



## STAFF REPORT

**City Council**  
**Meeting Date:** 3/22/2025  
**Staff Report Number:** 25-043-CC

**Regular Business:** Annual City Council priority setting workshop

### Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Council establish priorities for fiscal year 2025-26, consider Environmental Justice Element community-identified priorities, and provide direction on downtown street closures.

### Policy Issues

The City Council's annual priority setting workshop provides direction to the city manager on aligning resources and work plans for the next year.

### Background

The City Council last held its annual priority setting workshop March 12, 2024 and set the following top priorities for fiscal year 2024-25: climate action – mitigation, adaptation and resilience; emergency and disaster preparedness; housing; and safe routes. The most recent fiscal year 2024-25 work plan update was received by the City Council Feb. 25 (Attachment A). The City Council's adopted budget principles (Attachment B) are also used to inform the development of the work plan and fiscal year budget, which is adopted in June each year.

### Analysis

The workshop objectives are to establish City Council priorities for fiscal year 2025-26, consider Environmental Justice (EJ) Element priorities, and discuss activities in downtown including street closures.

### Workshop topics

- Welcome and call the meeting to order
- Accomplishments overview
- Financial update
- Community survey results
- Public comment
- EJ Element priorities
- Establish top priorities for fiscal year 2025-26
- Downtown – street closures and other activities

### Public feedback

A dedicated webpage (Attachment C) provides transparency on priority setting 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 setting process through a variety of public

communication platforms including the Weekly Digest newsletter, email, social media and website listings. Additionally, Spanish interpretation services are offered during the workshop for both in-person and virtual attendees, and the City translated survey responses received in Spanish.

From Feb. 13 to March 7, the City gathered input on community-identified priorities through an online survey. The City received 544 survey responses, which included 524 online responses and 19 handwritten responses, as well as one workshop-related email to CCIN by the deadline (Attachment D).

The online survey asked if the top priorities for fiscal year 2024-25 still applied for the next year. For the 138 respondents (25% of all respondents) who answered that specific question, 100 (72%) indicated the top priorities still applied. Additionally, support for one of the five current top goals was indicated in 692 instances across all input received:

- Climate action – mitigation, adaptation and resilience: received support from 149 respondents (27%)
- Emergency and disaster preparedness: received support from 169 respondents (31%)
- Housing: received support from 207 respondents (38%)
- Safe routes: received support from 167 respondents (31%)

A total of 18 additional topics were indicated by respondents as important. The topic of downtown and business revitalization/activation received the most support from 168 respondents (31%), followed by an opposition to housing redevelopment on downtown parking plazas from 126 respondents (23%). The topic of quiet zones received support from 79 respondents (15%). There is currently a project included in the five-year capital improvement plan to design the improvements needed to qualify for a quiet zone along the Caltrain railroad line. The project is in design and plans are anticipated to be completed later this spring. Funding for construction would be considered during the upcoming fiscal year 2025-26 budgeting process. The 15 remaining topics received support from 13% or less of respondents each. Analysis of public feedback, including the full list of topics identified by respondents, is provided in Attachment E.

#### Public comment during workshop

The workshop will include an opportunity for the public to comment on the agenda item. With a robust agenda of multiple topics and discussions by the City Council, individual public comment times may be limited in duration by the Mayor depending on the number of public commenters to one or two minutes each in order to enable the City Council proper and sufficient time to carry out its work during the workshop. Feedback from individuals who submitted online survey responses to the City Council is already summarized in this report and all responses are available in Attachment D. Further public comment from these individuals reiterating the same points already submitted in writing may limit opportunities for others who were not yet able to submit comments to contribute to the proceedings.

For groups of individuals attending the workshop to provide public comment in favor of a shared goal or topic, the City's strong preference would be for groups to identify a single commenter to represent the broader interest, in an effort to use limited time efficiently. The commenter could identify the number of supporters in attendance at the meeting, and supporters could also stand during that particular comment to show support. Donated speaking time is not permitted per City Council procedure.

#### Priority setting by the City Council

Priority 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 fiscal year 2024-25.

The City's current work plan includes 54 items (Attachment A), of which:

- Eleven (20%) are complete
- Thirty-three (61%) are in progress
- Nine (17%) are ongoing
- One has not started yet

It is important to note that core services represent the majority of overall staff workload, and the City currently has a 15% staff vacancy rate due to high cost of living, changing workforce trends, and a highly competitive labor market. Vacancies reduce overall organizational capacity citywide. Staff will present more information on vacancy status, recruitment, and retention efforts at a City Council meeting in June as part of the annual budget process.

In addition to the work plan, the City's five-year capital improvement plan (CIP) outlines the vision for short- and long-range development, maintenance, improvement, and building of new infrastructure assets. The CIP provides a long-term approach for prioritizing and selecting new projects in the City, and is adopted annually by the City Council.

