



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** 2/14/2023  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Locations:** Teleconference and  
City Council Chambers  
751 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

**Regular Session**

**A. Call To Order**

Mayor Wolosin called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**B. Roll Call**

**Present:** Combs, Doerr, Nash, Taylor, Wolosin  
**Absent:** None  
**Staff:** City Manager Justin I. C. Murphy, City Attorney Nira F. Doherty, Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk Judi A. Herren

**C. Agenda Review**

Staff pulled item G4.

The City Council pulled item G6.

**D. Report from Closed Session**

No reportable action.

**E. Public Comment**

- Kristen Gracia introduced themselves as the School District Superintendent.
- JT Faraji spoke on concerns related to policing and harassment.
- Eduardo Deras-Nava spoke on concerns related to policing and harassment.

**F. Presentations and Proclamations**

**F1. Proclamation: Black History Month**

Mayor Wolosin read the proclamation (Attachment).

**F2. Presentation: Youth Poster Exhibition: "What Black History Means to Me"**

Library and Community Services Director Sean Reinhart and Library and Community Services Supervisor Natalia Jones made the presentation (Attachment).

## **G. Consent Calendar**

- G1. Accept the City Council meeting minutes for January 10 and 24, 2023 (Attachment)
- G2. Adopt a resolution to continue conducting the City's Council and advisory body meetings remotely due to health and safety concerns for the public and to authorize the use of hybrid meetings (Staff Report #23-025-CC)
- G3. Authorize the city manager to execute the first amendment to the funding agreement with the Bohannon Development Company and adopt a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute deeds and easements for the Chrysler Pump Station (Staff Report #23-026-CC)
- G4. Adopt a resolution supporting the City's shuttle program for application for the San Mateo County Shuttle Program fiscal year 2023-24 and 2024-25 and authorize the city manager to enter into funding agreements (Staff Report #23-027-CC)

Vice Mayor Taylor was recused and exited the meeting.

Staff provided an update on the resolution language and continued the item to the February 28 City Council meeting.

Vice Mayor Taylor rejoined the meeting.

- G5. Approve the Environmental Quality Commission's annual work plan (Staff Report #23-034-CC)
- G6. Adopt a resolution approving the City Council Community Funding Subcommittee's recommendations for 2022-23 community funding allocations (Staff Report #23-033-CC)

The City Council requested additional advertising for next year's community funding grants.

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Doerr/ Nash), to approve the consent calendar with the exception of item G4., passed unanimously.

## **H. Public Hearing**

- H1. Adopt a resolution to abandon two ten-foot wide public utility easements along the northeasterly side (rear) of properties at 1701 Bay Laurel Drive and 1715 Bay Laurel Drive; determine this action is categorically exempt under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15305 Class 5 exemption for minor alterations in land use limitations (Staff Report #23-028-CC)

Associate Engineer Edress Rangeen made the presentation (Attachment).

Mayor Wolosin opened the public hearing.

- Peter Baltay spoke in support of public utility easements abandonment.
- Peter Rottier spoke in support of public utility easements abandonment.

Mayor Wolosin closed the public hearing.

The City Council received clarification on the owner of the easement.

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Combs/ Taylor), to adopt a resolution to abandon two ten-foot wide public utility easements along the northeasterly side (rear) of the properties at 1701 Bay Laurel Drive and 1715 Bay Laurel Drive and determine this action is categorically exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15305 Class 5 exemption for minor alterations in land use limitations, passed unanimously.

## **I. Regular Business**

11. Provide direction on the preferred bikeway design for Middle Avenue and adopt a resolution to install no parking zones on Middle Avenue; determine this action is statutorily exempt as defined by Public Resource Code Section 21080.25 (Staff Report #23-032-CC)

Assistant Public Works Director Hugh Louch made the presentation (Attachment).

- Alex and Peter spoke in support of the Option 1 bike lane project.
- Corey Binns spoke in support of the Option 1 bike lane project.
- Matthew Rascoff spoke in support of the Option 1 bike lane project (Attachment).
- Lucy Padrez spoke in support of the Option 1 bike lane project as a pilot.
- Sofia and Eloisa Visser spoke in support of the Option 1 bike lane project.
- Carmen Visser spoke in support of the Option 1 bike lane project.
- Emily and William Bailard spoke in support of the Option 1 bike lane project.
- Sam and Kalum Schroeder spoke in support of the Option 1 bike lane project.
- Brian McCarthy spoke in opposition of the removal of all parking on Middle Avenue.
- Dan Hilberman spoke in support of bike lanes on Middle Avenue.
- Bill Kirsch spoke in support of the Option 1 bike lane project as a pilot.
- Jacqui Cebrian spoke in support of the Option 1 bike lane project.
- Gregory Faris spoke in support of the Option 1 bike lane project.
- Jonathan Cloe spoke in support of the Option 1 bike lane project.
- Jeanne Marie requested clarification on Middle Avenue current size when adding a bike line and “dooring” related to Option 2.
- Katie Behroozi spoke in support of the Option 1 bike lane project.
- Mical Brenzel spoke in opposition of the removal of all parking on Middle Avenue and in support of Options 2 or 3.
- Mel van Londen spoke in support of the Option 1 bike lane project.
- Philipp Weitershausen spoke in support of the Option 1 bike lane project.
- Burcin Baytekin spoke in support of the Option 1 bike lane project.
- Hilary Kushins spoke in support of the Option 1 bike lane project.
- Brendan Visser spoke in support of the Option 1 bike lane project.
- Jenny Michel spoke in support of a bike lane project pilot.
- Aaron Meyers spoke in opposition of the removal of all parking on Middle Avenue.
- Sandy Napel spoke in support of a bike lane project.
- Adina Levin spoke in support of the Option 1 bike lane project.
- Ross Silverstein spoke in support of the Option 1 bike lane project.
- Pamela Sperli spoke in opposition of the removal of all parking on Middle Avenue.
- Kealai Lee spoke in support of timed parking on Middle Avenue and in opposition of the removal of all parking on Middle Avenue.
- Sally Cole spoke in support of the Option 1 bike lane project.

- Neil Wahls spoke in support of the Option 2 bike lane project with revisions for safety and accessibility.
- Cindy Kin spoke in support of the Option 1 bike lane project.
- John Hamilton spoke in opposition of the removal of all parking on Middle Avenue and in support of a bike lane pilot for Options 2 or 3.
- Peter Lee spoke in support of the Option 2 bike lane project.
- Peter Olson spoke in opposition of the removal of all parking on Middle Avenue and in support of Option 3.

The City Council took a recess at 8:19 p.m.

The City Council reconvened at 8:29 p.m.

The City Council received clarification on City Council action timeline, other approved projects, parking permits, speed limit reduction timeline, adding a crosswalk at Middle Avenue and Yale Road, cost of a bike lane pilot versus no pilot, enforcement of parking and bike lanes, and protected bike lane options.

The City Council discussed the impacts of the removal of parking to residents on Middle Avenue, Blake Street at Middle Avenue closure and parking access, enforcement, parking and mitigations for the apartments and church on Middle Avenue, timed parking options at the church, combining managing and bidding for projects, Nealon Park zoning, adding a crosswalk across from the Nealon Park tennis court, flashing beacon at Arbor Road, additional bike parking, and prioritizing crosswalks on Willow Road.

The City Council directed staff to explore a crosswalk at Yale Road and tennis courts at Nealon Park, restriping of Nealon Park parking lot in coordination with Little House, explore revisions to the municipal code for overnight parking restrictions in parks, loading zone or timed parking in front of Nealon Park, additional bike parking, parking permit program for Middle Avenue residents, expediting the flashing beacon at Arbor Road, and expediting as much as possible the speed reduction on Middle Avenue.

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Nash/ Doerr), to adopt a resolution to install no parking zones on Middle Avenue and implement Option 1 as a pilot, passed 3-2 (Combs and Taylor dissenting).

12. Preliminary considerations for selecting an aquatics operator for the Burgess Pool and the future Menlo Park Community Campus aquatics center (Staff Report #23-036-CC)

Library and Community Services Director Sean Reinhart and Library and Community Services Supervisor Tricia Mullan made the presentation (Attachment).

- Michael Ross spoke in support of an agreement with Team Sheeper Inc. (Sheeper).
- Juliana Morow spoke in support of an agreement with Sheeper.
- Jenny Roost spoke in support of an agreement with Sheeper.
- Bob Hubbell spoke in support of an agreement with Sheeper.
- Stephane Mouradian spoke in support of an agreement with Sheeper.
- Tricia Barr spoke in support of an agreement with Sheeper.
- Cameron Wessel spoke in support of an agreement with Sheeper.
- Adina Levin spoke in support of considering the needs of the communities in Menlo Park when

considering the pool operator.

- Eric Filseth spoke in support of an agreement with Sheeper.
- Janet Davis spoke in support of reduced pricing and more equitable lane availability.
- Burcin Baytekin spoke in support of an agreement with Sheeper.
- Tom McRae spoke on Solo Aquatics' experience in Menlo Park and working with Sheeper.

The City Council took a recess at 10:55 p.m.

The City Council reconvened at 10:59 p.m.

**ACTION:** By acclamation, the City Council continued the meeting beyond 11 p.m.

The City Council received clarification on how proposals were rated/audited, how providers can prioritize resident access, programming structuring/restructuring for residents.

The City Council discussed a City operated aquatics program, survey on resident needs and desired programming, low fees for residents and higher fees for non-residents.

The City Council directed the following for consideration of a pool operator:

- User fees and resident prioritization
- Free swim versus competitive/structured programs
- Lane hours for programs
- Schedule of pool activities
- Ad-hoc subcommittee to assist with negotiations
- Clarity on revenue shares
- Clarification on the disruption that transitioning to a new operator could entail
- Reconsideration of items on individual proposals

13. Direction on Finance and Audit Committee composition (Staff Report #23-029-CC)

City Clerk Judi Herren made the presentation (Attachment).

The City Council discussed options for the composition of the Finance and Audit Committee (FAC).

The City Council directed staff to proceed with Option 3 and return to the City Council if unable to fill seven resident member seats to consider a reduction in membership to five.

**J. Informational Items**

J1. City Council agenda topics: February 28 – March 14, 2023 (Staff Report #23-035-CC)

J2. Proposed cultural and community events grant program (Staff Report #23-030-CC)

- Adina Levin spoke in support of a cultural and community events grant program and requested clarification.

The City Council requested this be held and discussed during the budget process.

J3. Transmittal of city attorney billing (Staff Report #23-031-CC)

J4. Police department quarterly update – Q4 September 2022 – December 2022  
(Staff Report #23-037-CC)

**K. City Manager's Report**

City Manager Justin Murphy reported out on the March 18 City Council goal setting meeting and current advisory body recruitment through April 7.

**L. City Councilmember Reports**

City Councilmember Doerr reported on office hours every Tuesday from 8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. at the Woodside Bakery.

City Councilmember Combs requested a future agenda item related to Animal Control.

Mayor Wolosin reported out on the Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG) meeting.

Vice Mayor Taylor reported out Menlo Park Community Campus working group, Reimagining Public Safety Subcommittee, San Francisco Airport/Community Roundtable, South Bayside Waste Management Authority (RethinkWaste), and City/County Association of Government meetings (Attachment).

City Councilmember Nash reported out on Mayor Wolosin's appointment as the LPMG Vice Chair.

**M. Adjournment**

Mayor Wolosin adjourned the meeting at 11:40 p.m.

Judi A. Herren, Assistant to the City Manager/ City Clerk

These minutes were approved at the City Council meeting of March 14, 2023.

# Proclamation

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH FEBRUARY 2023

WHEREAS, each year, February is designated Black History Month, a time for honoring and exploring the culture and history of Black and African Americans and recognizing that our society's rich diversity is one of our greatest strengths; and

WHEREAS, during Black History Month, we celebrate the legacy of Black and African Americans whose power to lead, to overcome, and to expand the meaning and practice of American democracy has helped our Nation become a more fair and just society; and

WHEREAS, observing Black History Month provides opportunities to gain a deeper understanding of Black and African American history and acknowledge the centuries of struggles for equality and freedom, and calls our attention to the continued need to battle racism everywhere, including in our own city, and build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals; and

WHEREAS, we must not forget the men and women who worked tirelessly for freedom, civil rights and equality for all people and whose deeds helped to broaden and enrich American culture; and

WHEREAS, during Black History Month, we honor and continue the work of Black and African Americans who have created a more fair and inclusive democracy, helping our Nation move closer to the realization of its full promise for everyone; and

WHEREAS, the City of Menlo Park continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all people – past, present, and future – are respected, valued equally, and recognized for their contributions and potential contributions to our community, the state, the country, and the world; and,


WHEREAS, on February 11<sup>th</sup> of this year, the City of Menlo Park held its first Black Liberation Celebration at the Belle Haven Library which included stories of local heroes, dance performances, singing and more; and

WHEREAS, according to the San Mateo All Together Better website, Menlo Park has the second largest Black and African American population in San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Menlo Park is proud to honor the history and contributions of Black and African Americans in our community, throughout our state, nation, and world; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** I, Jen Wolosin, Mayor of the City of Menlo Park, hereby proclaim and celebrate February 2023 as Black History Month in Menlo Park.



  
Jen Wolosin, Mayor  
February 14, 2023



Solidarity

Grade 3 - Trinity School

"I HAVE A DREAM that one day Little black boys and girls will be little white boys and girls." HOLDING hands with Martin Luther King Jr.



