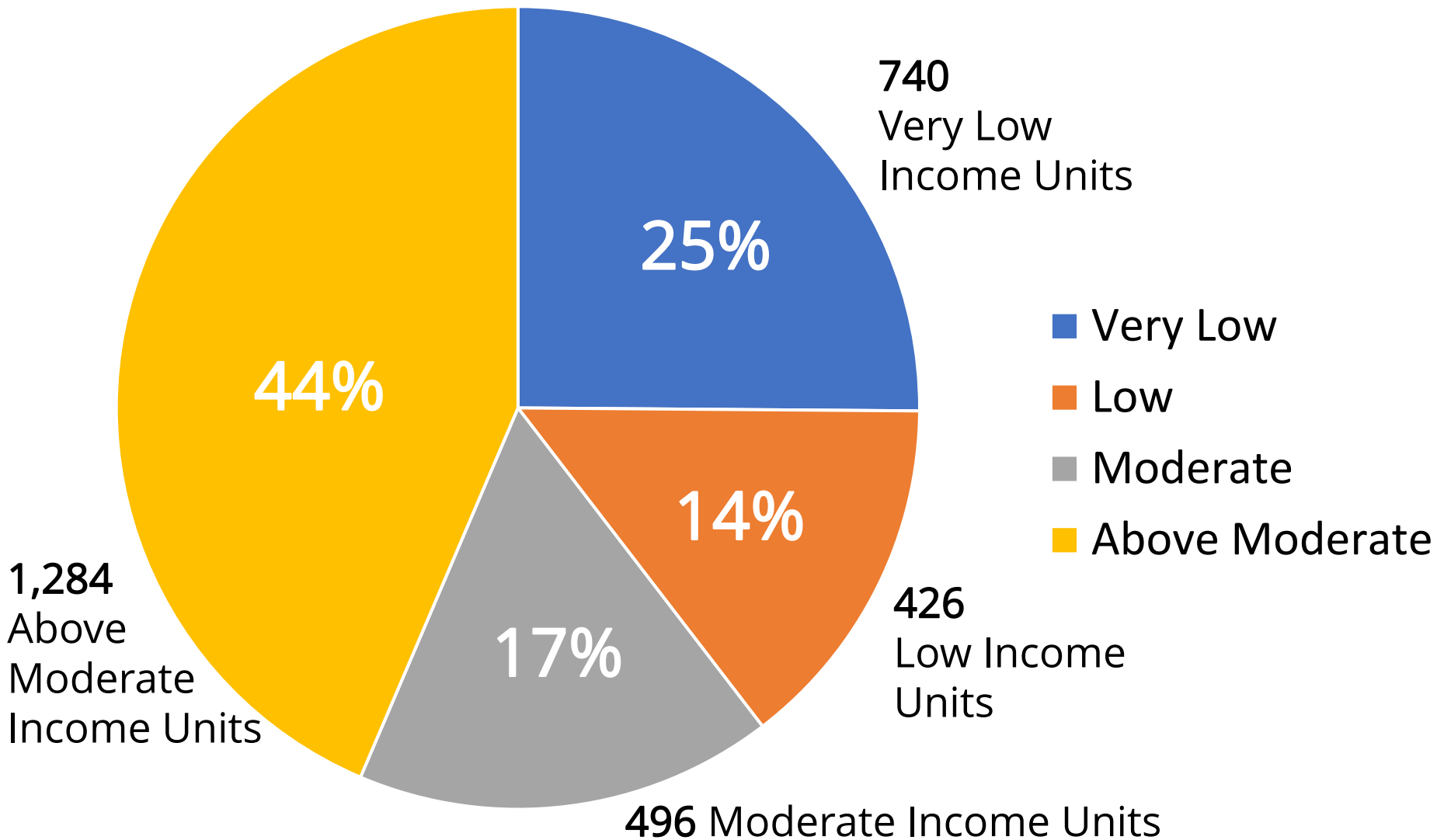
Affirmatively Affirm Fair Housing (Assembly Bill 686)

This 2018 state law requires all state and local public agencies to facilitate deliberate action to explicitly address, combat, and relieve disparities resulting from past patterns of segregation to foster more inclusive communities.