The adopted CIP focuses on addressing critical deferred maintenance and modernizing the City's public infrastructure. The projects are consistent with the City's adopted budget principles and City Council top priorities. The CIP contains seven categories of projects: city buildings and systems, environment, parks and recreation, stormwater, streets and sidewalks, traffic and transportation, and water. The CIP is available through the City's public budget portal (Attachment F). Status updates on the 66 projects in the CIP were provided in an informational update transmitted to the City Council Feb. 25 (Attachment G). Major projects completed over the past year include the Belle Haven Community Campus (BHCC), Willow Oaks Park improvement project, Burgess Park playground renovation, gas and leachate upgrades to the closed landfill at Bedwell Bayfront Park, the Belle Haven Traffic Calming plan implementation, and reroofing of City Hall and the main library to prepare for solar panel installation. The 2024 street resurfacing project was completed, which included maintenance of 4.2 miles of streets as well as installation of bicycle infrastructure on Valparaiso Avenue and Willow Road and traffic calming elements on neighborhood streets. Significant progress also was made on construction of the Chrysler Drive stormwater pump station, the renewable energy microgrid at BHCC, the Haven Avenue streetscape project between Marsh Road and the Atherton Channel, and conversion to automated water meter reading for Menlo Park Municipal Water customers.

#### Environmental Justice Element

On Sept. 24, 2024, City Council adopted the City's first General Plan Environmental Justice (EJ) Element (Attachment H), as part of the overarching Housing Element Update project. The community development department led an inclusive, intentional, and equitable planning process with over 15 outreach and engagement events and additional digital outreach over a span of three years focused on empowering the voices of Menlo Park's underserved Belle Haven and Bayfront communities. The Menlo Park community together created an action-oriented plan intended to evolve with and for the community over time. City staff supported the community in their identification of three top community priorities for advancing EJ, shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Menlo Park EJ Element community-identified priorities and goals		
Goal ID	Goal text	Priority #
EJ5	Provide safe, sanitary and stable homes	1
EJ4	Promote access to high quality and affordable food	2
EJ2	Reduce pollution exposure and improve air quality	3

Community development staff led an interdepartmental team to develop a comprehensive Action Guide to manage and coordinate City efforts to accomplish the goals, policies, and programs outlined in the EJ Element. Implementation of the EJ Element will now transition to sustainability staff in the city manager’s office to coordinate the necessary interdepartmental analysis and collaboration. Implementation will be guided by community needs, funding opportunities, and ongoing community outreach in particular from Menlo Park’s underserved communities.

*EJ Element webpage and online Action Guide*

The City website includes a new, dedicated webpage for the EJ Element (Attachment I), which provides an executive summary of the element and highlights the top three community-identified priorities in tiled boxes (Goals EJ5, EJ4 and EJ2). Each priority tile links to a separate page where community members can learn more about the goal and supporting policies, programs, and action items to advance EJ, along with implementation activity (i.e., a condensed online Action Guide). The EJ Element webpage also includes a drop-down menu linking to the full Action Guide with all seven EJ Element goals and supporting policies, programs and action items listed, along with implementation status, and more details for lead/supporting roles, potential funding sources and estimated time frames.

*City Council consideration of EJ priorities*

EJ Element program EJ7.L indicates the City Council will consider community-identified environmental justice priorities at the annual workshop. A focused Action Guide including EJ programs and action items of the top three community-identified priorities that are currently in progress is available in Attachment J. To support EJ element implementation, staff will continue to work across departments to evaluate programs and action items, assess capacity and timelines, and identify potential funding sources. Recommendations for funding may identify the EJ Element Implementation Fund, which was created by City Council June 25, 2024 with a \$1 million transfer from the Bayfront Mitigation Fund. Further reporting on EJ Element implementation will occur annually through the Annual Progress Report (APR). The first EJ APR will be considered by the Planning Commission March 24 and City Council March 25.

Downtown – street closures and other activities

On Feb. 11, Mayor Combs requested a discussion of the street closure on Santa Cruz Avenue through a City Council initiated item (Attachment K). The City Council provided direction to discuss the topic further at the City Council workshop. Staff seeks direction from the City Council on whether to agendize a reopening of Santa Cruz Avenue, as well as Ryans Lane due to anticipated completion of construction for Clark’s Oyster Bar that is explained in more detail below. At the workshop, the City Council will not make a decision about changes to street closures.

To facilitate discussion, City staff produced four maps to highlight activities in downtown (Attachment L), including the following projects:

- Current outdoor dining areas and planned Streetary areas
- Street closures on Santa Cruz Avenue and Ryans Lane

- Irrigation repair and replanting for medians on Santa Cruz Avenue from El Camino Real to Crane Street
- Potential development on City-owned parking plazas 1, 2 and 3
- Planned resurfacing of City-owned parking plazas 7 and 8

### *Street closures*

On Aug. 29, 2023, City Council adopted a resolution to close a portion of Santa Cruz Avenue between Curtis and Doyle Streets to eastbound vehicular traffic to allow for enhanced outdoor communal space and outdoor dining opportunities for restaurants adjacent to the street closure (Attachment M). This closure allowed restaurants to expand outdoor dining areas into the vehicular travel lane. The City installed a bike lane and indicated it would research and potentially install improved outdoor furniture in the outdoor picnic seating area in front of Walgreens.

On Oct. 10, 2023, City Council adopted a resolution to approve a short-term closure of Ryans Lane between Crane Street and Escondido Lane, to allow for temporary outdoor dining opportunities for Carpaccio until the end of construction of Clark's Oyster Bar (Attachment N). The resolution allowed the city manager to extend the street closure to accommodate the construction timeline; the most recent extension is through the end of March. Clark's Oyster Bar indicated to staff that major construction completion target is now mid-April, so the City anticipates granting an additional extension of the street closure through April. The City Council may revisit this closure before occupancy by Clark's Oyster Bar to determine whether it should be converted to a long-term closure. Long-term closure of Ryans Lane presents access issues for adjacent and nearby businesses. A survey of five open businesses indicated unanimous support to reopen Ryans Lane.