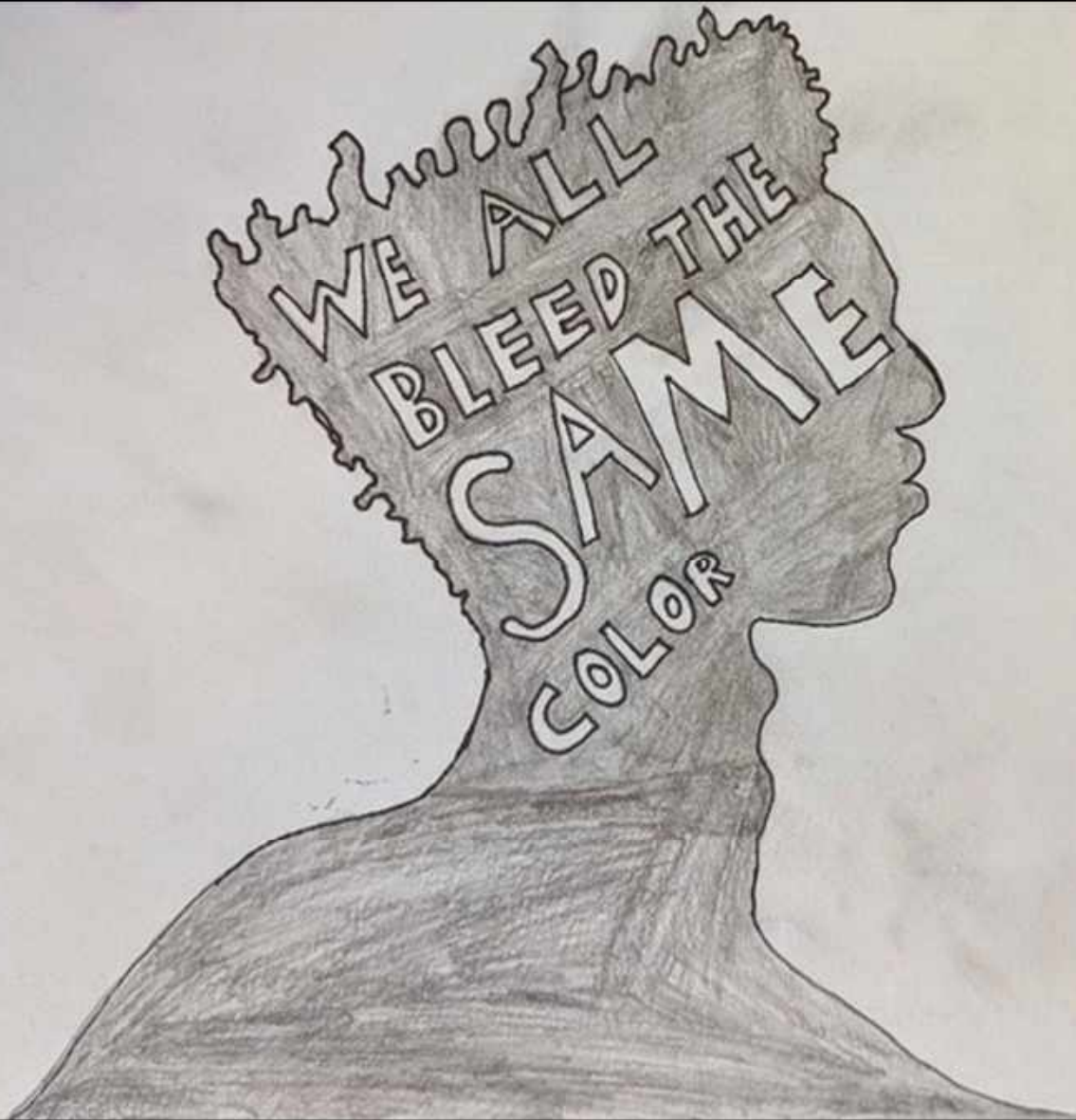


Abstract Ruby  
Bridges









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COLOR



"Darkness cannot drive out darkness,  
Only light can do that.  
Hate cannot drive out hate,  
Only LOVE can do that."  
- Martin Luther King Jr



# Black history month

Harriet Tubman  
She was born a slave  
she said "I had  
reasoned this out in  
my mind there was  
one or two things  
I had a right to  
of death if I could  
have one then I  
would have the other



Kamala Harris  
Kamala was born  
on October 20, 1964  
in Oakland, California  
when Kamala was 12  
her got divorced. In 2010  
Kamala was elected  
attorney general of California



Mae Jemison was  
the first African American  
to go to space! Mae  
was born on  
pct. 17 in 1956  
mae joined  
studied nasa  
to become a program  
a scientist  
she also became  
a doctor



natasha and Rafasha



# MICHELLE OBAMA

Full name: Michelle LaVaughn Robinson (Obama)

Michelle's dad Fraser told her to study well and go to Princeton University. Michelle was a south side girl in Chicago, Illinois. She was born Jan 17, 1964. She had a brother, Craig. Michelle was a very focused student, and studied very well. She studied sociology in Princeton 1985. She got into Harvard. She and Mr. Obama got married in Chicago in a Trinity church of Christ. They had 2 children, Malia & Sasha. On January 20, Mrs Obama became the first African-American



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your hands  
Michelle Obama

Michelle Obama is our first lady!

Don't wait for someone to come and tell you that you are special.

"Success isn't about how much money you make, it is the difference you make in people's life!"

**FIRST LADY**  
year 2009!!

The job of the  
FIRST LADY  
Michelle Obama  
Michelle Obama  
Michelle Obama





Be happy

The time  
is always right  
to do what is  
right - Martin Luther King, JR.

We are the ones  
we've been waiting for.  
We are the change that we  
seek - Barack Obama

Each person must  
live their life as a model  
for others - Rosa Parks



It is easier to  
build strong children  
than to repair broken  
men - Frederick Douglass

# BLACK *history* MONTH



KATHERINE  
JOHNSON



MARTIN  
LUTHER  
KING

BLACK  
LIVES  
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I HAD  
A  
DREAM!

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Black History Month

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# BLACK LIVES Matter

Martin Luther King Jr was an American Baptist minister and activist one of the most prominent leaders in the civil rights movement from 1955 until his assassination in 1968

George Washington Carver was an American Agricultural scientist and inventor who promoted Alternative crops to cotton and methods to prevent Soil depletion. He was one of the most prominent Black scientists to the early 20th century.

Barack Hussein Obama II is an American retired politician who served as the 44th president of the United States from 2009 to 2017. A member of the Democratic Party Obama was the first African-American president of the United States

Rosa Louise McCauley Parks was an American activist in the civil rights movement best known for her pivotal role in the Montgomery bus boycott. The United States Congress has honored her as "the first lady of civil rights" and "the mother of the freedom movement".

Ruby Nell Bridges Hall is an American civil rights activist. She was the first African-American child to desegregate the all-white William Frantz Elementary School in Louisiana during New Orleans school desegregation crisis on November 14, 1960.

Martin  
Luther  
King  
Jr.



George  
Washington  
Carver



Barack  
Obama



Rosa  
Parks



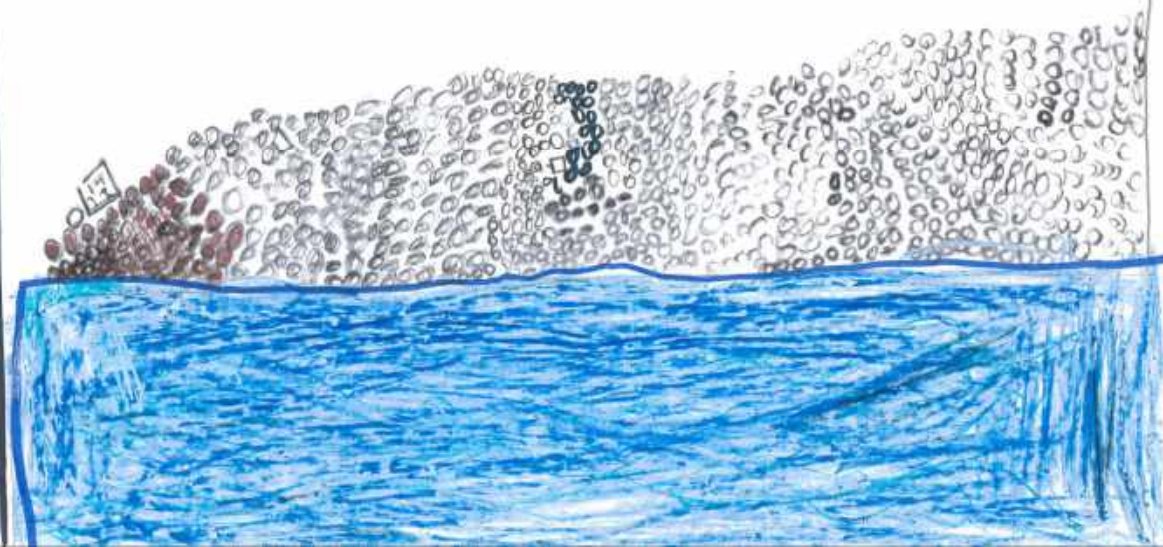
Ruby  
Bridges



**BLACK LIVES MATTER**

**I**

**HAVE A DREAM**



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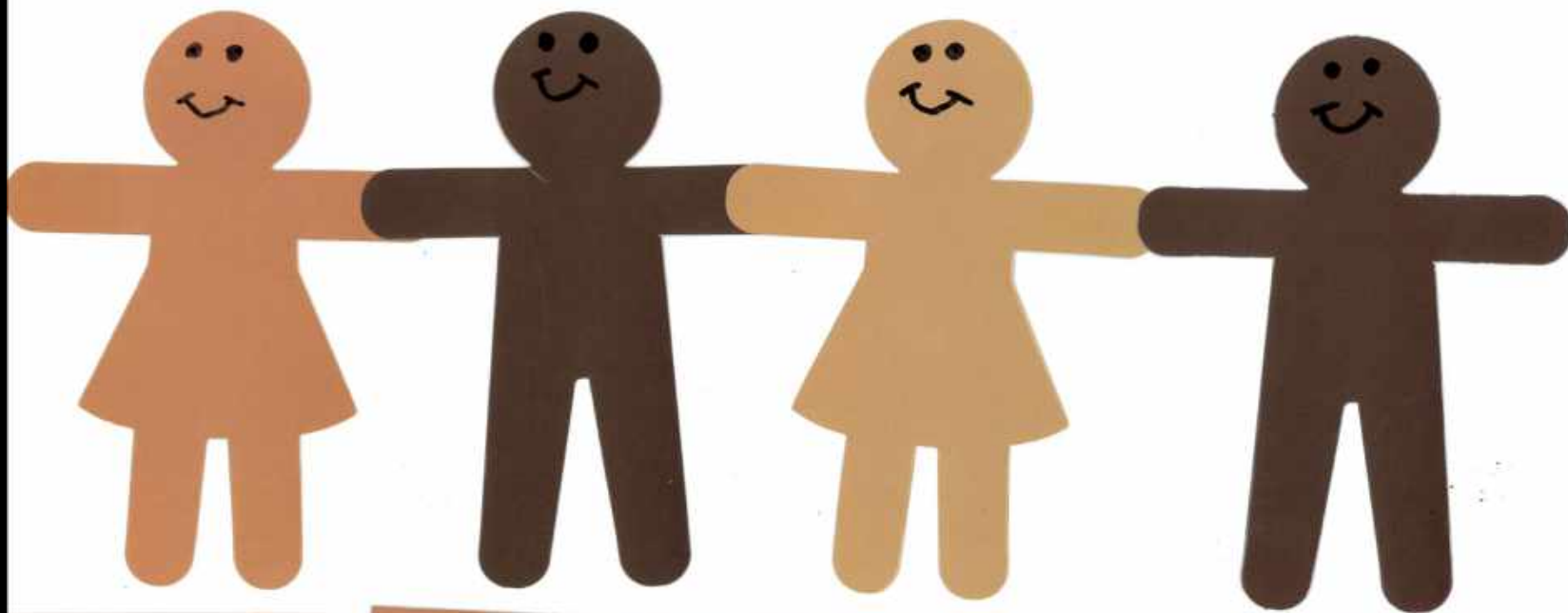
Kamala Harris







♥ Black lives matter ♥

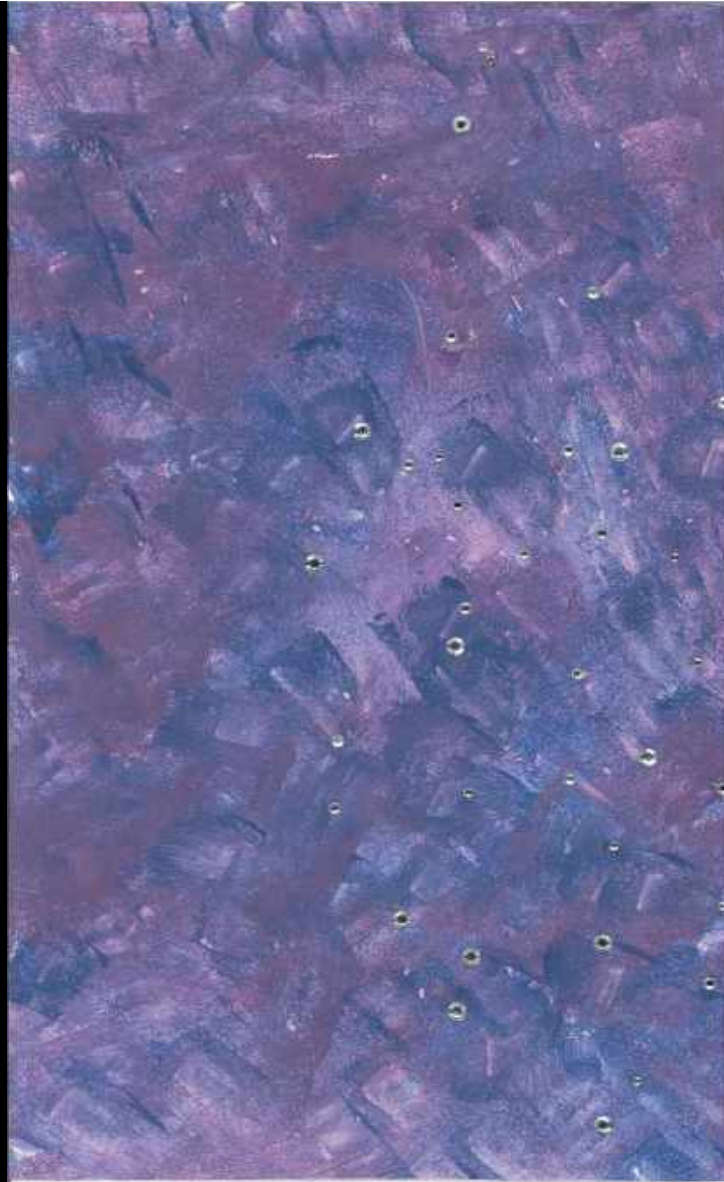


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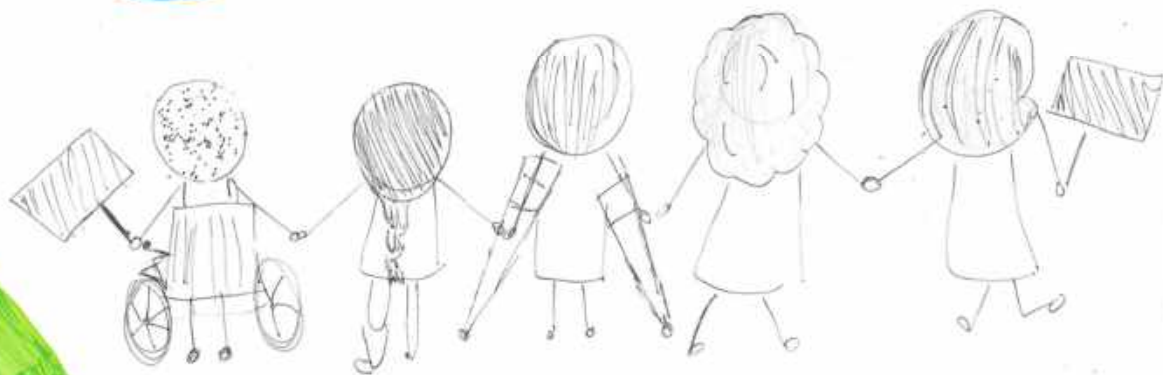
Martin Luther  
King Jr.