INCOME CATEGORIES

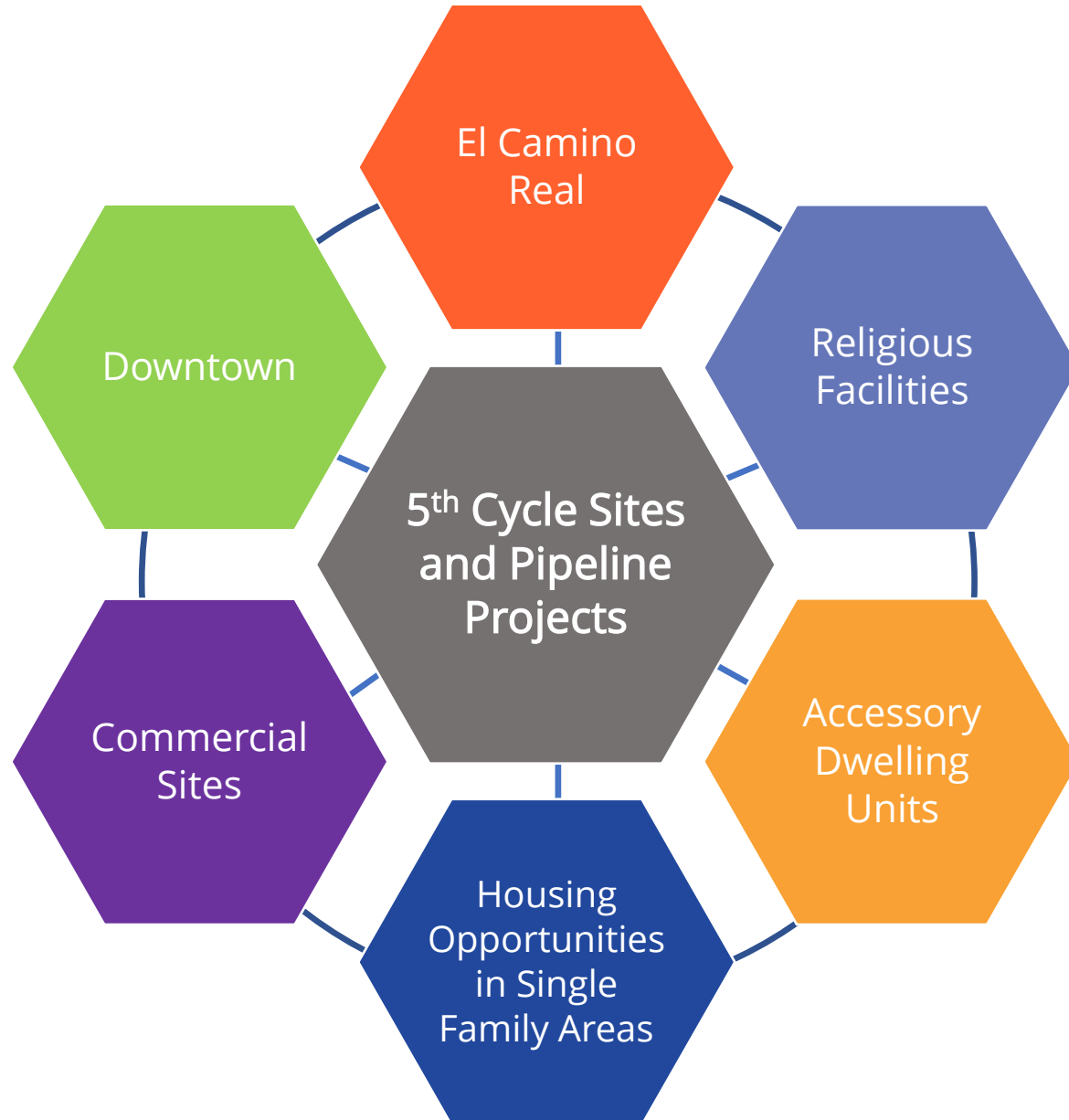
Income Category	Household Size	Income Limits	Example
Extremely Low Income	1 person	Up to \$38,400	Senior Living alone on Fixed Income
Very Low Income	2 persons	Up to \$73,100	Secretary, Single Mom with 1 child
Low Income	3 persons	Up to \$131,750	Elementary School Teacher + Post Doc with 1 child
Moderate Income	4 persons	Up to \$179,500	Tech Worker, Stay at home spouse with 2 children

6TH CYCLE RHNA



Total RHNA: 2,946 units

POTENTIAL RHNA SOLUTIONS



RELATED ELEMENTS



ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

- Reduction of pollution exposure - Improve air quality
- Promote public facilities
- Provide food access - Promote physical activity
- Promote safe and sanitary homes