### *Outdoor dining update*

On Aug. 29, 2023, City Council adopted the Streetary outdoor dining ordinance and associated Streetary design standards (Attachment O). Since that time, staff have worked with restaurants on Streetary application submittals. Staff have received indications about future plans from restaurants that are reflected on the downtown maps. Formal plans have been submitted by the deadline for Loretta and Bistro Vida. Restaurants on the 600 block of Santa Cruz Avenue, including Left Bank, Loretta and Bistro Vida, will reduce their outdoor dining areas to withdraw from the travel lane to original outdoor dining footprints. Left Bank has already reduced its footprint. Bistro Vida will further reduce its footprint to extend only along its building frontage; that work will take place after a final plan is approved and demolition permit is issued. Changes to outdoor dining areas in other parts of downtown include reduction of footprint for Roma (Streetary area will not extend beyond Roma building frontage), closure of Galata Bistro, withdrawal of application by Amici's, and potential utility conflicts with the University Drive footprint of Camper.

### *Other activities*

The public works department is currently working with a contractor to repair irrigation equipment and replant medians on Santa Cruz Avenue from Doyle Street to Crane Street. This work is expected to be completed by the summer. Additionally, the City's capital improvement plan includes resurfacing of City-owned parking plazas 7 and 8. Collection of field data began in January.

On Jan. 29, the City released a request for qualifications (RFQ) for developers to submit their experience, ideas, and approaches to development on parking plazas 1, 2, and/or 3, including phasing and financing for affordable housing, replacement parking and other potential uses. The City Council authorized release of the RFQ Jan. 14 and developer responses are due March 31 by 5:30 p.m. The RFQ is available on the City's website (Attachment P).

### Next steps

A final staff report will detail outcomes and next steps from the workshop. Staff will use workshop results to

prepare a work plan for City Council consideration at a future meeting, as part of the fiscal year 2025-26 budget development process.

### **Impact on City Resources**

There is no impact on City resources to conduct the workshop, but it is important to note that City Council direction on priorities will inform the creation of the fiscal year 2025-26 budget and city work plan.

### **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. Fiscal year 2024-25 work plan
- B. Adopted fiscal year 2024-25 budget principles
- C. Hyperlink – City Council priority setting workshop webpage: [menlopark.gov/priorities](https://menlopark.gov/priorities)
- D. Online survey submissions
- E. Online survey results analysis by topic
- F. Hyperlink – CIP: [stories.opengov.com/menlopark/published/yIRrT4u008](https://stories.opengov.com/menlopark/published/yIRrT4u008)
- G. Hyperlink – Feb. 25 Staff Report #25-030-CC update on the City’s 2025-2029 capital improvement plan: [menlopark.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/agendas-and-minutes/city-council/2025-meetings/20250225/m3-20250225-cc-cip-2025-2029.pdf](https://menlopark.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/agendas-and-minutes/city-council/2025-meetings/20250225/m3-20250225-cc-cip-2025-2029.pdf)
- H. Hyperlink – Sept. 24, 2024 Staff Report #24-165-CC EJ Element adoption: [menlopark.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/agendas-and-minutes/city-council/2024-meetings/agendas/20240924/g1-20240924-cc-ej-and-safety-elements-adoption.pdf](https://menlopark.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/agendas-and-minutes/city-council/2024-meetings/agendas/20240924/g1-20240924-cc-ej-and-safety-elements-adoption.pdf)
- I. Hyperlink – EJ Element webpage and online Action Guide: [menlopark.gov/EJElement](https://menlopark.gov/EJElement)
- J. Focused EJ Element Action Guide
- K. Hyperlink – Feb. 11 Staff Report #25-023-CC City Council initiated item: [menlopark.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/agendas-and-minutes/city-council/2025-meetings/20250211/j1-20250211-cc-mayor-combs-request.pdf](https://menlopark.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/agendas-and-minutes/city-council/2025-meetings/20250211/j1-20250211-cc-mayor-combs-request.pdf)
- L. Downtown maps
- M. Hyperlink – Aug. 29, 2023 resolution to close Santa Cruz: [menlopark.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/2/agendas-and-minutes/city-council/2023-meetings/agendas/20230829-city-council-regular-agenda-packet-w-pres.pdf#page=205](https://menlopark.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/2/agendas-and-minutes/city-council/2023-meetings/agendas/20230829-city-council-regular-agenda-packet-w-pres.pdf#page=205)
- N. Hyperlink – Oct. 10, 2023 resolution to close Ryans Lane: [menlopark.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/3/agendas-and-minutes/city-council/2023-meetings/agendas/20231010-city-council-special-and-regular-agenda-packet-w-pres.pdf#page=321](https://menlopark.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/3/agendas-and-minutes/city-council/2023-meetings/agendas/20231010-city-council-special-and-regular-agenda-packet-w-pres.pdf#page=321)
- O. Hyperlink – Aug. 29, 2023 Streetary outdoor dining ordinance and Streetary and design standards: [menlopark.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/2/agendas-and-minutes/city-council/2023-meetings/agendas/20230829-city-council-regular-agenda-packet-w-pres.pdf#page=135](https://menlopark.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/2/agendas-and-minutes/city-council/2023-meetings/agendas/20230829-city-council-regular-agenda-packet-w-pres.pdf#page=135)
- P. Hyperlink – Development on downtown parking lots webpage: [menlopark.gov/downtowndevelopment](https://menlopark.gov/downtowndevelopment)