Michelle  
Obama

Frederick  
Douglass



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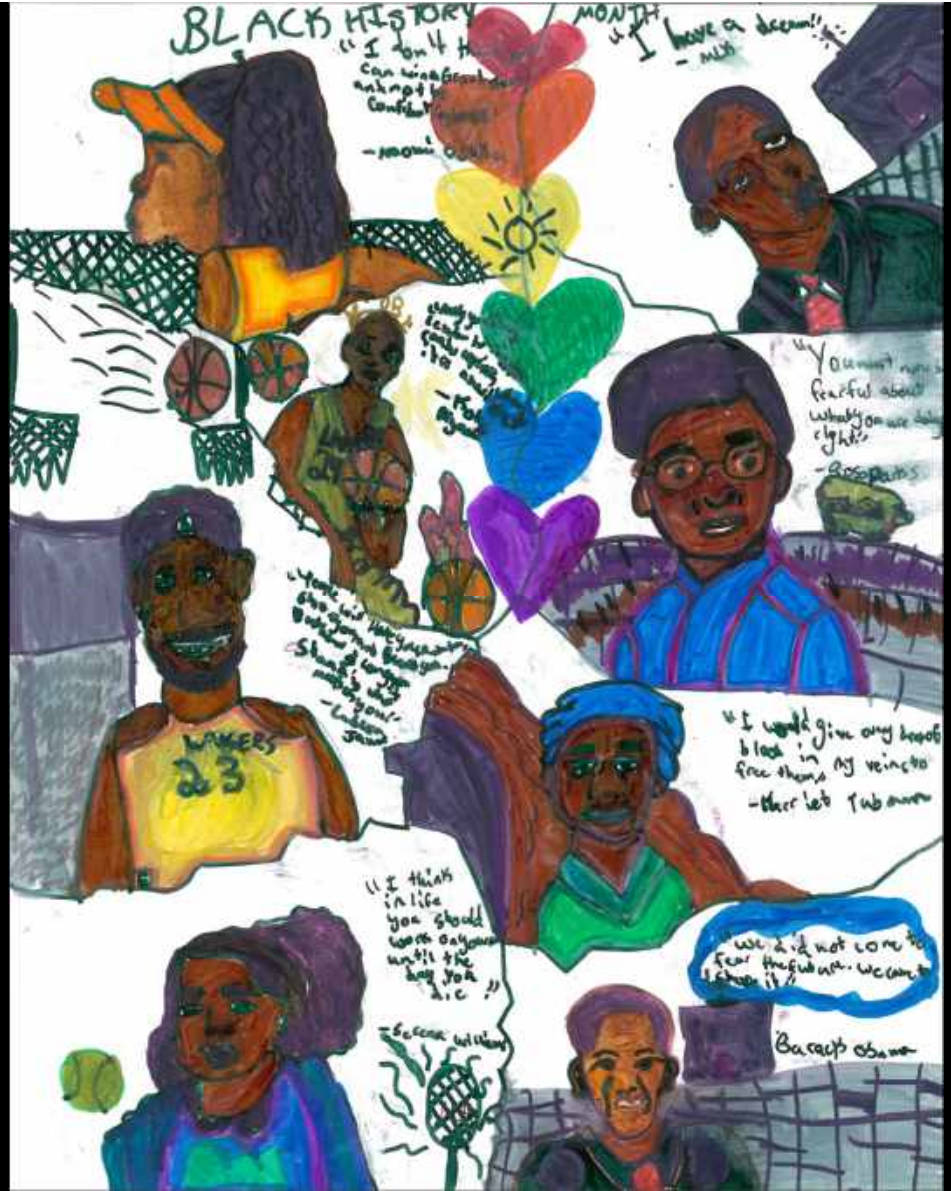
# EQUAL RIGHTS!



black  
leaders

together

white  
leaders



# The People of Peace





# KATHRINE JOHNSON

Women have never had equal rights in life. Black women though are still treated like second class humans. Kathrine Johnson changed how people think about Black women's schooling in mathematics. Kathrine got started at the age of 1. In 1953, Kathrine joined NASA's Guidance and Navigation Department. Her most difficult challenge was in 1969, NASA was launching the Apollo 13 mission and ran into a few difficulties.

Let me do it. You tell me when you want it and where you want, and I'll do it backwards and tell you when to take off.

-Kathrine Johnson

But using Kathrine's computer like brain, they were able to help them get back home. In 2015, she won the Presidential Medal of Freedom.



Don't underestimate women



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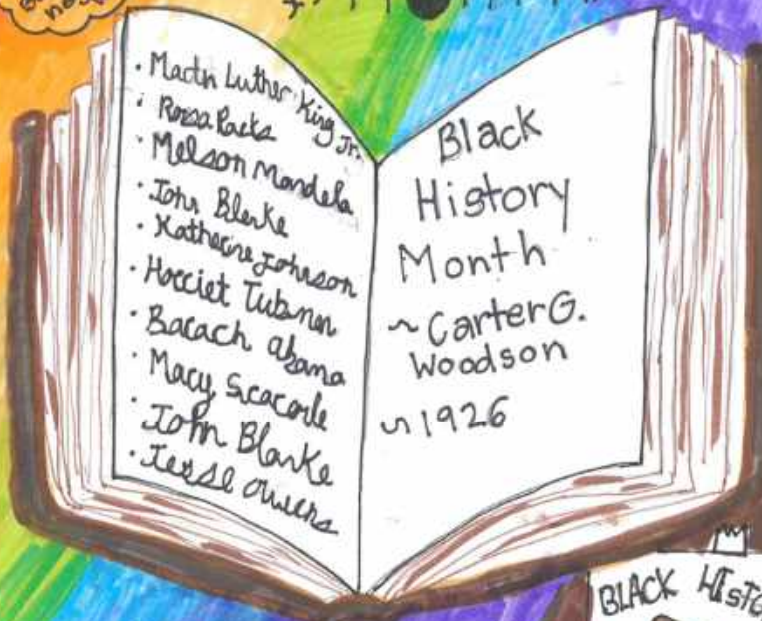


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BY: DYLAN VANDERLIAN  
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Fact: Black History Month began as a week!



Fact: Black History Month themes change yearly!



Fact: Black History Month was created for Black History Month





black  
History  
month

BLACK  
LIVES  
MATTER

A hand-drawn sign on a white background with black borders on the left and right. The text 'BLACK LIVES MATTER' is written in three rows. The first row contains the word 'BLACK' in large, colorful, block letters: 'B' is pink, 'L' is red, 'A' is orange, 'C' is yellow, and 'K' is green. The second row contains the word 'LIVES' in large, colorful, block letters: 'L' is green, 'I' is teal, 'V' is blue, 'E' is blue, and 'S' is pink. The third row contains the word 'MATTER' in large, black, block letters. The sign is decorated with numerous small, hand-drawn hearts in various colors including pink, red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple, scattered around the text.



# Rosa Parks

Full name: Rosa Louise McCauley Parks

Rosa Parks is a civil rights activist. She was born in 1917 in Montgomery, Alabama. She was one of the few people who were African American and were allowed to sit in the front of the bus. She had a young brother named Sylvester. Her parents separated when she was young. They used to live in a town in Alabama.



It was December 1st 1955. Rosa made her famous stand during morning. She sat on her seat on the bus. While the bus driver told her to get up. She refused. He threatened to call the police. Rosa was arrested.

Black people were always being treated like they were less than white people. That was the way it was.

Rosa Parks is Best known for the Montgomery Bus boycott!

- ### Extra facts!
- Before the Montgomery bus boycott, Rosa Parks was active in the NAACP.
  - After the Montgomery bus boycott, Rosa Parks continued to participate in activism such as the Selma-to-Montgomery marches.
  - Rosa Parks died in 2005 at age 92.
  - The U.S. congress honored Rosa Parks as "The first lady of civil rights".



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February 2023



Martin Luther King JR



Ruby Bridges



Rosa Parks



the color of your skin does not



CELEBRATE Black History Month



KINDNESS  
FREEDOM  
EQUITY  
PEACE  
LOVE  
EQUALITY

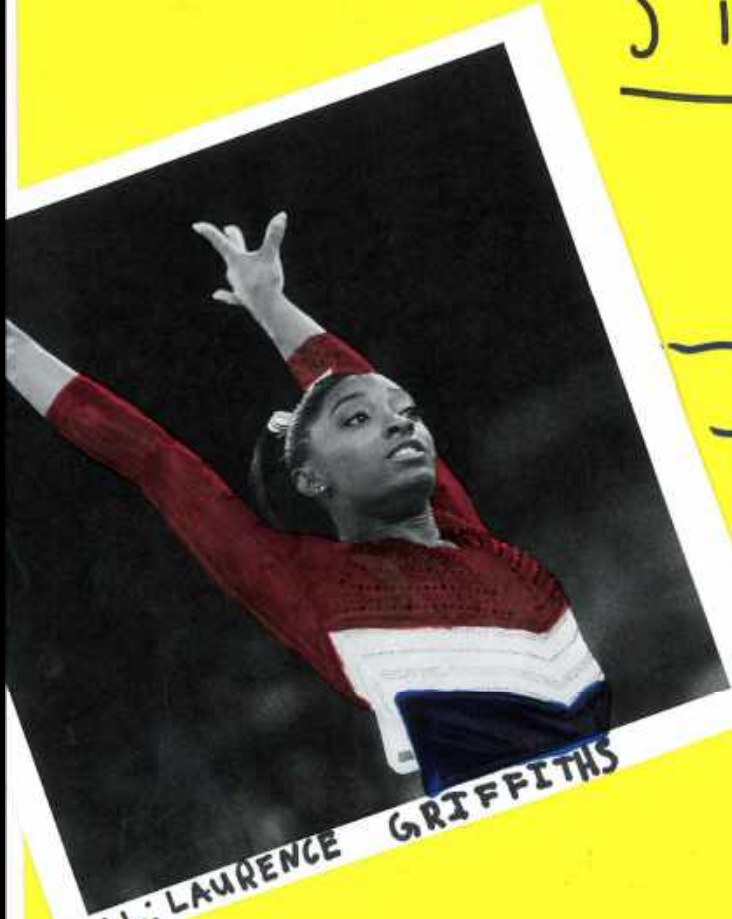


"I HAVE A DREAM!"

- MLK JR



# Simone Biles



Photos: LAURENCE GRIFFITHS

By Ingrid Z.



Something is afraid of insects  
Once, she saw a bee in her leotard  
Pat-  
-on







## Heroes of the Civil Rights Movement

People like Jackie Robinson, Rosa Parks, and Ruby Bridges helped make this world a better place.

1955

I'm not concerned with your liking or disliking me ... all I ask is that you respect me as a human being.

JACKIE ROBINSON



"RACISM IS A GROWN-UP DISEASE AND WE MUST STOP USING OUR CHILDREN TO SPREAD IT."

-RUBY BRIDGES



"People always say that I didn't give up my seat because I was tired, but that isn't true... No, the only tired I was, was tired of giving in."

—Rosa Parks



Jake Olson



BE  
FREE



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Be  
Kind



Rosa Park



Be  
Happy

I HAVE A DREAM.

that people  
are nice  
to each other.

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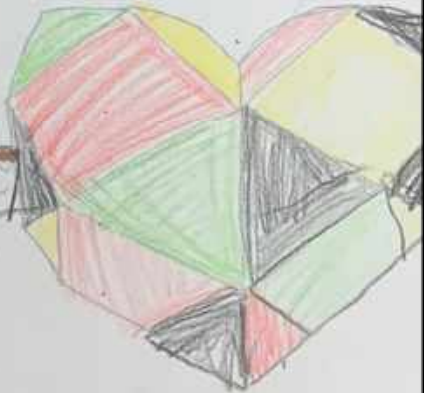


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MATTER**

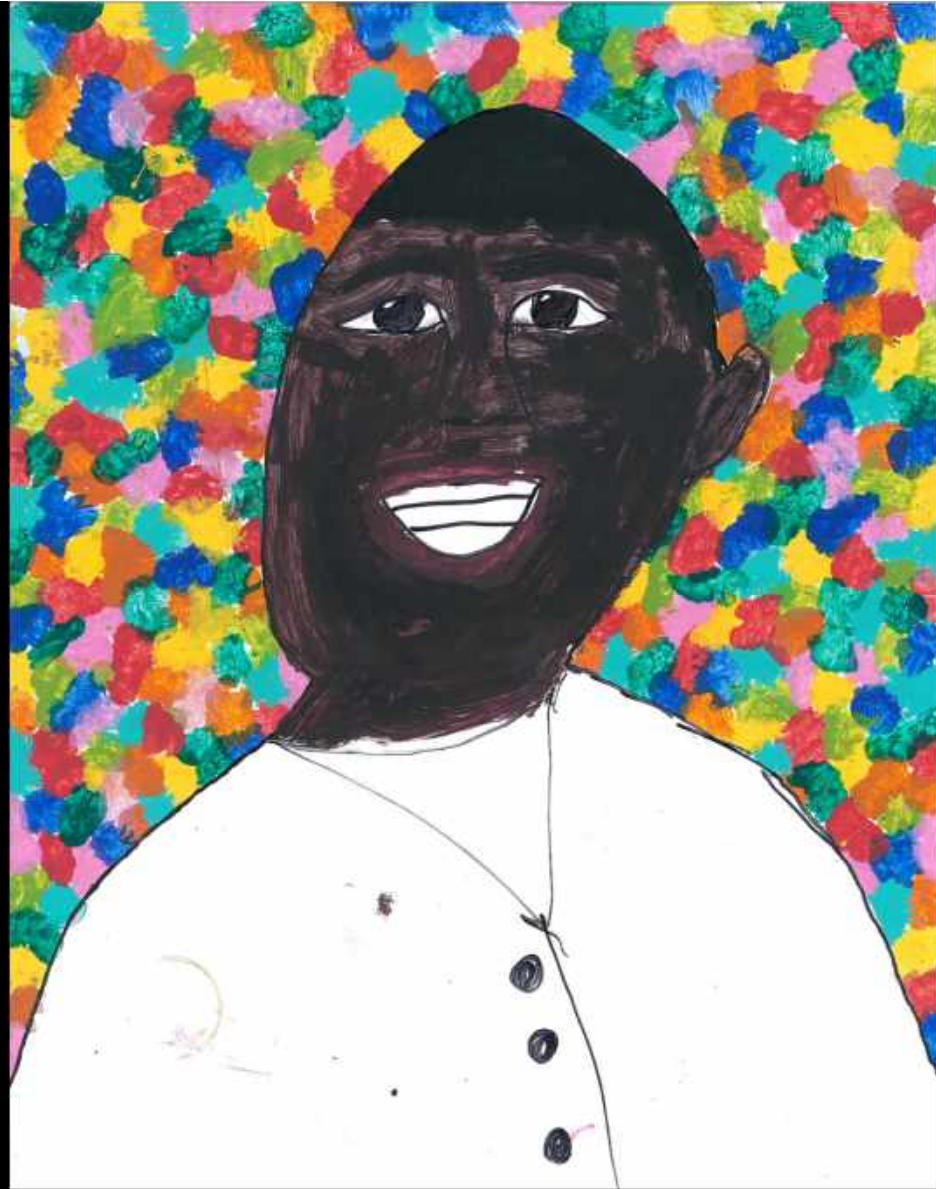


**FREEDOM**



Being nice to everyone.