SAFETY ELEMENT

- Climate change resiliency and adaptation
- Sea-level rise
- Fire safety
- Local hazards



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

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BELLE HAVEN
COMMUNITY LIBRARY

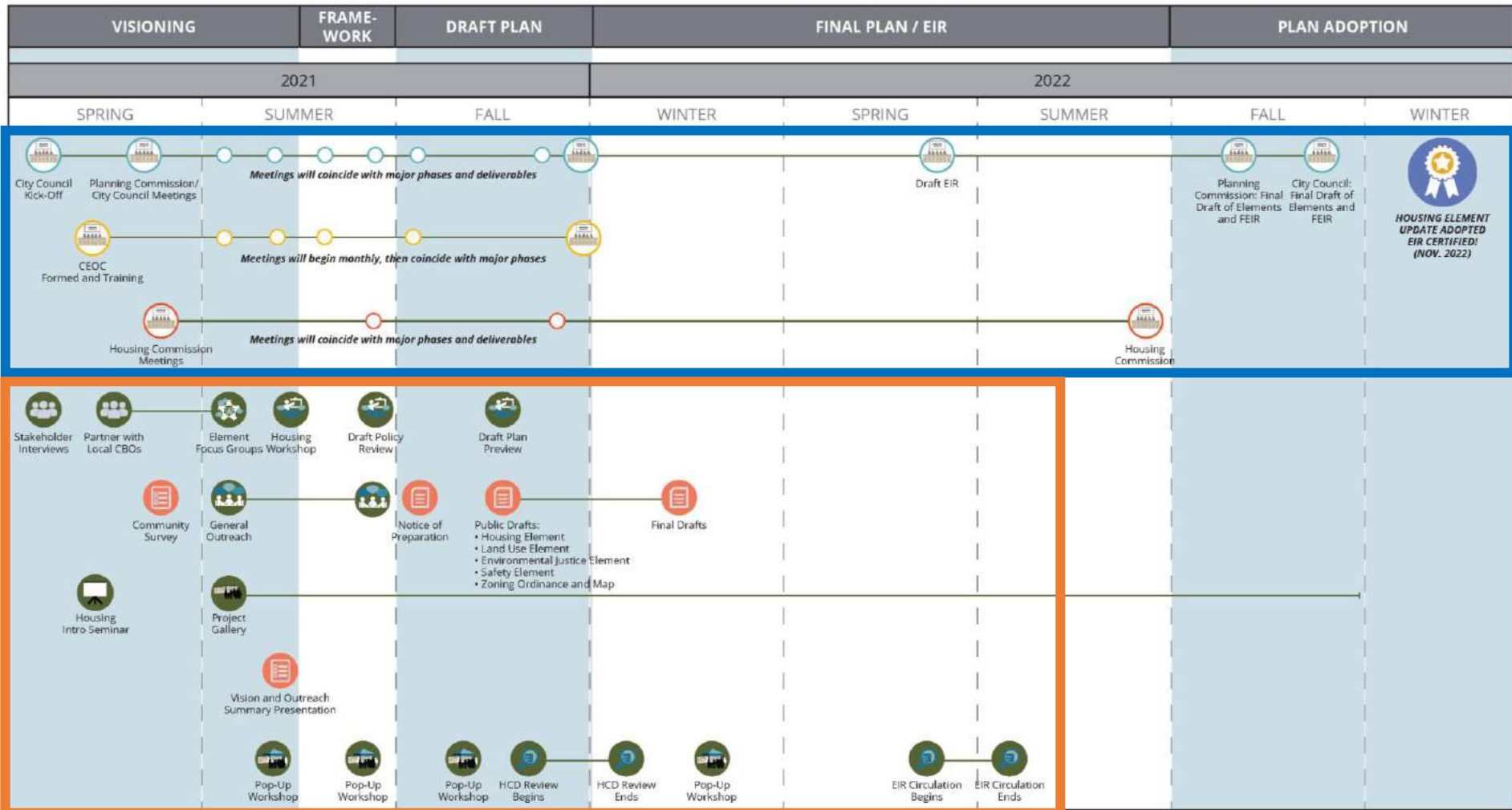
ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH



FOCUS GROUPS

- Residents
- Disadvantaged Communities
- Community Groups
- Housing Organizations
- Service Providers
- Renters & Homeowners
- Local Businesses
- Housing Developers