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Report prepared by:  
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City Council work plan for fiscal year 2024-25		
City Council goal	Departments	Status
<b>CLIMATE ACTION - MITIGATION, ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE</b>		
Implement communitywide electrification program with \$4.5 million in funding from California Energy Commission funding	CMO	in progress; executed PCE agreement for first half of funds
Prepare building code amendment to encourage electrification	CD, CMO	complete
Analyze and revise scope of work for remaining term of Climate Action Plan	CMO	complete
Scope a climate adaptation plan that follows framework of SB 272	CMO, PW	in progress
Develop an urban forest management plan	PW, CMO	in progress
Enhance communication and education on electrification	CMO	in progress
Streamline permitting for electrification	CMO, interdept	complete
Partner with Peninsula Clean Energy's solar/battery program for city facilities	CMO, interdept	in progress
Implement electric vehicle charging plan at city facilities	PW, interdept	in progress; partnered with PCE for free technical assistance; partnered with PG&E fleet program
Continue water heater replacement at city facilities	CMO, interdept	in progress
Explore Burgess pool electrification	CMO, interdept	in progress
Electrify Belle Haven Child Development Center	PW, CMO	in progress; grant with PCE
Adopt Environmental Justice Element	CD, interdept	complete
Implement zero emission landscape equipment ordinance	CMO, PW, PD	complete; education and enforcement ongoing
Launch clean energy infrastructure (micro-grid) at MPCC	PW	in progress; comissioning system
Continue to advance planning, funding, and construction of SAFER Bay	PW	in progress
Complete construction of Chrysler Pump Station to improve resiliency of City's stormwater system	PW	in progress
<b>EMERGENCY AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS</b>		
Recruit Emergency Preparedness staff person	interdept, ASD	complete
Expand emergency preparedness training among city staff	CMO	ongoing
Maintain and enhance emergency preparedness capabilities among city facilities and staff and through use of software and technology like GIS, radio equipment, etc.	CMO, interdept	ongoing
Develop and update disaster response/recovery plans and ensure compliance with government regulations	CMO	in progress
Organize, equip, and maintain Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to be available for immediate activation	CMO	in progress
Create internal planning and preparedness working group	CMO, interdept	complete
Coordinate with other PIOs for winter storm season including early coordination with San Francisquito Creek JPA	CMO	ongoing



Prepare winter weather plan for 2024-2025	CMO, PW	complete
Coordinate with multiple agencies and the San Francisquito Creek JPA	PW, interdept	ongoing
Adopt Safety Element	CD	complete
Coordinate with volunteer and emergency readiness organizations for community preparedness activities	CMO	ongoing
Proclamation for National Preparedness Month	CMO	complete
<b>HOUSING</b>		
Receive conditional approval of Housing Element from HCD after multiple rounds of comments	CD	complete; certified on March 20, 2024
Implement Housing Element:	CD	in progress
Pursue affordable housing development on City-owned downtown parking lots	CD, PW	in progress; RFQ released in Jan. 2024
Create anti-displacement program	CD	in progress; conducted two community meetings
Implement homeownership preservation program with Habitat for Humanity	CD	marketing conducted; HGSF approved first application in June
Partner with HEART for shared housing staff	CD	ongoing; agreement approved
Finalize NOFA funding agreements for below market rate funds	CD	in progress
Process housing development at 3705 Haven Ave.	CD	in progress
Process Parkline master plan	CD	in progress
Initiate second phase of BMR Guidelines update	CD	in progress
Enhance information sharing about current development projects and regulations	CD	ongoing
Amend ADU regulations	CD	
Partner with County of San Mateo's Center on Homelessness grant-funded program to provide homeless services to encampments in Menlo Park including RVs	interdept	ongoing
<b>SAFE ROUTES</b>		
Maintain existing transportation assets including development of a five-year paving plan	PW	in progress
Develop connected multimodal corridors	PW	in progress
Complete gaps in the pedestrian network, with focus on safe crossings	PW	in progress
Continue to implement Safe Routes to Schools program	PW	in progress
Develop a network of low stress bicycle corridors that connect residents to major services and transit	PW	in progress
Deliver projects currently in the capital program pipeline	PW	in progress
Belle Haven traffic calming, Haven Avenue streetscape, Middle Avenue complete streets and pedestrian/bicycle Caltrain crossing, Middlefield Road pilot, Willow Road pedestrian and bicycle improvements, and Coleman-Ringwood Avenues planning study	PW	in progress; completed Belle Haven traffic calming project

Proactively advance safety	PW	ongoing
Speed limit reductions	PW	in progress
Update City policies to advance safety and VMT reduction	PW	in progress
Implement TDM policy and transportation management association	PW	in progress
Parking design guidelines and policies for on-street and off-street parking to support sustainability, housing and equity goals	PW	in progress