Kindness

Funny

Caring

compassionate

cheerful

Trust

Beyond



bright

Sympathetic

Bravery

Black history month

Thoughtful

Confidant

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BLACK HISTORY

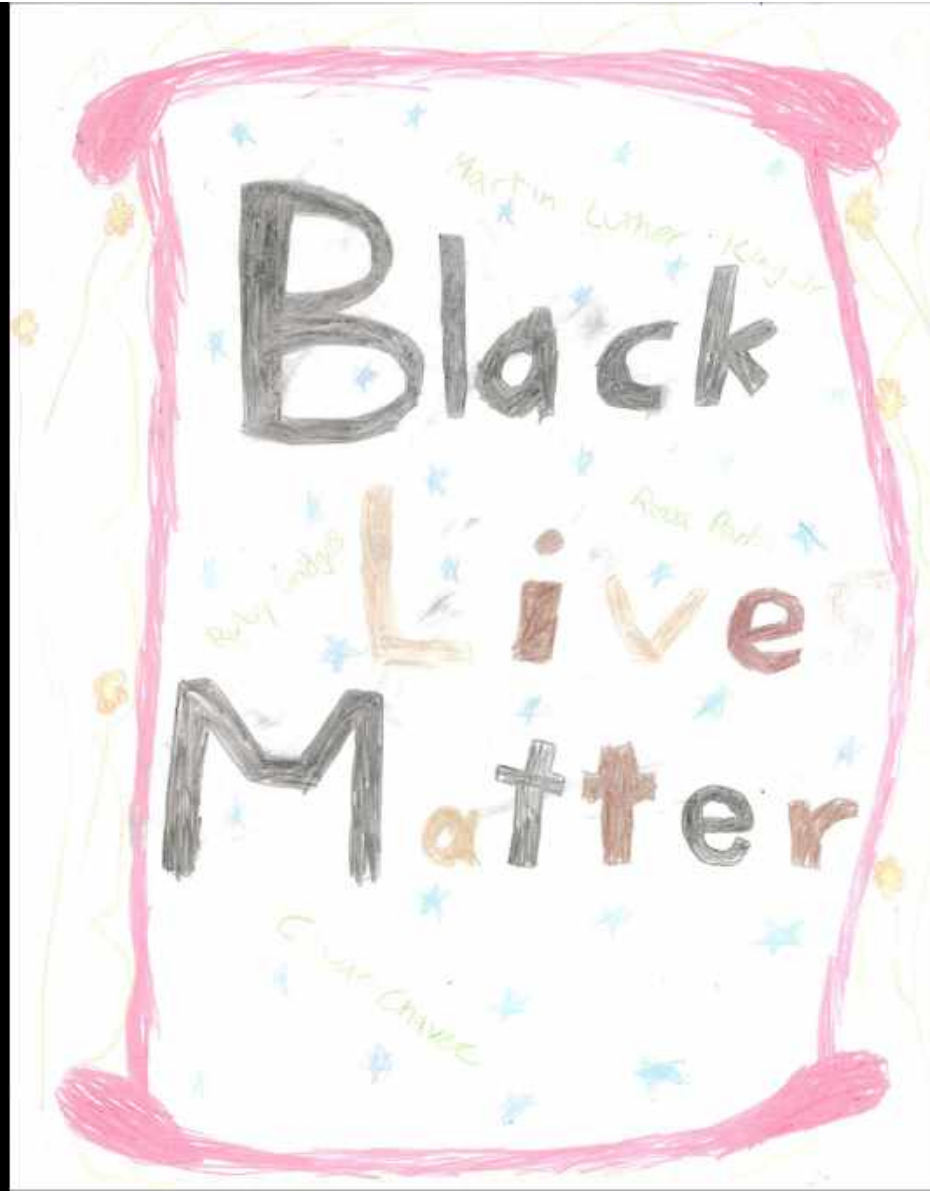
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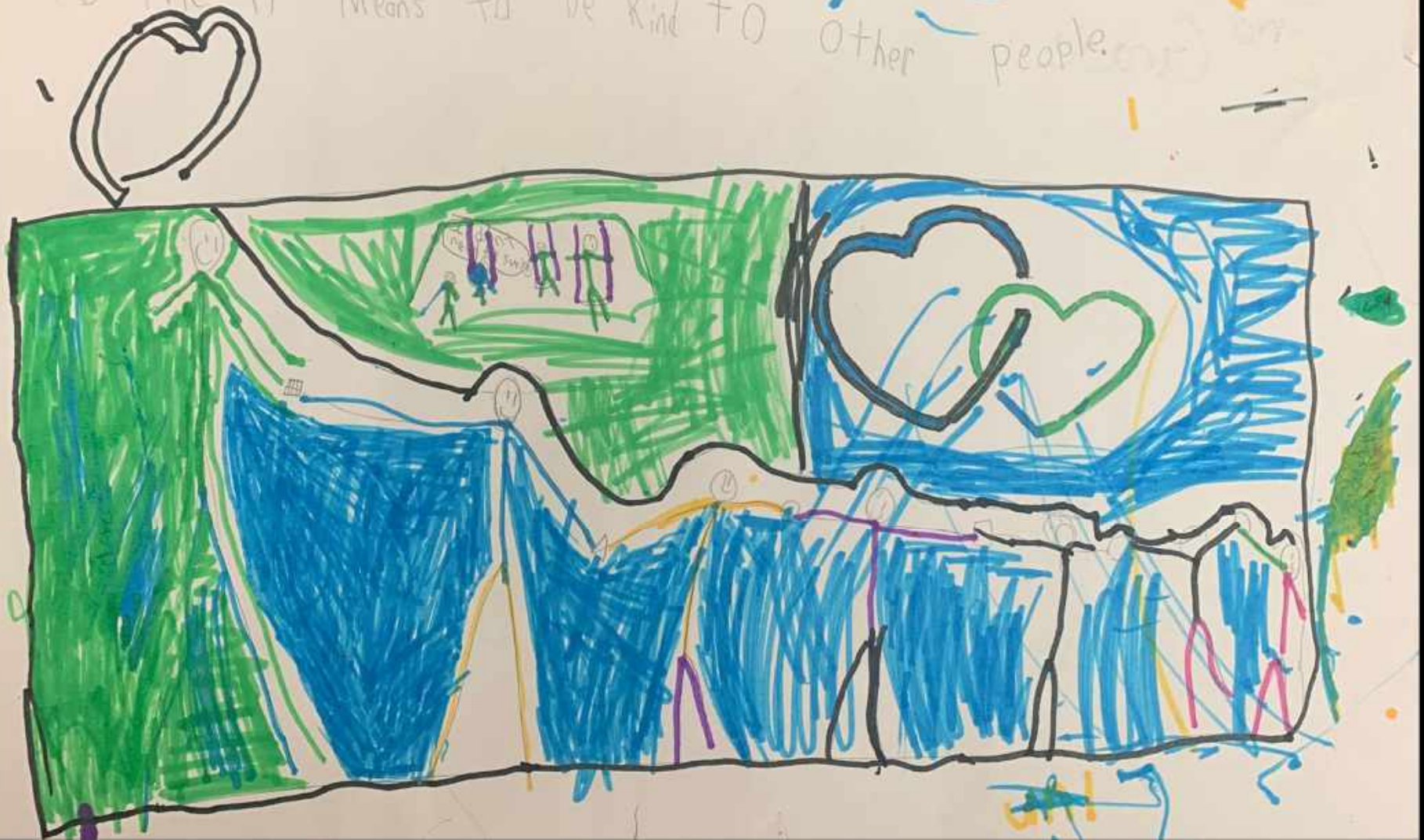
Lives  
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Rosa Parks

Coretta Scott King

To me it means to be kind to other people.



# ✧ Kamala Harris ✧

Birth Date: October 20, 1964 in Oakland California

Parents: Donald Harris (Dad) and Shyamala ↓  
Gopalan Harris (mom) 56

Siblings: Maya Harris

(Step) kids: Cole Emhoff and Ella Emhoff

Husband: ↓  
Douglass Emhoff 28  
↓  
58

## Fun Facts:

Kamala Harris once said

She loves to cook

"Women have an equal stake in our future and should have an equal voice in our politics."

She loves to read

Kamala has written 3 books

Harris went to school in Cambridge



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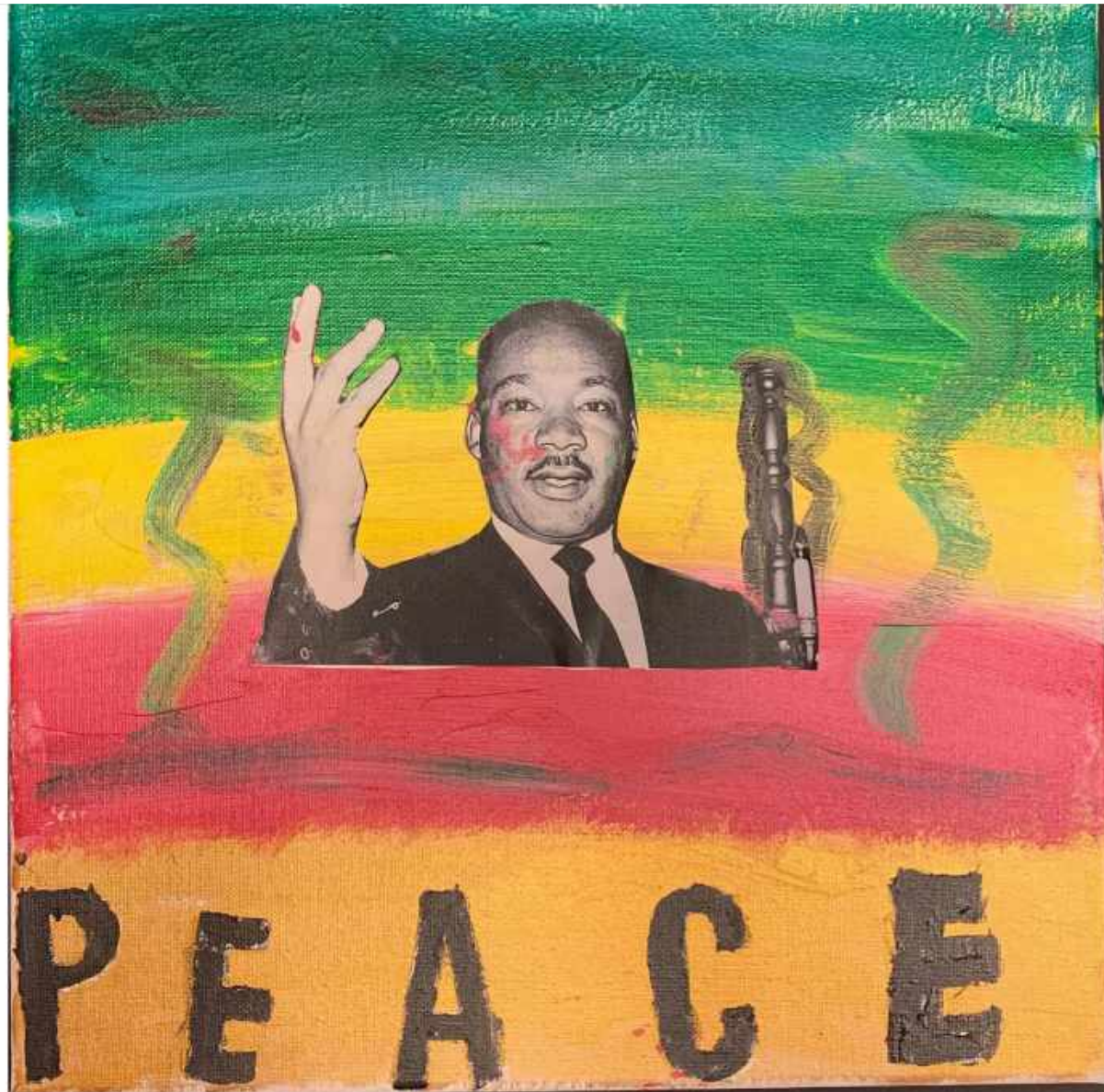
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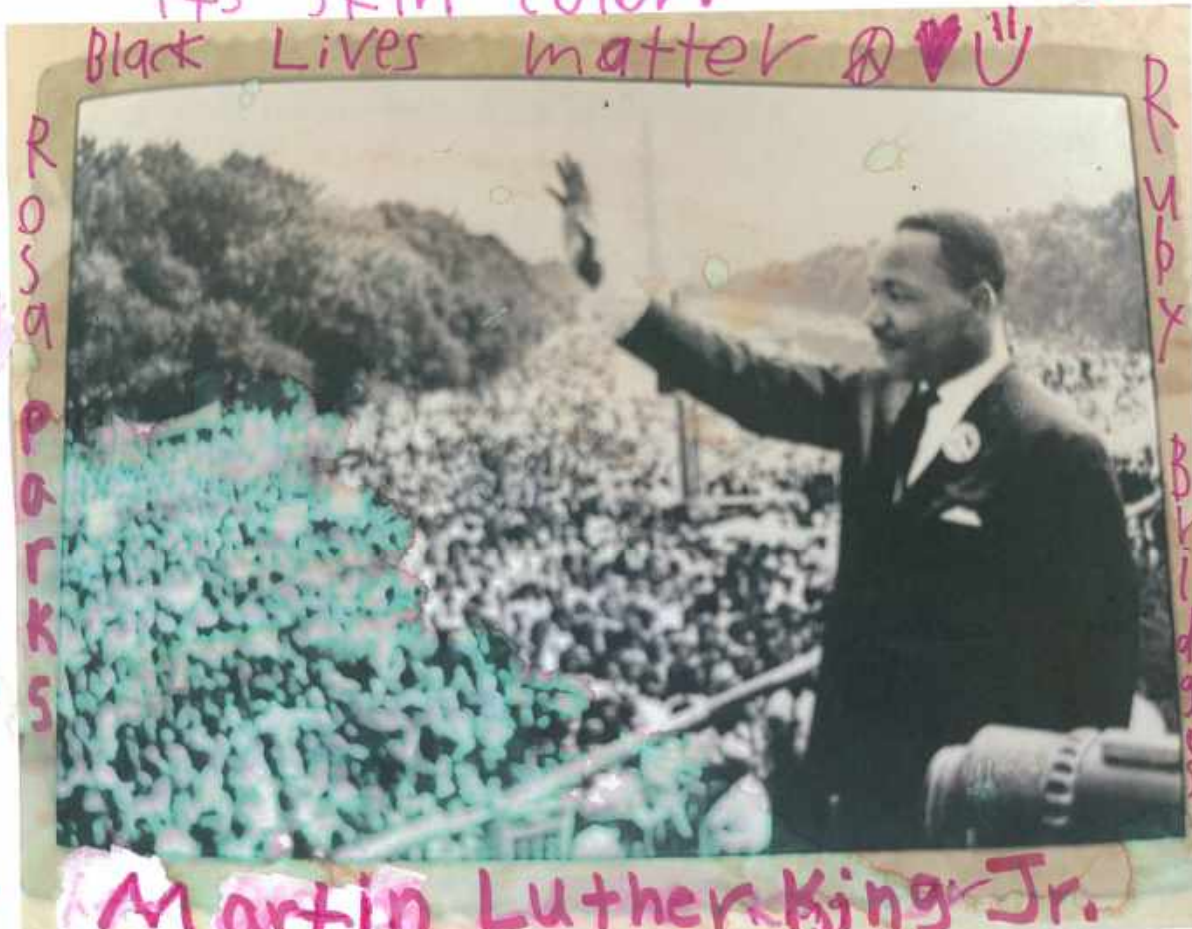






