



## SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

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### Special Session

- Call To Order**
- Roll Call**
- Regular Business**

- C1. Annual City Council priority and goal setting workshop ([Staff Report #23-069-CC](#))  
Not a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) project.

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## STAFF REPORT

### City Council

Meeting Date:

3/18/2023

Staff Report Number:

22-069-CC

Regular Business:

Annual City Council priority and goal setting workshop

### Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Council provide direction and establish priorities and goals for fiscal year 2023-24.

### Policy Issues

The City Council holds an annual priority and goal setting workshop to provide direction to the city manager on aligning resources and work plans for the next year.

### Background

The City Council last held a priority setting workshop January 30, 2021, and carried over those identified priorities through 2022. This year, the City engaged a professional facilitator to develop the workshop agenda, present findings on priority topics, and facilitate a priority setting discussion.

### Analysis

The workshop objectives are to establish City Council priorities and goals for fiscal year 2023-24, create consensus on principles of governance, and strengthen teamwork.

#### Workshop topics:

- Welcome and call the meeting to order
- Public comment
- Comments from the City Manager
- Review today's agenda
- Discuss principles of governance
- Introduction and context for priority setting discussions
- Discuss and establish top priorities for fiscal year 2023-24
- Wrap up and next steps

#### Public engagement:

A dedicated webpage (Attachment D) provides transparency on priority and goal setting actions by the City Council. Staff will place updates on progress over the next year on this webpage.

The City encouraged public participation in the priority and goal setting process through a variety of public communication platforms including the Weekly Digest, Twitter, Facebook, Nextdoor, Instagram, website listings (calendar and project pages), and print information at the Menlo Park Library and the Belle Haven Branch Library.

To facilitate in-person participation, the City has provided a charter shuttle between Ivy Plaza in Belle Haven and the Civic Center campus. The shuttle is labeled “City Council Shuttle” in its electronic destination sign to make it easy for riders to identify and provides six runs in each direction between the destinations starting 9:30 a.m. and concluding with last drop-off at 2:30 p.m.

Additionally, Spanish translation services are offered during the meeting for both in-person and virtual attendees.

On February 27, 2023, staff launched an online web form to gather public input on community-identified priorities. Staff requested the public provide input by Friday, March 10, so results could be compiled and summarized ahead of the Council workshop. The City received 392 submissions (Attachment A).

The principal priority raised in 41 percent of submissions was to establish a quiet zone for train noise. The second most common priority in 25 percent of submissions was to expand pickleball opportunities, followed by 17 percent of submissions to preserve or improve tennis opportunities. The fourth most common priority in 14 percent of submissions was for safe streets improvements related to bicycling and traffic. Approximately 10 percent of submissions favored environmental sustainability, mainly for electrification and climate action. Other themes included emergency preparedness/response, recreation opportunities/improvements and parks preservation, housing development, and creating vibrancy in the downtown area.

#### Priority and goal setting

Priority and goal setting is informed through public participation, input from City Councilmembers, input from staff based on City Council actions and direction, needs identified in various master planning efforts, and review of remaining work plan items from 2022. Staff compiled a list of significant City Council-directed projects or items requiring allocation of staff time (Attachment B) as well as a list of adopted priorities, work plan items, and new requests from 2021 to 2022 (Attachment C).

#### Next steps

The facilitator will produce a final workshop report that summarizes outcomes on City Council priorities and goals. Staff will use workshop results to prepare a work plan for City Council consideration at a future meeting, as part of the fiscal year 2023-24 budget development process.

#### **Impact on City Resources**

There is no impact on City resources.

#### **Environmental Review**

This action is not a project within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines §§ 15378 and 15061(b)(3) as it will not result in any direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

#### **Public Notice**

Public notification was achieved by posting the agenda, with the agenda items being listed, at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

**Attachments**

- A. Input on City Council priorities – online submissions
- B. Significant City Council-directed projects or items requiring allocation of staff time
- C. List of past priorities, work plan projects and new requests from 2021 to 2022
- D. Hyperlink – Public engagement webpage: [menlopark.gov/priorities](https://menlopark.gov/priorities)

Report prepared by:  
Stephen Stolte, Assistant City Manager

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 27 February 2023, 9:57PM  
Receipt number: 1  
Related form versions: 6

Share your input

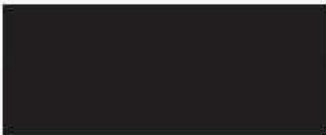
Bike lanes and bike routes across willows and school routes.  
Tree trimming away from power lines and remove unstable trees preemptively. Please do this without asking for citizens to raise case on seeclickfix  
Water conservation efforts for city of Menlo Park to be self sufficient  
Building out a self reliant power to move away from PG&E  
Improve ADU permit process approvals with suggested designs a priori.  
More fitness classes for adults for working parents. There is not much options for evenings and weekends.  
Sidewalk improvements in willows.

First name Savita

Last name Kini

Email

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submitted on date: 28 February 2023, 10:00AM

Receipt number: 2

Related form versions: 6

Share your input	Middle Avenue Railroad pedestrian/bicycle underpass
First name	Dan
Last name	Hilberman
Email	[REDACTED]
Phone	

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 28 February 2023, 10:56PM  
Receipt number: 4  
Related form version: 6



Share your input

Priority: degassify Burgess!!!

Recently I learned from Tom Kabbat, Rebecca Lucky, and Ori Paz that the methane-burning water heaters at the Burgess aquatic center are soon due for retirement and replacement. Perhaps their EOL is as soon as 2025.

While one might think "ouch, bad luck, we must spend money" the truth is more positive, like: "great, let's pull forward this upgrade to electrical heatpump." Avoid years of emissions!

Is this significant? Burgess aquatic center burns 58300 therms of gas per year (thank you Ori). That's equivalent to about 117 "typical" homes of gas consumption. (I define a typical home to be 2+ BR, 1 bath, like the house at 810 College Ave, which used 557 therms during 12 months of 2021 and 2022).

117 houses worth of gas consumption in one place is a lot!

The cost per therm of usage avoided is likely much lower when dealing with a single concentrated use site vs. 117 homes.

If upgrading those pool heaters from gas to electrical and solar heating, Menlo Park will/can:

(1) show leadership in transitioning off methane.

(2) honor our commitments: we are a rich city in a rich state in a rich country. Who else but Menlo Park should spend capex up front to save in total over time (electrical opex is much cheaper than methane over the next 20 years).

(3) use this pool upgrade to brag about leading from the front, blogs in Almanac and InMenlo.

(4) feel great to use this opportunity to generate awareness of the need to urgently move away from CH4.

IRA might help Menlo Park accomplish this upgrade, but, truth be said, I don't think a wealthy town needs to wait for an IRA handout to spend a bit of capex to earn opex!

We can do it. We should do it. Let's do it!

We must do it for our children! Climate change is in their future!!!

First name

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Last name

Agesen

Email

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Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 3 March 2023, 6:39AM

Receipt number: 5

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

- 1) Public Safety
- 2) Protection/Maintenance of Public Space
- 3) ensuring foundational support is built before huge developments (e.g. - fix transportation first) and then focus on affordable housing for families and town employees (teachers, etc.) so that continue to have the richness of a diversity of residents, socio-economically and other.

Thanks for the opportunity to provide feedback.

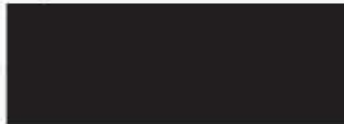
First name

Lyra

Last name

Myers

Email



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# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 3 March 2023, 11:46PM

Receipt number: 6

Related form versions: 6

## Share your input

**A Strategic vision for the city - This is marketing 101, treat MP like a corporation, brand or product and make a strategic plan. Your 35,000 community members are the 'company employees'. Make sure it includes things like:**

- Reimagining how you communicate to, engage with, and activate MP's 35,000 community members. What you're doing is not working.
- A vision a majority of citizens can get excited about and support regardless of where they live in the district, if they're a renter or homeowner, if they're young or old etc. We want as many community members to feel like they can contribute to the success of our shared vision. Even if they don't 100% agree with all the details/tactics, they're bought in to what we've decided we want our city to be in the next 5, 10, 15 years.
- Snackable and repeatable content that we can share and reinforce with each other, and outside our community.
- Actionable things we can do to deliver on the vision. Put us to work. Get us out of our short term complaining mentality and inspire us to build the future MP together through action. What's your 'employee engagement' plan?

**Filling vacant management and staff positions with the City of Menlo Park. If it requires increasing salaries to attract and hire employees, do it. We need to invest in our city and it starts with salaried and tenured leadership, not a rotating bench of elected officials. And open a job req for an actual PIO.**

**Ensuring proactive support of MPCSD's efforts to address capacity and campus planning given the housing element mandates and new and proposed developments.**

**Revitalizing downtown - a strategy to attract new business, support existing business, and drive consumers to downtown for myriad of needs. Make sure there's something for our young people too.**

First name

Julie

Last name

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# Input on City Council Priorities



Submitted on date: 4 March 2023, 12:58PM  
Receipt number: 7  
Related form version: 6

## Share your input

- 1) Prioritize disaster preparedness through recovery. The time is right given the Fire District's new Community Resilience Unit and interest from community volunteers who can help. See my input into the Safety Element.
- 2) Establish a process, with yearly work plan and reporting, to implement the key areas of focus for Menlo Park as summarized (page 3) in the City of Menlo Park City Manager recruitment brochure. The input had broad agreement across the stakeholders in the City. My suggestions are consistent with that input.
- 4) Increase fact-based decision making: 4A) Have an outside firm conduct a Management Audit of the Staff Organization. See Menlo Fire's approach. 4B) Add municipal benchmarks. 4C) Add an annual resident and employee satisfaction survey process. The resident one should be from a firm that uses a survey question methodology that allows a jurisdiction to place its performance in context and to measure changes over time. 4D) Add an outside auditor function reporting to the City Council. See Palo Alto.
- 5) Find out perceptions of the MP government culture. as step one for a possible later culture change effort. Ask those present on March 18 to write down how they perceive the culture in 20 words or less. Collect the cards. Publish the info in summary form. Ask yourselves if the culture might hold back where MP wants to go.
- 6) Add org charts and job descriptions for all staff roles. The Staff Org is a complete mystery to me beyond the highest levels!
- 7) Increase financial transparency. The City's Vendor Payments should be available at the City's website. I also think the FAC or Council should review them.
- 8) Review roles of the advisory committees and commissions. Ask those serving for how the roles could be strengthened.

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Last name	Bramlet
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Phone	[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 4 March 2023, 4:18PM

Receipt number: 8

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please put the Safe Storage of Firearms ordinance which was unanimously approved by the City Council in 2020, back on the agenda for a second reading and finalization. Gun sales have skyrocketed in the intervening 3 years and Menlo Park has experienced incidents of children bringing guns to school. Most of the other cities in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties have passed this model ordinance and it is time that Menlo Park also step up and pass this potentially life saving law.

First name Leah

Last name Elkins

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 12:40AM

Receipt number: 9

Related form versions: 6

## Share your input

The popularity of pickleball as a recreational sport for all ages in Menlo Park has grown exponentially in the past year. It does not appear that this wave of newcomers to the sport will let up anytime soon. The minimal amount of courts assigned for pickleball as of the first quarter of 2023 are not nearly enough to accommodate this substantial current number of pickleball enthusiasts. And the sport, in general, across California and the US as well as Menlo Park, is expanding at an equally fast pace - which is indicative that the sport is here to stay. Professional teams are popping up everywhere, and TV coverage is getting more and more extensive as well. Right now, players in Menlo Park often have to wait for long periods of time to get on the available courts for just one game and then rotate out to the end of the waiting line to play another game. The rack system of lining up to play a game is a successful way of fairly offering court time. And, by adding more courts, the problem of only being able to play for about 15 minutes and then having to wait for sometimes twice that amount of time to get on a court again for another 15 minutes can be totally alleviated. With additional courts, there can be a constant flow of players rotating in and out so that no one has to ever wait an extended period to play. Other major factors in favor of pickleball are: its positive, friendly atmosphere, the relatively small amount of court maintenance fees for the number of people serviced, and its availability for anyone to play due to the low cost for players' personal gear needed to play. Pickleball has a lot going for it to provide both physical fitness and community spirit for Menlo Park.

First name: Maralissa

Last name: Thomas

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submitted on date: 5 March 2023, 6:07AM  
Receipt number: 10  
Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Pickleball is the country's fastest growing sport because it is easy to learn and fun to play for all ages. Menlo Park should:

1. Make pickle ball accessible to all by converting tennis courts to shared tennis and pickleball courts in multiple locations including 3 more courts at Nealon and 2 courts at Willow Oaks park (the courts with lights preferred.). This is a lower cost way to expand pickleball courts and should proceed immediately.
2. Consider whether Menlo Park residents' access to pickleball courts should take priority over court rentals to private tennis instructors. Perhaps consider making certain courts available to both tennis and pickleball instructors at designated (and limited) times.
3. Prioritize construction of permanent pickleball courts in future budgets for next 2-3 years. Assess use of shared tennis-pickleball courts to determine court capacity to meet Menlo Park resident demand over next few years. Plan proactively as resident demand for pickleball courts may continue to expand.

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Last name: Elliott

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Phone: [REDACTED]



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 7:09AM

Receipt number: 11

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Agree with the points on 1&2

For pickleball at Neelon and burgess park for 2023/2024.

First name

Hiroko

Last name

Yoshida

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 7:15AM

Receipt number: 12

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

## MORE PICKLEBALL COURTS

The City of Menlo Park has not been listening to its resident's the past three years regarding the need for more pickleball courts. We don't know what more we have to do to get your attention.

1. Many people come to play all day and night but often leave due to lack of courts. We need 2 additional dual use PB courts on Nealon park tennis court #4 AT the least. Preferably permanent courts since there are significantly more pickleball players than tennis players.

And tennis players have 15 courts at their disposal all over the city.

2. The fencing should be moved out to provide more space on the courts for people to gather and wait for a challenge game. There is plenty of space at Nealon to move the fencing. Sound proofing fabric can also be added to the fencing to absorb the sound of the balls.

3. A long term solution is needed for permanent courts.

Thank you.

First name: Alicia

Last name: Faisetto

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 7:16AM

Receipt number: 13

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

More pickle ball courts especially outdoors.

Library - have hardcopies of classic children's books not just copies in e-book form.

Have grass playing field work done on a schedule that makes them available when children are on vacation and school breaks.

First name

Mary

Last name

Ratner

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 7:43AM

Receipt number: 14

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

My wife and I have been playing Pickleball at Nealon Park practically every day since the lines were painted on tennis court 5 August 2021. We have seen a Pickleball community grow to a point where additional court space is needed. I am in favor of making two additional Pickleball courts on tennis court 4 at Nealon as a short term solution for additional courts.

A long term solution for additional Pickleball courts in my opinion would be to make permanent courts at Burgess Park as suggested by Nate Gardner.

First name: David

Last name: Yoshida

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 7:44AM

Receipt number: 15

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

**Pickleball Courts:** Menlo Park needs 4-6 pickleball courts at a single location as soon as possible. A single location with multiple courts facilitates the playing of pickleball as games can be "picked up" without the need to pre-arrange games in advance. Dedicated pickleball courts with permanent nets would be fantastic and would eliminate the tension which develops when existing tennis courts are sought to be converted into full time or part time pickleball courts.

First name

Ron

Last name

Friedman

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Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 7:57AM

Receipt number: 16

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Additional Pickleball courts at Nealon park.

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Last name

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Email

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Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 8:15AM

Receipt number: 17

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

I think much more support should be provided for the large and growing Pickleball community. The 4 courts squeezed onto 1 tennis court is not safe and not nearly sufficient for the number of people playing.

First name

Ron

Last name

McLeod

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 8:19AM

Receipt number: 18

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

A long term plan prioritizing the burying of the utility lines throughout Menlo Park would lead to increasing the City's tree canopy (and improving the environment), would improve the city's resilience in earthquake and bad weather emergencies, and would beautify the city.

First name

Last name

Email

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 8:37AM

Receipt number: 19

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

1. More open hours for Arrillaga Center. Currently it is still on limited COVID hours.
2. More programs and activities for children and teens.
3. Recruiting of more restaurants and cafes for Downtown MP. Our downtown needs more life and we need the taxes.

First name: Perla

Last name: Ni

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 8:38AM

Receipt number: 20

Related form version: 6

Share your input

1. Street safety for kids

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999. Pickleball vs Tennis

First name

Prescott

Last name

Lee

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 8:40AM

Receipt number: 21

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

- tennis court availability- we need more courts and should be able to reserve them online. What about MAHigh courts?
- covert temp outdoor seating to permanent (ie Coffeebar - outside very ugly)
- dedicated pickleball facility at burgess
- bike bridge from middle or allied arts across to burgess over/under train tracks

First name: Lynn

Last name: Mickleburgh

Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 8:52AM

Receipt number: 22

Related form versions: 6

## Share your input

### Pickleball:

> Develop separate plans for 1) near/mid-term, and 2) long term court allocation to matches usage/demand.

> Near/mid-term: expand the number of PB courts Nealon (Court 4).  
Long term: build at Burgess

> Near/mid-term: set up and establish specific hours of play to balance PB usage/demand with public Tennis, and Hillview Tennis. For example: PB 9AM-12PM, Tennis 1PM-5PM, Hillview 3PM-5PM (during season), etc.

> Recommend that MP set up a "club" approach to develop, recommend, and manage MP PB culture, policies, and rules, similar to Palo Alto's approach. Assign a Board of Directors to report to PRC.

> Establish PB club fees to help fund court development, maintenance, improvements, and insurance. Establish key-less courts and fees-optional but charge higher rates for non-residents and non-members for events.

First name

James

Last name

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Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 10:41AM

Receipt number: 23

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Hi Jen

Please consider the impact that Ali has made to our downtown area by installing benches and the Bon Marche. Removing the structures and reopening Santa Cruz will kill the social activity that has grown. I have not seen any decline in business from the closure. Realistically, more people are visiting both Walgreens and Ace Hardware. There is adequate parking behind the stores.

First name

Sylvia

Last name

Dickinson

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 10:42AM

Receipt number: 24

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Two quality of life topics should raise to the top of the agenda:

1. In light of the recent storm and outages the council needs to work on a plan to make sure this never happens in our city again. The storm clearly exposed our towns vulnerability and we need to build resilience - this requires working with or forcing PG&E to do a better job trimming trees, upgrading its infrastructure to be more resilient, allocating city resources to help monitor and maintain the power grid, burying power lines - at least the critical ones, altering tree removal regulations so residents are allowed more leeway removing old trees under certain conditions. The Council also at this point needs to shelf any further electrification subsidies and initiatives such as banning gas stoves until our power grid is more resilient. Gas at least provided a redundant energy source for households during the storm.
2. It is time we put an end to the noise pollution we've been suffering in this town for decades caused by Caltrain and the freight trains running noisy diesel engines with antiquated horns blasting at all hours of the day and night - study is in progress, the council is going to need to focus on working with agencies and finding resources to resolve this for once and all.

First name: George

Last name: Ugras

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 10:46AM

Receipt number: 25

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Maintenance and preservation of parks and wild spaces.  
Support for neighborhood activities such as the Bon Marche Market on Wednesday nights. (There used to be a food truck night over by the train station that was fun.) Make downtown more vibrant.  
thanks.

First name shanda

Last name bahles

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 11:03AM

Receipt number: 26

Related form version: 6

Share your input

1. Possibility of elevated structure for additional parking downtown.
2. Research to determine mix of businesses downtown that would attract more patrons.

First name

Philip

Last name

Sewald

Email



Phone





# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 11:03AM

Receipt number: 27

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Menlo Park Climate Action plan states "\$1.3 billion of property in our Belle Haven neighborhood [is] at risk of flooding from climate change by as early as 2070." There is no plan for addressing the flooding in the document. The Climate Action Plan says, "If we take a leadership position and our bold climate action inspires rapid and far reaching climate action by other cities, we may be able to save our Belle Haven neighborhood with a combination of sea walls and levees." Please set up a plan to get started on the sea walls and instruct staff to work on a plan. It seems hard to believe this is necessary but when storms surges or high tides flood the area, MP residents will be hurt and we will have to pay for repairs and high flood insurance. It does seem theoretical but nonetheless the sea level at the Golden Gate bridge has risen 9 centimeters since the turn of the century so flooding is going to happen. It's not a near term issue but it is a big money issue that has to be started as unpleasant as it is.

First name: Susannah

Last name: Hill

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 11:06AM

Receipt number: 28

Related form versions: 6

## Share your input

Needs for Pickleball need to be addressed, the city has been dragging their feet for over two years. In the same time Palo Alto has dedicated 15 courts in one park, and is still in need of more. Menlo residents have to travel there as our community is not making enough courts available.

- Additional pickleball courts in a central location
- Sharing tennis courts if needed, court 4 in Nealon can be dual use for Pickleball overflow.
- Unlike tennis, spreading out to multiple sites does not work as it is more open for group play vs. people setting up matches.
- Better access to Pickleball by opening the back gate
- currently dangerous for players to keep passing behind achieve games.
- no waiting area for players waiting (too many to fit on courts)
- access to trash, recycle and bathrooms would be easier
- Build new courts, minimum 8 in Burgess park for pickleball only.
- Nealon is causing a unneeded fight between tennis and pickleball
- Less housing around Burgess park
- The number of players wanting to play is increasing at a very fast rate
- Beginner sessions had 16 people per class
- Multiple requests on Facebook and other places for more beginner classes.

First name: Doug

Last name: Strauss

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 11:51AM

Receipt number: 29

Related form versions: 6

## Share your input

\*Focus on vitality of city's downtown. How to incentivize/influence what stores are on Santa Cruz to create a vibrant downtown. Remove picnic tables in front of Starbucks in our parking area. I've been pushed/walked into, mowed over by kids that take over that section to hang out in. There is no reason to take away our look and our parking for a place to have teenagers hang out in. Possibly have weekly Thursday afternoon closure for outdoor market, which I support.

We have lost a lot of our parking from outdoor restaurant use, and reconsider this too.

\*Pickleball courts in place of Tennis courts at Nealon, not Burgess. LISTEN to new surge of players, that need to share and have some of the tennis courts just for pickleball--as tennis players have their courts, too. This is forward thinking. Other cities throughout the Nation have done this.

\*Do NOT remove parking from Middle Avenue for cyclists. I think more police interaction/discipline for cyclists that go through stop signs, cross illegally and take up the road is something to be concentrated on. These are city STREETS--for cars and parking. I've been here over 30 years and have only seen an increase in rude cyclist behavior, not amount of cyclists. The students at Hillview when dismissed at 3 p.m., are reckless on their bikes and frightening for drivers that encounter them. I am an advocate of bike lanes/ compromises where needed, but not complete removal of parking.

\*Communication about future and daily roadwork to residents via email. I often encounter closed roads on El Camino, Ravenswood, etc without warning. Would love to know why and where \$\$\$ are going and to better plan my routes.

First name: Renee

Last name: Schott

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 2:31PM

Receipt number: 30

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

We have tennis courts at Nealon, Hillview, and Burgess so I do not understand why additional PB courts cannot be offered to the players. We are paying taxes and should be treated fairly. as a senior, I know that socialization and keeping yourself healthy is of utmost importance.

First name

Last name

Email

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 2:54PM

Receipt number: 31

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Get the paperwork completed on the railroad grade separations.  
When the new electric train run at 25 minute intervals the town will be split in half by rush hour traffic!

Thank you for your kind service.

Warm Regards,

Bob Conway

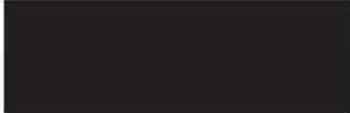
First name

Bob

Last name

Conway

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 3:18PM

Receipt number: 32

Related form versions: 6

## Share your input

I agree with the recommendations that Brian Kissel has made:

1. Near term reallocation of more tennis courts to dual use for pickleball. Current proposal is 2 additional dual use PB courts on Nealon park tennis court #4.

2. Longer term, new additional pickleball courts to alleviate contention between tennis and pickleball. Current recommendation is brand new dedicated pickleball courts in Burgess park.

I currently play at Mitchell Park which has dedicated courts and multi-use courts. It's extremely popular and an inclusive environment for all players. I'd love to see Menlo Park offer the same opportunities to its residents, like me.

First name

Katie

Last name

Stivers

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 3:18PM  
Receipt number: 33  
Related form versions: 6

## Share your input

1. Improve safety, signaling, and lighting for pedestrians along major thoroughfares and intersections.
2. Prioritize sidewalk and street repairs
3. Introduce incentives for removal of lawns for reduction of irrigation for water conservation. Consider higher water rates for lawns greater than a certain square footage.
4. Coordinate emergency response components of city government and integrate with community organizations.
5. Create dedicated web page for emergency communication to residents and businesses in Menlo Park
6. Consider additional ways for Menlo Park to improve recycling of all types of plastics. Consider city sponsored collection locations and facilities. Determine effectiveness of current recycling and identify opportunities for local ways to improve.
7. Consider revisions to program to eliminate all use of natural gas given the risks of electrical power outage. How can this risk be mitigated for residence unable to afford costly battery backup?
8. Add business, commercial, and industrial facilities to the program to eliminate fossil fuel use (natural gas, etc.). Do not put all the onus on residents. Residents use about 40% of natural gas in Menlo Park [city's own data].

First name: Martin

Last name: Rosenblum

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 3:28PM

Receipt number: 34

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

I think we need more tennis courts. They're always full when I go over to play.