<p><b>1. Promote the City’s long-term fiscal sustainability</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Implement the annual payment necessary in the budget to achieve amortization of the CalPERS Net Pension Liability in accordance with the actuarial 15-year amortization schedule. This is consistent with the City Council’s previously adopted budget principle to plan for an accelerated reduction of the unfunded accrued liability (UAL).</li> <li>B. Invest in technologies that minimize low value-add processes, increase transparency in communications and most efficiently utilize our talented staff.</li> <li>C. Strive to achieve City Council cost recovery goals for fee-based services.</li> <li>D. Continue to evaluate the most cost-effective method to provide services at a specified level that provides the City with flexibility in all economic conditions, including the use of contracted services, shared services, and regular and limited-term employees.</li> <li>E. Proactively manage the loss of institutional knowledge by documenting procedures, practices and processes and succession planning efforts, including the ability to provide for overlap in critical positions at the at the discretion of the city manager.</li> <li>F. Incorporate programs and initiatives that strengthen Menlo Park’s standing as an employer of choice to retain highly qualified personnel.</li> <li>G. Evaluate the long-term structural balance of revenues and expenditures to maintain a sustainable general fund.</li> </ul>
<p><b>2. Provide city services and infrastructure that contribute to quality of life in Menlo Park</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Implement ordinances and City Council adopted initiatives and strategies to contribute to the quality of life in Menlo Park now and in the future.</li> <li>B. Proactively maintain and improve existing infrastructure to minimize maintenance costs, decrease the City’s greenhouse gas emissions, and increase the City’s long-term disaster and climate resilience.</li> <li>C. Strive to balance the resources and requirements of each area of the city in an equitable manner through the use of equitable tools and ongoing collaboration with the Countywide Equity Working Group.</li> <li>D. Evaluate one-time revenues for highest and best investment recognizing the benefit of leveraging near term investments for long-term gains in financial sustainability and/or quality of life.</li> <li>E. Commit to continuous improvement in the communication of City financial information through a variety of media acknowledging that the City’s professional staff and consultants are obligated to conform to accounting and reporting standards in order to provide balanced financial information that informs policymakers.</li> <li>F. Strategically identify and align financial resources to implement City Council-identified top goals.</li> </ul>
<p><b>3. Revenue sources and grant accounting</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. State the funds surplus/(deficit) balance to show annual results and use of fund balance.</li> <li>B. Identify revenue sources for the initial year of all capital projects.</li> <li>C. Ensure a fund’s fiscal year-end balance estimate is positive.</li> </ul>

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 1:09PM
Receipt number	2
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

A downtown update plan would be great to see something happening with the very tired landscaping and light post etc. A facade update program was talked about previously and went no where.. we need property owners to get some tax incentive to invest in making downtown look updated to attract more retailers so we dont have as many empty store fronts.

Name Keith Quiggins

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 1:12PM
Receipt number	4
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I agree with priorities.

Name Lauren Barbieri

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 1:14PM
Receipt number	5
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Banning lower projects  
Priorities:  
Reducing utility/energy rates  
Easing traffic congestion  
Revitalizing downtown

Name Bernard Burg

Email [REDACTED]

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 1:15PM
Receipt number	6
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Top priority should be encouraging, assisting and working with small businesses. This includes developing housing for workers.

Name Matt

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 1:16PM
Receipt number	7
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

No, I believe the revitalization of the downtown area and housing are the most pressing issues

Name

Email

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 1:17PM
Receipt number	8
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Builders remedy as it pertains to the willow rd mega tower monstrosity -  
this is the biggest Impact quality of life issue for a major swath of the  
park residents

Name Steven and Jackie Dines

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 1:17PM
Receipt number	9
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

The following two priorities are essential for the well-being of our city. (1) Encouraging small businesses which provide much-needed services and tax revenue for the city. This includes having adequate downtown parking. (2) Eliminating barriers to the free flow of traffic on arterial streets, instead of forcing traffic onto smaller streets. (3) Replace the unauthorized "no stopping" signs on Middle Avenue with the "no parking" signs that the City Council voted to install.

Name Sue Kayton

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 1:18PM
Receipt number	10
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Protection from big business over development (like the proposed Sunset location) that goes against community development.
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Name	Mimi Tudor
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Phone	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 1:19PM
Receipt number	11
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I think these are great priorities. I would like to see good public transit options to reduce traffic.

Name Joshua Meyers

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 1:19PM
Receipt number	12
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Given limited resources and the severity of housing and climate challenges, I believe the priorities should be

0. Law and order (I believe we are in a good shape in Menlo Park, but let's not forget about this)
1. Housing
2. Emergency and disaster preparedness, including climate change adaptation and resilience

Name Dmitry Stavisky

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 1:22PM
Receipt number	13
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I do not think those priorities are optimal for the next year. I would prioritize 1) Downtown / Economic Development 2) Vision Zero Action Plan 3) Basic infrastructure upkeep and speed of execution, 4) Housing, 5) Update community collaboration methods

Name Laura Melahn

Email

[REDACTED]

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

This is my layperson's view on more appropriate order of priority:

Downtown / economic development  
Transportation (understanding City of MP/local municipalities may have very limited jurisdiction/ability to improve transit systems)  
Thoughtful Housing alternatives to building on downtown parking lots  
Emergency and disaster preparedness

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

The main priority should be the development of downtown for the enjoyment of the residence and continued to work on improvement of traffic. Unfortunately, your ill conceived plans for downtown housing go in the face of both of these.

Name Jerome Hester

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Safety and Emergency Preparedness Should Be the Top Priority – The city must focus on disaster readiness, including wildfire and earthquake response, evacuation planning, and emergency infrastructure improvements. A well-prepared community can mitigate risks and save lives.