I have a dream  
my four children will not be judged by  
its skin color.

Black Lives Matter



Martin Luther King Jr.

Peace

Love

# I HAVE A DREAM

Equal rights!

BLACK LIVES MATTER



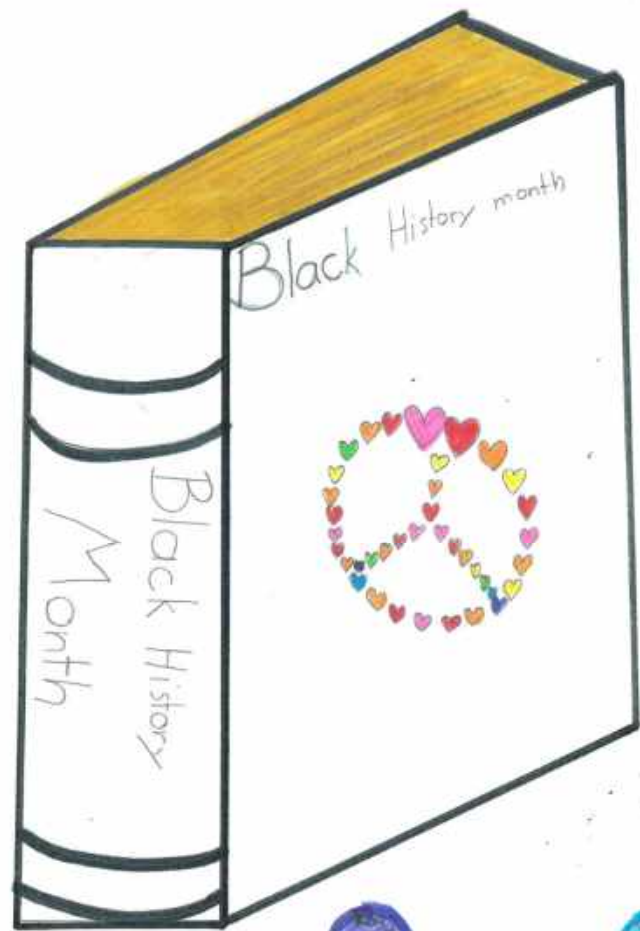
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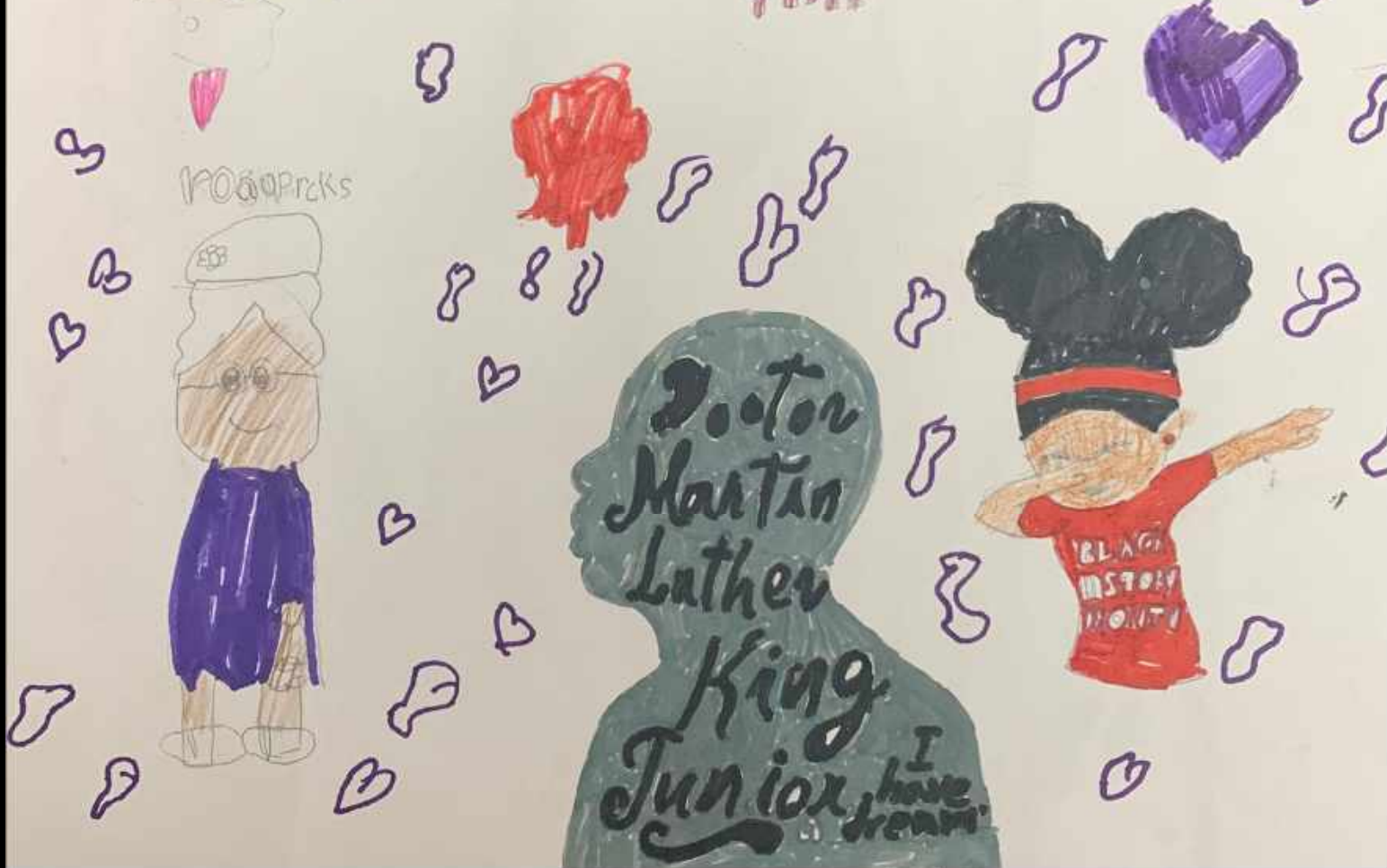
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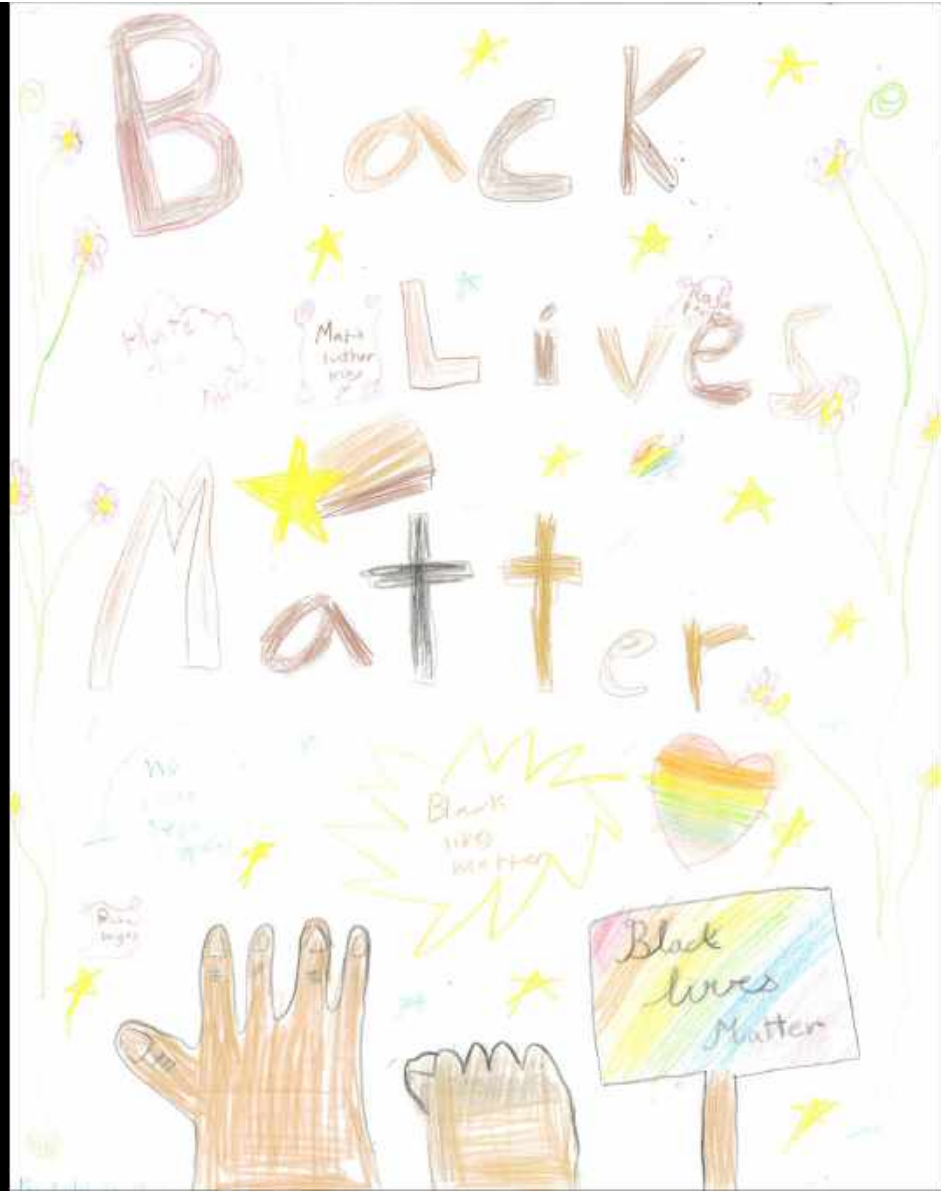
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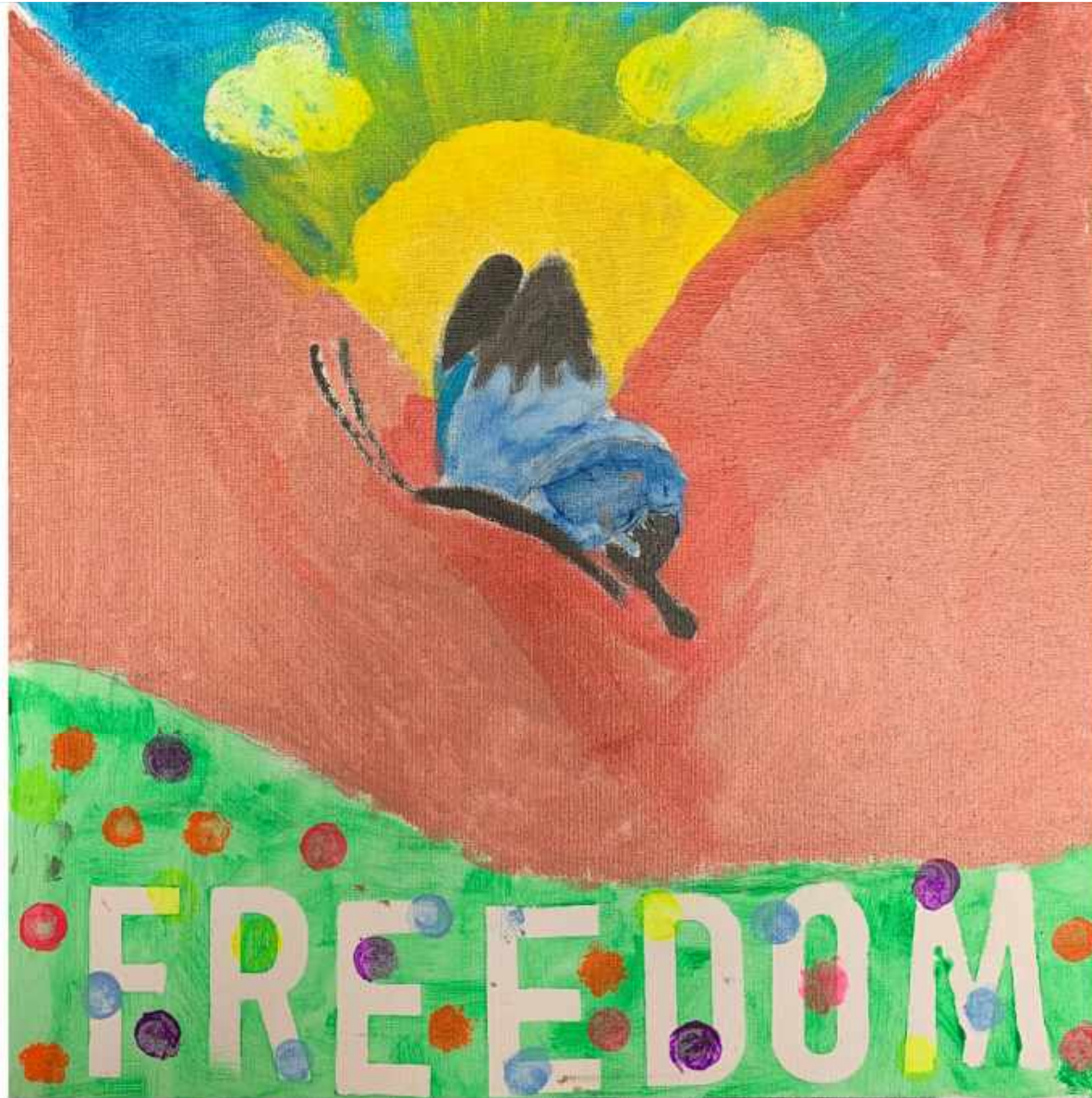
Josephine Baker



# Black History month







aya Reyes



"I have a dream..."