First name

David

Last name

Bingham

Email



Phone





# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 4:12PM

Receipt number: 35

Related form version: 6

Share your input	Park protection.
First name	Maya
Last name	Sewald
Email	[REDACTED]
Phone	[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 4:28PM

Receipt number: 36

Related form version: 6

Share your input	More pickleball courts, please!
First name	Douglas
Last name	Brockett
Email	[REDACTED]
Phone	[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 5:04PM

Receipt number: 37

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Our town is in desperate need of additional Pickleball courts at Nealon Park. We are all squished into one tennis court, often with four to twelve additional players waiting their turn to play. It is such a fantastic social sport where residents of Menlo Park are getting to know each other--cross-generationally, culturally, etc.. It's a free and healthy way for residents to play and bond. Please consider converting more tennis courts--specifically at Nealon--to pickleball. This is a sport that works best by rotating players in, so it makes sense to have multiple courts dedicated to pickleball in one key location. That way, we can all be together during play as we rotate everyone around.

First name: katrina

Last name: Ryan

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 5:16PM  
Receipt number: 38  
Related form versions: 6

## Share your input

Improve tennis courts condition and availability for residents. Too many noisy nonresidents crowding Nealon courts for pickleball play.

- Build a separate home for pickle ball instead of converting tennis courts
- convert pickleball courts in Nealon back to tennis
- restrict private paid coaching
- lock all tennis courts for use only by residents who purchased keys.
- improve tennis court conditions by fixing all broken lights

Allow for roadside parking on Middle Ave.

First name: Sam

Last name: Yang

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submitted on date: 5 March 2023, 6:11PM  
Receipt number: 39  
Related form versions: 6

## Share your input

I am requesting the city council re-agendize the Safe Firearm Storage ordinance which passed the Council unanimously back in 2020. As you may know, our teens are at significant risk of suicide and having a gun in the house increases their risk of death due to an unintended shooting or suicide (because attempts are fatal 85% of the time when a gun is involved). I am also concerned about the number of times in recent months that students have shown up on the campus at Menlo Atherton with a fire arm. Having a safe storage regulation will help keep our families and loved ones safe. I currently have a foster son attending MA, my husband is a gun owner, and I have a daughter who is alive today because our guns are safely stored. This is very important to me because of my personal lived experience. Thank-you for making this a priority.

First name Yvonne

Last name Murray

Email

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 6:15PM

Receipt number: 40

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please continue to investigate creating a quiet zone for trains crossing Menlo Park. Since Covid hit and so many people are working from home, the benefits of increased quiet during the day and evening would make a huge difference to quality of life for residents along the train corridor.

First name

Gail

Last name

Blumberg

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 6:16PM

Receipt number: 41

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please prioritize the Train Quiet Zone in Menlo Park. We live directly on the tracks, and since Covid hit (but even now, 3 yrs later) I am working from home almost full time, and the whistles are so loud and disruptive when I'm on video calls. It also appears to hurt my dogs ears as he now howls at the train horn :-{

First name

Diana

Last name

Peterson

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 6:21PM

Receipt number: 42

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Please prioritize figuring out a solution to the train noise. This is far and away the biggest possible change you could make for the betterment of the community. Reducing the frequency of the horn blasts, that are not needed any way given the gates and signals and bells, and the length of the horn blasts is the single most important improvement in Menlo Park. If the horns are needed shortening and quieting their blasts would be a big improvement

First name: donald

Last name: gips

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 6:31PM

Receipt number: 43

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Two things that we believe should be prioritized:

1. MP Train Quiet Zone: The train noise has only got worse over time, and now that many people work from home, it is a terrible distraction. Creating a quiet zone would positively affect a significant part of MP and greatly increase the quality of life, whether working, interacting with children or trying to sleep. Please give this your attention.

2. Downtown renovation: Downtown is unkempt, the infrastructure is old and failing, the sidewalks are broken and filthy, the town is a growing magnet for transients and homeless with their belongings stored on the streets, news boxes are dirty and broken, the plantings are amateurish and trite, "temporary" plastic store signs have become the norm. All in all, it's a mess.

The disinterest in the care of our downtown creates a cycle: As the quality of the area falls, fewer people come to downtown. As fewer people come downtown, more stores fail, and as more stores fail and are replaced by empty storefronts, even fewer people want to make the trip downtown.

That there are now a frightening and growing number of empty storefronts should therefore not be a surprise. While other downtowns are bustling, ours is failing. Gone are a number of smaller businesses and every day, there is more decay and fewer pedestrians.

Our El Camino corridor is glistening. Why must our downtown increasingly be the laughing stock of the Peninsula? The council has ignore this issue for years. In a matter of time, there will be little left to save. It is time to act!

First name

Sloane and Judy

Last name

Citron

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 6:55PM

Receipt number: 44

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Noise from train whistles should be one of the cities top priorities. These noises keep many people awake at night, myself included. We should take the same approach that Atherton has taken, with a quiet zone. I urge The council to give strong opinion on this matter. Fred Rose

First name

Frederick

Last name

Rose

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 7:05PM

Receipt number: 45

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

We live on Forest Lane in Menlo Park. The train noise is extremely disturbing for us. Especially some of the trains produce too many and too long sirens compared to others, not sure why? ...and being in the middle of 2 very close crossings means that we hear the horns for a long period of time for every train in both directions. And the cargo trains late at nights actually shake our whole house .

First name: Chakameh

Last name: Coupa

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 7:15PM

Receipt number: 46

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please prioritize the pursuit of a Quiet Zone in Menlo Park. I love living here, but the noise pollution from the train impacts my everyday life in a negative way. The train horn honks over 100 times a day less than 75 ft from my home. Addressing this would help ensure my family could remain healthy and continue living here in Menlo Park.

First name

Last name

Email

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 7:19PM

Receipt number: 47

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

## MP Train Quiet Zone:

As both a Caltrain rider and a resident/owner of a house next to the train tracks, I would like to advocate for an MP Train Quiet Zone between Fair Oaks and Glenwood, at least during early morning and late night hours. As a Caltrain rider, the train was involved in several strikes and fatalities, none of which were in our neighborhood. Ravenswood is a hot spot for strikes and other strikes along the peninsula are sadly related to suicides. I hope the Council examines the evidence for sounding the horn through relatively quiet neighborhoods with simple traffic conditions.

First name

Wei

Last name

Gu

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 7:33PM

Receipt number: 48

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

The horns deter nothing and there is no data showing that they help at all. May other places don't have train horns sounding in residential neighborhoods. I would like all train horns to be silenced all the time, but at the very least during quiet hours. I cannot sleep even with double panes windows. The train is quite loud and there is no data that the horns prevent anyone from getting injured on the train tracks. Unless there is data showing the horns would have prevented 80-100% of injuries that have happened, they are just a significant nuisance that decreases home values, decrease the mental and physical health of nearby residents by keeping them from being able to sleep, and annoy the heck out of all of us. Please stop this ridiculous policy of sounding horns that has absolutely no data evidence to have any positive effect whatsoever.

First name: Suzan

Last name: Liao

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 7:34PM

Receipt number: 49

Related form version: 6

Share your input

- 1) train quiet zone.
- 2) traffic throughway with train separation
- 3) pickleball courts for residents

First name

Dawn

Last name

Voss

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 8:12PM  
Receipt number: 50  
Related form version: 6

Share your input

I am requesting the city council re-agendize the Safe Firearm Storage ordinance which passed the Council unanimously back in 2020. As you may know, our teens are at significant risk of suicide and having a gun in the house increases their risk of death due to an unintended shooting or suicide (because attempts are fatal 85% of the time when a gun is involved). I am also concerned about the number of times in recent months that students have shown up on the campus at Menlo Atherton with a fire arm. Having a safe storage regulation will help keep our families and loved ones safe. I currently have a foster son attending MA. This is very important to me because of my personal lived experience. Thank-you for making this a priority.

First name

Sarah

Last name

Bodary Winter

Email



Phone





# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 8:22PM

Receipt number: 51

Related form version: 6

Share your input

1. Train noise at crossings in Menlo Park - too much!
2. Open S Cruz to through traffic. Covid is under control & outdoor dining isn't necessary.

First name

Lorraine

Last name

McCarthy

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 8:35PM

Receipt number: 52

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Quiet zone for the CalTrain please.

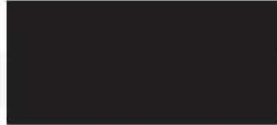
First name

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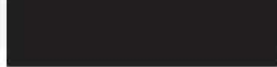
Last name

Thomson

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 8:36PM

Receipt number: 53

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

I am a home owner on Nova Lane in the Willows and wholeheartedly believe pedestrian/bike safety on Gilbert needs to be prioritized. I appreciate the additional stop signs put in recently but strongly support putting in a bike lane along Gilbert. I have witnessed (and responded to) a few bike vs car and pedestrian vs car accidents, not to mention all of the near misses. With multiple schools in the Willows this MUST be a priority for the safety of our children.

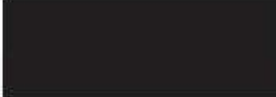
First name

Ritu

Last name

Chitkara

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submitted on date: 5 March 2023, 8:44PM

Receipt number: 54

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Bike and pedestrian safety on Gilbert in the willows

First name

Catherine

Last name

Gillis

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 8:49PM

Receipt number: 55

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Please consider expanding the pickleball courts in Menlo Park. Pickleball is becoming more and more popular. I have been playing pickleball for years and would love to see more courts available in the community. It is a great sport for all ages. I think more courts at Nealon (shared with tennis) or courts at Burgess Park could be great locations for the community. Thank you in advance for considering these proposed locations.

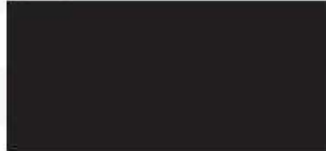
First name

Randi

Last name

Bennion

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 8:51PM

Receipt number: 57

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

\*LIVABILITY: Traffic mitigation plan from current and planned future development, e.g. El Camino corridor and surrounding residential areas

\*SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS: Public safety esp. addressing an increase in thefts and break-ins

\*CITY MAINTENANCE: Road, median, and sidewalk maintenance, illegal dumping/litter, graffiti

\*HOMELESSNESS

\*AFFORDABLE HOUSING: planned development designated specifically for teachers, police, and firefighters

First name Tricia

Last name Teason

Email

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 9:04PM  
Receipt number: 58  
Related form version: 6

Share your input

Dear MPCC - For 2023/24 fiscal year, please continue to prioritize the visionary work to establish the Menlo Park rail Quiet Zone. Together, we can work to improve Menlo Park by eliminating the incessant train horns, but only if it remains a Priority to keep focus and ensure community engagement, problem-solving, and collaboration. This historic achievement will improve the quality of life for all in Menlo Park. The city has Quiet Zone success within reach! Thank you.

First name: Maria

Last name: Amundson

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 9:17PM

Receipt number: 59

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

**Please make streets in the Willows safer for bikers and pedestrians!**

1) Cars drive way too fast on Gilbert. I'm scared to let my kids bike to school at Upper Laurel. The new stop signs at Pope are a great step, but they don't fix the problem.

2) The intersection of Woodland and Middlefield is dangerous. Pedestrians run across Middlefield to move between Palo Alto and the Willows. Cars coming from Woodland accelerate quickly to make a left turn when there's a break in Middlefield traffic. I'm shocked nobody has died there. A traffic light that is synchronized with the Willow-Middlefield signal could make this intersection safe for everyone.

First name: Stephen

Last name: Schuh

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submitted on date: 5 March 2023, 9:26PM

Receipt number: 60

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

I would like to urge the council to make Menlo Park a quiet zone. The honking horns, especially those at night, disrupt my sleep on a regular basis. The horns are especially loud and sometimes continuous at 5am.

First name

Sandra

Last name

Horwitz

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 9:34PM

Receipt number: 61

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Many kids bike on Gilbert to Laurel upper campus. There is currently a lack of safety for bikes on Gilbert.

First name

Quynh

Last name

Dierickx

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 9:42PM

Receipt number: 62

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

I would like to submit the Quiet Zone as the #1 priority in Menlo Park. I live near the train tracks and the train has reduced my quality of life steadily over the nine years I've lived here. I ended up needing to sleep in a closet to get any sleep, and I'm currently taking medication so I can sleep in my own bed during the winter months when the train is extra loud. The quiet zone would help the mental health and happiness of so many residents, and be a huge help to folks in single family homes and apartments alike. Many of us don't have the ability to move further away from the train. I beg that you move this issue to the top of your list. Thank you for listening and for any help you can provide on this matter.

First name: Melissa

Last name: Mills

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 9:49PM

Receipt number: 63

Related form version: 6

Share your input

**Building electrification community-wide to eliminate use of methane gas, which is a health hazard and the most substantial short-term contributor to climate change from our community.**

**Improving transportation connectivity (long-term) along east/west axis to reduce congestion and develop user-friendly alternatives to driving alone to get around town**

**Affordable housing (for singles, families, and seniors)**

First name

Mitch

Last name

Slomiak

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 9:57PM

Receipt number: 64

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Please make the Quiet Zone a priority for 2023. This remains a major quality of life issue for the rapidly increasing number of people who live along the train. The world is full of intractable issues, this is one where the city is in a position to make a huge, concrete, positive impact on people's lives.

First name Amy

Last name Mushlin

Email

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 10:05PM

Receipt number: 65

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Even living on Elder, over a mile from the nearest train crossing with a 2 year-old train enthusiast, I welcome the silence that would come with the proposed crossing arm updates. The pairing of hornless-crossings and added safety measures are both within our reach.

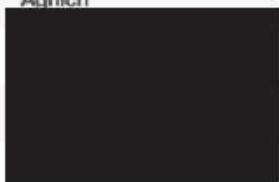
First name

Kelli

Last name

Agnich

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 10:08PM

Receipt number: 66

Related form version: 6

Share your input

I've lived near the RR tracks for 26 years. In that time, the horn noise has increased substantially, including horns at night. They interfere with phone calls, watching TV, and backyard parties. There are steps Menlo Park can take to reduce or even eliminate horn noise. Atherton has managed to curb it. Why can't Menlo Park?

First name

Diane

Last name

Walter

Email

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 10:15PM

Receipt number: 67

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Building needs to slow down. Have lived here 31 years. Last 2-3 the high rise buildings going up, with NO infrastructure road changes not okay. I get you need to raise money BUT just look at San Antonio Road OR Cupertino to see what a train wreck looks like.

First name: Lisa

Last name: Joos

Email

Phone





# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 10:31PM

Receipt number: 68

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

More pickleball courts: (1) near term convert more tennis courts at Nealon to pickleball, (2) longer term build purpose-built pickleball courts at Nealon or Burgess. Given the way pickleball is played in a social/community-building way, it is valuable to have as many courts as possible in one location.

First name: Adam

Last name: Hopkins

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 10:43PM

Receipt number: 69

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

**Menlo Park Train Quiet Zone**

This continues to be a major quality of life issue that's been raised for 2 years now. The horns wake up my infant children from afternoon naps and is a source of stress. There are clearly less intrusive ways to ensure trains can cross the street safely.

First name

Daniel

Last name

Garden

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 10:56PM

Receipt number: 71

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Train horn noise remains a major problem for our family. Please keep the MP train quiet zone as a priority.

First name

Jaana

Last name

Parkkinen

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submitted on date: 5 March 2023, 10:58PM

Receipt number: 72

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please keep MP Train Quiet Zone as a priority. Other cities have been able to implement this. horn noise is a major nuisance, Menlo Park needs to act.

First name

Achmed

Last name

Zahir

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 11:04PM

Receipt number: 73

Related form versions: 6

## Share your input

Hi. I'm a resident of the Felton Gables neighborhood and the father of 3 children, from 7 to 13. We moved into the neighborhood just as Covid was beginning. During Covid my kids were greatly impacted by the noise from the train horns throughout the day. It would wake them up at night, then again early morning, and then throughout the day. Now that Covid is "over", they go to school regularly, but still the train horn is so loud that they still find trouble going to bed, and still wake up earlier than they should. We have new, modern windows to block the noise as much as possible, but it's not working. I really wish Menlo Park could just please recognize the considerable improvement that could be made to our lives by helping eliminate the train horn noises, much like what's done in Atherton. Eventually commuters will come back to CalTrain and it will get worse and worse over time for us. Thank you.

First name: Shasank

Last name: Chavan

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 11:14PM

Receipt number: 74

Related form version: 6

Share your input

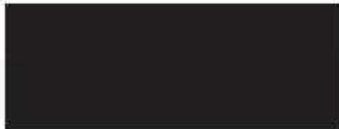
Please prioritize moving forward with quiet zones for the Menlo Park Caltrain crossings. The increased number of trains due to electrification and the incessant honking due to the close proximity of so many crossings means the quality of life of so many Menlo Park residents is only going to get worse, and very soon at that. Quiet zones are a simple fix and will improve both safety and well-being. Menlo Park has added many residential units along the train corridor, so this population is not minimal. With the repeated honking it is impossible to sit outside and have conversations in our backyards and even in our homes sometimes. Please do what you can to address this repeated public nuisance.

First name Adam

Last name Tobin

Email

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 5 March 2023, 11:18PM

Receipt number: 75

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

I think the top priority for the city should be MP Train Quiet Zones for the rail crossings.

I have lived in Felton Gable neighborhood for almost 28 years, and the train horn noise has only become worse over the years. With Caltrain, occasional freight trains late at night, electric trains going in, and eventually high speed rail, train traffic is increasing, and the noise is increasing dramatically. We have discussed the concept of Quiet Zones for many years in Menlo Park, we now have a clear path forward, and the time for action is now.

People farther from the train tracks may not realize train noise is a serious quality of life and health issue for people closer to the train crossings, many who are lower income. I lived in an apartment for several months right by a train crossing (near the train station, at Ravenswood), and the noise was unbearable and relentless. I was not able to sleep. My health suffered. Now living in Felton Gables, even with the luxury of my double paned windows, the train horn noise is almost as bad as living right on the tracks, and it will be getting worse with even more frequent trains.

For a disproportionately small amount of spending, implementing Quiet Zones will have a dramatic impact on quality of life, and overall health for many people in Menlo Park. Also the Quiet Zone gate configuration will help prevent people from driving around crossing gates that are down, further reducing fatal collisions with trains.

Please make Quiet Zones a top priority for Menlo Park this year, and make an immediate, and dramatic improvement in the quality of life and health of many citizens in Menlo Park.

First name: Joseph

Last name: Grass

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 6:14AM

Receipt number: 76

Related form version: 6

Share your input

I would love to have more access for pickleball. Really fun, inclusive outdoor activity for wide range of ages. Current courts are often completely full on weekends and after work.

First name

Jill

Last name

Zanolli

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 6:27AM

Receipt number: 77

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Quiet Zone Menlo Park. The train noise disrupts our sleep. Please keep the quiet zone a priority.

First name

Kristine

Last name

Collins

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 7:24AM

Receipt number: 78

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

## Quiet Zones - Train horns

Did you solve it? No, the priorities haven't changed. Caltrain is increasing services. 16 horn blasts per train are now experienced from 5am all the way through midnight every day, not including freighters.

But you show evidence of action when needed? You took away children's play equipment at nealon park immediately when a couple of neighbors complained about a disability swing - I only wish the council moved so quickly to address this issue which has had hundreds of residents over many years advocating for there removal. Why the disparity in response to these issues?

Just fix it. No more BS studies.

First name

David

Last name

Pickham

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 7:41AM

Receipt number: 79

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Train horns are extremely loud and triggering of special needs kids, of which I have one.  
The noise of the horns makes one of my boys afraid of the train and for him to bike in the area.  
Horns are designed for hearing able people to be warned to stay away from the train, putting the responsibility of safety on the individual. A physical barrier systems ensures the public safety by preventing individuals, vehicles, and bicycles from danger. Having lived several years in France, Italy, and Spain, I am always surprised how their great cities have evolved with silent rail transit. Airplanes don't have horns they have safety areas. Freeways don't use horns, they have safety areas. I suggest the better, scalable, long term community/city solution is not to have a loud horn on the dangerous offender. It is to make a quieter and safer right of way.

First name

Stephen

Last name

Schooley

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 8:33AM

Receipt number: 80

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

I recommend that the City Council prioritize a safe storage ordinance for firearms. As a physician I care about the health of my patients. Safe storage of firearms will help protect our community from the tragedies of suicide and impulsive violence

First name

Ellen

Last name

Schneider

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submitted on date: 6 March 2023, 9:00AM

Receipt number: 81

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Here are my suggested priorities:

1. Park protection ordinance preserving all our parks in the city from any development
2. Near term reallocation of more tennis courts to dual use for pickleball. Current proposal is 2 additional dual use courts on Nealon park tennis court #4.
3. Longer term new additional pickleball courts to alleviate contention between tennis and pickleball. Current recommendation is brand new dedicated pickleball courts in Burgess park. Shani Podell has a specific proposal for these courts.
4. Executing on the updated housing element (hopefully to be approved by the state) to provide additional housing in the city as well as to revitalize the downtown corridor, the SRI campus, and the USGS campus, etc.
5. Additional environmental sustainability initiatives managing water usage and reducing our collective use of fossil fuels.

First name

Brian

Last name

Kissel

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 9:02AM

Receipt number: 82

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Creation of a Menlo Park Train Quiet Zone should continue to be a priority in the 2023/2024 fiscal year. Excessive train noise degrades the quality of life for all residents and businesses with hundreds of daily horn blasts. This is a solvable problem and should be addressed by City Council in the coming year.

First name: James

Last name: Bramlett

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 9:18AM

Receipt number: 83

Related form version: 6

Share your input

- 1) Improve traffic flow along El Camino Real in Menlo Park.
- 2) Address timing of traffic lights to manage the movement of car traffic, especially during morning and afternoon peak school and commute hours.
- 3) Prioritize the implementation of a railroad quiet zone in Menlo Park.

First name: Amy

Last name: Schneider

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 9:20AM

Receipt number: 84

Related form versions: 6

## Share your input

- 1) Quiet Zone for CalTrain corridor - please keep pursuing converting the MP CalTrain corridor to Quiet Zone crossings. The noise from the train traffic is highly disruptive, especially during the hours when our family is sleeping. Join other peninsula communities who have invested in making the train corridor safer and less disruptive to families and businesses.
- 2) Improve traffic flow along El Camino Real corridor - It seems like traffic flow along ECR keeps getting worse. Please investigate ways to improve overall traffic throughput so that less time is wasted waiting in traffic jams and traffic signals. This is especially important as new commercial and residential developments along ECR come online.

First name: Michael

Last name: Comerford

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 9:35AM

Receipt number: 85

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

- mandating quiet zone for MP train  
- as residents who live off the train tracks with two toddlers - the persistent horn has led to the disturbance of many nights. They also cause our kids to be quite frightened.

(I've seen a more carefully curated use of the horn at other stops and not only are they effective but safety is not compromised.)

First name: Kendall

Last name: Fuerst

Email

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 9:36AM

Receipt number: 86

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Increase more pickle ball courts in Menlo Park, play pickle ball can gather family together and have fun , bring kids close to parents and grandparents. Create love and fun between neighborhood .

First name

Ivy

Last name

Tam

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 9:54AM

Receipt number: 87

Related form version: 6

Share your input

- \* move forward with implementation of Quiet Zone
- \* pedestrian safety including crosswalks at Mills Street with Oak Grove Ave. and Glenwood Avenue
- \* schedule opportunities for difficult to recycle items such as textiles and razor blades. provide an option for those who are unable to bring items to a central location such as elderly and disabled.
- \* provide funding to library so they can offer streaming and downloadable music app for a few hours a day
- \* incentivize restaurants and businesses to use materials which are low temperature compostable

First name: Ezio

Last name: Alviti

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 10:04AM

Receipt number: 88

Related form versions: 6

## Share your input

1. I see you're working on intersection University and Menlo Ave. and commend you for dealing with that. Having recently moved to the south end of Menlo Ave and walking that intersection several times daily I'm stunned by how many drivers get it wrong and the close calls I've had as a pedestrian.

2. Pickleball - amazing how quickly this is picking up. I play 2-3 times a week at Nealon and only once have I seen both tennis courts being used simultaneously. Please study.

First name

Burt

Last name

Cummings

Email

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 10:10AM

Receipt number: 89

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Near term reallocation of more tennis courts to dual use for pickleball. Current proposal is 2 additional dual use PB courts on Nealon park tennis court #4.

Longer term, new additional pickleball courts to alleviate contention between tennis and pickleball. Current recommendation is brand new dedicated pickleball courts in Burgess park. Shani Podell has a specific proposal for these courts.

First name

Bayan

Last name

Barua

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 10:11AM

Receipt number: 90

Related form version: 6

Share your input

I would welcome more Pickleball courts.

First name

Amy

Last name

Boggs

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 10:12AM

Receipt number: 91

Related form version: 6

Share your input

More pickleball courts please.

First name

Peter

Last name

Diepenbrock

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 10:14AM

Receipt number: 92

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

**\* Menlo Park needs more pickleball courts IN THE SAME LOCATION. Spreading them around the City defeats one of the attractions of pickleball: the ability to drop in and get a game without prior arrangement.**

First name: Monty

Last name: Frost

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 10:16AM

Receipt number: 93

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Adding more pickleball court capacity (either permanent or shared) in Menlo Park

First name

Thi

Last name

Thumasathit

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 10:23AM

Receipt number: 94

Related form versions: 6

## Share your input

For several decades the Noise from the train has been an issue that has affected our mental health, and the value of our properties. Nothing has been accomplished so far, despite expensive consulting "experts", and numerous meetings. I would like to see that the MP Quiet Zone continues to be a priority and includes steps to move this from the to-do list to the done list.

Additionally, we must organize a Prioritize a disaster prepared process. I don't feel we were prepared for example, for the extreme winds and the many trees that fell down.

First name: Alicia

Last name: Castillo

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 10:27AM

Receipt number: 95

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the United States. In Menlo Park, because of open play pickle ball, we have built a very strong and welcoming community. There are people who range in age that I personally have met from 10 to 93. Everyone plays together, and even go out at times after playing. Pickleball builds community. The more pickle ball courts we get, the more involved additional community neighbors can also get involved. Please, consider converting some tennis courts to Pickleball courts as on any given day, there are usually a minimum of 20 to 25 people playing pickle ball, and once in a while they'll be 2 to 4 people playing tennis with the majority of the time the courts being left empty.