PROJECT SCHEDULE



UPCOMING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SCHEDULE

Date	Activities and meetings
May 27, 2021 (tentative)	CEOC meeting #1
June 2021	Housing introduction seminar
June 2021	Individual/group interviews
June 2021	Focus groups
Summer 2021	Initial outreach on Environmental Justice and Safety Elements
June/July 2021	CEOC meeting #2
Mid-summer 2021	Community Survey
Late summer 2021	Housing Commission - Preliminary land use strategies
Late summer 2021	Community visioning
Fall 2022	Land use alternatives review

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES



PROJECT TEAM



- To review and provide guidance on the overall project and key milestones
- Selection of the preferred land use alternative, in order to successfully complete the project by December 2022

CITY COUNCIL HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE SUBCOMMITTEE

- To provide guidance to the project team on key topic areas as needed
- Mayor Combs and City Councilmember Wolosin



PLANNING COMMISSION

- To review and provide feedback on key project components, including the land use alternatives, draft documents, potential zoning ordinance amendments
- Conduct meetings on the scope of and draft EIR

HOUSING COMMISSION

To review and provide feedback on the housing element:

- Land use alternatives
- Policies and programs
- Draft housing element



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH COMMITTEE (CEOC)

The primary responsibilities of the group would be to:

- Serve as an ambassador of the project and encourage people to participate in the process;
- Help guide and provide feedback on the community engagement plan; and
- Serve as a community resource to provide information to and receive input from the community on matters related to community engagement and public outreach.

QUESTIONS?

Thank you.



Agenda item N2
Sophie Philip

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Agenda item N2 Rupini Kamat

Hello, my name is Rupini Kamat and I am a PhD student at Stanford University. I understand that the communities and histories of Stanford, Menlo Park, East Palo Alto, and other surrounding areas are deeply interconnected. I am submitting a comment in support of Resolution 6624, as well as any and all future policies which aim to repair the harm done by police via the funding local community organizations who provide authentic public safety for their neighborhoods. Today, on the one year anniversary of the tragic murder of George Floyd at the hands of police, the Menlo Park City Council has the opportunity to take an honest look back at the legacy of harassment and corporate-sponsored police terror that has resulted from the transformation of the MPPD into a privately-funded police force, and move forward in the direction of repairing the extensive damage done to Black and Brown communities in Menlo Park.

DAMAGE DONE BY FACEBOOK-SPONSORED POLICE TO BELLE HAVEN AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

In 2017, Facebook offered \$11.2 million over five years to expand the Menlo Park Police Department, funding years of racial profiling and police harassment, particularly in Belle Haven, a primarily Latinx neighborhood. This has set an extremely dangerous precedent, where the police department is funded by a private corporation and is thus highly incentivized to serve the interests of Facebook rather than those of the surrounding community. In particular, increasing police presence in a neighborhood that is primarily Black and Brown does not reduce crime but instead makes community members feel unsafe and at risk of racial profiling. For instance, many cops have stopped teens of color for using Facebook bikes, stating that they didn't "look" like Facebook employees, and in 2019, they "called dispatch stating they will prosecute during the in progress [bike] thefts."

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REPARATION OF POLICE TERROR MUST INCLUDE EAST PALO ALTO

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Agenda item N2 Peter

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Julia Hok

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Racialization and Gentrification [1]

As I am sure the Council is aware, the presence of Facebook itself right next to Belle Haven impacts the neighborhood by driving up poverty rates and increasing housing prices, while the people they're displacing remain underrepresented in the tech industry. With Facebook also came increased policing. Facebook's relationship with Menlo Park's police department started in 2013, when they paid to offset the costs of building a police substation and then the salary of a police officer in Belle Haven. Increasing police presence in a neighborhood that is primarily Black and Brown does not reduce crime but instead makes community members feel unsafe and at risk of racial profiling. For instance, many cops have stopped teens of color for using Facebook bikes, stating that they didn't "look" like Facebook employees, and in 2019, they "called dispatch stating they will prosecute during the in progress [bike] thefts."

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Please do your part in righting wrongs and make the world a better place for all. As the pledge of allegiance says "liberty and justice for all," this includes Black and Brown communities. Give them the justice they deserve.

Agenda item N2 Maricon Malimban

My name is Maricon Malimban and I am a part of GABRIELA Stanford. I support Reso 6624 and all future policies which aim to repair the harm done by police by funding local community organizations who provide authentic public safety for their neighborhoods.