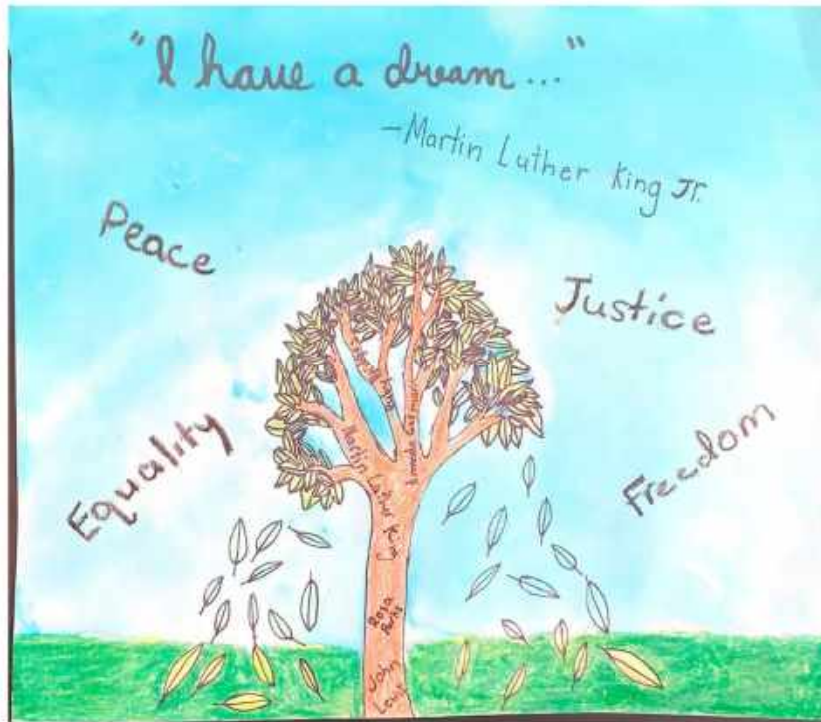
-Martin Luther King Jr.

Peace

Justice

Equality

Freedom







WE ALL  
BELONG.

# BLACK HISTORY month



Black

LIVES

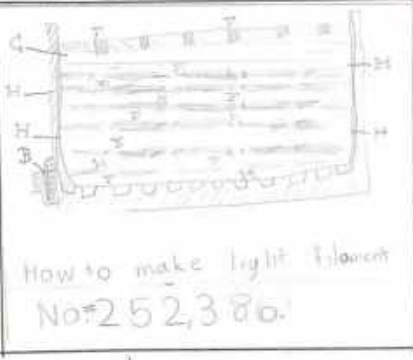
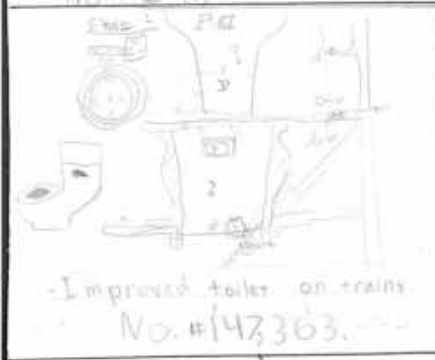
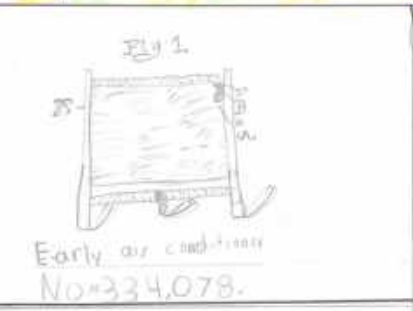
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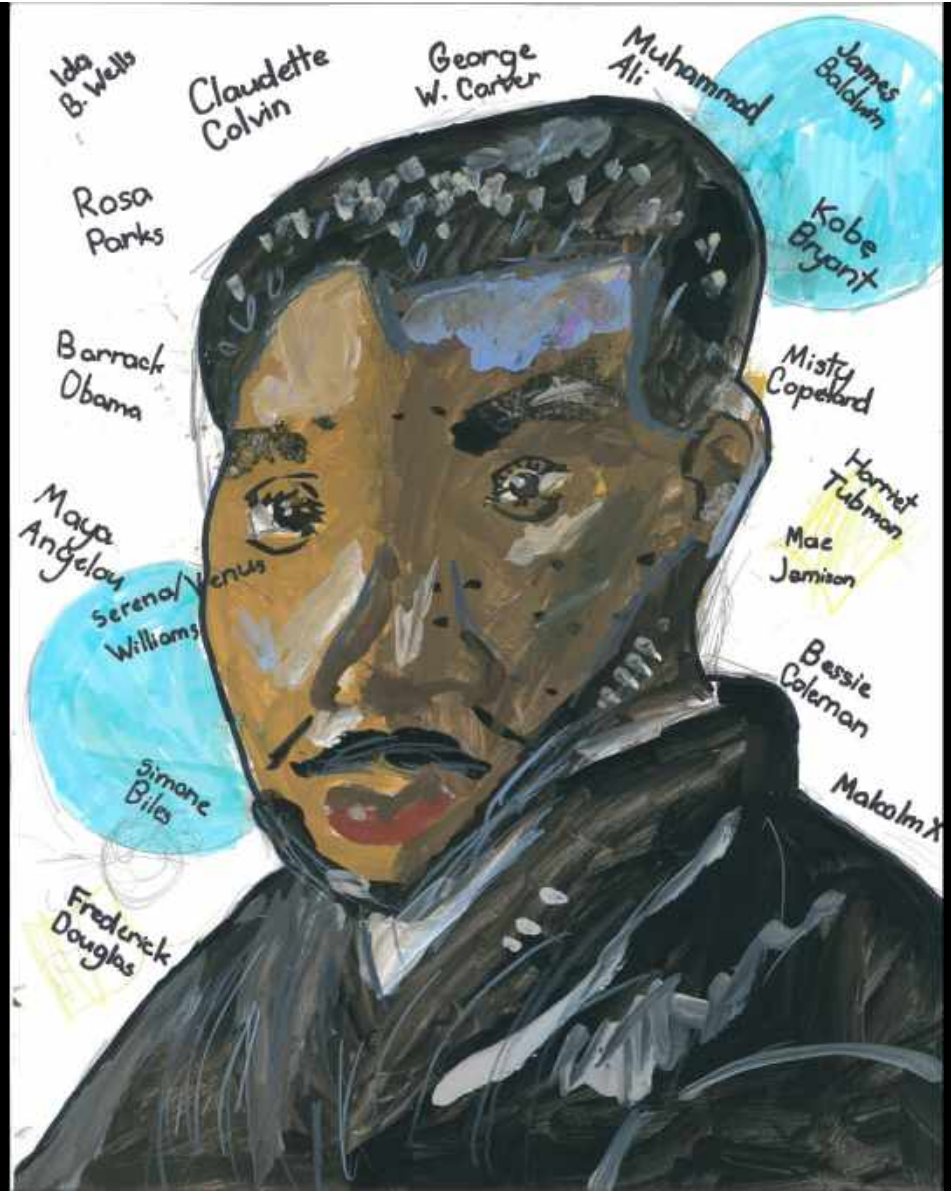


# Lewis Latimer



Lewis Latimer's parents escaped from slavery. His family was split up when he was 10. Lewis Latimer persevered to invent + help in products that helped change the world!





Ida B. Wells

Claudette Colvin

George W. Carter

Muhammad Ali

James Baldwin

Rosa Parks

Kobe Bryant

Barack Obama

Misty Copeland

Maya Angelou

Harriet Tubman

Serena Williams

Mae Jamison

Simone Biles

Bessie Coleman

Frederick Douglass

Malcolm X





# RESOLUTION TO ABANDON PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENTS

1701 Bay Laurel Drive and 1715 Bay Laurel Drive



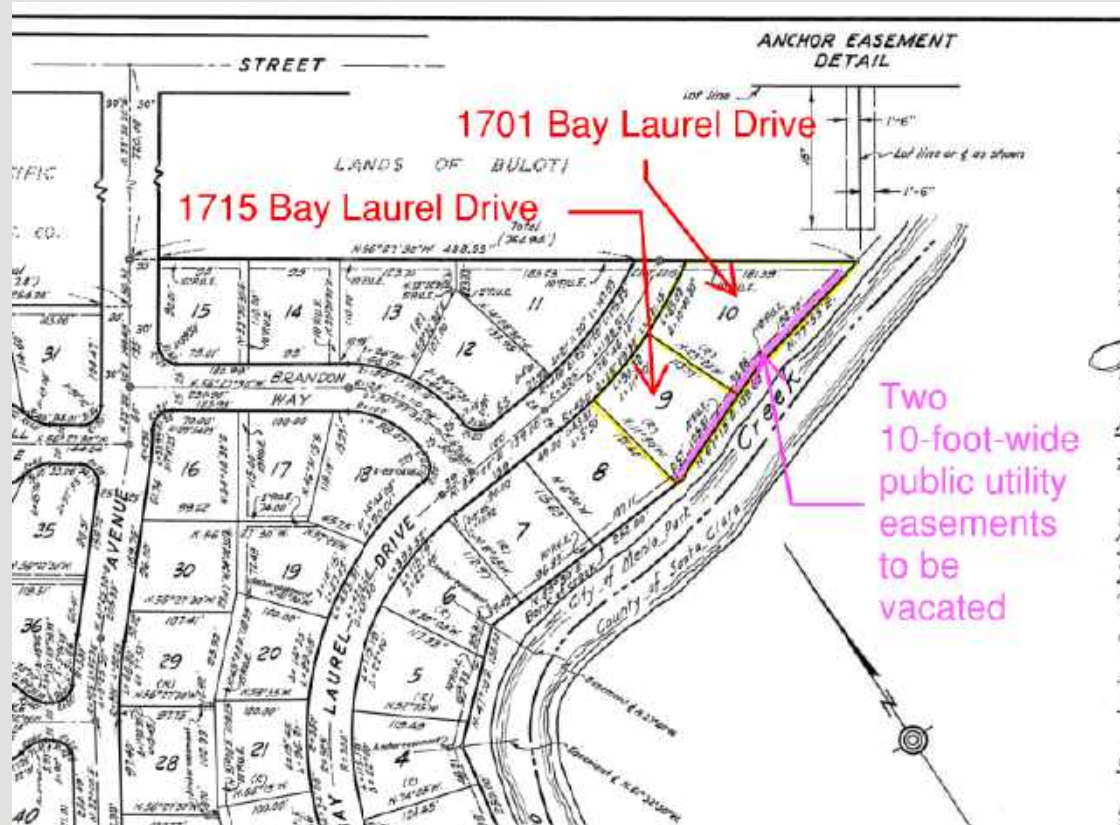


## PROJECT BACKGROUND

- Standard Vacation – 3 step process
  - City Council
  - Planning Commission
  - City Council
- On December 16, 2022, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 6796
- On January 9th, 2023, Planning Commission adopted Resolution No. 2023-03 confirming that proposed abandonments were consistent with general plan and recommending approval of abandonment.



# MAP





## RECOMMENDED ACTION

- Adopt resolution ordering the vacation and abandonment of the two 10-foot-wide Public Utility Easements along the northeasterly side (rear) of properties at 1701 Bay Laurel Drive and 1715 Bay Laurel Drive.