First name: Sandy

Last name: Backman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 10:28AM

Receipt number: 96

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

More dedicated pickle ball courts.

First name

Barbara

Last name

Brown

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 10:39AM

Receipt number: 97

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Anything that helps bring back community to our town - we lost so much during Covid. This includes:

- 1) Adding more dual tennis/pickleball courts in Burgess Park - the current courts are overcrowded, and the tennis courts sit empty
- 2) Making the parklet area in front of Starbucks/Leftbank permanent - it's such a lovely gathering point for our community members
- 3) Overall Park protection ordinance protecting all our parks in the city from any development other than community recreation (eg no housing)

For long term community health, I'd like to see Menlo Park address the following:

- 1) Creating a long-term plan to underground all overhead electric wiring in the City, and/or create an easy path for residents to get the lines that go directly to their homes underground, with the home owners paying

First name

Joyce

Last name

Dickerson

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 10:55AM

Receipt number: 98

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please continue to have the MP Train Quiet Zone be a City Priority. The horn noise impacts many in Menlo Park, including infants, children, and seniors living close to the train line. Even those not in close proximity to the train line hear the horns. The high decibels in the new offices and restaurants the City Council approved are impacted as well. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

First name: Karen Marie

Last name: Kitterman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 11:00AM

Receipt number: 99

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Hello, I'm writing to request some improvements to the Nealon Park pickleball. The sport has been extremely popular with the residents but that in turn means several new problems as well as some old unfixed ones:

- very long wait times (this leads to less play time and also no practice time outside of just game play given the pressure of folks waiting)
- due to single court entrance people wait too close to the active courts
- some lights shared between tennis/pickleball have remained broken for months
- fence is too close to the court

May we please request more Pickleball courts with better spacing.

First name

Rajat

Last name

Kumar

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 11:05AM

Receipt number: 100

Related form version: 6

Share your input

- 1) Menlo Park should explore other options for pickleball courts including other hard court surfaces
- 2) Nealon should be the last choice for more pickle courts, it would be more equitable to put additional courts elsewhere, like burgess.
- 3) they already have courts at Kelly they aren't using.
- 4) priority should be about meeting **RESIDENT** need, and more residents play tennis. This is evident in those who pay for keys.

First name Sarah

Last name Tomita

Email

Phone





# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 11:05AM

Receipt number: 101

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

I would like Menlo Park to re-agendize the Safe Firearm Storage ordinance which passed the Council unanimously back in 2020. Every year, nearly 350 children under the age of 18 unintentionally shoot themselves or someone else. That's roughly one unintentional shooting per day, and 70 percent of these incidents take place inside a home. More than 700 children die by gun suicide each year, most often using guns belonging to a family member. Unsecured firearms also fuel gun violence outside the home. The US Secret Service found that three-quarters of school shooters acquired their firearm from the home of a parent or close relative. Our community is not an exception to the National statistics: this past Fall twice a student at Menlo Atherton was found in possession of a loaded firearm. We are all safer when guns are stored unloaded, locked, and separate from ammunition.

First name

Paola

Last name

Maciocia

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 11:06AM

Receipt number: 102

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

1. Support for small businesses in Menlo Park (loans, advice, promotions, tax incentives, etc)
2. Mitigate impacts of building "monster homes" in neighborhoods (damage to street pavements, pollution)
3. street maintenance, storm drain maintenance

First name Elizabeth

Last name Ambuhl

Email

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 11:15AM

Receipt number: 103

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Increasing the number of dedicated pickleball courts to keep up with the large and increasing number of residents who are playing pickleball regularly.

First name

Rebecca

Last name

Patey

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 11:15AM

Receipt number: 104

Related form version: 6

Share your input

More pickleball courts!

First name

William

Last name

Brown

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 11:20AM

Receipt number: 105

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

We need pickleball courts! I am in my 30s and a parent of 3. Pickleball is my exercise and social community. I am so glad the sport is at Nealon Park so I can have a chance to play.

First name

Elizabeth

Last name

Young

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 11:24AM

Receipt number: 106

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please add more pickleball courts to the ones available at Nealon Park, the courts are pretty busy in the morning and evening, and there is often a wait for people to play. It's such a great sport, and a relatively inexpensive adjustment to tennis courts that already exist, and are under utilized.

First name: gail

Last name: blumberg

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 11:30AM

Receipt number: 107

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

We need more pickleball courts at Nealon Park ASAP. So many times, the four current pickleball courts are oversubscribed, and there are no tennis players at the empty tennis-only courts next to them. Please convert at least two more tennis courts at Nealon to dual use pickleball and tennis. ASAP.

In the longer view, please plan at least 12 dedicated pickleball-only courts at Burgess Park. Then there will be at least two options for the growing pickleball community in Menlo Park.

First name

Colleen

Last name

Labozetta

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 11:31AM

Receipt number: 108

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

We need more dedicated Pickleball courts in MenloPark.

First name

Joe

Last name

Mcdonald

Email



Phone





# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 11:33AM

Receipt number: 109

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Pursuit of a MP Quiet Zone should continue as a top Council Priority. The negative impacts of train horns are pervasive and well known. Each weekday, 104 commuter trains plus multiple freight trains pass through MP, resulting in nearly 1,700 horn blasts. The burden this places on residents and visitors is significant, and - with a QZ - avoidable.

We are grateful to Council for fielding the QZ Implementation Study this past year, and urge the City to prioritize the next phase - committing to making a City-wide QZ a reality - a top priority for the coming year.

Thank you for your consideration.

First name

Marcy

Last name

Abramowitz

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 11:36AM

Receipt number: 110

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Both the around the clock train horn and ~ 90 decibel equipment operating sound (along with unnecessary employee yelling and car horn beeping) from Ducky's create an unacceptable sound quality atmosphere for a community that has now developed a significant residential footprint along the El Camino corridor. Particularly, San Antonio Ave. has carried the brunt of the noise pollution due to its proximity to two railway crossings as well as the car wash. Noise limits should be established and enforced if to maintain and improve quality of life for local area residents and commercial tenants.

First name: Don

Last name: Camillo

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 11:49AM

Receipt number: 111

Related form version: 6

Share your input	Pickleball number 1
First name	Gloria
Last name	Taffee
Email	[REDACTED]
Phone	[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 11:58AM

Receipt number: 112

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Additional pickle ball court capacity at Nealon or other location please.

First name

Jennifer

Last name

Roberts

Email

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 12:10PM

Receipt number: 113

Related form version: 6

Share your input

I would like to see additional pickleball courts at Nealon Park

First name

Andy

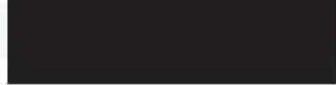
Last name

Wu

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 12:17PM

Receipt number: 114

Related form version: 6

Share your input

SUPPORT THE QUIET ZONE FOR CALTRAIN AND THE FREIGHT  
TRAINS

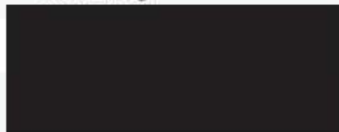
First name

richard

Last name

rosensweig

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submitted on date: 6 March 2023, 12:21PM

Receipt number: 115

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Additional pickleball courts please

First name

Shelly

Last name

Larsen

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 12:49PM

Receipt number: 116

Related form version: 6

Share your input

I'd love to see dedicated Pickleball courts at Burgess Park

First name

Robert

Last name

Eustace

Email

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 12:53PM

Receipt number: 117

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please consider amendments to Gilbert Ave to increase bike safety. Our family bikes in Gilbert to go to Upper Campus, Willow Oaks Park, Cafe Zoe, and visit friends. The street is so broad that cars speed down it. Chicanes, radar speed signs, speed bumps all feel like good options.

First name: Meredith

Last name: Bailey

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 1:08PM

Receipt number: 118

Related form version: 6

Share your input

There is a huge demand for more Pickleball courts. I am in favor for the city to provide more courts. Or convert existing tennis courts to Pickleball courts.

First name

David

Last name

Ferrari

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 1:11PM  
Receipt number: 119  
Related form version: 6

## Share your input

- 1) Speeding mitigation on Santa Cruz Ave north of the Y that is not addressed by SM county plans. SMC pavement improvement plans for this year are an opportunity to add relatively inexpensive changes that help slow down excessive speeding & curb reckless behavior.
- 2) Facilitate near term reallocation of more tennis courts to dual use for pickleball. Current proposal is 2 additional dual use PB courts on Nealon park tennis court #4.
- 3) Begin planning for longer term dedicated PB courts @ Burgess. (Willow Oaks courts will not meet even current needs let alone future requirements.
- 4) Maintain and increase focus on multi-modal streets, pedestrian safety, Vision Zero, etc.
- 5) Increase focus on resident's quality of life. Even little things can make a big difference (e.g. customer service/communications training for Parks & Rec. staff).

First name: Nate

Last name: Gardner

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 1:11PM

Receipt number: 120

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

The horn is an absolute noise issue. Especially in the middle of the night when it's blowing excessively. Menlo Park is an expensive place to live as it is, but to have to be subjected to an abundance of noise at all hours of the night seems ridiculous.

First name

Amer

Last name

Ghuman

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 1:50PM

Receipt number: 121

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Dear Council Members,

Menlo Park Train Quiet Zone, should be a priority for 2023-24 fiscal year. The sounding of the train horn has a severe impact on our in-house guests as well as our restaurant patrons.

Our hotel guests are severely impacted by the train horn every 30 minutes or so. Our hotel sits on 100 El Camino and we get several bad reviews from guests, in regard to the train horn outside their windows. We also have a great restaurant for locals and hotel guests alike, which also includes an outdoor dining facility in our courtyard. Guests enjoying their meals are also severely affected by the loud horn sound as they pass the hotel. We are close to the Alma rail crossing and it affects us tremendously when they sound their loud horns while passing this area.

We are hoping that the horn sound be stopped while passing through this location, which would help us tremendously in terms of business and reputation. The negative reviews on social media and other platforms such as Google Business and Trip Advisor, affect our business and have a financial impact on the property, both for our rooms and food and beverage. We lose several groups a year as we are unable to compete with the competition as we are severely handicapped due to the noise issues from the train. Meeting planners and guests do not like their important meeting to be interrupted by the horns all day long. If we could stop the trains from sounding their horns, it would have a positive effect on our guests and help us out financially.

I urge the council members to please get this done this year so that we can get our business levels back to where they should be.

First name: Avi

Last name: Haksar

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 1:38PM

Receipt number: 122

Related form version: 6

Share your input	Making Menlo Park a quiet zone for the train.
First name	Shannon
Last name	Miller
Email	[REDACTED]
Phone	[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 1:44PM

Receipt number: 123

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

1. Increased bike/pedestrian safety on Gilbert Ave between Willow and Menalto
2. Increased bike/pedestrian safety on Coleman Ave
3. San Francisquito creek flood mitigation plan - address bridge shortcomings.
4. Emergency response - power outages, downed trees, etc

First name: EMILY

Last name: HASHI

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 1:51PM

Receipt number: 124

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

1. We need more Pickleball courts — right now, there is almost always a wait to get a court (while the tennis courts have plenty of capacity)
  2. Pickleball is a fun game that is easily accessible to people of all ages and skill levels
  3. Pickleball is so fun and social! I've made many new friends on the courts because the game works like a lot like "pickup" basketball
  4. I've noticed that people who work at home develop new connections on the court...pickleball helps combat the seclusion of work-at-home
  5. It's such a mood lifter — I'm a pretty bad player skill wise but after playing I go home with a big smile on my face and feel so much happier
- Please come observe the lines at the courts and help encourage the many benefits of this fun game!

First name: Annarosa

Last name: Tomasi

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 2:01PM

Receipt number: 125

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Please fund the train Quiet Zone for Menlo Park. The train is very noisy at night.

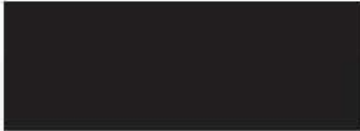
First name

Maria

Last name

Yip

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 2:07PM

Receipt number: 126

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

- 1) Please fund the train Quiet Zone for Menlo Park."
- 2) Xeriscaping yard should include City rebates for artificial grass/turf. Right now that is excluded.

First name

Peter

Last name

Chao

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 2:09PM

Receipt number: 127

Related form version: 6

Share your input

**Please keep the tennis courts at Nealon Park available for the Hillview Middle School tennis team.**

**Many Hillview students benefit from being able to practice and play tennis matches at Nealon Park every spring.**

**Also, Menlo Park residents benefit from having the tennis courts at Nealon Park all throughout the year.**

**Thank you**

First name

Gretchen

Last name

Olewiler

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 2:19PM

Receipt number: 128

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please have the trains stop honking. I live by Burgess Park in Menlo Park about 1000 yards from the train track. The honking is extremely disruptive for my family. The kids wake up from it. I have to sleep with earplugs. It's not a restful sleep, stop the nonsense.

First name

Karl Johan

Last name

Nordenson

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 2:32PM

Receipt number: 129

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please save tennis courts for tennis players and have a separate plan for pickle ball courts. It is important to give priority to Menlo Park residents and schools to play, practice and host matches before accommodating players from other cities.

First name: BRENDA

Last name: LO

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 2:39PM

Receipt number: 130

Related form version: 6

Share your input

We are residents of Menlo Park. We strongly support a quiet zone From Atherton through Menlo Park train stations. Many nights we have been woken up from engineers ringing the train horn continuously through town. The train disturbs an otherwise tranquil environment.

First name: Janna

Last name: Rodgers

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 2:40PM

Receipt number: 131

Related form versions: 6

## Share your input

Pickleball has been quickly growing in popularity in the last couple of years and many Menlo Park residents (of all ages, gender, ethnicity and background) have joined the vast number of new players that love this sport. I work full-time and I regularly play Pickleball at Nealon Park in the evening. We're are appreciative of the temporary courts that were installed in court #5, but we're in dire need for additional court space. Very often I show up to play at around 6-6:30PM and I see all 4 Pickleball courts with 16 players and another 4-8 players waiting (24 players altogether). At the same time, I look at courts #3 and #4 and I rarely see more than 2 people playing tennis. This seems to be a waste of public space and is only serving a very small number of residents who play tennis, but is not serving a much larger population of Pickleball players. As an interim solution (until we can provide permanent Pickleball courts in one location), I would suggest the following:

- Convert courts #3 and #4 to dual-usage for tennis and pickleball, giving priority to pickleball, when Hillview Tennis doesn't need them (we could accommodate at least 6 pickleball courts in that space)
- Court#5 would have priority for tennis when Hillview Tennis doesn't need to use courts #3 and #4, and courts #1 and #2 are fully utilized.
- Court #5 would have priority for Pickleball when Hillview Tennis need to use courts #3 and #4

Pickleball is a very inclusive sport and anyone who wants to play can just show up and join other players on the court, regardless of their skill level. Most players at Nealon Park are very inclusive and they don't mind playing with less skilled players or people who are new to the game and want to learn how to play. We should concentrate Pickleball courts in one place.

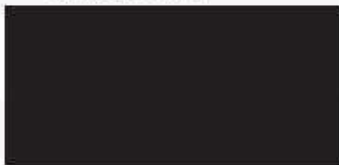
First name

Pierre

Last name

Ladvoat Cintra

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 2:42PM

Receipt number: 132

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please continue to work on the train noise. It starts about 5 am and continues to about 1 am the next day/night. It's almost impossible to attempt to sleep with an open window for fresh air. It's truly a quality of life issue. Other communities have successfully combatted this issue. Menlo Park should too!

First name: randy

Last name: eyler

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 2:43PM

Receipt number: 133

Related form version: 6

Share your input: Please fund and work on getting a train quiet zone for Menlo Park.

First name: Julia

Last name: Champion

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 2:44PM

Receipt number: 134

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

My name is Julianne, I am thirteen I go to Hill View Middle School and I am on the Hill-View Gold team, I love to be able to practice with my team at Melon Park because it is so close to the school. When I play on tennis courts with pickle ball lines and tennis lines it confuses me and makes me make a miss-call, by adding pickle ball lines and transforming the tennis courts into pickle ball courts you will be taking away from future generations of tennis players from Hill-View, and others, I believe that pickle ball courts are important, but they should have their own section

First name: Julianne

Last name: Hanson

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 2:46PM

Receipt number: 135

Related form version: 6

Share your input

-Better and more tennis courts, separate from pickle ball courts.  
Expansion of tennis at Nealon would be helpful to serve the community.  
-Lights on the soccer fields are needed, other than at Kelly.

First name

Scott

Last name

Soltys

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 2:48PM

Receipt number: 136

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Dear Council Members--

As you consider and prioritize issues for the '23-'24 fiscal year, I urge you to keep the matter of the Rail Quiet Zone on the agenda--especially for neighborhoods that abut the tracks. If there are actions that will reduce noise -- especially from horns and warning signals, ( and also the general rumbling of multiple passing cars), this neighborhood of Menlo Park would support your action. Our townhomes --between Encinal and Watkins on El Camino Real are regularly subjected to blaring horns as the trains pass the multiple warning gates along the tracks. Please consider what might be done to mitigate the repetitive disruptions.

Sincerely,

Margaret S. Race, Ph.D.

151 Forest Lane

Menlo Park, CA 94025

First name

Margaret

Last name

Race

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 2:55PM

Receipt number: 137

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Please fund the train Quiet Zone for Menlo Park.

First name

Michael

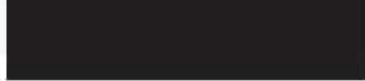
Last name

K

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 2:56PM

Receipt number: 138

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Hi, I want the city of Menlo Park to keep tennis court for tennis playing for residents.

While pickleball is becoming more popular, it is very difficult to find available courts for tennis playing. Please take that into account!

First name

Elisa

Last name

Khodabakchian

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 2:59PM

Receipt number: 139

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

The trains impact my sleep severely. Also very hard to keeps my windows open during the day due to all the noise. Impossible to enjoy peace and quiet in my backyard.

First name

Ruth

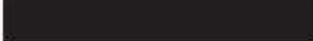
Last name

Mazner

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 3:07PM

Receipt number: 140

Related form version: 6

Share your input

More permanent pickleball courts

Truly effective Traffic mitigation - all the new housing units coming online will overwhelm our already full streets.

First name

Michael

Last name

Dittmar

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 3:10PM

Receipt number: 141

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

MP Train Quiet Zone - horn blowing between Menlo Park Train Station and Watkins disturbs our sleep, specially early morning hours and evenings into night hours. We at 170 Stone Pine Lane moved to MP in April of 2021. Since our move to MP, we have developed sleeping problems. It would be greatly appreciated if MP Train Quiet Zone would be implemented so that we can reside our current home for a long time. Thank you!

First name Yang

Last name Han

Email

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 3:15PM

Receipt number: 142

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

We need additional Pickleball courts at Nealon Park. At any given time there are more Pickleball players than Tennis players- so one more tennis court should be converted (lined) for Pickleball. In fact- one tennis court allows 4 tennis players at the most. But ONE single tennis court allows 16 Pickleball players.! Thank you.

First name

Cat

Last name

Email

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 3:22PM

Receipt number: 143

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Dear City Councilmembers,

I'd like to request that you keep the Train Quiet Zone as one of the priorities to be funded in the 2023/2024 budget. This is especially important since the number of train trips will increase with the electrification of the train lines.

Thank you!

Sue Connelly

First name

Sue

Last name

Connelly

Email

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 3:32PM

Receipt number: 144

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Caltrain quiet zone. This affects not only the general quality of life, but also causes sleep deprivation in kids, which may result in their stunted growth. Particularly, the train that mainly operates during the sleeping time is not Caltrain, but Union Pacific freighters and the noise of the latter is multiple times louder than the former (I used to live 5 blocks away from the train track, and it was close enough for the UP freighters to wake me up), and often is ostensibly egregious and intentional (some engineers' intentional harassment has been proven by the survey of transportation consultants hired by town of Atherton years ago). Considering these, establishment of quiet zone is an absolute imperative.

First name: Jun

Last name: Choi

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 3:40PM

Receipt number: 145

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Please expand pickle court availability since now there are only 4 courts available.

First name

Judy

Last name

Tanita

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 3:42PM

Receipt number: 146

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Please add an additional pickle ball court at Nealon park.

First name

Judy

Last name

Tanita

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 3:50PM

Receipt number: 147

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please establish a quiet zone in Menlo Park prohibiting Caltrains from blowing their horns in our neighborhood. The blaring disrupts the peace in this otherwise great neighborhood.

First name

Carla

Last name

Shnier

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 3:53PM  
Receipt number: 148  
Related form versions: 6

## Share your input

I shared my thoughts a few days ago, but forgot to mention one crucial point. Since pickleball players often show up as a single player or possibly as a pair (2 players), players in general are in need of other players in order to play the 4-person game. This is quite different than the needs of tennis players. When considering long-term determination of where permanent courts will be constructed, please keep in mind that it is vital to players that all courts are situated in the same general location. That way, there will be players available for matches for all who show up at the location. If the amount of dedicated courts are spread out between two or more locations, this important consideration for play will be negated. Players will not know which locations are active and would then have to be driving around Menlo Park looking for pickleball courts that are active, possibly missing the opportunity to play in the meantime. The temporary courts are serving a purpose at this time, and fortunately are all in one location. Likewise, the permanent courts should all be in one location. It appears that the two possibilities for all permanent courts to be in one location are either: Nealon or Burgess. But dividing the total amount of permanent courts into various locations would certainly not be serving the pickleball community toward the aim of being able to play the 4 person sport as a drop-in sport - which is what most pickleball players count on.

First name: Maralissa

Last name: Thomas

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 4:05PM

Receipt number: 149

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

One of the most disruptive environmental issues many of us face is the loud, screeching CalTrain and UP horns as they roar through Menlo Park. The noise will increase dramatically as the CalTrain electrification project increases the number of trains. This is a fixable problem. Atherton did it and has provided us with a template on what needs to be done.

First name: Martin

Last name: Mazner

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submitted on date: 6 March 2023, 4:24PM

Receipt number: 150

Related form version: 6

Share your input - quiet zone for MP Caltrain

First name Kathy

Last name Ku

Email

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 4:34PM

Receipt number: 151

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

I play tennis at Nealon Park regularly. I do not want to lose another tennis court to pickle ball players. I do not like the way they have forced themselves onto our tennis courts. Menlo Park has a longstanding, active tennis community. Support us!

First name

Jane

Last name

Mitchell-Little

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 4:39PM

Receipt number: 152

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

One problem we face almost daily is the speeding and aggressive traffic on Bay Road between Marsh and Ringwood. This can be especially bad during times when school children are headed to school. Speed bumps, radar-operated sign showing current speed, cameras ... it seems like there are many things that might help.

First name: Bernard

Last name: Clouse

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 4:52PM  
Receipt number: 153  
Related form version: 6

## Share your input

- Traffic and car speed on Laurel St between Ravenswood and Burgess Drive (especially with SR/Parkline development and Ravenswood Caltrain crossing planning).
- Bike and pedestrian safety on Laurel St between Ravenswood and Burgess Drive
- Middle Ave Tunnel timeline (change to now/with completion of Middle Ave improvements and Middle Plaza, not in 2025 or later)
- Quiet Zone for Caltrain
- Safe routes to school on Laurel St
- Ravenswood/Menlo Ave and El Camino intersection: prioritize pedestrians with crosswalks in all directions (currently only 3)
- Burgess Park improvements and access: accelerate timeline to redo playground, resurface tennis courts, family memberships to Burgess Pool, limit coaching at Burgess tennis courts including from Menlo Swim & Sport/Kim Grant.
- Street tree planting especially in median of El Camino at Middle Ave/Plaza, Ravenswood, and Laurel St

First name: Kenneth

Last name: Mah

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 4:53PM

Receipt number: 154

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Please finish the Triangle annexation in 2023. Our application was filed in 2015!

First name

Gregory

Last name

Faris

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 5:16PM

Receipt number: 155

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Providing pickleball courts the same priority and hours as tennis along with more permanent courts. Also, offering pickleball lessons.

First name

Ann

Last name

O'Donnell

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 5:21PM

Receipt number: 156

Related form version: 6

Share your input	Please Fund the train quiet zone for menlo park
First name	Daryl
Last name	Camarillo
Email	[REDACTED]
Phone	[REDACTED]



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 5:32PM  
Receipt number: 157  
Related form versions: 6

Share your input

I'd appreciate prioritizing noise-reduction efforts in MP, including:

1. Banning leaf blowers ASAP. They are noisy and polluting and generally unnecessary (there are other ways to collect leaves that are much less noisy, including electric blowers or rakes, or not collecting so many leaves).
2. Establishing a quiet zone by the rail line so the trains don't have to honk their horns, esp. at night. In the summer when we have our windows open, we all have to listen to the crazy amount of noise the trains make when passing through. I understand the safety reasons for this, which are of course important, but there are other ways to mitigate safety concerns, such as better barriers and flashing lights.

First name: Jessica  
Last name: Sharman  
Email: [REDACTED]  
Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 5:35PM

Receipt number: 158

Related form version: 6

Share your input

1. establish Quiet Zone in town
2. have the restaurants using the public sidewalks and streets pay market rates for the valuable real estate they are using for profit purposes

First name

Greg

Last name

Alden

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 5:38PM

Receipt number: 159

Related form versions: 6

## Share your input

Despite the fact that we don't live in a terribly harsh climate in Menlo Park, during these last few years we've experienced increasingly frequent and long-lasting power outages, many of them due to locally damaged equipment. Some see this as a reason for investing in a generator, an EV with the capability of providing electricity, a battery, etc. But we shouldn't need to do that and many people don't have the finances to do that. Meanwhile other countries have invested in their infrastructure and do much better in providing power for all their inhabitants, wealthy or less so:

<https://www.popsci.com/story/environment/why-us-lose-power-storms/>  
I realize there are no fast solutions, but I am asking that City Council use its voice and tell the CPUC that citizens are disgusted and demanding plans for improvement from PG&E, both reliability and safety (including gas lines; the San Bruno tragedy and misuse of funds have NOT been forgotten: <https://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/PG-E-diverted-safety-money-for-profit-bonuses-2500175.php>).