Climate Resilience Supports Safety – Climate action should emphasize mitigation strategies that directly impact safety, such as flood control, wildfire prevention, and sustainable infrastructure improvements.

Safe Routes Are Essential for Emergencies – Ensuring safe roads, pedestrian paths, and bike routes is critical, especially for emergency response and evacuation during disasters.

Housing Should Not Take Priority Over Safety – While housing is important, it should not overshadow essential preparedness measures. Any development should align with safety planning and infrastructure capacity.

Name Vincent Lue

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Submitted on 13 February 2025, 1:29PM  
Receipt number 17  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? Activating and revitalizing down town should be a top priority

Name mamieFoody

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Phone [REDACTED]

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Submitted on	13 February 2025, 1:30PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	No they do not. We need to prioritize improving traffic as the number one priority.
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Name	Anonymous
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 1:32PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I would request the city to prioritize the following:

- Defend DEI and cultural programs given new Presidential Exec Orders. We need to protect and stand up for our values against these new pressures.
- Do an internal audit of our budget, expenses and processes and ensure they're no "leaks" in the process.
- Continue to focus on Safe routes and Emergency and disaster prep (esp in light of climate change)

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 1:34PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I agree with the 4 top priorities listed above. I do hope we will continue to see improvements in the bellehaven neighborhood especially when it comes to planting more trees and improving the overall health of the residences who reside in this community

Name Eddie

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 1:35PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I think you need to be very conscious of what you build in downtown Menlo Park. If affordable housing is a priority and those who live in these units cannot afford to support the downtown, that isn't fair to the occupants or the merchants. It sounds like a set up for failure. You need to really think this through.  
Has anyone ever proposed a vacancy tax? Maybe that would encourage building owners to lower rent and get some tenants.

Name Nancy Tarantino

Email

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Submitted on	13 February 2025, 1:44PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes, but I think the projects that can be done at the community and city level only should be first. The levels of government above that, helping with projects may take longer with the changes taking place this year.

Name Johnnie Walton

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 1:35PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

#1 - Economic Development (including workforce dev)  
#2 - Housing, but not just low income units. BIG changes needed to local ordinances to encourage more building of all types of housing (INCLUDING making it easier to remove trees)  
#3) - Emergency and disaster preparedness  
#4) - More support for local schools

Name B. Battles

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 1:40PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I would move revitalizing downtown with more retail services and specifically restaurants to the top of the list. The number of vacant building is depressing.

After that I would put housing, climate action and emergency preparedness

Name Garry Hallee

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 1:42PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Remove "parklet " dining spaces. Parking is more valuable. Plenty of sidewalk & interior space to eat. Businesses need the access to keep customers.

Name	McCarthy Lorraine
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 1:51PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Quiet zone silencing the train horns
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Name	McCarthy Lorraine
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 1:44PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

No. Safe routes first, climate action, emergency preparedness and housing. Has the city council thought about telling businesses unhappy about losing parking downtown what the cost to cover the deferred maintenance on those parking lots would cost the city, or businesses? I have lived in MP for over 2 decades and the condition of those surface lots has always been horrible, but I also understand what resurfacing costs. Also, there is really very little if any compliant accessible parking downtown. Why not develop the land with ground level parking, and low income housing above? Solves both problems.

Name Syroun Sanossian

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 1:45PM
Receipt number	28
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

"Climate action - mitigation, adaptation and resilience" sounds overly fuzzy and unrealistic to deal with at a city level.

How about these priorities that the city council can actual be effective at:

- Safe routes to school and work
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety
- Transit and connectivity
- Emergency and disaster preparedness
- Housing
- Revitalizing downtown

Name Umesh Unnikrishnan

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 1:48PM
Receipt number	29
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Traffic issues affecting Bellehaven neighborhood. A lot of new construction in the area. It takes 30 minutes to get out of our neighborhood, which is ridiculous. The light on Newbridge and Willow needs to be improved for Menlo Park residence to be able to exit the neighborhood and under 30 minutes during commute times. For such a small area it's ridiculous. I'd like to see what improvements are being made in the Bellehaven neighborhood. Can we talk about parking enforcement and littering.

Name Olga Escalante

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Submitted on	13 February 2025, 1:50PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Housing is the most important one
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Name	Rishi Shah
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Submitted on	13 February 2025, 1:50PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Empty storefronts need to be dealt with. Tax write-offs for owners of the buildings but an eyesore for the community at large. I can't imagine how the parking situation would be in the downtown lots if we actually had a vibrant downtown!

Parking enforcement on the streets. More traffic enforcement overall for speeders, bikers and drivers who do not stop for pedestrians, etc.

Name janeene johnson

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 1:51PM
Receipt number	32
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Activating downtown and accessibility to food options at all economic price points in the downtown area should be a focus along with increased housing that doesn't take away from Menlo Park's charm and impact why we all have paid a premium to live here.

Name

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 1:53PM
Receipt number	33
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes. Housing remains top priority
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Downtown redevelopment Climate mitigation

Name	Paul Roberts
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 1:52PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

No-these priorities ignore downtown businesses and the residents who rely on them (or choose them) as the parking plaza 1,2, and 3 fiasco demonstrates. Moreover, considering the LA fires, emergency and disaster preparedness and safety should move to the top of the list. Once those priorities are planned and funded the city and its staff should spend more time and energy securing and maintaining the quality of life for the current residents and taxpayers rather than kowtowing to legislative and bureaucratic pressures. A clean, safe, crime free city is far more important than high rises and high density housing. The building and zoning codes should be enforced to preserve the attributes of Menlo Park rather than using exemptions and variances to make the town a hodgepodge of development.