**THANK YOU**



# MIDDLE AVENUE COMPLETE STREETS PLAN

City Council – February 14, 2023





## AGENDA

- Project goals
- Background
- Outreach
- Prior City Council direction
- Bike lane design options
- Recommendation





## PROJECT GOALS

- Enhance bicyclist and pedestrian visibility and improve safety of all users
- Provide safe and comfortable cycling and pedestrian infrastructure and encourage sustainable mode of transportation
- Increase accessibility of the corridor by supporting improvements related to Middle Plaza and ongoing study of the grade-separated pedestrian and bicycle crossing



## BACKGROUND

- 65' City right of way – 41-42' wide curb to curb
- Edge lines with parallel parking
- Speed limit varies – 25 to 30 MPH and new 15 MPH school zones



AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC (2021)







## DATA COLLECTION

- Street use – vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian volumes
- City collision data
- Parking counts
  - Average day – 2019 to 2022
  - Nealon Park lot – multiple days, time periods
  - New Community Church Sunday counts
- Permits for apartment residents



# OUTREACH





## PUBLIC OUTREACH

- Public meetings – March 3, 2022
  - In-person at Nealon Park tennis court
  - Virtually via Zoom
  - About 100 total participants
- Public Survey
  - Over 600 participants
- Meetings with institutions
  - PVI – Little House and Rosener House
  - New Community Church
- Councilmember led outreach
  - October 2022
  - February 2023



In person outreach (in the rain)

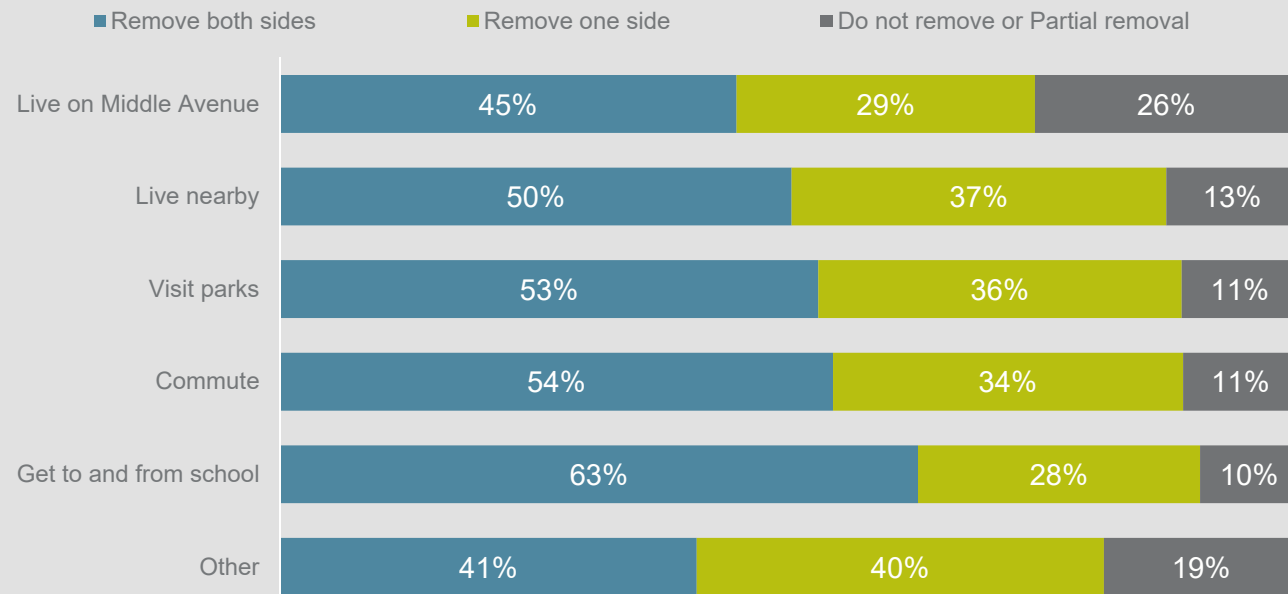


# ONLINE SURVEY

## BIKE LANE/PARKING REMOVAL PREFERENCES



Parking Removal Preference by User Group



A photograph of a street scene in Menlo Park. In the foreground, there are green plants with red flowers. A brown oval sign hanging from a building reads "harvest". Below it is a red circular sign with "TABAC" in yellow. In the background, there are more buildings, a sidewalk with red wicker chairs, and a person walking. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting daytime.

# CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS TO DATE



## CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS TO DATE

- Approved traffic calming measures:
  - Raised crosswalks and speed humps
  - Flashing pedestrian beacons at Arbor Rd
  - Speed feedback signs
- Approved installation of all-way stop at San Mateo Drive and Middle Avenue
- Approved temporary closure of Blake Street at Middle Avenue – requested by residents
- Directed staff to pursue intersection safety improvements at El Camino Real and Middle Avenue
- Directed staff to add sidewalk completion to the 5-year CIP



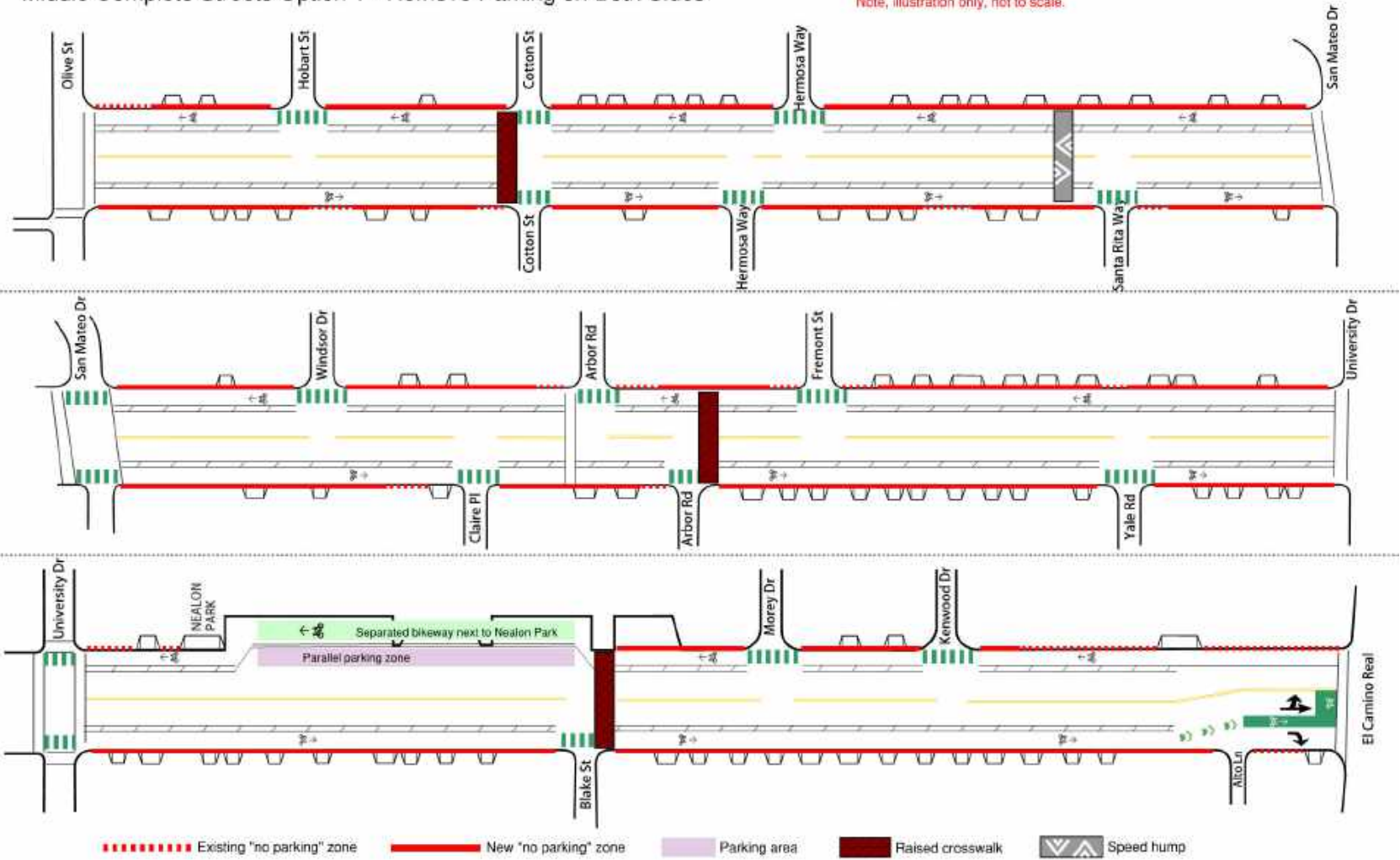
# BICYCLE LANE OPTIONS





### Middle Complete Streets Option 1 - Remove Parking on Both Sides

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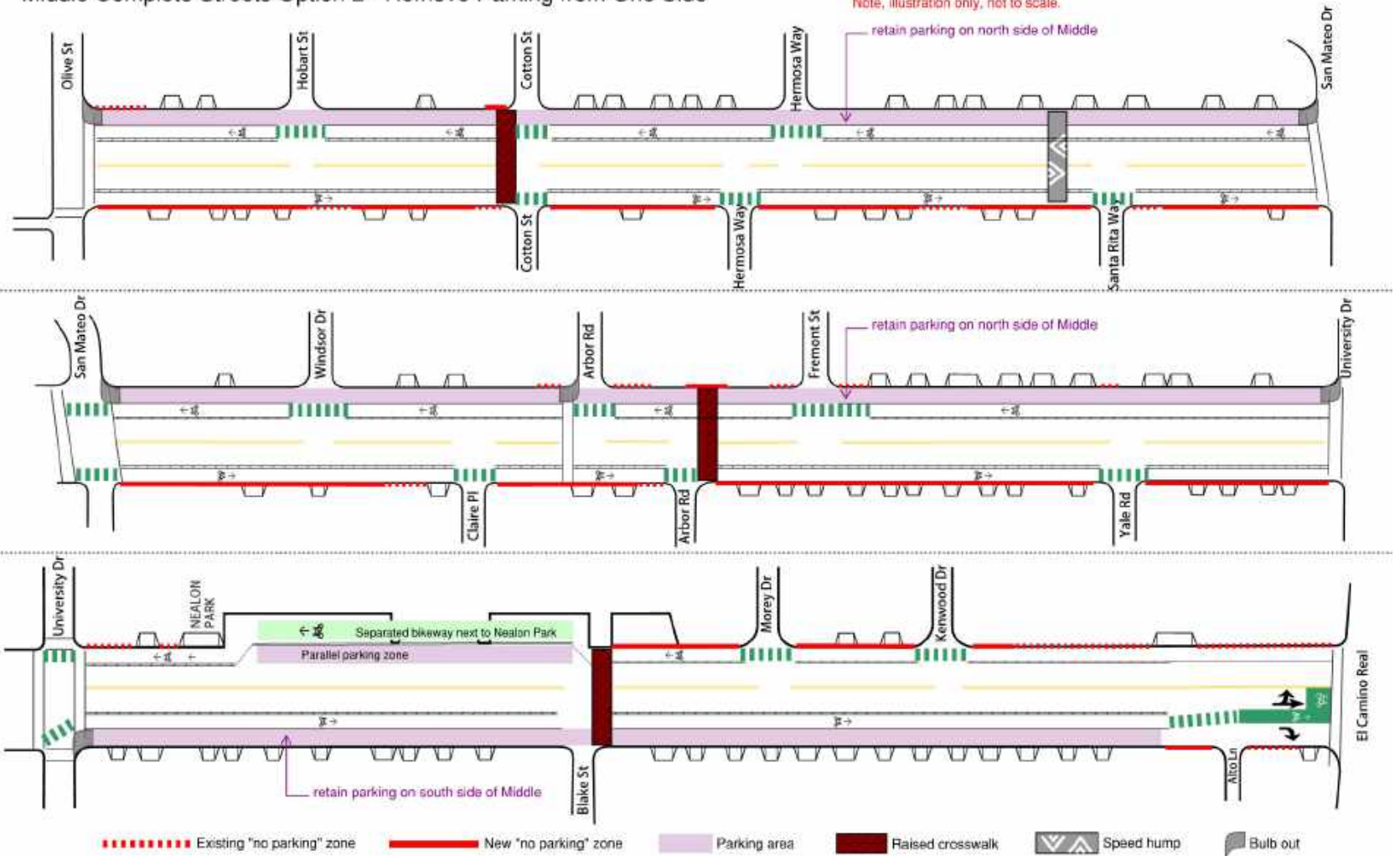






## Middle Complete Streets Option 2 - Remove Parking from One Side

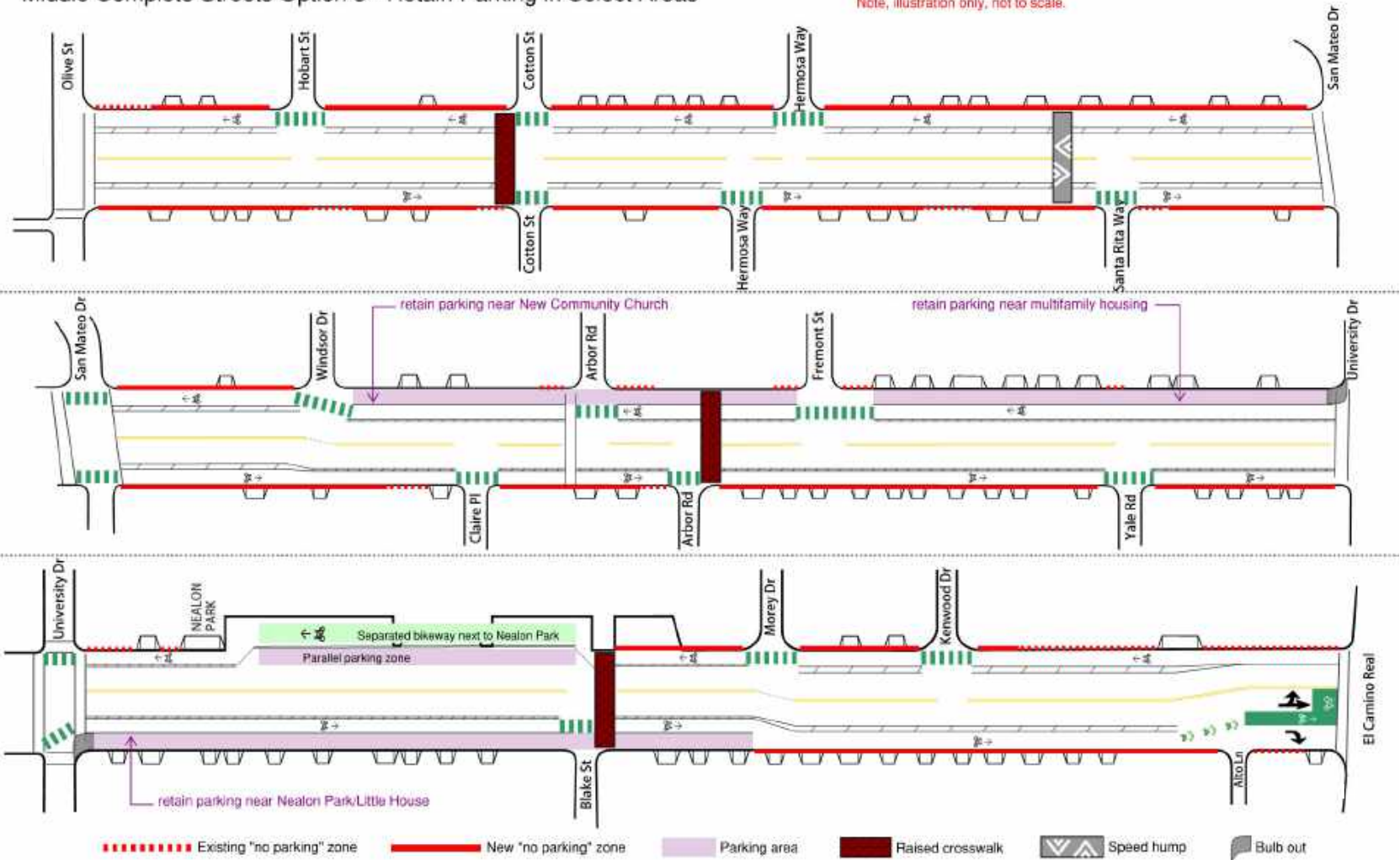
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### Middle Complete Streets Option 3 - Retain Parking in Select Areas