First name

Elsa

Last name

Nimmo

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 5:44PM

Receipt number: 160

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Please fund the train Quiet Zone for Menlo Park.

First name

Frances

Last name

Johnston

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 6:11PM

Receipt number: 161

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Pickleball courts

First name

Curt

Last name

Crosby

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 6:32PM

Receipt number: 162

Related form versions: 6

## Share your input

- Grade Separation - be decisive and move forward. So much time and money has been spent on study after study. Now the power poles are up and we still don't have a plan; need to be bold here and invest commensurate with the time horizon this will impact the citizens (e.g. 100+ years) and not everyone will be happy. Please be decisive and move into execution.

- Train horn noise - some train operators seem to deliberately create a lot of noise with near continual horn while transiting Atherton/Menlo Park while others minimize the horn use. Please hold CalTrain accountable for appropriate horn use and please explore a quiet zone as part of the grade separation project

- More Inclusive City Satisfaction survey - break down the results by neighborhood and diversity dimensions like ethnic background to understand if Menlo Park is really serving all citizens equitably.

First name

Bjorn

Last name

Kilburn

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 6:53PM

Receipt number: 163

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Public health. Maintain Pickleball courts for beginners as a community builder. Opening the Arriaga gym for individual workouts.

First name

Robyn

Last name

Lieberman

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 7:07PM

Receipt number: 164

Related form versions: 6

## Share your input

A Caltrain "Quiet Zone" matters to Menlo Park. As I live across from the tracks, the horns impact my life tremendously. While the trains were certainly there when I purchased my home, the horns have become more frequent with (much) longer continuing blasts--day and night. It's refreshing to sit outdoors in Atherton where they have established quiet zones so why not in Menlo Park? It's nearly impossible to carry on a conversation outdoors in Menlo with the current blasts and at night, a sleep disruptor. I think the entire town would benefit and even believe our home values could increase with a city-wide quiet zone.

My other suggestion is to support ground-level or below-grade tracks--NOT above grade. Again, for noise reduction and aesthetics. In most towns with above-grade tracks, expensive residential property is not adjacent--San Carlos, Belmont, etc. In Menlo Park, above grade would be unsightly and hurt property values--primarily from Watkins to Ravenswood. Spend the money to dig under the major crossings and retain the "at grade" level for the remaining Menlo Park tracks.

I am out of town for the meeting or would attend.

First name: Barry

Last name: Goldblatt

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 7:33PM

Receipt number: 165

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Regarding declaring Menlo Park a Quiet Zone for the purpose of silencing CalTrain horns: The following issues have been discussed at length in Council meetings for the past 4 years and there is widespread public agreement with the following:

- Train horn noise is probably the greatest decrement to quality of life in Menlo Park for residents living within ½ mile of the rail corridor.
- Horn noise routinely exceeds safe auditory decibel levels in homes nearby the tracks, disrupts sleep, interferes with home learning for children, and increases detrimental stress-related health effects.
- Horn noise depresses residential and commercial property values.

While grade separation, a necessary public safety measure, will also address the sounding of rail horns, the completion of grade separation is at least a decade away, and in the meanwhile horn noise will continue to have ongoing physical and mental health effects until the grades are separated. Therefore the Council's approval to move forward with grade separation does not mitigate the need for a Quiet Zone now.

I urge the Council to continue to pursue Quiet Zone designation for Menlo Park as a priority for the coming year(s).

First name: Elliot

Last name: Krane

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 7:36PM

Receipt number: 166

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

- 1) Road safety - more stop signs, roundabouts, etc.
- 2) Expanding parking downtown (underground garage).
- 3) QUIET ZONE - really important to keep this going. Train horn noise is very disruptive as is gas-powered gardening equipment. I <sup>am</sup>very much supporting a no horn zone in MP and the Zero Emissions Equipment proposal. Also, the more the city can do to help gardeners get rebates and/or do trade-ins with old equipment, the better. Most of them don't live in MP and their finances will be severely impacted.
- 4) Santa Cruz Avenue development - need more restaurants, a wine bar, and could there be something for kids so they aren't always overflowing from Starbucks and Walgreens? How about an arcade? Good and not greasy food?

First name: Katherine

Last name: Robinson

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 7:48PM  
Receipt number: 167  
Related form version: 6

## Share your input

- Please ensure that a quiet zone happens for train track noise reduction.
- Would be great to also see an improvement in Hillview Middle School traffic coordination on Elder Avenue. The fact that cars can approach and exit from both directions creates absolute chaos. Elder Avenue essentially becomes a one way lane and is extremely dangerous.
- We need a more exciting, kid friendly downtown. The hangout scene in front of Walgreens leaves something to be desired. We have enough rug stores and uninspiring, expensive restaurants.

First name: Victoria

Last name: Pickett

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 7:50PM  
Receipt number: 168  
Related form version: 6

Share your input

- > more courts
- > dedicated pickle ball courts

First name: Patrick

Last name: Gordan

Email

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 7:55PM

Receipt number: 169

Related form version: 6

Share your input	Pickle ball courts
First name	Gayle
Last name	Deutsch
Email	[REDACTED]
Phone	[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 8:06PM

Receipt number: 170

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport and is highly inclusive of all ages and genders. Nealon courts are generally full, with people waiting to play in the evenings. The Nealon tennis courts are nearly always empty. It has been a terrific community.

First name: Paul

Last name: Tang

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 8:07PM

Receipt number: 171

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please continue to explore and implement the Quiet Zone around the train tracks in Menlo Park. I live about a mile from the train, and I constantly hear the horns during the day. The noise carries an unbelievable distance, and it is imperative that we do something about it.

First name

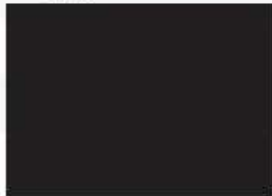
Robin

Last name

Laws

Email

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 8:07PM

Receipt number: 172

Related form versions: 6

## Share your input

The Menlo Park Train Quiet Zone **MUST** continue to be a City Priority, **THE** top priority! Many people now live in Menlo Park (MP), including lots of new housing next to the tracks. Our lives are adversely affected every day by the continuous, very loud train noise that goes on day and night. Enabling MP to become a quiet zone would greatly improve the lives of everyone and make Menlo Park a much better, more peaceful, less stressful and thus much healthier place to live. Please make turning Menlo Park into a quiet zone a **TOP PRIORITY**. (Also, in **NO WAY** do we want to see the tracks elevated as this would just magnify and project the already unbearable noise even farther and louder, making the train noise even more unbearable!). Please make Menlo Park a quiet zone (not ever elevating the tracks!) and improve our lives and Menlo Park as a great place to live and work.

First name

Carrie

Last name

Snyder

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 8:08PM

Receipt number: 173

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please keep the Nealon tennis courts as tennis courts. We already have enough courts dedicated to pickle ball – our kids need room to run around and get their energy out and that is exactly what tennis does! All of my children have played tennis in Menlo Park and the courts and playing with friends and classmates has helped them thrive. We need more outdoor activities for children - not less.

First name: Kaaren

Last name: Hanson

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 9:01PM

Receipt number: 174

Related form version: 6

Share your input #1: Quiet Zone for trains.

First name Danielle

Last name Pickham

Email

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 9:02PM

Receipt number: 175

Related form version: 6

Share your input

- 1) First priority for the City Council to make the Menlo Station area as Caltrain Quiet Zone.
- 2) It has and will be severely affected the value of the property and tranquility of the whole area.
- 3) Train horn noise is the most disturbing element of the caltrain in our area.
- 4) Most of us who reside close to the station have to wake up many times in the night due to horn noise, sometime it is unbearable.

First name

Subi

Last name

Dinda

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 9:18PM

Receipt number: 176

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Please install more pickleball courts. It is an exploding sport and our middle schooler and his friends would like to play more but the courts are often packed so they are discouraged to go.

First name

Merry

Last name

Bonecchi

Email

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 9:19PM  
Receipt number: 177  
Related form versions: 6

## Share your input

I would very much appreciate setting the Menlo Park Train Quiet Zone to the top of the priority list.

The constant train traffic through Menlo Park is a source of everyday irritation and frustration for residents who live within a few blocks of the tracks, much moreso for those of us who live directly next to the tracks. From frequently interrupted conversations and embarrassing scrambles to mute zoom calls while the train engineers lay on the horn as they pass by, to having to rewind movies to hear what the character said in the most suspenseful part, to just being woken up by extremely loud horns of freight trains at any time throughout the early morning hours of 2am to 4am, it is enough to make anyone want to pick up and leave. The loudness of the horns along with the frequency is sure to cause hearing loss over time. As a matter of fact the train horns used to cause pain in ears when I first moved into the home I rent, but over the past couple years I've noticed there is no more pain, which is somewhat worrying. It's probably similar to being at the front row of a rock concert that plays the worst "music" for 5 - 10 seconds several times a day every day.

But for so many other reasons we stay. We like the otherwise quiet, pretty, comfortable neighborhoods. We enjoy the proximity to restaurants, good medical facilities, and shopping centers.

If we could just tamp down the train horns, at least during the odd-hours of the night if nothing else, that would go a long way to improving upon an otherwise great place to be!

First name	Brad
Last name	Harris
Email	[REDACTED]
Phone	[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 9:29PM

Receipt number: 178

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

MP Train Quiet Zone: The train horns are extremely loud and has impacted our lives. As residents living close to the tracks we constantly get interrupted by it. It has made it difficult to work from home, have a conversation without interruption and sleep. I therefore believe that it is important to pursue a Quiet Zone in Menlo Park.

First name: Dr. Sumudu

Last name: Leelananda

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 9:30PM  
Receipt number: 179  
Related form version: 6

Share your input

Please fund the train Quiet Zone for Menlo Park

First name

Gail

Last name

Gorton

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 9:45PM

Receipt number: 180

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

I own a restaurant right next to the Caltrain tracks. Every time a train passes through the station, it blows its horn. Not just a short blast but long drawn out dings of loud decibel sounds. This interrupts and disturbs patrons of my establishment. Imagine trying to enjoy a nice meal on a first date and having to always stop talking to wait for the train to pass through because the conductor has to blast the horn every time the train comes past.

I understand sounding a horn to warn people of an oncoming train but there are bells and lights to warn people. The horn is unnecessary.

First name: Arty

Last name: Larprampha

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 10:06PM

Receipt number: 181

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Please we need more pickleball courts.

First name

Marla

Last name

K

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 10:18PM

Receipt number: 182

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Please continue to make the City's Caltrain Quiet Zone Implementation Plan a priority in 2023.

First name

Reed

Last name

Moulds

Email

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submitted on date: 6 March 2023, 10:34PM

Receipt number: 183

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Please prioritize the Quiet Zone proposal.

First name

Nicholas

Last name

Taylor

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submitted on date: 6 March 2023, 11:14PM

Receipt number: 184

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Please find the train quiet zone for Menlo Park!

First name

Monika

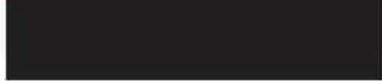
Last name

Ford

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submitted on date: 6 March 2023, 11:15PM

Receipt number: 185

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Hello,

I find it important that the tennis courts at Nealon Park be retained and not converted to pickleball or other sports facilities. I use the tennis courts weekly and consistently find all the courts in use. My 7th grade son, through much hard work and practice, has made the Hillview Middle School advanced tennis team. Their team practices at Nealon, given that the location is the nearest public courts to the school, and reducing or striping over the courts would be problematic for this school program. We are a family committed to the local public schools and are investing our time and resources in them, and we believe that programs like the Hillview Tennis Team are healthy and positive parts of our Menlo Park community. While pickleball is a fun sport for some citizens, its expansion should be part of a general plan and not prioritized over other sports or citizens by reducing or multipurposing the tennis courts.

Thank you for your consideration.

First name

Randy

Last name

Nonnenberg

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 11:28PM

Receipt number: 186

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

MP Train Quiet Zone. The train noise continues to be a problem for my family - we hear horn noise at day and night, it impacts our work, sleep and living quality.

First name

Shenshen

Last name

Liang

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 11:33PM

Receipt number: 187

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Please fund the train Quiet Zone for Menlo Park

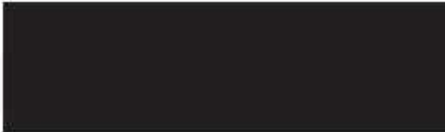
First name

Maria

Last name

Kourakina

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 6 March 2023, 11:37PM

Receipt number: 188

Related form version: 6

Share your input

keep tennis in our community, save tennis courts for tennis, and incorporate pickleball courts into the master plan,

First name

Maria

Last name

Kourakina

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 12:02AM

Receipt number: 189

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

1. Please provide more pickleball courts at Nealon. That place is always crowded - morning, afternoon, and evenings.

2. Please start looking at any potential sites for permanent pickleball courts. The courts has to be centrally located, e.g. Nealon or Burgess, not some where way out East of 101 or West of Alameda de las Pulgas.

First name: Billy

Last name: Chow

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 5:16AM

Receipt number: 190

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

My family is negatively impacted by the noise of trains as they pass through Menlo Park. Train noise disrupts both sleep and work meetings. Quality of life would be greatly improved by designating the train corridor through Menlo Park a QUIET ZONE exactly as our smaller neighbor Atherton has done.

First name

Carol

Last name

Broadbent

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 6:25AM

Receipt number: 191

Related form version: 6

Share your input

1. More nightlife in downtown —revive downtown as a destination
2. Stop bicycle thefts
3. Create a pickle-ball arena and several new courts around the city

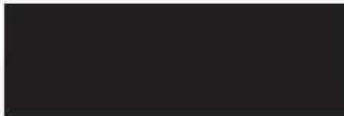
First name

Gina

Last name

Preston

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 6:46AM

Receipt number: 192

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

- 1) very loud train horns going day and night are very disturbing and wake close residents in homes close to tracks in the middle of the night
- 2) quality of life is disrupted when the racket and noise from train horns silences meal conversations
- 3) loud horns and train racket cannot be healthy
- 4) please take action to help residents living close to the train to improve their quality of life by silencing as much as possible this noise beast in our living zone

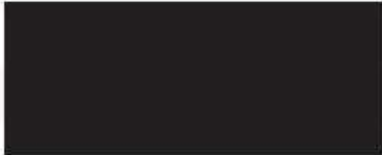
First name

Mary

Last name

McKisson

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 7:58AM

Receipt number: 193

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

>Menlo Park should definitely add more pickleball capacity, as many other cities throughout the US are doing so to meet the demand of their residents.

>It's apparent that pickleball is very popular among different age groups too, not just older folks.

>People who are involved in making decisions for recreational resources management need to go to Nealon and see it themselves. The heavy usage of the pickleball courts, especially in the evenings, speaks for the demand loudly and clearly.

> Pickleball courts make much more efficient use of recreational space than tennis courts, as one tennis court can be used as 3-4 pickleball courts, with 4 players per court, versus 2 players per court for tennis.

First name

May

Last name

Y

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 9:15AM

Receipt number: 194

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Quiet Zone - stop the Caltrain horns.

This priority has enormous support and can be implemented without argument. It is an opportunity for council members to show the community that you can get something done - without delay!

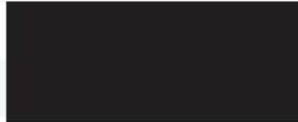
First name

SUSAN

Last name

NEVILLE

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 9:43AM

Receipt number: 195

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

**MP Train Quiet Zone - Highest Priority**

- The train horns adversely impacts our family and our community's lives
- The horn noise keeps our kids from getting out of the homes to play
- during the late evening and night times the train horns disrupt our sleep

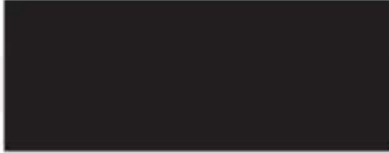
First name

Anush

Last name

Ramodiya

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 9:49AM

Receipt number: 196

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

We strongly are in favor of establishing a Caltrain quiet zone in Menlo Park.

First name

Joseph

Last name

Sinnott

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 10:01AM

Receipt number: 197

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

The Quiet Zone must remain a priority for our community. We need peaceful, quiet enjoyment of our beautiful neighborhood, while facilitating safety. Thank you.

First name

DAPHNE

Last name

Hackett

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 10:01AM

Receipt number: 198

Related form versions: 6

## Share your input

This year marks my fourth in Menlo Park, a place I've come to love. But for those of us near the CalTrain train tracks the need for conductors to blow their horn remains a strong negative quality of life issue. It's disruptive to sleep patterns, often causing my children and I to micro-arouse and impacting restorative deep sleep and focus the following day. It scares many of the kids in the neighborhood. It frightens my nieces and nephews under the age of 10 when they come to visit. And I think it negatively affects property values.

Creating a quiet zone in Menlo Park, as exists in Atherton today, will greatly improve the quality of life for those of us who live closer to the train tracks or who are in close enough proximity to them to hear the horn when they pass through our intersections at Alma and Encinal.

Thank you for your time and consideration

First name

Jeff

Last name

Jacques, MD

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 10:20AM

Receipt number: 199

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Caltrain Quiet Zone Implementation. As a healthcare worker the train noise is extremely disruptive.

First name

Preksha

Last name

Bhagchandani

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 10:26AM  
Receipt number: 200  
Related form version: 6

Share your input

Please fund the train Quiet Zone for Menlo Park  
Thank you very much.

First name

Alex

Last name

Ho

Email

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submitted on date: 7 March 2023, 10:28AM

Receipt number: 201

Related form versions: 6

Share your input	Pickleball courts
First name	Toni
Last name	Trujillo Vian
Email	[REDACTED]
Phone	[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 10:29AM

Receipt number: 202

Related form versions: 6

## Share your input

I'd like to propose the prioritization a Council discussion of the household electrification plan to replace, eliminate, or ban appliances that use natural gas in new construction, remodels, and discretionary upgrades.

Require electric or zero emissions models to be installed when any gas appliance is replaced in existing homes and buildings, effective January 1, 2024. The plan should factor financial assistance where needed, provide exemptions for technical infeasibility, and including broad community outreach as part of the process.

I understand that electric heat pump versions of these appliances are safer, healthier, and more efficient for families, helping families save money on monthly utility bills and creating meaningful reductions in climate pollution and smog in our city.

As part of this electrification plan, Menlo Park's electrical grid and infrastructure must be modernized. The City Council should discuss how to mitigate the vulnerabilities to the infrastructure from downed trees, as evident during the power outage events in December 2022 and February 2023.

First name Jeffrey

Last name Chen

Email

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 10:38AM

Receipt number: 204

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please prioritize limiting CalTrain noise, especially during evening/nighttime hours. I lived a similar distance to train lines in Boston and Philadelphia and have never heard anything as absurd as the amount of train noise from the CalTrain. This is incomparable to national trends.

I try to limit AC use in the summer, open any windows open during the Summer due to the excessive train noise (I work from home and it interrupts my calls).

First name: Haley

Last name: Morin

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 10:39AM

Receipt number: 205

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

The horn noises are so excessive and intrude on my sleep. I live between Encinal and Glenwood right off the tracks. The noise pollution is ridiculous. I can hear the train from Palo Alto station and then it proceeds to blare it's horn excessively up to 20 times. Either reducing the frequency of horn blares or decreasing the volume would be more than reasonable. I hate the Caltrain.

First name

Nicolas

Last name

Refancourt

Email



Phone





# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 10:43AM

Receipt number: 206

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

The Caltrain horn noise level has significantly affected my and my family's quality of life. The train horns are so loud in our home (near the Menlo Park post office) that it wakes us up from sleep. We are woken up multiple times every night. We are going to be looking to move to a quieter city when our lease is up, because the noise from the horn is so disruptive. We would love to be able to stay, but it is just impossible to have a non interrupted night of sleep in our home here in Menlo Park if the city does not implement a quiet zone for the train horn. This quiet zone would significantly increase the quality of lives of myself, my family, and my neighbors.

First name Rachel

Last name Kennedy

Email

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 10:52AM

Receipt number: 207

Related form version: 6

Share your input

The noise from the train horn is disruptive during the day when I work at home and affects my sleep at night

First name

Paul

Last name

Healy

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 11:15AM

Receipt number: 208

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

is it possible to lower the train alerts to three toots? i have counted five to seven blasts many times especially at commute times.  
the oak grove crossing has guard rails. there is no reason why we have to listen to multiple horn noise

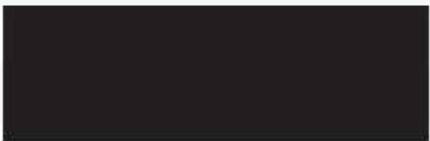
First name

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Last name

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Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 11:17AM

Receipt number: 209

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Pickleball has already been recognized as a priority in previous surveys. We need the city council and staff to carry out this mandate. We need a short term solution to immediately provide more pickleball courts at Nealon Park. A long term solution may be create permanent courts at Burgess Park. Any conversation from tennis to pickleball courts will adversely affect tennis players but the it will benefit a much larger number of pickleball players. The task for the city council is to make the optimal use of limited resources. Please make this decision objectively based on the people affected. Please do not procrastinate and delay this important decision making.

First name Joseph

Last name Afong

Email

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submitted on date: 7 March 2023, 11:32AM

Receipt number: 210

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

- I ask that MP Train Quiet Zone continue to be a City Priority, as horn noise remains a major problem.

-Our ability to have, and expect to have, a good nights sleep has been made impossible by the added trains and additional hours they run.

-The decibel level has increased and they no longer just give several short blasts of the horn. The majority of the time the horn blares from one end of MP to the other.

-Working from home, carrying on zoom meetings and/or phone calls, family time and peaceful enjoyment of our home and property has been greatly and negatively affected.

-Due to the increased noise to our homes and all others within close proximity to the railroad crossings here in MP our property values have been negatively affected.

-Please restore the peaceful quiet to our MP neighborhood and community by moving forward with quiet zones.

Thank you.

First name

Laurie

Last name

Thomas

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 11:52AM

Receipt number: 211

Related form version: 6

Share your input

the train is fine. do not listen to the NIMBYs trying to dismantle public infrastructure.

First name

Devon

Last name

Lee

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 11:55AM

Receipt number: 212

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

-designated quiet hours for the Caltrain horn. There is no reason to be blasting the horn multiple times between the hours of 9pm and 6am

First name

Patrick

Last name

Lowery

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 12:04PM

Receipt number: 213

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Please reduce train noise - it has gotten so much worse at the Menlo Park Train station

First name

Kelly

Last name

Griggs

Email



Phone





# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 12:10PM

Receipt number: 214

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Please keep Quiet Zones on the list of City Priorities for the 2023/24 fiscal year and work towards establishing Menlo Park as a rail Quiet Zone.

First name

Lia

Last name

Kandel

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 12:13PM

Receipt number: 215

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Caltrain Quiet Zone – I am a Stanford orthopedic resident who lived on Mills Street during medical school training and actually had to move when I started residency because the train noise was so overwhelming during the day and evening I couldn't sleep while working the night shift due to the noise.

First name

Clare

Last name

Wise

Email

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 12:13PM

Receipt number: 216

Related form version: 6

Share your input

The City Council should prioritize the Quiet Zone. With residents continuing to work from home and students back at the local schools and parks doing activities, noise pollution continues to be an important issue for overall quality of life.

First name

Justin

Last name

Email

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 12:46PM

Receipt number: 217

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Since pickle ball is so popular, I would like to see more pickle ball courts in Menlo Park

First name

Lilian

Last name

Broekhoven

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 12:58PM

Receipt number: 218

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please prioritize the MP Train Quiet Zone project. We are grateful that the trains run in a safe manner. We also believe that with a Quiet Zone, the trains can continue to do so while also improving the quality of life for the myriad Menlo Park residents and business who are within hearing range of the train horns. There is an increasing body of clinical literature that demonstrates the impact of frequent loud noises on an individual and community's physical, mental, and emotional health. We urge you to help Menlo Park continue to be the lovely and productive town that we all love.

First name Joy

Last name Pang

Email [REDACTED]

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 1:11PM

Receipt number: 219

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Establishing a cal train quiet zone is absolutely essential. I live 1 block from the Menlo Park Caltrain station. I am a healthcare worker who switches frequently between day and night shifts and the horns from the train make it impossible to rest enough to do my job well.

First name

Anastasia

Last name

Hunt

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 1:12PM

Receipt number: 220

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Caltrain noise near the menlo park station is so excessive and unnecessarily big and loud even at the evening time (after 10pm).

First name

Gyu

Last name

Kim

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 1:17PM

Receipt number: 221

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Hi! I am a resident of Menlo Park, living on Roble avenue. I am writing to express my support for the Caltrain quiet zone proposal. I am able to hear the train constantly, and it can be quite disruptive, particularly when sleeping. I am a medical student at Stanford, at at times work odd and long hours in the hospital, and having a quiet restful environment at home is vitally important to my health. I really appreciate the attention given to supporting the Menlo Park community in preserving our quiet zone!

First name

Annabel

Last name

Chen

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 1:19PM

Receipt number: 222

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

A quiet zone should be established around the Menlo Park Caltrain Station. The amount and volume of train noises from both the Caltrain and Freight trains is excessive and seriously detrimental to health. While the four horn blasts are there for security reasons, the combination of the barrier gates and the reasonable—but no less audible and prescient—chiming from the gates is sufficient to prevent cars and pedestrians from crossing the train's path during movement. If the gate and chiming could not stop an individual or car from crossing, the four horn blasts likely wouldn't make a difference either.