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Agenda item N2 Gabe Alvarez

My name is Gabe Alvarez and I am a senior studying engineering physics at Stanford University.

I understand that the communities and histories of Stanford, Menlo Park, East Palo Alto, and other surrounding areas are intertwined. I am here to support Resolution 6624 and all future policies which aim to repair the harm done by police by funding local community organizations who provide authentic public safety for their neighborhoods.

I am encouraged by the Menlo Park City Council's desire "to terminate any link between police department budget and the City Services Contribution." However, I am not convinced the Council has fully grappled with the harm caused by their 2017 decision to accept \$11.2 million from Facebook to support a new police unit to patrol Facebook campus and the surrounding neighborhoods. Facebook's sprawling development and gentrification campaign are driving up poverty rates and increasing housing prices, and yet the only "solution" they and the Council considered for years was funneling money into armed interlopers to accelerate the displacement of local communities. This partnership was abhorrent, and sustained reparations, beginning with the Bayfront Impact Fund, are an imperative for the Council moving forward if they are to take full accountability.

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Agenda item N2
JT Faraji, resident

We need to see the geographical location expanded to all the areas that bayfront precinct operates in. The ALL areas that are affected need to be represented

Agenda item N2

Kyle Wang

My name is Kyle Wang and I am an undergraduate at Stanford University.

I understand that the communities and histories of Stanford, Menlo Park, East Palo Alto, and other surrounding areas are intertwined. I am here to support Resolution 6624 and all future policies which aim to repair the harm done by police by funding local community organizations who provide authentic public safety for their neighborhoods.

In 2017, Facebook offered \$11.2 million over five years to expand the Menlo Park Police Department, funding years of racial profiling and police harassment, particularly in Belle Haven, a primarily Latinx neighborhood. With \$2,607,766 being considered for reallocation in the final year of funding, it's time to reinvest the money back into the community and back into the streets, instead of into corporate-sponsored police terrorism. The funding should be used to reverse Facebook's impacts on community members and provide actual health and safety, such as by providing a community center, housing, food, water, clothing, and public health. Therefore, I urge the council to adopt Resolution 6624, effective as soon as possible, in order to begin this process.

As I am sure the Council is aware, the presence of Facebook itself right next to Belle Haven impacts the neighborhood by driving up poverty rates and increasing housing prices, while the people they're displacing remain underrepresented in the tech industry. With Facebook also came increased policing. Facebook's relationship with Menlo Park's police department started in 2013, when they paid to offset the costs of building a police substation and then the salary of a police officer in Belle Haven. Increasing police presence in a neighborhood that is primarily Black and Brown does not reduce crime but instead makes community members feel unsafe and at risk of racial profiling. For instance, many cops have stopped teens of color for using Facebook bikes, stating that they didn't "look" like Facebook employees, and in 2019, they "called dispatch stating they will prosecute during the in progress [bike] thefts."

In 2015, Menlo Park resident Hiruy Amanuel filed a lawsuit against the City of Menlo Park and three Menlo Park police officers who performed illegal searches, spat racist comments, and attempted intimidation during a traffic stop. One of the officers present, Ed Soares, has a reputation of allegations of misconduct, and he is but one member in a whole department with a history of racism and officer misconduct.

These incidents raise the questions: Who do the police protect? Who do they serve? When Facebook, a private corporation, is paying for the salaries, pensions, training, and equipment for new officers, the answer is evidently not the Menlo Park residents. There is little accountability for officers accused of misconduct, and there is also little transparency in the police department's spending. In 2017, former mayor Ray Mueller stated that Menlo Park did not earmark Facebook funds because it was inappropriate to "[keep] track of [Facebook Unit] money," or suggest that Facebook was paying the police officers' salaries.

With all of these concerns in mind, it is clear that the council must vote to adopt Resolution 6624 and stop allowing Facebook to fund police harassment immediately.

Moreover, we've listened to community members and reviewed the Menlo Park PD call logs, and understand that the MPPD does not only harass and abuse Menlo Park residents, but also folks living in surrounding areas like East Palo Alto. It seems that the increased policing and profiling of East Palo Alto residents by Menlo Park police officers is an additional tool in Facebook's arsenal for dominating the region. So, I am concerned that the City Council has narrowly prescribed in Resolution 6624 that the new Bayfront Impact fund "shall only be used for City Council approved expenditures that provide 'services that benefit the safety of the local community'" where "local community" is defined as the geographic area within the incorporated boundaries of Menlo Park north of U.S. Highway 101.