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## TRADEOFFS BETWEEN OPTIONS

OPTION	ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
(1) Remove both sides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wider bike lanes reduce conflicts with vehicles</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wider bike lanes and buffers may be used for passing turning vehicles</li></ul>
(2) Remove one side	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parking retained across the corridor</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Narrower bicycle lanes and buffer</li><li>• Increased risk of dooring (bicycle collisions with people opening car doors) compared to option 1</li></ul>
(3) Keep one side in high need areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parking retained for users with high need (Nealon Park/Little House, Menlo Community Church and apartments)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Narrower bike lanes and buffer in select areas, including by Nealon Park and Lyle Park</li><li>• Potential increase risk of dooring in select areas compared to option 1</li></ul>



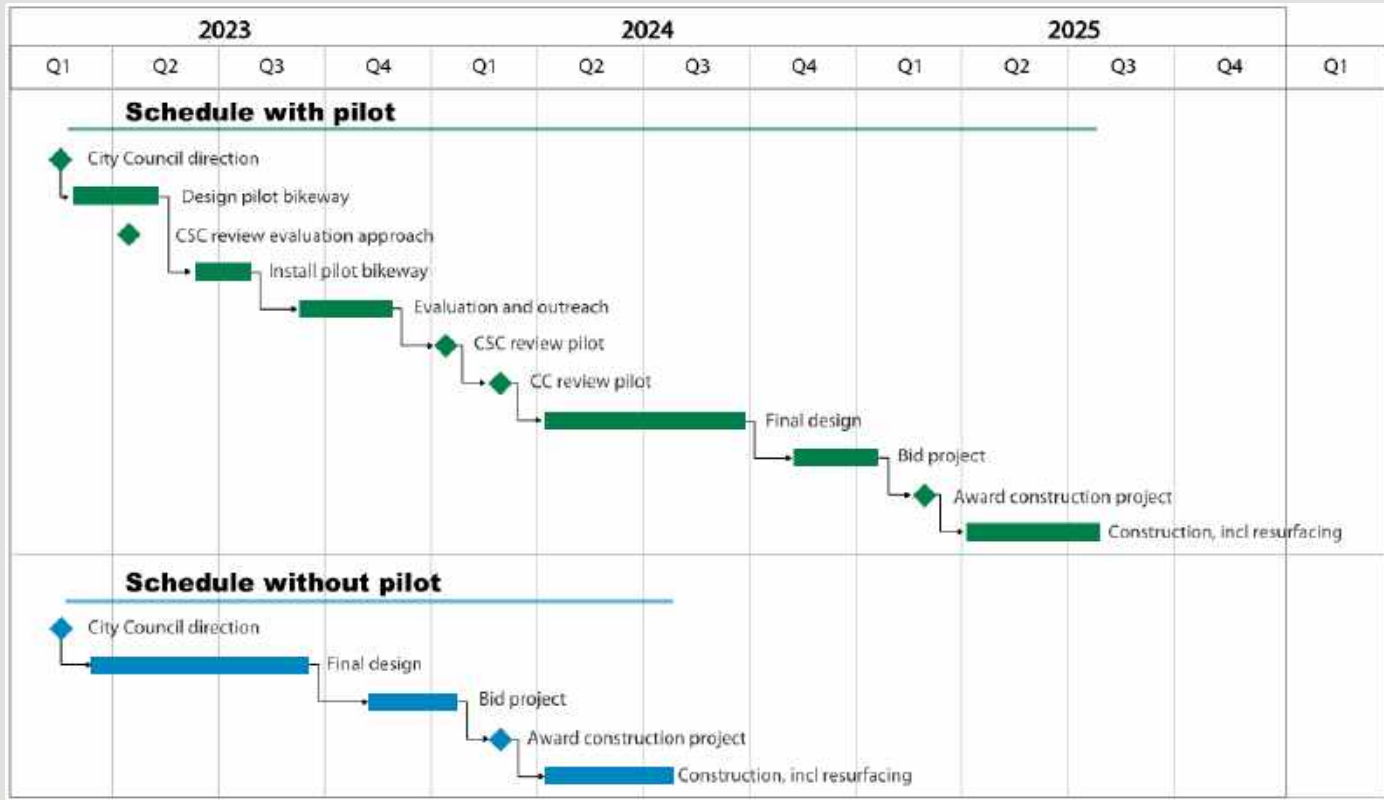
## PILOT & EVALUATION

- Pilot recommended for option 1, not 2 or 3
- Pilot would be 6 to 12 months to span multiple seasons
- Pilot would start in summer





# SCHEDULE



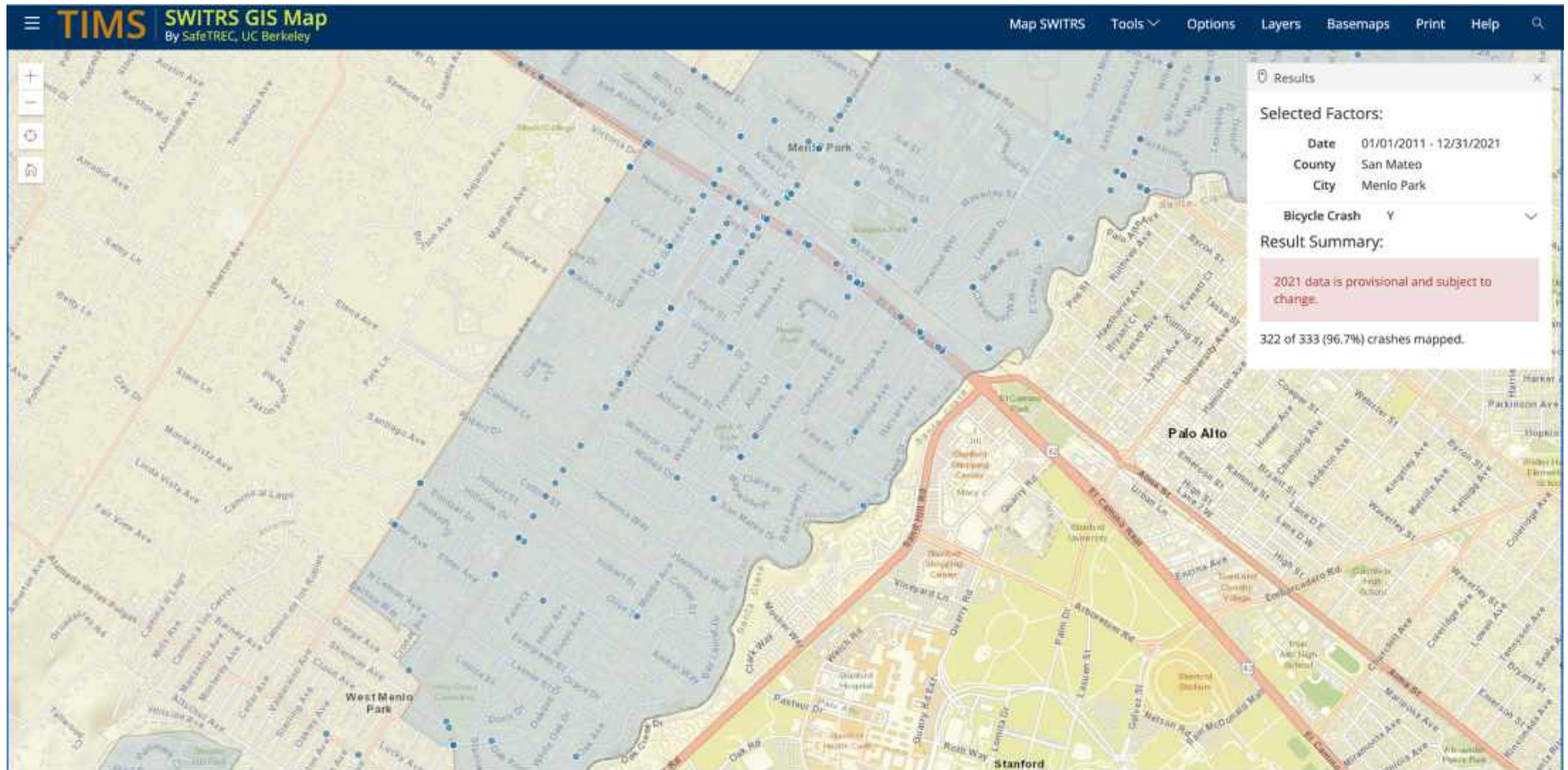


## ACTION TONIGHT

- Provide direction on the preferred bike lane design option
- Adopt a resolution to install no parking zones on Middle Avenue consistent with the preferred option



**THANK YOU**









# PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATIONS FOR SELECTING AN AQUATICS OPERATOR

City Council – February 14, 2023



## Recommendation

- No City Council action is requested at this time.
- This is a discussion-only item to provide City Council and the community the opportunity to view the proposals received (Attachments A, B and C)
- Preliminary considerations related to the selection of an aquatics operator for City Council's awareness
- Any feedback, questions, or direction City Council may desire to provide at this juncture.



## Timeline\*

- February 14 – Proposals released for City Council and community review and preliminary City Council discussion and feedback
- February 28 – City staff analysis and recommendation for a preferred operator; City Council authorizes the city manager to negotiate an agreement with the preferred operator
- March 1 – City enters negotiations with the preferred operator identified by City Council
- March 28 – City Council reviews and approves the aquatics operator agreement; the agreement is executed shortly thereafter
- September 1 – Agreement takes effect.

\* All dates are tentative and subject to change





# Proposals

- Three proposals were received in response to the RFP (Attachments A, B and C)
- RFP Section VI. Submittal Procedure: “Submitted proposals may be considered public documents and the City will adhere to all laws and regulations regarding the dissemination of public documents as they relate to submitted proposals.”
- The proposals are being provided to City Council in advance of selecting a preferred operator in order to give City Council and the community sufficient time to review the proposals and to identify preliminary considerations for City Council feedback and direction.



# Proposals

- Team Sheepar, Inc. proposal is from the City's current operator that has operated Burgess Pool since 2006 and previously operated Belle Haven Pool from 2011 until 2021 when the Belle Haven Pool was demolished to make way for construction of a new aquatics center as part of the MPCC project
- Swimming Swan, LLC proposal is from a qualified operator that is based in southern California and recently expanded its operations to Santa Clara County and Las Vegas, Nevada
- SOLO Aquatics proposal is from a local aquatics program that operates as a program subcontractor to the current operator of Burgess Pool.



# Proposals

- Two of the proposals (Team Sheepar, Inc., and The Swimming Swan, LLC) are from respondents that currently operate public aquatics facilities
- In the opinion of City staff and the RFP review panel, these two proposals demonstrate sufficient capabilities and experience to operate the Burgess Pool and future MPCC aquatics center.







## Preliminary considerations

- During the proposal review process, several preliminary considerations were identified for City Council's awareness
- Staff seeks any additional feedback, questions, or direction City Council may desire to provide at this juncture.



## Preliminary considerations

- Making some changes to the city's aquatics services and programs is expected and desired based on the key priorities and requirements that City Council established in the RFP
- Preserving some continuity of the city's aquatics services and programs is expected and desired based on the key priorities and requirements that City Council established in the RFP
- Based on the information received during the RFP process to date, City staff is confident and prepared to execute any direction City Council may provide regarding the desired future operations of the City's aquatics program.



## Preliminary considerations

- Remaining with the current qualified operator would probably result in relatively less disruption to current programs and operations from the perspective of current pool users, continuity of services and programs that are already in place
- Selecting a new qualified operator would probably result in relatively more disruption to current programs and operations from the perspective of current pool users, particularly in regard to the unique challenges and opportunities of transitioning from one operator to another operator.



## Next steps\*

February 28 – City staff analysis of the proposals, anticipated impacts and potential benefits of each option, and City staff’s recommendation for a preferred operator

February 28 – City Council identify a preferred aquatics operator and authorize staff to negotiate an operator agreement

March 1 – At City Council’s direction, the City enters negotiations with the preferred operator that City Council identified.

March 28 (tentative) – City Council authorization to execute the agreement.

\* All dates are tentative and subject to change



The background of the slide is a landscape photograph. It shows a winding river or stream flowing through a green, hilly area. The sky is blue with large, white, fluffy clouds. The foreground shows some grass and reeds near the water's edge. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

# DIRECTION ON FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

Judi A. Herren, City Clerk



## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- Provide staff with updates to City Council Policy #CC-23-004 Commissions/Committees Policies and procedures, Roles and Responsibilities





# OPTIONS



Option no.	Total FAC membership	No. of resident members	No. of City Council as FAC members	No. of City Council liaisons
Option 1 (Reduce 7 to 5)	5 members	5	0	1
Option 2 (Reduce 7 to 5)	5 members	3	2	0
Option 3 (Retain 7)	7 members	7	0	1
Option 4 (Retain 7)	7 members	5	2	0

- Option 1 - Reduce the FAC membership from seven to five and remove two City Councilmembers as voting members.  
FAC composition: Five residents and appointment of one City Councilmember liaison (not a voting member.)
- Option 2 - Reduce the FAC membership from seven to five and retain two City Councilmembers as voting members.  
FAC composition: Three residents and two City Councilmembers as voting members.
- Option 3 - Retain the FAC membership at seven members, but remove two City Councilmembers as voting members.  
FAC composition: Seven residents and appointment of one City Councilmember liaison (not a voting member.)
- Option 4 - Retain the current FAC membership of five residents and two City Councilmember as voting members.



**THANK YOU**