Allowing trains to continue blasting their horns at midnight, and again around 5-6AM in the morning means that residents nearby cannot maintain healthy and normal sleep patterns. It is loud enough that even double pane windows with the highest protective commercial earplugs can block out. Without exaggeration, having lived next to the Caltrain station for a year, it is in my mind a form of torture.

Please consider enacting a quiet zone after hours around the station.

First name: David

Last name: Yao

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 1:22PM

Receipt number: 224

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

**Re: Caltrain Quiet Zone**

My condominium is about 125 feet from the Oak Grove Caltrain crossing. The trains run from about 5:05am until just after 1:00am. That does not leave much time for sleeping for all of us who are close to the two crossings at Menlo Park station. Also, the train engineers often blow their horns multiple and lengthy times, like children, which is particularly disturbing. I am certain the noise causes sleep problems for the many people who live near the crossings. They are 24/7/365 and we cannot stop them.

I think the horns cause far more problems than they prevent.

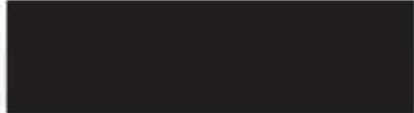
First name

Pat

Last name

Livingston

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 1:22PM

Receipt number: 225

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please fund the train Quiet Zone for Menlo Park.

First name

David

Last name

Fetterman

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 1:52PM

Receipt number: 226

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

MP City Council: Please prioritize disaster preparedness. We need a robust plan and a working committee made up of government, residents, stakeholders, etc. overseeing the development/implementation of a plan and then somewhat regular testing (drills) amongst all constituents working together. The working group should establish a yearly work plan for Council's approval. The City needs to establish a collaborative model for disaster preparedness that follows national policy and evidence based practice. The top down model is not/has not been effective.

First name: Scott

Last name: Barnum

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submitted on date: 7 March 2023, 2:04PM

Receipt number: 227

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Reduce Caltrain noise

First name

Stephen

Last name

Mehl

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 2:11PM

Receipt number: 228

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

We are strongly in favor of establishing a Caltrain Quiet Zone, at least close to the Menlo Park station. Sleeping and daily tasks are more difficult when interrupted with train sirens. The family-friendly atmosphere of this beautiful city does not merit train sirens.

First name: Lisa

Last name: Salmon

Email

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 2:24PM  
Receipt number: 229  
Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Dear City Council Members,  
We are writing to urge the city to move forward on establishing Quiet Zone, at all applicable intersections (e.g. Encinal, Glenwood and others), as one of the top priorities in 2023.  
Consider these factors:  
- Conservative estimate shows ~10% of the city residents will benefit from this. (Based on 2019 city census, and low estimate of 1000 households being impacted along the 2 mile corridor with 3 person in each unit.)  
- The fact that more than half of all public comments/requests in early 2021 is urging this matter.  
- As proven in Atherton's deployment, quad-gates are physically blocking barriers that actually REDUCE city's liability, as opposed to the current gate which are actually more dangerous.  
- Nearby residential units will have property value increased - making more fiscally sensible for MP city. Based on estimates from director Nikki Nagaya's and that of increased tax/revenue for the city in the long run.  
We urge the MP city council to help the ~3000 Menlo Park residents who are suffering from the horn noise. Thank you.

First name Ming

Last name Tsai

Email [REDACTED]

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 2:29PM

Receipt number: 230

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Securing a Quiet Zone designation for Menlo Park is at the top of my priorities. The continuing noise from horns is intrusive and bothersome/annoying.

Also important to me:

Road maintenance

(And not having El Camino through MP ALWAYS under construction with lane closures)

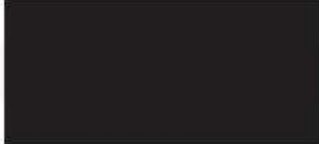
First name

Kathetine

Last name

Parket

Email



Phone





# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 2:46PM

Receipt number: 231

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Long term strategy for more pickle ball courts in and around Menlo Park. I would like as much thought about long term as short term (which seems fraught with infighting bc pickleball is "taking away" from tennis).

First name

Karen

Last name

Lee

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 3:00PM

Receipt number: 232

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

1. Finalize and pass the park protection ordinance. This has been on the table since 2021 and there seems to be strong support for it. As the population of Menlo Park grows with additional housing, we'll need more park space, not less, and the place to start is protecting what we currently have.

2. Create a comprehensive climate adaptation strategy. The lengthy and widespread power outages in Menlo Park due to the high wind event demonstrates just how unprepared we are. Climate change, in the form of more frequent and severe extreme weather events, is here now. These events include drought, heat waves, intense rainfall and high winds (which are associated with strong atmospheric rivers: <https://www.nasa.gov/feature/jpl/in-atmospheric-river-storms-wind-is-a-risk-too>). A climate adaptation strategy is not a substitute for climate mitigation but a necessary complement.

First name

Bob

Last name

Email

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 3:21PM

Receipt number: 233

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

1) New dedicated pickleball courts at Burgess Park. It would be terrific to have 6 or 8 new dedicated Pickleball courts at Burgess Park. As I'm sure you've heard many times, one of the joys of Pickleball is the community aspect of it, and how you can show up and pick up a game. So having a number of dedicated public pickleball courts, in a centrally located area of Menlo Park, would be really helpful. I know we don't want to disturb the neighbors with the noise, so of course making sure the courts are far enough away from houses so that sound isn't an issue.

2) Also 2-3 new pickleball courts at Willow Oaks Park. I believe these are already in the plan for the coming year, which is wonderful.

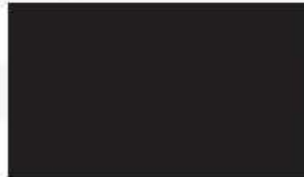
First name

Jill

Last name

Ultan

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 3:31PM

Receipt number: 234

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

I live in the Park Forest neighborhood and support the "Quiet Zone" for all Menlo Park train crossings. The train horns are loud and can be long in duration. The noise level is unhealthy, it creates lack of sleep, increased stress and overall a lack of quality of life.

First name: Linda

Last name: Sadunas

Email

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 3:57PM

Receipt number: 235

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please make more pickleball courts available in the near term. I understand plans are in the works for dedicated pickleball courts at Burgess, but the need for pickleball courts is immediate. Every time we go to the courts at Nealon, we see more and more people playing. Please consider having two to 4 more courts at Nealon that are shared with the tennis players. It would make sense for the pickleball nets to be set up closer to the playground. This would allow more courts for pickleball, and the tennis players (few that there are) could use the courts closer to the apartment buildings. Thank you.

First name: Sandy

Last name: Sloan

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 3:59PM

Receipt number: 236

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

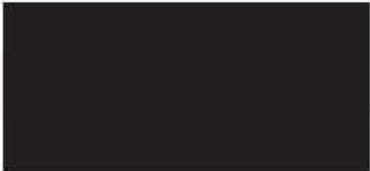
Please prioritize implementing a quiet zone at the Encinal Ave train-track crossing and elsewhere in Menlo Park. We live very near the tracks, and the horn is terribly disruptive and negatively impacts our quality of life. A quiet zone would not negatively impact safety, but would greatly improve the living conditions for the many people who live near the tracks. Thank you for your consideration.

First name Ilana

Last name Morady

Email

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 4:04PM

Receipt number: 237

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

I would like to suggest the Caltrain Quiet Zone as a priority.

First name

Peter

Last name

Leonard

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 5:15PM

Receipt number: 238

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

\*Quiet zones in Menlo Park. We live sandwiched between the train tracks and El Camino. The train horns are particularly egregious in the evening hours.

\*Leaf blowers. Not just the pollution, but particularly the noise! We can't go a day of the week without being bombarded at any point with leaf blowers. Isn't there any way to encourage gardeners to rake and have specific leaf blowing "days?" Just a thought.

First name: Christina

Last name: Punter

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 6:16PM

Receipt number: 239

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please fund:

- 1) The train quiet zone for Menlo Park
- 2) Burgess Park improvements (i.e., the playground)
- 3) Installation of crosswalk signs at the speed tables on Laurel Street, especially for the one by the pool entrance and Burgess Classics
- 4) Any projects to increase bicycle and pedestrian safety

First name

Angela

Last name

Mah

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 6:22PM

Receipt number: 240

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

1 - Quiet Zones for MP (it's studied, we can do it, let's join do it...hint Atherton).

2 - Arborist work to properly clear/remove mature trees from utilities (not just topping as PG&E contracts to do) and replace with shorter species (variety).

First name

Russ

Last name

Peterson

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 6:24PM

Receipt number: 241

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

I would like the Menlo park Train Quiet Zone to be a priority for the City Council. As you know, the loud horn starts at 5 am and continues throughout the day into the wee hours of the evening. It is incredibly disturbing, especially as I work from home. I feel like there is no peace and that by merely opening my windows, I will be exposed to the noise. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

First name

Renee

Last name

Barnstone

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submitted on date: 7 March 2023, 6:36PM

Receipt number: 242

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

**Hi! Greg from Camper/Canteen; Please push forward with the quiet zone!! We desperately need the peace and quiet back for our commercial businesses**

First name

Greg

Last name

Kuzia-Carmel

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submitted on date: 7 March 2023, 7:02PM

Receipt number: 243

Related form versions: 6

Share your input	Additional pickle ball capacity please
First name	Andrew
Last name	Keighery
Email	[REDACTED]
Phone	[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 7:05PM

Receipt number: 244

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please consider adding to the City Council's priorities quiet zone measures in Menlo Park. I am a resident in the Park Forest neighborhood which is a beautiful enclave in Menlo Park and its greenery and beautiful townhouses add to the character of Menlo Park. This area would be greatly improved by adding a Cal Train quiet zone specifically at the Encinal and other nearby crossings. Safety is always a priority but there is no need for intense loud train whistle blowing at all hours of the night and early morning. Our community and its residents would greatly appreciate adding more quiet zone which will improve Menlo Park overall. Thank you for including this issue on your agenda!

First name Susan

Last name Lynch

Email

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 8:22PM

Receipt number: 245

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Due to the increasing popularity of Pickleball, and the frequent overcrowding of the single tennis court dedicated to Pickleball at Nealon Park, it would make sense to dedicate an additional tennis court there to Pickleball. The tennis courts are often empty, while the pickleball courts are often full with people waiting to play. Thanks for your consideration in more fully accommodating this increasingly popular recreational activity.

First name

Joseph

Last name



Email

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 8:22PM

Receipt number: 246

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Please fund the train Quiet Zone for Menlo Park like Atherton accomplished successfully.

First name

Susan

Last name

Stimson

Email

Phone





# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 8:33PM

Receipt number: 247

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

The train horns are a huge detriment to my daily life. It's by far MUCH louder than the 60-75dB maximum noise levels deemed acceptable by the city. I'll be forced to leave my home and neighborhood which I love if this noise won't stop, as it's not something that can be lived with long term. I gladly volunteer my home or backyard for anyone on the council to spend one afternoon in to understand how damaging this noise is.

First name: Jennifer

Last name: Davidson Kim

Email:

Phone:



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 8:52PM

Receipt number: 248

Related form versions: 6

## Share your input

Please make Menlo Park a quiet zone! Most of the area near the Menlo Park stop is residential apartments (which are exceedingly expensive due to the area and already difficult for students to manage, but our options are limited) and the train noise in our neighborhood is excessive and highly disruptive. My partner and I live about a block and a half down Oak Grove Ave from the Caltrain stop and we are awoken multiple times thru the night every night by the train. This has been nightly for almost 5 years. We have tried earplugs and white noise, which do help, but do not eliminate the nightly disturbance. Eliminating the Caltrain noise would dramatically improve the quality of life, health and wellbeing of nearby residents, in addition to increasing the appeal of already difficult to afford housing. Thanks so much for your consideration.

First name

Martha

Last name

Kahison

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 9:03PM

Receipt number: 249

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please prioritize the MP Train Quiet Zone. I live a block from the train tracks and the loud whistles blowing early in the morning and at night are incredibly disturbing. Thank you!

First name

Joyce

Last name

Friedrichs

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 9:04PM

Receipt number: 250

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Dear City Council:

Menlo Park is the (almost?) richest city in the richest state in the richest nation in the world.

Here we are. Comfortable, happy, and able to afford a bit of help to planet Earth.

Climate change is affecting the world.

Menlo Park should step forward, lead the effort. If richest city cannot lead, if richest city wants to stand on heels and wait for Mumbai, Karachi, Kiev, Nuuk, or even NYC to lead, we should feel ashamed.

Well, we ain't ashamed. We shall lead.

We know we can lead. We can lead, with pride, and with priority, in 2023. We can prioritize addressing climate change in 2023.

It is up to us to lead. It is our priority in 2023. It is. Or if not yet, it must be.

Please let us show the world the direction we must all take.

Ole

First name

Ole

Last name

Agesen

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 9:07PM

Receipt number: 251

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Dear Menlo Park City Council,

It has been two years since Menlo Park residents urged the city council to establish a quiet zone, to stop the train horns. Some have diligently put forth the long term financial estimates that it actually will bring Menlo Park more tax revenue than the cost to install the quad-gates. Using less than 1% of the annual budget to benefit 10% of Menlo Park residents permanently. What else is still needed from the residents before action can be taken?

Reviewing all Menlo Park public comments in the last two years, quiet zone request is easily one of the top requests. The Menlo Park residents deserve better than what the last two years have been on this matter.

Can a special Quiet Zone committee be formed in the Menlo Park City Council, so as to give Menlo Park residents transparent, timely, and rightful responses on this matter?

Many of us are still suffering from the train horns. Nothing has changed. What would it take for the city to finally act?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Resident

First name

Resident

Last name

Email

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 9:10PM

Receipt number: 252

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing to you today to urge you to establish a quiet zone in Menlo Park. As you know, the city has been considering this issue for several years, and I believe that the time has come to take action.

A quiet zone would improve the quality of life for many Menlo Park residents. The train horns are loud, disruptive, and they can make it difficult to sleep or concentrate. A quiet zone would eliminate the need for these horns, and it would make our city a much more pleasant place to live.

In addition, a quiet zone would be a good investment for the city. It would improve safety for pedestrians and motorists, and it would attract new businesses and residents to Menlo Park. The cost of installing the necessary safety measures would be relatively small, and it would be paid for by the increased tax revenue that would be generated by the economic benefits of a quiet zone.

I urge you to take action on this important issue. A quiet zone would make Menlo Park a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Sincerely

First name

Paul

Last name

J

Email

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 9:12PM

Receipt number: 253

Related form versions: 6

Share your input -more pickle ball courts at Nealon and throughout the city, please.

First name Aimee

Last name Yan

Email

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 7 March 2023, 9:27PM

Receipt number: 254

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please convert another tennis court to pickleball courts. Thank you We players enjoy the exercise!

First name

Michael

Last name

Miller

Email

Phone





# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 8 March 2023, 9:39AM

Receipt number: 255

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

We operate two hotels along El Camino Real and this is one of the top complaints we get from our guests: Noise. Our guests are primarily made up of Stanford hospital, friends and family of those from Menlo Park, and corporate travelers from the area. The noise from the train is consistent and loud. For us, it's the morning and evening hours that impact our guests the most.

First name

Perry

Last name

Patel

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 8 March 2023, 10:02AM  
Receipt number: 256  
Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Council:

I'd like to urge the council to designate a train quiet zone a top priority. I live about three blocks from the tracks near the FD station at Hoover and Oak Grove. At night, trains sometimes blast their horns for protracted periods of time, an annoyance at a distance but most likely rage-inducing close up. I fall into the Extremely Annoyed category. Stringent measures should be taken to restrict the use of horns to emergencies. We are subjected to a lot of noise downtown, including the ritual Monday Dumpster dropping competitions that come off like clockwork around six AM. These piggyback onto the Caltrain Sunday Midnight Hornblowing Symphony and your window of sleep going into the workweek is severely constrained.

Use of horns during emergencies is fine, like if someone has made the unwise decision to take up residence on the tracks. Given the frequency and duration of some of the blowing I've heard, however, I'm suspicious there could be that many people sleeping on the tracks.

Thank you.

First name

John

Last name

Wu

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 8 March 2023, 10:22AM

Receipt number: 257

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

I would like to see the city give a high priority to train noise. I have lived in MP since 1972. In the summer I could hear the train noise on Alameda de las Pulgas. There is no consistency to the length of the warnings. There seems to be a simple solution that Atherton initiated a few years ago. Why can't MP use the same initiative?

First name: John David

Last name: Forter

Email

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 8 March 2023, 10:25AM

Receipt number: 258

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please make the Quiet Zone a priority in Menlo Park again this year and keep the project momentum going. To me, train horns means I can't work or sleep with my windows open.

First name

Alan

Last name

Bogomilsky

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 8 March 2023, 10:25AM

Receipt number: 259

Related form version: 6

Share your input

**Please make the Quiet Zone a priority in Menlo Park!**

**I work from home most of the time and train horns disrupts productivity.**

**Also, kids are unable to sleep at night time when train horns loudly at night.**

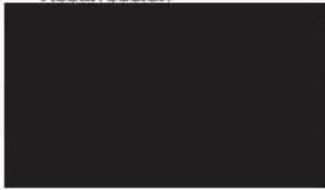
First name

Clara

Last name

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Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 8 March 2023, 10:29AM

Receipt number: 260

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please make the Quiet Zone a priority in Menlo Park again this year> I hope you can keep the project momentum going. To me, train horns mean it is difficult for me to keep my windows open, my sleep is disrupted by the early morning trains. We can do better for the neighborhoods that border the train tracks, and your making this a priority is important!

First name: Jeanne

Last name: Heise

Email:

Phone:



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 8 March 2023, 11:11AM

Receipt number: 261

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

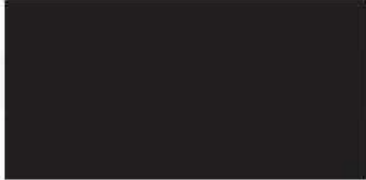
We beg you to make the Quiet Zone a priority in Menlo Park again this year and keep the project momentum going. Loud train horns have disrupted our childrens sleep, our adult sleep, we cant open windows for fresh air, had business conference calls interrupted, and caused many more significant quality of life issues.

First name Blythe

Last name Jack

Email

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 8 March 2023, 11:16AM

Receipt number: 262

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

## TRAIN QUIET ZONE

- I live at Mills Court and Glenwood (and for over 10 years, have lived adjacent to train tracks, formally close to Noel Court Apartments). I will keep comments brief. Like others, I have found trains to be disruptive, especially freight trains that seem to "lay" on the horns at early hours of morning and evenings. My understanding is that there is ample precedent set by Atherton for a quiet zone. I participated in many City meetings last year to make this a priority and was disappointed to see that very little has happened to move this forward. I hope that this year will be different.

First name: Susannah

Last name: Ragab

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 8 March 2023, 4:32PM

Receipt number: 263

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Please make the Quiet Zone a priority in Menlo Park again this year and keep the project momentum going. To me, train horns result in lost sleep and disrupted family time.

Thank you

First name

Cory

Last name

Andrews

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 8 March 2023, 12:05PM

Receipt number: 264

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please make the Quiet Zone a priority in Menlo Park again this year and keep the project momentum going. The train horn is disruptive to my sleep and can make working from home in the summer months (when my windows are open) a real challenge.

Thank you

First name

Matt

Last name

Jones

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 8 March 2023, 1:07PM

Receipt number: 265

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

A CalTrain Quiet Zone would improve quality of life for residents near the at-grade crossings, especially with so many new apartments near those crossings. Recent storms also highlight the need for disaster planning and infrastructure maintenance to minimize power outages and flooding.

First name: Lindsay

Last name: King

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 8 March 2023, 1:32PM

Receipt number: 266

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Safe routes to all school, better bike-ability throughout town, getting the train elevated throughout all of Menlo Park so traffic can cross under it always, zero tolerance policy for hate speech, and storm mitigation procedures including trees and neighborhood drainage.

First name

Garyn

Last name

Wasserstein

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 8 March 2023, 1:40PM

Receipt number: 267

Related form version: 6

Share your input

MP Train Quiet Zone is a very important issue for residents living close to the crossings. The honking is very excessive. It goes from 5 am to 1 am. Having double gates should alleviate any need for honking at the crossings.

First name

Henry

Last name

Chik

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 8 March 2023, 2:22PM

Receipt number: 268

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Require electric or zero emissions models to be installed when any gas appliance is replaced in existing homes and buildings, effective January 1, 2024,

With financial assistance where needed,

With exemptions for technical infeasibility, and

Including broad community outreach as part of the process.

I understand that electric heat pump versions of these appliances are safer, healthier, and more efficient for families, helping families save money on monthly utility bills and creating meaningful reductions in climate pollution and smog in our city

First name

Shmulik

Last name

Eisenmann

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 8 March 2023, 2:47PM

Receipt number: 269

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

As a Felton Gables resident, I urge you to make the Quiet Zone a priority in Menlo Park again this year and maintain the momentum already generated for this cause. For me, and many others in the neighborhood, the loud and frequent train horns are more than just an annoyance. They are a disturbance to sleep, peace and quiet in one's own backyard, and enjoyment of walking and talking with friends and family. Overnight, I have noticed that there isn't a particular pattern to the blowing of horns and some conductors seem to feel the need to honk many times in rapid succession. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

First name

Clare

Last name

Warner

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 8 March 2023, 2:54PM

Receipt number: 270

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please make Menlo Park a Caltrain "Quiet Zone," bringing to a halt the practice of blowing horns continuously between stations. These horns have awakened me night after night for years, despite our home's dual-paned windows and our use of a white-noise machine. While it is critical to warn drivers, cyclists and pedestrians of approaching trains, crossing bells, lights, and gates should be the primary method. Waking residents whose homes line the tracks and those who live up to a mile away is not acceptable.

First name

Peri

Last name

Caylor

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 8 March 2023, 3:08PM

Receipt number: 271

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please make the Quiet Zone a priority in Menlo Park again this year and keep the project momentum going. To me, train horns are a form of noise pollution that can definitely be mitigated. During most of the year in the warmer months I can't get a good nights sleep because the horns go off until late in the evening and then again @5:08am. There are definitely sleep deprivation issues in my life. Please help the Felton Gables neighborhood with this desperate need of quietness.

First name: Brian

Last name: Keating

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 8 March 2023, 3:37PM

Receipt number: 272

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please require electric or zero emissions models to be installed when any gas water heater or gas HVAC system is replaced in existing homes and buildings, effective January 1, 2024. Note that I am not including gas stovetops in this requested requirement, though I do think residents ought to consider the serious health hazards associated with burning methane with gas stoves. I support meaningful hardship, financial, and feasibility exemptions as consistent with many of the exemptions listed for similar electrification policies in other cities (San Mateo, Palo Alto, Portola Valley, Denver and those in the Model Bay Area Reach Code). I also support permit streamlining (especially eliminating upfront "plan checks" for easy installations such as those for electric water heaters, as is done in Sunnyvale, Fremont, Mountain View and other local areas). Permit streamlining for these kind of easier installations will reduce pressures on staff time and make it smoother and faster for residents wishing to electrify. Permit streamlining will also help staff reallocate existing resources to process the important exemptions mentioned above. Please also prioritize the various edits to the zoning ordinances recommended in a February public meeting of EQC to help streamline the permitting process for those residents trying to electrify. Thank you.

First name: Angela

Last name: Evans

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Submission date: 8 March 2023, 3:47PM

Receipt number: 273

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

### Reduce Train Horn Noise with a Quiet Zone

1. Science has found that noise increases risk to health, both physical and mental. The physical problems are serious, including heart-related troubles, stroke, inflammation in arteries and blood vessels, plaque, oxidative stress, and high blood pressure. And that's at levels lower than 60dB. The World Health Organization recommends that residential noise be limited to 70 dB. That's their limit for outdoor noise.

2. The Federal Railroad Administration defines the limit for train horn noise to be 110db at 100 feet. Unfortunately this rule does not effectively limit the sound levels of horn noise. The average level on my property is 105dB. But some days we have much louder trains. I hired acoustic experts, Salter Inc of San Francisco, and I set up two calibrated sound meters, and logged noise levels on both sides of my house, for one week, and I found that several times the train noise levels exceeded 120dB.

3. Since train horns \*aren't\* limited to 110dB, and since most people will not be able to rebuild their home with concrete walls and triple-pane glass, you should assume most homes next to the tracks experience indoor levels exceeding 90dB.

First name: David

Last name: Wuertele

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submitted on date: 8 March 2023, 4:03PM

Receipt number: 274

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Ensure sufficient courts remain designated for tennis at Nealon park; if new pickleball courts are needed, would be best to build net new instead of taking away from tennis.

First name

Ankit

Last name

Chandra

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 8 March 2023, 4:06PM  
Receipt number: 275  
Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Thank you for this opportunity. I will be at the meeting and happy to meet with anyone in person.

That said, many of my local friends regularly use the Nealon Courts specific to/for tennis recreation. We thoroughly enjoy the courts and find their routine use for tennis therapeutic, athletic and a way to engage with the local community.

Please ensure the courts remain open to tennis players as they are routinely in demand and well-used. Some of the lights need fixing, but that is OK.

The main goal is to ensure open usage for tennis players to enjoy tennis as they do now.

Thank you so much!!!!  
Ryan

First name

Ryan

Last name

Essenburg

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 8 March 2023, 4:09PM

Receipt number: 276

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please make the Quiet Zone a priority in Menlo Park again this year and keep the project momentum going. To me, train horns mean extreme noise pollution and disruption to our normally peaceful area. Some say you get used to the noise but we have never found that to be the case and are awakened by the loud horns throughout the night. Sleeping with windows open in the summer is out of the question which means we pay the added expense of AC at times it could be avoided.

First name: Stephanie

Last name: Schmidt

Email

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submitted on date: 8 March 2023, 4:15PM  
Receipt number: 277  
Related form versions: 6

## Share your input

- please do not allow any coaching on Nealon park tennis courts, because that is the most used by groups and individuals to meet after work, during work, please regard those courts for players of the public. Please derail coaching to other courts that is not used by public so intently, to avoid interrogation and arguments for courts fights.