Name

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 1:55PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

The top priorities should be: finding alternative sites for housing instead of planning to cram high-density apartment complexes into our downtown parking lots; preventing the outrageous Sunset Project from going forward. Painful as it might be, the Council needs to revisit the Housing Element and open up all districts to possible affordable housing sites. Start the dialogue with Sacramento, Civic Center, SRI, USGS and the VA hospital areas need to be reconsidered, as do sites in District One and District Five. Everything else should take a back seat to these issues. Repaving our downtown parking lots would be a good move in the right direction to remedy their former neglect, while simultaneously demonstrating that you've heard the residents you represent who've said a loud and clear NO to housing in those lots. We can't attract new businesses downtown until you scrap the ill-conceived parking lot housing plan.

Name Cherie Zaslowsky

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 1:55PM
Receipt number	36
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

These are all excellent priorities. My notes on what's most important to me are:

- Climate action: Lowering our carbon footprint and planning for extreme weather events
- Housing: Increasing affordable housing downtown and close to transit connections
- Safe routes: Improving bike lanes, creating bike lanes with physical barriers, improving transit connections, addressing high-traffic and high-danger areas

Name	Emma Stanford
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 1:56PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Downtown and economic development should be the top priority.  
Alternate sites for housing, other than downtown, should be determined.  
Forget the rest, especially climate.

Name Bradford Phillips

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 1:59PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

These are all good priorities. I would add grade separations and quiet zones for the ever-present trains.

Name Susan Learned-Driscoll

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 2:01PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes - in this order.  
Housing - in locations already spelled out by the state. Close to transportation, shopping, etc. The location should not condemn the surrounding businesses to failure.  
Climate action  
Emergency and disaster preparedness  
Safe Routes  
Fire Strategies

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Implement a rational housing plan which promotes downtown commerce  
is the first priority because you have started this process already.

Then climate  
Then emergency

Name lily hurtimann

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 2:07PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Activating and Keeping downtown shopper and pedestrian and bike friendly. Housing is important but stop rushing projects through without full consideration of the EJE and Circulation impacts. Better represent your resident constituents and not just state housing mandates, outside housing advocates and developer interests.

Name Skip Hilton

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 2:08PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Climate action should be part of emergency and disaster preparedness. Menlo Park is too small to make changes that will impact climate change, so focus on how we respond to wildfires etc.

Safe routes should be part of transportation infrastructure in general, especially if we're expanding housing supply

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 2:09PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I find the City's Environmental "Justice" Element TOTALLY Mis guided. These projects are some much better addressed Private Developers who risk THEIR dollar. there are so many unanswered ?'s about Who owns the Parking Lot areas Downtown of Menlo Park.

Name DR. RICHARD S. DURANDO DDS

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 2:12PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

No. Opening up Santa Cruz Avenue should be a top priority. Pushing traffic on alternate streets because of SCA's partial closure is another priority. Creating an inviting downtown is also a top priority. Addressing vacancies. Addressing the parking lots behind Walgreens, Mike's Camera Shop which are a disaster. Be mindful of the business community which unfortunately this Council and the Administrative staff has forgotten.

Let's face it, cars are not going away; not everyone rides a bike, people get frustrated not being able to park

Name	Lydia Cooper
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 2:13PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I would change the order and the priorities as follows:

1. Safe routes
2. Economic development in commercial zones
3. Emergency and disaster preparedness

Name Lawrence Lee

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 2:14PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes, I do think they are still top priorities, with #1-housing, #2 safe routes #3 emergency and disaster preparedness and #4 climate action. I am also concerned about the elimination of downtown parking spaces to build housing and like more discussion of alternatives. There's already a shortage of parking spaces, and in my opinion, to follow-thru with this plan puts a great negative burden on local businesses in that area, as well as consumers.

Name Gwendolyn Harper-Metoyer

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 8:50AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	80 Willow project should be a top priority.
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Name	Gwendolyn Harper-Metoyer
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 2:22PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Traffic is ridiculous on Middlefield and El Camino. That would be in my top four. Also after winter storms I tried signing up for email alerts from the city and even went to city hall in person and two years later I still haven't received any emergency emails during storms (and I check my spam folder).

Name Alissa Stallings

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 2:23PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

No. First  
Priority should be finding alternative locations for state mandated housing: sacrificing the downtown parking lots to housing will kill downtown parking for all types of business. Second priority. Repave and restripe extant parking lots #1; #2 and #3. Third priority Emergency and Disaster preparedness. Fourth priority. Hire more police.

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 2:24PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

No, they do not apply. Here are the new priorities:  
Downtown Business Vibrancy  
Emergency and Disaster Preparedness  
Maintenance & Repair of Downtown Parking Lots  
Maintenance & Repair of Crosswalks  
Complete the Water Well Project  
Placement of Housing in Appropriate City-Owned Properties  
Challenge the State Housing Mandate  
Preservation of the existing Suburban Residential zones.