I understand that I am speaking to the Menlo Park City Council. Nonetheless, if the harm that this municipality has caused transcends arbitrary borders, so too must the reparations for that harm. Clearly, Menlo Park and Facebook have no right to terrorize and gentrify out Black and Brown communities from their homes, be it within or beyond the city limits. Given that \$9 million dollars have already been spent on corporate sponsored police terror, I demand the city council spend the entirety of the proposed \$2,607,766 not only on community organizations that serve Menlo Park but also organizations that serve East Palo Alto. I demand justice and reparations for East Palo Alto residents who have lived at the mercy of a profit-seeking tech behemoth and the police force it has bankrolled for too long. So, I urge the Council to expand its definition of "local community," seeing as the definition was expanded by the MPPD long ago.

Thank you for your time

Agenda item N2 Callum Tresnan

As a Stanford student, I have studied the myriad ways Facebook has caused harm to the Belle Haven community. On top of this, we have MPPD with a history of violence, profiling, and malfeasance.

It is clear from their history of abuses that the MPPD should unequivocally not receive the remainder of Facebook's funds this year. Instead, the money should be put into programs which actually support the health and safety of our community. Tha Hood Squad's Public Health and Safety Program is perfectly positioned to do so. With deep roots in East Palo Alto and a consistent track record of addressing community members' needs since 2015, Tha Hood Squad has earned the trust of those most negatively impacted by Facebook's partnership with the MPPD. This trust uniquely allows Tha Hood Squad to deescalate and mediate conflict in the community.

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In a city with as much money as Menlo Park, with millions more coming in from Facebook, it is unconscionable that any of our residents and neighbors should live without housing or food – and yet they do. Therefore I urge the Council to vote to adopt Resolution 6624, and to fund Tha Hood Squad to use their experience and expertise to provide the resolution's stipulated “services that benefit the safety of the local community.”

Agenda item N2 Daniella Caluza

Hello, my name is Daniella and I am an undergraduate at Stanford University. I understand that the communities and histories of Stanford, Menlo Park, East Palo Alto, and other communities are intertwined. I am here to support resolution 6624 and all future policies which aim to repair the harm done by police by funding local community organizations who provide authentic public safety.

In 2017, Facebook offered \$11.2 million over 5 years to expand the Menlo Park Police Department. With over \$2 million being considered for reallocation in the final year of funding, it's time to reinvest money back into the community. Therefore, I urge the council to adopt Resolution 6624, effective as soon as possible, in order to begin this process.

Internal records make clear that Facebook's aims with the initial deal included increased patrolling of local Black and Brown communities. While former police chief Bertini asserted that the department was concerned with specific threats to the Facebook campus, an email from Facebook's John Tenanes made clear that the proposed new unit would "not patrol the interior of the Facebook campus" but rather the surrounding neighborhood. Although the officers in this unit would still participate in the response to an emergency, it is apparent that the overwhelming majority of their time is dedicated to policing the neighborhood into which Facebook inserted itself. It is unacceptable that Menlo Park should allocate millions to the patrolling of its own and neighboring communities of color.

With this in mind, it is clear that the council must vote to adopt Resolution 6624 and stop allowing Facebook to fund police harassment immediately.

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Agenda item N2 Mohit Mookim

Dear Menlo Park City Council,

I am a law student, former research employee, and former Public Policy undergrad at Stanford University. I understand that the communities and histories of Stanford, Menlo Park, East Palo Alto, and other surrounding areas are intertwined. I have lived, studied, and worked in these communities for the last 7 years, including to develop curriculum for Stanford's largest tech and ethics class on tech-led gentrification and studying Menlo Park/East Palo Alto history in law school seminars. I am here to support Resolution 6624 and all future policies which aim to repair the harm done by police by funding local community organizations like Tha Hood Squad who provide authentic public safety for their neighborhoods.

With \$2,607,766 being considered for reallocation in the final year of funding, it's time to reinvest the money back into the community and back into the streets, instead of into corporate-sponsored police terrorism. The funding should be used to reverse Facebook's impacts on community members and provide actual health and safety, such as by providing a community center, housing, food, water, clothing, and public health. Therefore, I urge the council to adopt Resolution 6624, effective as soon as possible, in order to begin this process.