- coaches are arrogant encode they are there for the money. We the public have been insulted and threatened many times by coaches especially Kim Grant, and we need those courts so we can play. Please deny coaching on Nealon park courts.

- first come first play rules on public courts until online sign up sheet is bailable to reserve courts

- post players etiquette for Everyone to see the max amount of time to play if other players are waiting outside the fence

-spend money , on lights!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We don't need more courts to build but we need lights to play later, that could add an extr 4-6 hours more per day for each courts

- built more pickleball courts

- have office hours for tennis players to give feedback to city officials

- negotiate with nearby Highschools for the useage of their tennis courts after the school is closed for the day,  
Menlo college, Menlo Highschool

- derail coaches to work with highschools since most of their clients are high schoolers, example Kim Grant, free up more public courts this way

- keep high schoolers in highschools for after tennis activities with in school coaches.

- limit coaching hours on most courts until 5:30 pm

- no coaching allowed on Nealon park courts. Period.

-thank you!

First name: Roni  
Last name: Mogy  
Email: [REDACTED]  
Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 8 March 2023, 4:18PM

Receipt number: 278

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Ensure sufficient courts remain designated for tennis at Nealon park; if new pickleball courts are needed, would be best to build net new instead of taking away from tennis

First name

Yoshiaki

Last name

Kasugahara

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 8 March 2023, 4:26PM

Receipt number: 279

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Priority for upcoming year:

Advance implementation of quiet zones at Caltrain crossings. This will become even more critical as electrification leads to an increased service schedule.

First name

Karen

Last name

Wang

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 8 March 2023, 4:27PM

Receipt number: 280

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

**#1 priority: Bike lanes on El Camino Real (and bike connectivity throughout downtown, including and a safe bike route on Santa Cruz Avenue). With major new housing completed or about to be completed on ECR, the time is NOW to create bike infrastructure and establish a sustainable future for our city.**

**#2: affordable housing: Promote below-market-rate housing through the housing element and maximize it in whatever developments come up for approval.**

First name

Lydia

Last name



Email

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 8 March 2023, 4:32PM

Receipt number: 281

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

- 1 - Ensure sufficient budget for schools (especially with influx of Stanford property tax-exempt housing at Middle Ave/Middle Plaza development)
- 2 - Keep streets safe for pedestrians and bicyclists without making traffic worse
- 3 - Keep existing tennis courts designated for tennis (i.e. if new/more pickleball courts are needed, would be great to add new courts instead of taking from tennis)

First name

Geoff

Last name

Winegar

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 8 March 2023, 5:00PM

Receipt number: 282

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please keep the Caltrain Quiet Zone project on the priority list for the City. Having a logical and safe alternative to train horns at crossings is in keeping with the overall Caltrain improvements of electrification and increased service. Train horns, especially at night, are jarring and disruptive in a residential area. Let's make our transportation corridor friendlier to everyone.

First name

Ken

Last name

Sutherland

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 8 March 2023, 6:01PM

Receipt number: 283

Related form version: 6

Share your input

1. Bike lanes on ECR.
2. Remove parking on Laurel St. or replace door-zone bike lanes with sharrows.
3. Consider zoning for increased density near downtown.

First name: Robert

Last name: Cronin

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 8 March 2023, 6:26PM

Receipt number: 284

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

I would like to see tree's appropriately and proportionately (attractively!) pruned around power lines throughout the city but especially by our parks.

First name

Jocelyn

Last name

Stilwell

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 8 March 2023, 6:44PM

Receipt number: 285

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please make the Quiet Zone a priority in Menlo Park again this year and keep the project momentum going. I work from home 3 days a week and the train horns actively disrupts my virtual meetings and makes it hard to remain focused when there is a disruption every 20 minutes. It's also disrupts my sleep schedule when I need to sleep earlier/wake earlier to collaborate with team members in EU/Asia.

First name: Jeff

Last name: Lam

Email:

Phone:



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 8 March 2023, 8:18PM

Receipt number: 286

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please make the Quiet Zone a priority in Menlo Park again this year and keep the project momentum going. To me, train horns disrupted family time and kids nap.

First name: Xin

Last name: Lu

Email

Phone





# Input on City Council Priorities



Submitted on date: 8 March 2023, 8:33PM

Receipt number: 287

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

I have been living in Downtown Menlo since 2009, at three different addresses but always within 100 yards of the train line. I love this area and would love to live here for the rest of my life. However the train noise is severely impacting my quality of sleep, my ability to host friends overnight who are not used to such decibel levels, my ability to work from home and my finances. After purchasing my home I had to invest tens of thousands to upgrade our windows to a higher noise insulation, and though this made a small difference, the train horns are still the bane of our existence. It is absurd to me that in a city with Menlo Park's resources and tax revenue we cannot afford to install four-way barriers at our handful of train crossings. To me, this is by far the most important issue being considered by the council currently, especially given the very high density of new housing that has been erected within a few yards of the train line in the last few years. If we want to fill those apartments and not live in a desolate ghost town, we as a community need to stop twiddling our thumbs and finally do something about this. It's not hard... just two more pieces of metal coming down per crossing (and there are only four of those).

First name

Radu

Last name

Mihaescu

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 8 March 2023, 8:38PM

Receipt number: 288

Related form version: 6

Share your input

More pickle ball courts please, and better lighting at the current court at Nealon Park. Thank you.

First name

kara

Last name

hardin

Email

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 8 March 2023, 9:09PM

Receipt number: 289

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

- 1) Removing the street furniture on Valparaiso near Victoria, just west of El Camino. These bumps serve no useful purpose, but reduce the number of cars that can go through the intersection, causing the backup become longer. This long backup impedes access to the street, which is the opposite of the intended effect. This backup is especially bad in the afternoon when the after-school traffic tries to squeeze through here.
- 2) Retail and other businesses that will bring in revenue
- 2) Higher density housing near the train station
- 4) Filling in potholes on city streets
- 5) Build a downtown parking structure. Businesses will bounce back, but only if patrons have a place to park. This parking structure could include retail such as a food court, to help draw people to downtown.

First name

Sue

Last name

Kayton

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 8 March 2023, 9:34PM

Receipt number: 290

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please prioritize implementation of Quiet Zones for train crossings. Many city residents including my family live near the train, and the horns are very loud. Early morning and late night train horns wake up someone in my family nearly every day, and we are not getting good sleep because of it!

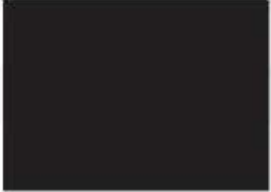
First name

Doug

Last name

Inde

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 8 March 2023, 10:04PM

Receipt number: 291

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

–Bike lanes along El Camino Real (with new developments opening up; now is the time to make that safer.)

–Implement tenant protections, environmental justice plans, TMP, downtown housing, etc. We have great plans and great staff doing increasingly sophisticated community outreach. Let's go!

–consider paying planning commissioners a stipend. It's a real job, one that takes up 10+ hours of prep time in addition to the sometimes-weekly, hourslong meetings.

First name

Katie

Last name

Behroozi

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 7:33AM

Receipt number: 292

Related form versions: 6

## Share your input

Please make the Quiet Zone a priority in Menlo Park again this year and keep the project momentum going. To me, train horns mean 5 am wake up!

First name: Shelley

Last name: Jones

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 7:39AM

Receipt number: 293

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Teens in Menlo park need a place where they can hang out safely. Currently the only options they have are downtown Menlo park and that involves Starbucks or boba tea. But in the rain they need an indoor option, like a sports or games Center.

First name

Nicole

Last name

Carvalho-Lee

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 7:41AM

Receipt number: 294

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Would love to see the city to evaluate bike safety on Gilbert Ave and safe routes to Upper Laurel as a top priority. I have witnessed and heard of too many close calls for kids riding their bikes, and an incident where a girl was hit. We want to encourage biking, so let's make an effort to make it safe!

First name

Sandy

Last name

Chen

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 7:47AM

Receipt number: 295

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please stop installing huge curbs near track crossings in particular, to prevent locals access to roadways in between El Camino and train tracks. It is impossible for residents to access the growing business/residential district east of El Camino. It has become a literal MAZE to try to navigate! Everything funnels the local residents to El Camino and traffic is awful. There is no such thing as a back way to anyplace in MP these days. Our routes are being micro managed and for what cause, I'm not sure, but is surely frustrating to get around town....I can only imagine how hard it would be for a emergency or fire truck to access these businesses with the big curbs and barriers in place.

First name Shelley

Last name Jones

Email

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 8:09AM

Receipt number: 296

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

We need more pickle ball courts open for the public without a key.  
Tennis courts by Nealon are mostly empty while the pickle ball court is  
always full.  
Also lessons should be allowed and created

First name

Marleen

Last name

Zwiers

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 8:24AM

Receipt number: 297

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Yes, city council should advise this priority. Train quiet zone will help both residence and business without compromise the safety because:

1. there is physical and visible alarm in the crossing.
2. Noise produced by train passing by is loud enough.

First name: xijie

Last name: wang

Email

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 8:24AM

Receipt number: 298

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

I strongly support a Caltrain Quiet Zone in Menlo Park. The current situation of frequent blowing of horns while passing through the city is highly disruptive.

First name

Aron

Last name

Rodrigue

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 8:43AM

Receipt number: 299

Related form versions: 6

## Share your input

I would like the city to consider setting up a dedicated space for teenagers. This could be modeled on the space for senior citizens at the library and have some self-directed activities (for example pool table, ping pong table, pinball machines etc) as well as spaces to sit and food (vending machines). There could be light supervision to ensure no damage or destruction of property. There is no public space for teenagers to socialize in Menlo Park (the teen space in the library is tiny and has no activities, other spaces are religious). Teenagers developmentally need to socialize in groups, but they also need some boundaries. At the moment large crowds congregate in the downtown area and around McDonald's and there is often low level anti social behavior, most of which I think is produced by boredom. I think a space like this would require very little investment to set up and, if a nominal fee was charged for activities, it could be self-funding. I would appreciate the council's consideration.

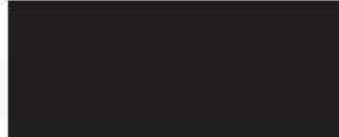
First name

Sarah

Last name

Brophy

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 10:15AM

Receipt number: 300

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please prioritize the creating a quiet zone for the railway that goes through Menlo Park. As the Caltrain electrifies there will hopefully be even more trains rolling through, which will create an even more unbearable problem.

First name

Michael

Last name

Swift

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 11:11AM

Receipt number: 301

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Would love to have more community events that get people outside to enjoy our town. They could be less formal than "tree lighting" and more about doing things together. I have seen lots of advertisements for puzzle hunts from Solving Fun. They have a scavenger hunt that families do by solving puzzles together. You can visit local places around town on your bike or by walking. Would love to bring something like that to Menlo Park.

First name: Leslie

Last name: Mayerson

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 11:44AM

Receipt number: 302

Related form versions: 6

## Share your input

Remove all parking on El Camino Real in the downtown area.  
Restripe all the downtown parking lots so regular sized cars can park without getting dinged.  
Do NOT remove all of the street and park parking on Middle Ave.  
During the SRI build, make sure construction/vendors do not park on the nearby residential streets and make sure traffic is monitored esp. during the to and from school hours.  
Transparency on who owns the downtown buildings and rental rates - publish all of the public information. Whenever people ask why businesses leave etc. there is always speculation that only a few people own all of the downtown buildings and they collude on pricing.

First name: janet

Last name: lorenzen

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submitted on date: 9 March 2023, 12:45PM  
Receipt number: 303  
Related form versions: 6

## Share your input

When is the Flood Triangle neighborhood going to be considered part of Menlo Park? Bay Road. 2.5 years ago Bay had a PCI of 34. Bay needs a complete capital improvement project. Wider sidewalks, real curbs, speed bumps that work, safe crosswalks and continuous sidewalks to willow. The area at the freeway interchange, that was not visible from Bay previously, needs screening, street trees and landscaping to counter pollution and visibility of the freeway. The drain at Menlo Oaks Drive on the County side collects water from Bay and Menlo Oaks. This drain connects to a pipe under the roadway to another drain on the Menlo Park side of Bay. The drains can not handle the amount of water that collects here and floods Bay. Van Buren Road. There is a section of the road with a PCI rating of 27, 2.5 years ago. The road was to receive treatment, reconstruct surface in 2022. Has not happened. The roadway is missing patches that have been haphazardly patched. The asphalt sidewalk on VanBuren is dangerous to walk on in many area. Those streets in the Flood Triangle that do not have continuous curbs have broken rolled curbs that collect water in low spots further deteriorating the old curbing. I have many times slipped in the lake in front of my house while collecting my garbage bins. Almanor was to have a thin overlay 2" w/Fabric+DO in 2022. Has not happened. The street is in need of more work now as many street tree roots are lifting the pavement. The VanBuren end of Almanor and Menlo Oaks flood and remain flooded for days due to being too low. The public works Department claims to monitor the problems, flooding of Almanor and Menlo Oaks at VanBuren and the drain at Iris lane but I have never seen any city work going on at these areas. Look at Laurel street.

First name: Carolyn  
Last name: Ordonez  
Email: [REDACTED]  
Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 12:58PM

Receipt number: 304

Related form versions: 6

## Share your input

1) safety for kids - bike & pedestrian on east side of el Camino (BAY, COLEMAN, CENTRAL)  
2) more tennis courts - there is not enough for residents.  
3) the city's priority now, while in pilot (not master plan) for Pickleball should be for RESIDENTS only. There are enough pickleball courts between Nealon & Kelly for residents already. Build purpose built pickleball courts at burgess. No more expansion at Nealon when those courts are needed for hillview tennis and the tennis playing community is already facing a shortage. Also the noise is impacting neighbors. We cannot, during a pilot phase, be supporting pickleball players from Los Gatos to Half Moon Bay to San Francisco. People come because it's FREE and it's posted everywhere. Tennis key holders are 95% residents and they are PAYING \$63 a year for a key. That money is supporting pickleball and they don't pay and want more tennis courts? That's not equity. There are 800 key holders.

First name: Leo

Last name: Szilardy

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submitted on date: 9 March 2023, 1:03PM  
Receipt number: 306  
Related form versions: 6

## Share your input

1) safety for kids - bike & pedestrian on east side of el Camino (BAY, COLEMAN, CENTRAL)  
2) more tennis courts - there are not enough for residents.  
3) the city's priority now, while in pilot (not master plan) for Pickleball should be for RESIDENTS ONLY. There are enough pickleball courts between Nealon & Kelly for residents already. Build purpose built pickleball courts at Burgess and invest there. We could make it a destination and monetize it!  
No more expansion at Nealon when those courts are needed for hillview tennis and the tennis playing community is already facing a shortage. Also the pickleball noise is impacting neighbors: it's just not the right location for a large group, that attracts so many from outside Menlo Park. We cannot, during a pilot phase, be supporting pickleball players from Los Gatos to Half Moon Bay to San Francisco. People come because it's FREE and it's posted everywhere.  
Tennis key holders are 95% residents and they are PAYING \$63 a year for a key. That money is supporting pickleball and they don't pay and want more tennis courts? That's not equity. There are 800 key holders.

First name Shani

Last name Podell

Email

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 1:08PM

Receipt number: 307

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

We need more tennis courts in Menlo Park or at least preservation of the ones that are currently tennis only. It is challenging to find open courts during non-work hours and it is particularly important for our youth to be able to find courts in their neighborhoods.

First name

Dana

Last name

Weintraub

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 1:11PM

Receipt number: 308

Related form version: 6

Share your input

More public tennis courts please!!!!

First name

Fiona

Last name

Ryan

Email

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 1:14PM

Receipt number: 309

Related form versions: 6

Share your input: We need more public tennis courts in Menlo Park!!

First name: Caren

Last name: Taylor

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 1:16PM

Receipt number: 310

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

We need more tennis courts in Menlo Park and not have them converted to pickle ball courts. I can never find a court to play on.

First name

Amy

Last name

Huang

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 1:16PM

Receipt number: 311

Related form version: 6

Share your input

We need more tennis courts in Menlo Park, I can never find an open court to play when I want one.

First name

Juliet

Last name

Mittlemann

Email

Phone





# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 1:16PM

Receipt number: 312

Related form version: 6

Share your input

More tennis courts!

First name

Sylvia

Last name

Thompson

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 1:17PM

Receipt number: 313

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

- affordable housing -- streamlining permitting process  
- more tennis/pickleball courts, preserving Nealon for the Hillview tennis team (these are their only accessible courts) -- I play both and there is a huge demand; it is very difficult to find open tennis courts  
- citywide emergency/disaster response -- including a robust communications plan, especially for reaching elderly residents, people with no internet/landline [ie most of us in the last storm] -- and undergrounding PGE lines (I realize this is \$\$\$\$ -- maybe state grants??)

\* I am a Menlo Park resident/tax payer

First name

Emily

Last name

Robinson

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 1:20PM

Receipt number: 314

Related form version: 6

Share your input

**Build new pickle courts, maybe at Arrillaga. I play both tennis and pickle and the fighting has to stop.**

First name

Kathy

Last name

Kau

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 1:23PM

Receipt number: 315

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Please build more tennis courts in Menlo Park.

First name

Philip

Last name

Nguyen

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 1:24PM

Receipt number: 316

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Need more tennis courts

First name

Sumeeta

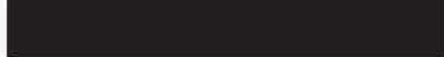
Last name

Vasishtha

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 1:25PM

Receipt number: 317

Related form version: 6

Share your input

We need more tennis courts in Menlo Park, I can never find an open court to play when I want to play tennis.

First name

Viola

Last name

Ng

Email

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 1:28PM

Receipt number: 318

Related form version: 6

Share your input

We need more tennis courts and increasingly it has become a hassle to get one because of pickle ball.

First name

Privina

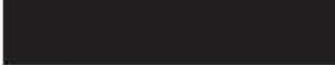
Last name

Sexton

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 1:32PM

Receipt number: 319

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Hello,

I'm a 25 year Menlo Park resident (Allied Arts neighborhood), father of 3, and fan of Nealon Park.

We actually need more tennis courts in Menlo Park, not less. I'm all for building more pickleball, it's super fun and I love to play, but not at the expense of tennis when there are many other hard courts they could use. Before one court was taken away from tennis at Nealon, it was already difficult for tennis players to get a court- too much tennis being played.

Please consider building more pickleball capacity in Menlo Park in ways that don't penalize the tennis community. This shouldn't be a zero sum game as tennis is still extremely popular in Menlo Park.

First name

Isaac

Last name

Fehrenbach

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 1:34PM

Receipt number: 320

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

We need more tennis courts in Menlo Park, and with lights. I have to battle to find a court every week.

First name

Dan

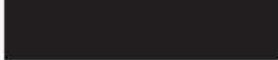
Last name

Rogers

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 1:37PM

Receipt number: 321

Related form version: 6

Share your input

The absolute need for more tennis courts

First name

Brenda

Last name

Berry

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 1:37PM

Receipt number: 322

Related form versions: 6

Share your input **More tennis courts please!! Make new separate pickle ball courts**

First name **Brannan**

Last name **Vaughan**

Email

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 1:38PM

Receipt number: 323

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Please increase tennis court capacity. Very challenging getting free Court time

First name

Scott

Last name

Wallace

Email

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 1:44PM

Receipt number: 325

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

As a Menlo Park resident, we need more tennis courts, there are not enough for residents to play when they want one. No more pickle ball expansion at Nealon, build pickle at Burgess and save Nealon for Hillview.

First name: Dan

Last name: Olsen

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 1:44PM

Receipt number: 326

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Invest in pickle and tennis courts, not only pickleball. It's fantastic to see the pickleball momentum and also to see the Hillview tennis program thriving. Let's make sure we can support both. Would love to see us leverage some of Burgess to support the demand for both.

First name

Vickie

Last name

Mrva

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 1:45PM

Receipt number: 327

Related form version: 6

Share your input

I'm all for expanding pickle ball. But definitely not at the expense of tennis courts. Explain why at the expense of tennis courts.

First name

Brett

Last name

V

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 1:46PM

Receipt number: 328

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

We need more tennis courts, there are not enough for residents to play when they want one. No more pickle expansion at Nealon, build pickle at Burgess and save Nealon for Hillview

Also, I have concerns about bike safety in our community. I am especially concerned about Gilbert Street. I would like to see more dedicated bike lanes, even at the expense of limiting parking, to make biking in our community safe for families and kids. I am in Menlo Park Resident and my kids bike to school

First name: Vanessa

Last name: Olsen

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 1:47PM

Receipt number: 329

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

We need more tennis courts, there are not enough for residents to play when they want one. No more pickle expansion at Nealon, build pickle at Burgess and save Nealon for Hillview

Also, I have concerns about bike safety in our community. I am especially concerned about Gilbert Street. I would like to see more dedicated bike lanes, even at the expense of limiting parking, to make biking in our community safe for families and kids. I am in Menlo Park Resident and my kids bike to school

First name: Dan

Last name: Olsen

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 1:51PM

Receipt number: 330

Related form version: 6

Share your input

I can not ever find open Court to Play tennis

First name

Snjezana

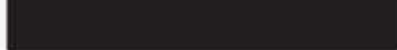
Last name

Maric

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 1:53PM

Receipt number: 331

Related form version: 6

Share your input

I never am able to find tennis courts available when I would like. We need more tennis courts

First name

Hyun Ju

Last name

Park

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 1:58PM

Receipt number: 333

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

As a Menlo Park resident, and a parent of girl playing and practicing tennis frequently, I am concerned about shrinking and lowering number of tennis courts in Menlo Park.  
I do not support conversion of additional tennis courts into pickleball ones.

First name

Nikola

Last name

Curic

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 2:01PM

Receipt number: 334

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please preserve tennis courts at Nealon Park and all over the city. They are actively used every day of the week and on the weekends and need to be protected as it is already difficult to get court time and there are many, many active tennis players in the community. Thank you

First name

Victoria

Last name

Thorp

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 2:05PM

Receipt number: 335

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

I would love for there to be more tennis courts available for public tennis use. I am a Menlo Park resident.

I would also like to see a new dedicated pickleball facility located in a suitable place (Burgess?) where the noise won't bother neighbors.

First name

Catherine

Last name

Wilson

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 2:06PM

Receipt number: 336

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Need more, not less, tennis courts. It was hard to find a free court before some were taken for pickleball and now it's virtually impossible.

First name

Joanne

Last name

Lofthouse

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 2:07PM

Receipt number: 337

Related form version: 6

Share your input

We need more tennis courts. Too many pickle ball courts! Tennis is better exercise (esp for our youth) and less disruptive.

First name

Komal

Last name

Goel

Email



Phone





# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 2:12PM

Receipt number: 338

Related form version: 6

Share your input - More pickleball courts at Nealon please ;-)

First name Linda

Last name Itskovitz

Email

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 2:18PM

Receipt number: 339

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

We really need more tennis courts in Menlo Park, I often cannot find an open court to play when I want one.

First name

Caroline

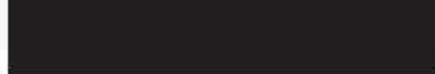
Last name

Bowers

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 2:21PM

Receipt number: 340

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

I am a Menlo Park resident with kids at Lauren and Hillview. They love to play tennis. We definitely need more tennis courts, there are not enough for residents to play when they want one. No more pickle expansion at Nealon, build pickle at Burgess and save Nealon for Hillview!

First name

Annelies

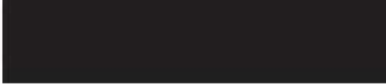
Last name

Ryckaert

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 2:23PM

Receipt number: 341

Related form version: 6

Share your input

- setting milestones for the Caltrain Quiet Zone Implementation Plan (after the community meeting later this month) - thank you!! I think that having a quiet zone would make Menlo Park even a nicer place to live.

First name

Jackie

Last name

Carozza

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 2:47PM

Receipt number: 342

Related form versions: 6

## Share your input

Although I live in Belle Haven, I need to go to the downtown area frequently because not much is on my side of 101. So it would be nice to have more of a balanced city. To have equal type, grocery stores and restaurants in the Belle haven area.

In the meantime, since I do need to go to the downtown area for grocery shopping and restaurants, I would like the parking lots fixed! Not only are the spots so small (& cars so big) and accidents can easily happen, there are so many potholes. It is, to me, undrivable.

To be honest, I would rather go to Redwood City or Palo Alto to go grocery shopping or to the restaurants.

First name Amy

Last name Robe

Email

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 2:56PM

Receipt number: 343

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

I am a Menlo Park resident. I'd like to request that the city keep the current tennis courts for residents and local schools before opening them up to folks from other cities. Please also consider having pickleball courts in new locations in the future. Our city has a lot of tennis players and it would be important to make sure they have access to the courts. Thanks.

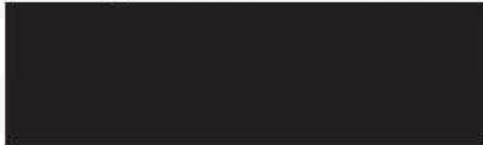
First name

Kevin

Last name

Lo

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 3:02PM

Receipt number: 344

Related form version: 6

Share your input

I would like there to be more tennis courts. Thank you

First name

Joshua

Last name

Bingham

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 3:10PM

Receipt number: 345

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Hello! Please don't convert the tennis courts to pickle ball courts in Nealon. It is already hard to get a court there. I play every week and so do my kids. My oldest plays with the Hillview program which is such a gift to the community. Pickle ball is great but I feel like there are already other courts where people go to play at. Taking away more tennis courts will significantly affect the availability to play tennis in Menlo Park. Thank you for your consideration.

First name: Maya

Last name: Herstein

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 3:16PM

Receipt number: 346

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

We need more tennis courts for the residents to play and please keep them at Nealon park. I am a resident and this is so important for my kids and me

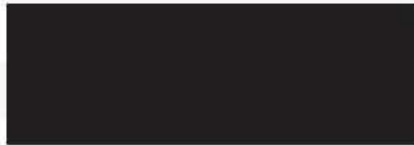
First name

Annu

Last name

Sial

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 3:32PM

Receipt number: 347

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

As a Menlo Park resident, parent of two kids in the MPCSD (including a 6th grader at Hillview), I strongly believe we should be prioritizing and investing in access to more tennis courts. There are currently not enough courts for residents to reliably be able to access. Add to that the importance of access for our public school students like the Hillview tennis team so they can have the same opportunities as other schools and districts. Pickle ball should not be expanded at the expense of tennis courts at Nealon Park. Pickle ball courts could be built at Burgess.

First name

Parisa

Last name

Sabeti

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 3:42PM

Receipt number: 348

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

We need more tennis courts, there are not enough for residents to play when they want one. No more pickle expansion at Nealon, build pickle at Burgess and save Nealon for Hillview.

First name

Steve

Last name

Smith

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 3:59PM

Receipt number: 349

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please make the Quiet Zone a priority in Menlo Park again this year and keep the project momentum going. To us, train horns mean painful levels of noise when we are walking in our neighborhood, or gardening, or enjoying nature, or entertaining outdoors, which we are so blessed to be able to enjoy. Also, train horns wake us and many Menlo Park residents multiple times during the night leading to potential health risks. Thank you for considering our request.

First name

Elizabeth & Marsden

Last name

Blois

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 4:05PM

Receipt number: 350

Related form version: 6

Share your input Train Quiet Zone and an Economic Development Director, please.

First name Alex

Last name Beltramo

Email

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 4:08PM

Receipt number: 351

Related form versions: 6

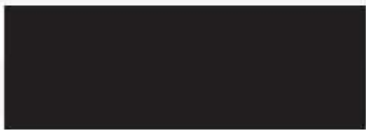
Share your input

- . Demand + Supply - need more pickleball courts or conversion from tennis to pickleball court space.
- . Community health- this hand-on sport has brought lots of people (old and young ) to see the sun

First name: Liling

Last name: Lampell

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 4:14PM

Receipt number: 352

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

We really need more courts devoted to Pickleball. So far there are long lines to play and often the tennis courts are completely empty. Can some more of the tennis courts at Nealon please be dedicated to Pickleball?

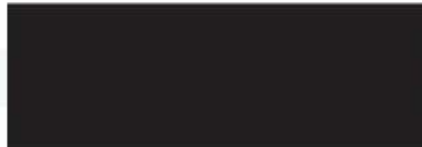
First name

Keyko

Last name

Pintz

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 4:59PM

Receipt number: 353

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

We need more tennis courts there are not enough for residents to play when they want one. No more pickle expansion at Nealon, build pickle at Burgess and save Nealon for Hillview.  
We're residents in Menlo Park.

First name

Araceli

Last name



Email



Phone





# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 5:03PM

Receipt number: 354

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

1. Updating the playground at Burgess - it's in sore need of an update and it's next to our other very good facilities so it sticks out.
2. Increasing Gymnastics program to allow more students. It's very difficult to get a spot in the classes and waitlists are incredibly long.
3. Connecting Alma to Middle Ave through the Stanford project. Please provide updates on the status of this project

First name

Ingrid

Last name

Lin

Email

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 5:03PM

Receipt number: 355

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Please put it more pickleball courts. 20 year resident. Play 3 times a week. Great community. Key need thank you.

First name

Erik

Last name

Olson

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 5:08PM

Receipt number: 356

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

**Saving the Tennis Courts at Nealon Park from being converted to pickle ball or being ruined by painting for dual use. They are the only viable option for running Hillview Team Tennis, and there are plenty of other places in MP to put pickle ball courts. As residents of Menlo Park and parents of a Hillview student, we ask you to look out for our kids and our schools.**

First name

Martin

Last name

Wellington

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 5:12PM

Receipt number: 357

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Please fund the train Quiet Zone for Menlo Park. This greatly impacts the quality of life for so many people in Menlo Park. The train horn Quiet Zone needs to be a priority due to the the serious problem with noise.

First name

Angel

Last name

Chen

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 7:10PM

Receipt number: 358

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

We need more tennis courts, there are not enough for residents to play when they want one. No more pickle expansion at Nealon, build pickle at Burgess and save Nealon for Hillview.

First name

TATIANA SCHIAVO

Last name

LETE

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 7:20PM

Receipt number: 359

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Please fund the train Quiet Zone for Menlo Park

First name

Michael

Last name

Hart

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 7:40PM

Receipt number: 360

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

As Menlo Park residents and a Hillview family, we love our tennis courts at Nealon! Please do not expand Pickleball at Nealon, and instead provide Menlo Park residents expanded Pickleball options at other city parks such as Burgess.

First name: Eric

Last name: Chang

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 7:46PM

Receipt number: 361

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

I am a Menlo Park resident and my school-going children play tennis - it is already quite challenging to find facilities at a convenient time and location that works for coaches and players alike. We need more tennis courts, there are not enough for residents to play when they want one. No more pickle expansion at Nealon, build pickle at Burgess and save Nealon for Hillview. I am shocked that the city is considering repurposing the limited tennis playing facilities we have available.

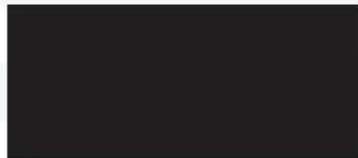
First name

Rajat

Last name

Bhatnagar

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 7:55PM

Receipt number: 362

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

We love love love tennis and have been playing for 4 generation. My son plays a lot of tennis - we live in the city of menlo park. Please keep tennis alive! gives kids and parents so much joy and happiness to play tennis.

First name

Sabina

Last name

Kroes

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 8:49PM

Receipt number: 363

Related form versions: 6

## Share your input

I'm a Menlo Park resident and believe we need more tennis courts at Nealon especially for the MP residents and Hillview tennis program. Converting more courts to pickle ball is confusing for tennis especially young and/or newer players. I have no problem with pickle ball courts but since many non-Menlo Park residents enjoy the MP facilities I don't think the MP residents should lose the tennis courts. Also, I've heard several people complain about the noise in the neighborhood and believe pickle ball courts would be more appropriate near Burgess where there are fewer homes. Thank you!

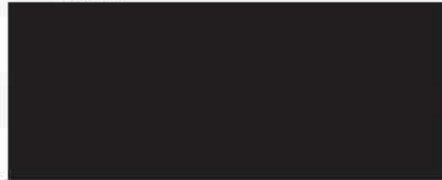
First name

Bridget

Last name

Brown

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 8:50PM

Receipt number: 364

Related form version: 6

Share your input

**Do not convert tennis courts into pickleball courts. It is very difficult to find an open tennis court. Please build more pickleball courts.**

First name

Brandon

Last name

Murdoch

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 10:07PM

Receipt number: 365

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Nealon Park Tennis Courts and the importance of keeping courts available for Hillview Middle School.

First name

Holly

Last name

Fleming

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 10:47PM

Receipt number: 366

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Tennis courts please. Add a pickle ball court at Burgess Park (but do not take away tennis courts). Instead consider removing one parking lot.

First name

Dolores

Last name

Bernardo

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 11:18PM

Receipt number: 367

Related form version: 6

Share your input

\* I have lived in Menlo Park 2-3 blocks from Nealon Park for nearly three decades.

\* We believe there is a strong need to increase the number of tennis courts, not reduce them.

\* There are a shortage of courts for residents to play when they want one.

\* No more pickle expansion at Nealon

\* Please bring pickle to Burgess and save Nealon for Hillview. The route from school is much safer for our students to commute after practice.

First name

Jenny

Last name

Sullivan

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 9 March 2023, 11:48PM

Receipt number: 368

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Dear City Council and Staff, thanks for all you've done in this year that is no doubt off to a hectic start due to the ongoing storms. I wanted to voice support for a few priorities — thank you for reading!

1. Create a playbook for disaster preparedness and response, which could apply whether the emergency is a storm/flood, earthquake, fire, etc, and consider:

- Shelter availability
- Coordination with emergency services, neighboring jurisdictions, utilities, transit agencies, CERT volunteers, and other community orgs who could be mobilized for on-the-ground response/outreach
- Environmental Justice as Bay-adjacent neighbors continue to bear the brunt of flooding and air quality impacts in particular
- Monitoring/prioritizing infrastructure improvements that improve resiliency

2. Create more sidewalks and protected bike lanes throughout the city:

- As new homes come online, nice sidewalks and protected bike lanes make it more enticing to get around without a car
- Helping people of all ages feel safe and comfortable ditching their cars is essential for reducing traffic (Sources on how protected bike lanes increase ridership: <https://www.peopleforbikes.org/statistics/economic-benefits>)

3. Create vibrancy downtown:

- Plan for homes and mixed-use development
- Especially given recent support for downtown outdoor space, consider a pedestrian mall. Study what works well in neighboring cities, and in Lancaster CA which found huge ROI from improvements: <https://www.cnu.org/what-we-do/build-great-places/lancaster-boulevard>

4. Continue to work towards housing goals. Reduce displacement of the ~50% of residents who rent. Encourage the development of family-size units so families don't have to choose between expanding their household and staying in the area.

Thank you again!

First name: Brittani

Last name: Baxter

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 10 March 2023, 12:38AM  
Receipt number: 370  
Related form versions: 6

Share your input

We all know the train horn is so loud and can be heard three blocks away in all directions. I live on Merrill Street just across from Caltrain's parking lot. The trains run south and north bound numerous times each day. The horn blows multiple times when the train is arriving and leaving at Oak Grove Ave., platform crossing, and Ravenswood Ave. Plus the freight trains run between and after Caltrain schedules. The quiet zone project will be everyone in this neighborhood' dream. Please don't delay!!!

First name: Marjorie

Last name: Ma

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 10 March 2023, 4:15AM

Receipt number: 371

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

I would like to advocate for creation of a Caltrain "quiet zone" through Menlo Park. Our home at 402 Encinal Ave. is directly next to the train track. The noise and pollution from the diesel engines of commuter and freight trains are, for now, an inescapable issue that hopefully will improve with electrification. But the heavy use of train horns and gate-crossing bells is an avoidable, deafening disruption to work, sleep, and family life. I am a parent of two young children, so I am highly mindful of the need to balance quiet with train safety. That said, I feel that this safety should be pursued through creative use of well-marked crossings, rather than indiscriminate use of high amplitude noise pollution..

First name: Matthew

Last name: Stevenson

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 10 March 2023, 8:40AM

Receipt number: 372

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Mayor Wolosin and City Councilmembers:

Thank you for this opportunity to share input on the city's priority setting process.

I urge you to take bold steps towards achieving the Climate Action Plan (CAP) goal of zero carbon emissions by 2030 (only a few years away!).

Most importantly I urge you to

1) Require electric or zero emissions models to be installed when any gas appliance is replaced in existing homes and buildings, effective January 1, 2024,

With financial assistance where needed,

With exemptions for technical infeasibility, and

Including broad community outreach as part of the process.

I also urge you to take other actions that are among the core 6 actions of the CAP, including

2) Continue the wonderful work the city has done to improve bike lanes, cyclist and pedestrian visibility, and to create mobility that relies less on cars while also strengthening the sense of community that we all love about Menlo Park.

3) Develop and implement adaptation measures that not only meet the increasing hazards we face due to climate change (heat waves and droughts, flooding, sea level rise) but that also restore and enrich our community and our connection to nature.

Thank you, all, so much for your leadership and dedication to serving the community in these extraordinary times!

First name

Linh Dan

Last name

Do

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 10 March 2023, 8:47AM

Receipt number: 373

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Menlo Park should be leading the way on this effort as a wealthy municipality in the Bay Area.

First name

Rebecca

Last name

Eliscu

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 10 March 2023, 8:51AM

Receipt number: 374

Related form version: 6

Share your input

Require electric or zero emissions models to be installed when any gas appliance is replaced in existing homes and buildings, effective January 1, 2024. I suggest that there be rebates or other financial assistance where needed and exemptions for technical infeasibility.

First name

Tara

Last name

Moran

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 10 March 2023, 10:30AM

Receipt number: 375

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

MP Train Quiet zone is my major priority. The train horns - frequency, duration and decibel level - are far and away the biggest drawback of living in Menlo Park. Addressing this with pragmatic solutions is an urgent priority.

First name

Liz

Last name

Berry

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 10 March 2023, 10:45AM  
Receipt number: 376  
Related form versions: 6

## Share your input

Hi, I am a resident in the Allied Arts neighborhood. I have been playing pickleball for almost two years. I have met so many wonderful people in the pickleball community and play at Nealon Park three to four days per week.

Every time I play, which is usually around 5 pm and on the weekends, the tennis courts directly next to the pickleball courts are usually empty. If there is someone playing it is usually singles and they don't play for very long.

Meanwhile the four pickleball courts are full and another 4 to 10 people are waiting. The amount of people waiting to play is consistent for several hours on any given night and weekend.

The Menlo Park pickleball community is known in the pickleball community as a court that is extremely friendly and welcoming to anyone who wants to play. High level players often play and encourage new players.

In order to meet the demand and future demand of Menlo Park pickleball, I ask that the City prioritize pickleball in the following ways:

1. Allow for mixed use tennis and pickleball on Nealon tennis court #4; and
2. Build new pickleball courts in Burgess Park and Flood Park.

Thank you.

First name Edward

Last name Kalgh

Email

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 10 March 2023, 11:06AM  
Receipt number: 377  
Related form versions: 6

## Share your input

1. I think the single most important priority the city should focus on is working to increase housing supply. The root of the housing affordability crisis is a lack of ample supply to meet our needs, often because our zoning code makes the construction of multi family housing where it is necessary infeasible or outright illegal. Menlo Park needs to seriously reconsider its zoning code to allow for more housing to be built, especially near transit and downtown.

2. Streamline approval of new units, especially developments with BMR units. Time and clarity are valuable, and the harder we make the approval process for new housing (via either delays, or by making it unclear what qualifies), the fewer developers will be willing to attempt new construction. We should revisit our zoning laws to make them clearer, so that what types of buildings are allowed and what qualifies for density bonuses is more easily discernible and fewer buildings require exemptions. Anything we can do here to lower construction costs could also help get more housing built. For example, I worry that our attempts at updating the downtown plan right now make the distinctions on which buildings qualify for a density bonus too unclear. If we want a more vibrant downtown with more housing, we should unconditionally increase the density we allow and unambiguously state the conditions developments need to hit to qualify.

I appreciate the cities outreach on prioritization!

First name: Michael

Last name: Arruza Cruz

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 10 March 2023, 11:15AM

Receipt number: 378

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

I am generally supportive, but have concerns about some communities in the county that have historically had electric power reliability issues. I would recommend to include language that stipulates if a neighborhood doesn't have adequate infrastructure to support 100% electric appliances, then they should be exempt until such infrastructure is in place until they do e.g., some coastal and farming communities have been without power for weeks at a time during the recent storms.

First name

Kelly

Last name

Battles

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 10 March 2023, 12:18PM  
Receipt number: 379  
Related form versions: 6

## Share your input

1. Access current civic engagement program to determine it's effectiveness. Add multi-lingual/multi-communication methods including but not limited to Weekly Digest flyers at libraries and a monthly mailed bi-lingual newsletter. Work with our 5 school districts serving Menlo Park to allow flyers/newsletters to be sent to residents through their communication methods or flyers sent to Menlo Park residents by students.
2. Develop a residential rental program to attract and maintain City of Menlo Park employees making 100% of AMI or below with rent no more than 30% of annual income. Work with apartment managers and owners to make available units that have been vacant for more than 90 days.
3. Revised Environmental Justice Element should be reviewed by MP-GCCT for comments prior to submission.

First name: Pamela

Last name: Jones

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 10 March 2023, 1:03PM

Receipt number: 380

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Dear Councilmembers,

1) The number one priority is immediately reducing greenhouse gas emissions and eliminating fossil fuel consumption. The city must ensure that all residents are educated about the importance of electrifying our homes, switching to electric vehicles (while reducing miles driven), sourcing our electricity from only renewable resources and moving towards micro-grids for reliability. The city must provide aggressive and actionable policy to require the transition, and leverage incentives, rebates, and programs make the switch easy and affordable for all residents. These actions will make the transition possible, timely and ensure equity.

2) Also critical is educating the community that the most healthy diet for individuals and our planet is one based on eating primarily plants.

First name: Nicole

Last name: Angiel

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 10 March 2023, 1:30PM

Receipt number: 381

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

MPPC has played a critical role in bringing the community together in a sport activity, particularly during the isolating period of Covid. Peter Diepenbrock and Brian Kissel have played pivotal roles in guiding and helping us to expand our resources as the club has grown expeditiously. There are 36.5 million pickleball players in our country today, and Menlo Park has seen a dramatic increase in court use in the last 5 years. Volunteers teach introductory classes, and bring out groups of new players to "try it out."

Pickleball has become America's fastest growing sport. Pickleball is inclusive for all ages and easy to learn. Pickleball players welcome anyone who wants to try the sport. Seasoned players will stop their game to invite an adult or young person who's never tried the sport, to join them and catch "the pickle ball fever." The club has been buoyed by the wonderful efforts of the Menlo Park Recreation Department and the City Council as we have sought to expand the number of courts available to our growing membership. It is time to expand court availability again.

Our proposal is that we designate Court 4, Nealon as a multi-court at Nealon. Court 4 would support 4 pickleball games during pickleball use hours, and support tennis usage during other hours. In addition, we understand that Burgess Park is a possible site for additional new dedicated Pickleball courts, and we strongly encourage you to move forward

.Our court usage estimates were compiled by many MP volunteers who logged "in use" time for pickleball vs. tennis courts. We believe that tennis players and pickleball players can exist in harmony, and given the explosive growth. Come and join us!

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Last name: Dressler

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# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 10 March 2023, 3:18PM

Receipt number: 382

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Share your input

The park protection ordinance has been on the table since 2021 and there seems to be strong support for it, yet the city council keeps kicking it down the path (no pun intended). As the population of Menlo Park grows with additional housing, we'll need more park space, not less, and the place to start is protecting what we currently have. I strongly encourage you to finalize and adopt the park ordinance ASAP.

First name

Edie

Last name

Goldberg

Email



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# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 10 March 2023, 3:22PM

Receipt number: 383

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

I appreciate that the Council has many competing priorities, but I hope you will continue to support the effort to implement a Quiet Zone along the train tracks. The frequent horn-blasting has significant negative effects on the quality of life and wellbeing of many who live and work here, and minimizing the noise would be beneficial to thousands of residents.

Thank you.

First name

JoAnne

Last name

Goldberg

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 10 March 2023, 3:49PM  
Receipt number: 384  
Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Dear Mayor Wolosin, Council Members, and City Staff,  
Thank you for the work you do to make Menlo Park a leader on sustainability and a wonderful place! Please prioritize the following items in the coming year:

- Climate Action, including Equitable Electrification to help transition off polluting fossil fuels as swiftly as possible;
- Environmental Justice, including elevating the needs of underinvested communities and prioritizing measures to address inequities;
- Sustainable Transportation, including building out the bicycle and pedestrian network to create safe streets for a livable city; and
- Housing, including approving and enabling new housing units, especially as infill development.

Menlo Spark supports the priorities and comments submitted by the 350SV Menlo Park Climate Team and Menlo Together.

Thank you for this opportunity to share input.  
Sincerely,  
Diane Bailey

First name: Diane

Last name: Bailey

Email: [Redacted]

Phone: [Redacted]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 10 March 2023, 4:08PM

Receipt number: 385

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

There are four main priorities I would like to see our city focus on over the coming year:

## 1) Climate Action Plan

- Adopt existing building reach codes for electrification
- Remove exemptions for new construction reach codes
- More public EV chargers
- Track 9 CAP metrics on quarterly basis to track progress
- Streamline permitting and inspection processes
- Hire for open staff positions

## 2) Increase City Vibrancy

- Increase safe walking/biking routes
- Infill housing near services
- Tenant protections
- Activities that support a thriving downtown: outdoor dining, more restaurants & shops, and city-wide celebrations like the summer concerts in the park and art festivals.
- Bring services to historically underserved parts of our community (Belle Haven).

## 3) Trees

- Plant trees in Belle Haven
- Set aside time/money to create an Urban Forest master Plan

## 4) Public/Private Partnerships

- Find a way for the city to leverage the experience, creativity, care, and resources of our community to solve our most pressing problems. I see many people and organizations who want to help but there isn't an obvious way to plug into, leverage, and supplement, the city's efforts.
- As one example, the Outreach Subcommittee of the EQC, working as private citizens, held its first two Community Collaboration Sessions in community libraries. We were then told the library space wouldn't be available to us, even though we are working toward reducing the impact of climate change which is a priority for council, staff, and our community.
- I imagine there may be other partnerships that could be stronger between the city and the community, like MPC Ready, Menlo Spark, and BlocPower to name a few.

Thank you!

First name

Nancy Larocca

Last name

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# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 10 March 2023, 4:15PM

Receipt number: 386

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please prioritize making Menlo Park a Quiet Zone. As someone who works from home, the train horns are a disturbance - particularly during video meetings. In addition, train horns late at night have disrupted my sleep on many an occasion.

First name: Jeff

Last name: Abramowitz

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# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 10 March 2023, 4:46PM

Receipt number: 387

Related form version: 6

Share your input

I am the President of the Marquis Homeowners Association in Menlo Park. I represent the 24 homeowners who live in the recently constructed homes on the corner of Encinal Avenue and Garwood Way

I am writing to urge Council to add to the City's 2023-2024 priorities a continuing evaluation of a train quiet zone at the Encinal Avenue grade crossing.

An evaluation of a quiet zone at these locations is critical at this time for three reasons:

1. Caltrain's horn blasts throughout the day are disruptive to the residents working from home
2. Atherton currently has a quiet zone established at the Fair Oaks grade crossing. The Town of Atherton will be partnering with Caltrain to establish a second quiet zone at the Watkins grade crossing. By adding a quiet zone at Encinal, trains passing through Menlo Park would not be required to sound its horn for approximately one mile between Fair Oaks and Encinal, thus significantly improving quality of life for all local residents.
3. The Encinal Avenue quiet zone is synergistic with the grade separation project in Menlo Park. All trains would return to grade level at Encinal Avenue regardless of the two different grade separation options currently being studied (i.e., a fully elevated platform or the hybrid alternative "Option C"). Because the Encinal Avenue crossing is not part of the future grade separation, any investment in evaluating and developing a quiet zone at Encinal Avenue would not be duplicative with the City's future grade separation project. For example, any required modification to the Encinal Avenue grade crossing to comply with Federal Railroad Administration quiet zone requirements would remain and not torn out as a result of future grade separation projects at other Menlo Park crossings.

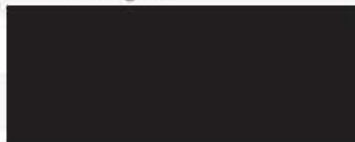
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# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 10 March 2023, 5:32PM

Receipt number: 388

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

I support the priorities outlined in the letter submitted by Menlo Together on March 10th via email. The following is my personal expression of those priorities.

Climate and Equity are the high-level priorities, and they include Housing and Sustainable Transportation.

- Deeply Affordable Housing west of 101, especially for populations most in need
  - o Put high priority on streamlining city processes to support housing at the Flood site. Create a rapid response path for that project.
  - o Increase commercial impact fees and identify additional sources of funding for affordable housing projects.
- Enact strong and effective Anti-Displacement measures, including preventing displacement caused by renovations (such as electrification) and code enforcement.
- Move forward expeditiously with building electrification, and sustainable transportation infrastructure. Consider commissioning an analysis of racial equity impacts (as we did regarding Measure V, and which took less than a month) of proposed programs to assist us in designing for racial equity.
- To address the climate and housing crises at the same time, we must dramatically increase housing density near El Camino – through aggressive planning for deeply affordable housing on city-owned parking lots, and zoning changes to increase building height limits and remove development constraints.

Thank you for your consideration and hard work!

First name: Karen

Last name: Grove

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 10 March 2023, 5:40PM  
Receipt number: 389  
Related form version: 6

## Share your input

I would like Menlo Park Council to prioritize programs and policies that support a more diverse, vibrant, and welcoming community.

Primarily, the City Council should focus on improving housing equity and environmental justice.

To that end, I support the creation of policies and programs that respond to the needs expressed by our underserved communities of Belle Haven and Bayfront communities in the EJE and SE feedback.

In addition, I encourage City Council to:

- Initiate and advance policies and programs that acknowledge the interrelationship of housing, climate, and transportation elements and that support the most equitable and climate-positive outcomes.
- Support abundant, distributed housing options for residents of all incomes and abilities, especially in high-resource areas. We've seen some great proposals for the SRI and Flood School sites--let's get those homes built!
- Support climate-positive action through street design, parking, and transportation infrastructure policies and programs that reduce car dependency.
- Create safer streets by prioritizing pedestrian and bicyclist safety and expediency over car travel.
- Implement Anti-Displacement Policies that protect the city's most at-risk residents, including protections for the large minority of residents who are tenants. Some excellent recommendations were provided in feedback on the Housing Element and Environmental Justice Element by local housing advocates and anti-displacement coalitions.

Thank you!

First name: Katherine

Last name: Dumont

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Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 10 March 2023, 6:30PM

Receipt number: 390

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Hi,

I am a 25 year resident of Menlo Park and have 3 children in the Menlo Park school system. We are frequent users of Nealon Park and we play tennis and pickleball. Please do not take any additional tennis courts away for pickleball. Please provide more courts in Menlo Park overall, not less, and please don't penalize tennis players to accommodate pickleball. Pickleball is fun and popular and deserves more facilities, but tennis is also fun and popular and does not deserve less facilities. Nealon Park is heavily used for tennis and it was a big loss when tennis effectively lost 1 of the 5 courts.