Who do the police protect? Who do they serve? When Facebook, a private corporation, is paying for the salaries, pensions, training, and equipment for new officers, the answer is evidently not the Menlo Park residents. There is little accountability for officers accused of misconduct, and there is also little transparency in the police department's spending. In 2017, former mayor Ray Mueller stated that Menlo Park did not earmark Facebook funds because it was inappropriate to "[keep] track of [Facebook Unit] money," or suggest that Facebook was paying the police officers' salaries. As Facebook's relationship with Menlo Park deepened, it effectively funded one of the nation's only privately-funded police forces.

With all of these concerns in mind, it is clear that the council must vote to adopt Resolution 6624 and stop allowing Facebook to fund police harassment immediately.

Instead, the money should be put into programs which actually support the health and safety of our community. Tha Hood Squad's Public Health and Safety Program is perfectly positioned to do so. With deep roots in East Palo Alto and a consistent track record of addressing community members' needs since 2015, Tha Hood Squad has earned the trust of those most negatively impacted by Facebook's partnership with the MPPD. This trust uniquely allows Tha Hood Squad to deescalate and mediate conflict in the community.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Agenda item N2 Olivia Lamberti

I am a Stanford undergraduate in support of Resolution 6624 and all future policies which aim to repair the harm done by police by funding local community organizations which provide authentic public safety for their neighborhoods.

Tha Hood Squad's Public Health and Safety Program is perfectly positioned to receive funds that would have otherwise gone to MPPD. They have earned the trust of those most negatively impacted by Facebook's partnership with the MPPD.

Agenda item N2 Melody Yang

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As I am sure the Council is aware, the presence of Facebook itself right next to Belle Haven impacts the neighborhood by driving up poverty rates and increasing housing prices, while the people they're displacing remain underrepresented in the tech industry. With Facebook also came increased policing, and Menlo Park's policing is notoriously racist and with numerous allegations of police misconduct, and one of the only privately funded ones. It is clear from their history of abuses that the MPPD should unequivocally not receive the remainder of Facebook's funds this year. Instead, the money should be put into programs which actually support the health and safety of our community. Tha Hood Squad's Public Health and Safety Program is perfectly positioned to do so. With deep roots in East Palo Alto and a consistent track record of addressing community members' needs since 2015, Tha Hood Squad has earned the trust of those most negatively impacted by Facebook's partnership with the MPPD. This trust uniquely allows Tha Hood Squad to deescalate and mediate conflict in the community.

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Agenda item N2 Nathaniel Ramos

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Facebook's presence next to Belle Haven impacts the neighborhood by increasing housing prices and other costs of living, while the people they're displacing remain underrepresented in the tech industry, often shut out from the economic benefits therein. With Facebook also came increased policing. Facebook's relationship with Menlo Park's police department started in 2013 when they paid to offset the costs of building a police substation and then the salary of a police officer in Belle Haven. Increasing police presence in a neighborhood that is primarily Black and Brown does not reduce crime; instead, it makes community members feel unsafe by risk of racial profiling and brutality. The police respond to crime, and often over-criminalize Black and Brown people for similar offenses (e.g., drug possession). Decades of "law and order" have resulted in mass incarceration, as analyzed by Michelle Alexander, for example. We need solutions that get at the root of the problem--economic, social insecurity, and funding organizations that do such work is critical.

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As Facebook's relationship with Menlo Park deepened, it effectively funded one of the nation's only privately-funded police forces. But Facebook's influence has transcended policing itself. Today, Menlo Park exists as a "company town," with Facebook being directly involved in a host of issues ranging from teaching to transportation. Facebook often likes to position itself as a savior of East Palo Alto, arguing that its presence has helped "clean up the city." Yet EPA residents have made clear that Facebook's greatest impact in the community has been their harassment of the city's residents, not least their youth. Not only must we reject the white saviorist narrative that Facebook is somehow here to "save East Palo Alto," but we must simultaneously recognize the very real violence its presence has already enacted against the community.

These incidents raise the questions: Who do the police protect? Who do they serve? When Facebook, a private corporation, is paying for the salaries, pensions, training, and equipment for new officers, the answer is evidently not the Menlo Park residents. There is little accountability for officers accused of misconduct, and there is also little transparency in the police department's spending. In 2017, former mayor Ray Mueller stated that Menlo Park did not earmark Facebook funds because it was inappropriate to "[keep] track of [Facebook Unit] money," or suggest that Facebook was paying the police officers' salaries.

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