First name

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# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 10 March 2023, 10:11PM

Receipt number: 391

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

- Adopt policies and create programs that will put the City on track to meet the goal of achieving net-zero GHG emissions by 2030, as outlined in the Climate Action Plan
- Create or participate in programs to reduce, and eventually eliminate, the use of single-use plastics
- Prioritize the needs of underserved communities

First name: John

Last name: McKenna

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities



Submission date: 10 March 2023, 11:12PM

Receipt number: 392

Related form versions: 6

Share your input

Please continue to support the need for a Quiet Zone in MP with regard to the CalTrain horns. I hear them two blocks away, imagine what it is like in a house that backs up to the tracks? Noise is yet another form of pollution that is causing harm to our society and here we have one way to help control that. Thank you for your consideration.

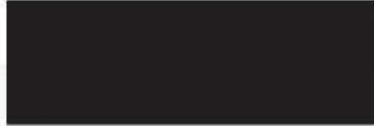
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Significant City Council-directed projects or items requiring allocation of staff time			
Dept/division	Short description	Category/theme	Master plan/direction
ASD/Finance	Improve efficiency and workflow of capital asset tracking systems through automation	efficient operations /software	IT Master Plan
ASD/Finance	Implement Finance Division process improvements including OpenGov, filing/monitoring system, and automated printing of budget book	efficient operations / software	IT Master Plan
ASD/HR	Negotiate MOUs with labor groups and consider update to Personnel Rules/Manual	workforce	IT Master Plan
ASD/HR	Implement and fully utilize the HRIS system to provide better employee access to information	efficient operations / software	IT Master Plan
ASD/IT	Evaluate creation of a five-year IT Master Plan and submit IT projects for the fiscal year 2023-24 budget	master planning	IT Master Plan
ASD/IT	Implement Office 365	efficient operations / software	IT Master Plan
CDD	Recruit for seven open positions and provide professional development opportunities	recruitment, training	City Council direction, July 2021
CDD	Begin implementation of Housing Element components, including updates to Environmental Justice and Safety Elements, zoning changes, and more	policy, administration	Housing Element, Jan 2023
CDD	Improve public communication for development projects	public engagement	IT Master Plan
CDD	Refine and enhance electronic permitting processes	efficient operations / software, climate action	IT Master Plan
CDD	Process development projects including large projects like SRI Parkline review and Willow Village infrastructure permits	development projects	City Council direction, Dec 2022
CMO	Launch volunteer program for emergency preparedness	volunteers, emergency preparedness	City Council direction, Jan 2023
CMO	Review and enhance emergency preparedness as an organization	emergency preparedness	City Council direction, Jan 2023
CMO	Review and enhance public communications	public engagement	City Council direction, Jan 2023
CMO	Implement Streetary outdoor dining program	economic development	City Council direction, Jan 2022
CMO	Support economic development with communications to business community	economic development	City Council direction, Dec 2021
CMO	Launch Civics 101 Academy	public engagement	
CMO	Enhance emergency communications	emergency preparedness, public engagement	City Council direction, Jan 2023
CMO	Implement a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiative in collaborating with regional partners	DEI	City Council direction, Dec 2021
CMO	Promote electrification - Reach Codes 2.0	climate action CAP 1	Climate Action Plan
CMO	Promote electrification - \$4.5M grant from State of CA	climate action CAP 1	Climate Action Plan
CMO	Promote electrification - create public education program	climate action CAP 1	Climate Action Plan
CMO	Eliminate fossil fuels - implement EV charging plan at city facilities	climate action CAP 5	Climate Action Plan
CMO	Eliminate fossil fuels - replace water heaters at city facilities	climate action CAP 5	Climate Action Plan
CMO	Eliminate fossil fuels - explore Burgess pool electrification and microgrid at civic center	climate action CAP 5	Climate Action Plan
CMO	Adopt and implement zero emission landscape equipment (ZELE) ordinance	environmental policy	City Council direction, Oct 2022



**Significant City Council-directed projects or items requiring allocation of staff time**

Dept/division	Short description	Category/theme	Master plan/direction
CMO	Support community efforts on climate action	climate action	City Council direction, Aug 2021
LCS	Implement Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging policies and practices	DEI	LCS Strategic Plan
LCS	Prepare for opening of programs at the Menlo Park Community Campus	MPCC	LCS Strategic Plan
LCS	Complete agreement with new aquatics operator at Burgess and MPCC pool	MPCC	LCS Strategic Plan
LCS	Develop focused addendum to Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan (2019) to include significant new community needs like pickleball and the MPCC project	master planning	LCS Strategic Plan
LCS	Implement a customer satisfaction feedback system	efficient operations / software	LCS Strategic Plan
LCS	Maintain emergency preparedness capabilities and update emergency procedures and continuity of service plan	emergency preparedness	LCS Strategic Plan
LCS	Increase enrollment at the Belle Haven Child Development Center and Menlo Children's Center preschools to full capacity	public engagement	LCS Strategic Plan
LCS	Implement new recreation registration management software	efficient operations / software	IT Master Plan
LCS	Support renovation and recreational programming at Willow Oaks Park	capital project	LCS Strategic Plan
PD	Plan alternative enforcement strategy for code violations, parking, and administrative citations	service delivery change	IT Master Plan
PD	Start transparency program with the Police-Community Advisory Roundtable	public engagement	
PD	Offer community academies in other languages	public engagement	LCS Strategic Plan
PD	Redesign annual report and update public information and data dashboard	public engagement	IT Master Plan
PD	Compliance plan and strategy for new legislation	policy	State legislation
PD	Hire emergency preparedness staff person; expand leadership development and training	emergency preparedness, recruitment, training	City Council direction
PW	Complete construction of MPCC and clean energy infrastructure (microgrid) in collaboration with Meta	MPCC	CIP, Climate Action Plan
PW	Continue to advance efforts to plan, fund and construct resiliency projects, such as SAFER Bay	capital project (resilience)	CIP
PW	Operate, maintain and improve the City's infrastructure to serve community needs	capital project	CIP
PW	Advance transportation priorities according to the goals of the Transportation Master Plan, with an emphasis on safety projects including the Middle Avenue pedestrian and bicycle rail crossing, Willow Road and Newbridge Street pedestrian and bicycle improvements, El Camino Real pedestrian crossings, and the Caltrain quiet zone implementation study	capital project (safe streets)	Transportation Master Plan
PW	Continue to reduce the capital project backlog, beginning construction on Willow Oaks Park improvements, Ravenswood Avenue resurfacing, Sharon Road sidewalks, Haven Avenue streetscape improvements, and a new roof for a water storage reservoir	capital project (mostly streets/sidewalks)	CIP

Significant City Council-directed projects or items requiring allocation of staff time

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Short description

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ASD - Administrative Services Department  
CMO - City Manager's Office  
CD - Community Development Department  
PD - Police Department  
PW - Public Works  
LCS - Library and Community Services  
HR - Human Resources  
IT - Informational Technology

2021 Adopted priorities, work plan items, and 2021-current new requests				
Name	Project overview	Current status	Current update	Type
Reimagining public safety	City Council established a Re-imagining Public Safety Subcommittee, composed of Vice Mayor Wolosin, City Councilmember Taylor, the city manager, and the police chief. An academic, Dr. Terri Givens, was added to the team to facilitate public discussion on policing. Focus groups will be held to generate public feedback on policing, the department will conduct public presentations to increase transparency, and a Community and Police Advisory Team will be established to provide the department with a resource for public feedback and collaboration.	In progress	The Department has launched an initiative to provide a series of short videos from our officers helping to answer some of the lingering questions from the Safe Space Town Hall, so that our personnel can help the public with these areas of curiosity. The department has also begun arranging the program and schedule for a Community Police Academy, to begin in January 2023, and the first of no less than 5 transparency sessions on policing. The Department has already made substantive changes to the Compliment/Complaint page online, making reporting easier for the end-user, and is exploring a program to boost the community's confidence and comfort with making reports. The Department has also added software to assist us in accountability and public feedback. Some residents will receive text-message surveys after non-traumatic calls for service, requesting feedback on the call-takers and initial responders. The initial roll-out has shown a response rate of over 50% (very high for surveys) and an initial positivity rate for the reviews of over 90%. Positive reviews are shared with all department members in near real time. The Department beginning to form the Community-Police Advisory Roundtable Group.	2021 Adopted priority
CAP #1 - Explore policy/program options to convert 95% of existing buildings to all-electric by 2030	Achieve the following milestones to project completion: 1. May 2021: Complete cost effectiveness analysis on various policy/program pathways toward achieving 95% electrification by 2030. 2. June 2021: Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) provides advice to City Council on cost effectiveness analysis and potential pathways to achieve electrification goals for existing buildings. 3. July/August 2021: City Council reviews policy/program options and EQC recommendations and directs staff on next steps.	In progress	Staff is working with the City Council CAP 1-5 subcommittee (Mayor Nash and Vice Mayor Wolosin) on various recommendations from staff, EQC, and Bay Area Reach Code Initiative to consider which measures to present at a City Council study session in early 2023. Staff is also exploring modifications to the Zoning Ordinance that would allow intrusion of electric equipment in garage space and setback areas up to an allowable amount.	2021 Adopted priority
2022 housing element and related zoning code updates and documents	Housing Elements are housing plans that are one part of the General Plan – a guide to all the ways each city, town or county is planned and managed, from our roads and sidewalks to our parks and neighborhoods. With an update required every eight years by the State of California, this Housing Element update will create a foundation for all the policies and programs related to housing.	In progress	The Planning Commission conducted a public hearing to receive comments on the Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report and a study session to introduce the concepts for the potential zoning ordinance amendments at their November 14 and December 1, 2022 meetings. The City Council conducted a study session to provide direction regarding revisions to the draft Housing Element in response to comments from the State Department of Housing and Community Development and potential zoning ordinance amendments at their December 6 and 22, 2022 meetings. Based upon guidance from the City Council, staff has been working to advance adoption of the Housing Element separately from the implementation zoning programs. Drafts of the EJ Element and Safety Element update were released on December 12, 2022. On January 12, 2023, the Planning Commission and Housing Commission recommended adoption of the Housing Element with modifications to several programs. The recommendations of the two Commissions will be presented to the City Council for action on January 31, 2023. Two community meetings on the draft EJ Element and Safety Element are scheduled for February 9 (in English) and February 10 (in Spanish) at the Belle Haven Branch Library.	2021 Adopted priority
ConnectMenlo community amenities list update	Review community amenities procedures and update community amenity list associated with bonus level developments in the Bayfront Area.	In progress	The City Council Subcommittee prepared an updated list and shared it in June 2022. The updated list will be scheduled for City Council action early in 2023. Staff has begun the process of updating the procedures.	2021 Adopted priority
Menlo Park Community Campus building	In December 2019, the City Council received a proposal from Facebook Inc. proposing to explore funding and development of a new multi-generational community center and library located in Menlo Park's Belle Haven neighborhood, replacing the existing community center, senior center, youth center, pool house, and library facilities. Identified as a City Council priority on January 28, 2020, this project would deliver the City's funding contribution to the project.	In progress	The MPCC project construction began in November 2021 and most of the construction is on schedule to be completed by March 2023. Unprecedented supply chain issues continue to impact the timely availability of critically important infrastructure, equipment, and materials, and there are confirmed supply chain delays with critical electrical infrastructure equipment which has shifted the overall project's completion timeline by several months to 2024. City Council will receive an informational report with additional project updates on January 24, 2023.	2021 Adopted priority
Caltrain rail corridor quiet zone analysis	This study would fund a review of grade crossing improvements needed to consider a quiet zone along the Caltrain corridor at the Encinal, Glenwood, Oak Grove and Ravenswood Avenue crossings.	In progress	The consultant began work on the quiet zone study, identifying existing conditions, conducting risk analysis, and beginning to develop improvement options for the several crossings. Coordination with the California Public Utilities Commission on options is underway, including a site diagnostic meeting held December 13, 2022.	2021 Adopted priority
CAP #4 - Middle Avenue rail crossing and complete street	This project would provide a grade-separated crossing through the Caltrain railway to create a pedestrian/ bicycle connection near Middle Avenue, between Alma Street near Burgess Park and El Camino Real at the proposed open space plaza as identified in the El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan. The project would develop detailed design plans and construct the project. As part of the terms of the development agreement for Middle Plaza at 500 El Camino Real, Stanford University is required to make a contribution towards the cost of the project, 50 percent of the cost, up to \$5,000,000. In May 2020, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors also allocated \$1,000,000 in funds for this project through the Stanford University recreation mitigation fund established during the 2000 General Use Permit approvals.	In progress	For the undercrossing, staff continued to coordinate with Caltrain on design and construction approach. Staff pursued grant opportunities, including likely award of \$4m in federal community project funding and the regional One Bay Area grant program. For the complete streets project, staff conducted public outreach and developed concept designs for multiple improvement options. These were presented to the Complete Streets Commission in mid-2022 and City Council in September and October 2022. Staff are working on bringing forward actions for City Council to finalize the preferred design on February 14, 2023. The City received a grant from the SMCTA Measure A & W Pedestrian & Bicycle Program to fund final design and construction of the complete streets project.	2021 Adopted priority

2021 Adopted priorities, work plan items, and 2021-current new requests

Name	Project overview	Current status	Current update	Type
CAP #3 - Expand access to electric vehicle (EV) charging for multifamily and commercial properties	Resources will be used to monitor the effectiveness of state and regional charging infrastructure incentives, and the City will promote/market the incentives to multifamily property owners using existing databases and communication mediums. In addition, \$5,000 to \$10,000 in additional incentives will be allocated to further motivate at least two multifamily property owners with existing units/buildings to install electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure.	In progress	Staff is recommending increases to EV charging requirements as part of Phase 1 (November 2022) and Phase 2 (early 2023) reach codes proposals	2021 Adopted work plan
CAP #4 - Reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) by 25% or an amount recommended by the Complete Streets Commission	Resources will be used to focus on current work underway that would reduce VMT that includes the SB2 Housing grant, completion of the Transportation Management Association feasibility study, and implementation of VMT guidelines for new development adopted in June 2020. In addition, the Complete the Streets Commission's work plan includes prioritizing projects in the Transportation Master Plan that would reduce VMT. The Complete Streets Commission two-year work plan will be amended to include a future work effort to set a VMT reduction target in 2022 dependent upon staff resourcing to support this effort, provided it does not impact delivery of capital projects planned for the same timeframe.	In progress	The Complete Streets Commission Multimodal Metrics subcommittee reported out on work develop multimodal metrics in March 2022. Subcommittee priorities included safety, multimodal network connectivity, and tracking the status of Transportation Master Plan projects. Safety and connectivity metrics were identified in part to help demonstrate implementation of vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reduction strategies by providing a transportation network that enables travel by non-automobile modes of travel.	2021 Adopted work plan
CAP #4a - Transportation management association (TMA) formation	The goal of a TMA is to coordinate logistics and TDM services amongst multiple member businesses. Instead of an individual business providing TDM services for their employees, a TMA allows multiple businesses to share TDM resources. TDM services may not be cost-effective and well-utilized at individual businesses, so a TMA creates cost-efficiency and a shared burden amongst everyone, allowing smaller businesses to access some services that they would normally not be affordable.	In progress	The City officially joined commute.org. Staff are continuing to coordinate with Manzanita Works.	2021 Adopted work plan
CAP #5 - Eliminate the use of fossil fuels from municipal operations	Utilize current resources and available budget toward eliminating fossil fuels in building the new Menlo Park Community Campus. In addition, if there are fossil fuel appliances or assets at the end of its life, a non-fossil fuel option as a replacement will be the default unless infeasible. Additional appropriations may be required for non-fossil fuel assets or appliances that have a cost premium. Specifically in 2021-22, the City will focus on expanding a pilot program to transition landscaping equipment from gas to electric. In future years, as City contractor agreements are procured, the City will incorporate a request for landscaping equipment as well. A Sustainable Fleet Policy was adopted in 2020. There will be additional opportunities for comprehensive non-fossil fuel asset or appliance replacement planning through the upcoming Corporation Yard Needs Assessment and Facilities Inventory and Maintenance Plan, which were funded in 2021-22 capital improvement plan.	In progress	City Council approved the purchase of electric vehicles and equipment in October. Staff is working with Optony Inc to finalize a roadmap for city operations to be carbon neutral by 2030. An electric vehicle charging master plan for employees and fleet is underway. The Tesla police patrol pilot was also kicked off in October.	2021 Adopted work plan
CAP #6 - Develop a climate adaptation plan to protect the community from sea level rise and flooding	Continue to participate in and monitor One Shoreline, a flood and sea level rise resiliency district, that was formed to support planning and mitigation measures for coastal erosion, sea level rise, and flooding threats up to 2100. Menlo Park is a member of this agency and pays dues annually through funds provided in the capital improvement plan. This work covers Menlo Park's neighborhoods adjacent to the bay and creeks. In February 2021, One Shoreline's board of directors authorized the Bayfront Canal and Atherton Channel Flood Protection and Ecosystem Restoration project to go out to bid. Bidding is currently underway for pre-qualified bidders and construction is expected to begin in mid-2021. Resources will be utilized to continue to actively work with neighboring communities and other agencies to close gaps not addressed by the above projects and seek further funding.	In progress	The recruitment for a management analyst in the Sustainability Division to support this work is underway.	2021 Adopted work plan

2021 Adopted priorities, work plan items, and 2021-current new requests

Name	Project overview	Current status	Current update	Type
CAP #6a - Menlo Park SAFER Bay implementation	This project provides funds to support the staff time needed to continue to implement SAFER Bay. In September 2020, PG&E approached the City about partnering on a FEMA grant opportunity to address sea level rise impacting the Ravenswood Electrical Substation consistent with the SAFER Bay project and the recently completed Dumbarton Bridge West Approach + Adjacent Communities Resilience Study. Following initial coordination, the City, SFCJPA and PG&E also reached out Facebook to consider providing additional funding to expand the project. The FEMA grant is a program offering up to \$50 million per project to reduce risks from disasters and natural hazards. The City Council authorized a letter of support for the application on November 17, 2020. PG&E, the SFCJPA, Facebook and the City collaborated on the required documentation for a Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) application, which was submitted to CalOES by December 3, 2020. Cal OES submitted the grant application for FEMA consideration on January 27. FEMA notified the City in summer 2021 of potential award.	In progress	Staff is awaiting FEMA review of the application to formalize the award of funding.	2021 Adopted work plan
Caltrain grade separation	The existing Ravenswood Avenue Caltrain crossing is a critical rail crossing within Menlo Park. It is within the El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan Area and falls within the City's Priority Development Area. The project would fund the additional scope of work requested by the City Council in 2018 to evaluate a fully elevated alternative and advance engineering design of a chosen preferred alternative.	In progress	Project has been restarted. Consultant is identifying potential fully elevated alternatives for Council's consideration in early 2023.	2021 Adopted work plan
Coleman and Ringwood Avenues Transportation Study	Joint project with San Mateo County to evaluate traffic calming and multimodal safety improvement options for Coleman and Ringwood Avenues.	In progress	Consultant and staff completed the first round of project outreach and an existing conditions report. 2021 Adopted work plan	2021 Adopted work plan
Request for future agenda item to add the identification of parks to the municipal code	Requested by the City Council on October 23, 2021.	In progress	On tentative agenda.	New City Council request/direction
Adopt wireless facility ordinance	Staff requested City Council direction on November 16, 2021 to return with an ordinance for adoption.	In progress		New City Council request/direction
Provide direction on restarting the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program	Requested by the City Council on November 16, 2021.	In progress	Staff presented to the Complete Streets Commission and received feedback on potential updates to the NTMP. Staff anticipates bringing an update to the City Council as time allows.	New City Council request/direction
Adopt SB9 regulations	Staff requested City Council direction on December 14, 2021 to return with ordinance updates to respond to recent state housing legislation (SB9).	In progress	Staff conducted a study session with the Planning Commission on July 25, 2022. On January 9, 2023, the Planning Commission reviewed the draft SB 9 ordinance and voted to recommend that the City Council approve the proposed amendments to Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances in the Municipal Code with several modifications. The City Council is anticipated to review and take action on the draft ordinance in February 2023.	New City Council request/direction
Develop permanent design guidelines and permitting process for downtown outdoor uses	Staff requested City Council direction on January 25, 2022.	In progress	Staff has reviewed nearby jurisdictions' parklet and sidewalk cafe standards and is in the process of drafting standards, the review process and submittal guidelines for an outdoor parklet program, which is anticipated to be reviewed by the City Council in the first quarter of 2023.	New City Council request/direction
Study session or update on Willow Road transportation projects (to confirm)	Requested by the City Council on April 19, 2022.	In progress	Staff continues to advance the Belle Haven Traffic Calming Plan with implementation expected in early 2023. Staff is coordinating with Caltrans on ongoing Willow Road resurfacing project and potential pedestrian and bicycle safety enhancements. Staff submitted a State Active Transportation Program grant application in summer 2022, but was not awarded funding. Staff is exploring other funding opportunities for this project.	New City Council request/direction
Study session on water	Requested by the City Council on May 24, 2022.	In progress		New City Council request/direction
Provide direction on guidelines, regulations and restrictions for impact fees	Requested by the City Council on January 15, 2022.	On hold-capacity		New City Council request/direction
Reimagining downtown	Project scope has yet to be established. Requires City Council direction.	On hold-capacity		2021 Adopted priority
Study session on the Bay-Delta Plan	Requested by the City Council during adoption of the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan on May 25, 2021.	On hold-capacity		New City Council request/direction
Follow up on parks projects and Measure T funds	Requested by City Council on August 17, 2021.	On hold-capacity		New City Council request/direction
Racial equity - NLC REAL program and baseline project	Created in 2015 in the wake of social unrest in Ferguson, Missouri, NLC's Race, Equity And Leadership (REAL) program helps to empower and equip local officials with tools to address racial disparities in their communities. As local leaders look to reimagine government policies, procedures, and processes to build more equitable communities, REAL is available to help cities and towns learn the impact of historical inequities and design programs that dismantle structural and system racism. REAL provides training with local elected officials and municipal staff, seminars for municipal staff and local elected officials, customized training to match city needs.	On hold-capacity		2021 Adopted work plan

2021 Adopted priorities, work plan items, and 2021-current new requests				
Name	Project overview	Current status	Current update	Type
Public health advocacy (COVID-19, mental health)	Project scope has yet to be established. Requires City Council direction.	On hold-capacity		2021 Adopted work plan
Willow Road traffic calming	Project scope has yet to be established. Requires City Council direction.	On hold-pending direction		2021 Adopted work plan
Follow up on Springline traffic	Requested by the City Council on December 7, 2021.	Future item		New City Council request/direction
Update the City Council mission statement to include a definition of equity	Requested by the City Council on April 19, 2022	Future item		New City Council request/direction
Study session on shoreline flooding and sea level rise projects	Requested by the City Council on May 10, 2022.	Future item		New City Council request/direction
Flag policy	Requested by City Councilmember Taylor on June 14, 2022.	Future item		New City Council request/direction
Reconsider prevailing wage requirements in BLOC Power agreement	Requested by the City Council on July 12, 2022.	Future item		New City Council request/direction
Enhanced maintenance on Willow Road near U.S. Highway 101 interchange	Requested by the City Council on July 12, 2022.	Future item		New City Council request/direction
Marquee or signage alerting people of activities around town	Requested by the City Council on August 9, 2022.	Future item		New City Council request/direction
When electrification revenue forfeiture reaches \$150,000 the master fee schedule is returned to the City Council	Requested by the City Council on August 23, 2022.	Future item		New City Council request/direction
Evaluate purchasing a new senior shuttle vehicle as part of the 2023 fleet purchase	Requested by the City Council on October 11, 2022.	Future item		New City Council request/direction
Follow up on the selected construction method for Chilco Street median islands	Requested by the City Council on September 21, 2021. City manager reported on October 23, 2021 regarding the outreach conducted, that a two-week roadway closure to allow construction was selected, and that construction was to be delayed until spring 2022.	Completed		New City Council request/direction
Follow up on pedestrian safety measures in the Bayfront area in response to development	Requested by the City Council on October 23, 2021.	Completed		New City Council request/direction
Study session on leaf blower restriction ordinance (enforcement, trade-in program, education)	Requested by the City Council on November 16, 2021.	Completed	Staff presented a zero emissions landscape equipment ordinance proposal on October 18, 2022.	New City Council request/direction
Annual update on the status of City's annex plan to the San Mateo County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan	Requested by the City Council on November 16, 2021.	Completed	Annual update was provided at the October 11, 2022 City Council meeting.	New City Council request/direction
Follow up on Sharon Rd/Eastridge Ave safety, if action or budget required by the City Council	Requested by the City Council on December 7, 2021.	Completed		New City Council request/direction
Redistricting	Every ten years, local governments use new census data to redraw their district lines to reflect how local populations have changed. Assembly Bill 849 (2019) requires cities and counties to engage communities in the redistricting process by holding public hearings and/or workshops and doing public outreach, including to non- English-speaking communities.	Completed	The Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) adopted the updated District map on April 14, 2022 and the IRC Chair presented that map to the City Council on April 26, 2022. At the April 26, 2022 meeting, the City Council unanimously adopted a resolution affirming the IRC's Redistricting Plan and the new City Council district boundaries set forth in Map 131.1 as adopted by the IRC. The new District map was used for November 8, 2022 election.	2021 Adopted priority
CAP #2 - Set citywide goal for increasing EVs and decreasing gasoline sales	Defer implementation to the Beyond Gasoline Initiative (BGI) under Joint Venture Silicon Valley. Staff will continue to work with BGI within current staff capacity using existing communication mediums to promote and market information from BGI.	Completed		2021 Adopted work plan