Name	Anthony Draeger
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 13 February 2025, 2:24PM  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

NO. There should be no priority whatsoever based on the false, misleading claims of "climate change." We need to do nothing to assuage some fictitious future climate disaster. We do need to emphasize emergency and disaster preparedness, however. That should be #1 on the list. The city should also prioritize seniors and children; people, not "climate." "Seniors" and "children" should include support for transportation, activities, meals (if income limited). "Safe routes" should encompass traffic safety and road repair. "Housing" should assert local housing design principles without passive acquiescence to state mandated developers' projects. It should involve reducing (eliminating) rent regulation to encourage more private sector residential rental housing. It should NEVER involve the city building its own public housing. That is always a costly disaster.

Name Mical Atz Brenzel

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Submitted on	13 February 2025, 2:25PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Housing should be top of mind, especially the high-density housing being discussed for downtown Menlo Park.
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Name	Panteha Healey
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 2:26PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I think Menlo Park should make "activating downtown" a top priority for 2025. There are at least 14 vacancies on Santa Cruz Ave, the zoning ordinances need to be updated so more businesses can operate in downtown.

Name Leigh Ann Quill

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 2:28PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	safe routes
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Name	Ashley Chambers
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 2:31PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I believe that Belle Haven preschool should keep giving the opportunity to many parents of the community to have low income cost affordable preschool education for their children. It's important for people in our community to know that they have choices and not struggle when referring to the basis needed of the child education. In the early years is very important for a child to have a good starting education and by keeping skills to require it be successful in their life.

Name Rosa Burquez

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 13 February 2025, 2:38PM  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

In order of preference:

1. Climate action—we definitely need to have in place a "no" mandate for electric cars, and a "no" mandate for all electric appliances for residents, indefinitely.
2. Street repair—street repair for streets in the Flood Triangle Park area (as well as probably other areas). Most streets in the Flood Triangle area have been repaved but not all, including ours.
3. Housing development—There is way too much development east of the El Camino; if required by the state for more housing, only development west of El Camino should be considered. Also please do not allow the 3 tower development at Willow and Middlefield, nor housing at the civic center properties. Congestion along Middlefield and Ravenswood is already at capacity. These 2 streets are main arteries to downtown Menlo Park and to the El Camino arena.
4. Emergency and disaster preparedness.

Name Evelyn Khinoo

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 2:41PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes, these are still important priorities. I would revise and rank as follows: Affordable Housing, Downtown Development, Safe Routes, Emergency & Disaster Preparedness, Climate Change Mitigation (this needs to be a regional effort).

Name

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 2:43PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I agree with those four, however I feel strongly that addressing the issue of why so many stores on Santa Cruz Ave remain empty. Sadly, it is beginning to look like a ghost town. This is of utmost concern for many residents and myself in the community. The reason needs to be transparent and shared with all of us. Palo Alto has a plan that you may consider, namely that property owners are given a certain amount of time in order to fill vacancies. Otherwise, they will be fined.

Name Ingrid Fueleop-Miller

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 2:58PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

While the climate action priority is commendable, our city needs to focus on fewer and more immediate priorities. Opportunities that are more timebound and produce very tangible results. We are already on the hook with the Housing Element, so all efforts in delivering should be our priority. Given the recent surplus land/downtown parking lot RFQ as a part of the Housing Element, how to activate, revitalize and support economic development downtown should remain a priority. All other priorities are truly a distraction for our city resources at this time - we need to be laser focused on fewer things and get something done. Less is more.

Name Julie Hartstein

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 3:14PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes I do think these are still top priorities for next year. I think an additional add would be ensuring that there are back up services community members who will be impacted by the cuts to the federal government.

Name Francesca Enzler

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 3:22PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I believe revitalization of the city's downtown should be a priority. Is the undergrounding of power lines included in emergency preparedness? I know the city does not control PG&E. However, our streets have been dug up multiple times over the past few years for various projects; while the diggers and heavy equipment are out there and the roadblocks are in place why not place powerlines underground?

Name Triona Gogarty

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 3:24PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes, these four top priorities still apply. Housing and Climate action should share equally as top priority, as addressing them goes hand in hand. Housing is needed at all levels. The City Council should focus its efforts on affordable housing alternatives to single-family homes and luxury multi-family homes. The City can uniquely drive sustainable, affordable housing solutions that benefit all. Supporting the workforce in living close to their place of work is the single biggest action that can be taken at the local level to address climate change.

Name Patricia McBrayer

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 3:27PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Emergency and disaster preparedness is the most important. How is Menlo Park prepared for a fire like in Pacific Palisades?  
Climate action is the least important.

Name	Helena A Henkin
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Submitted on	13 February 2025, 3:32PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

These are all important issues. I agree with all of them. Affordable housing is extremely important, but I am personally against the downtown project that includes the elimination of parking space. There are must be more suitable locations.

Name Elisabetta Gaiani

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 3:41PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Climate action, additional housing and safe routes are not high priorities for me. Number 1 is not destroying our downtown with the horrific current housing plan. Number 2 is bettering our downtown plan without additional housing or smaller scale additional housing. Number 3 is keeping bettering Menlo Park Schools, despite no longer have school aged children. How can we work with the school board.

Name Michael Paul Mohrman

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 13 February 2025, 3:46PM  
Receipt number 65  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

NO. Remove "Climate action"

In order —  
ADD #1 Activating downtown / economic development !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
#2 Emergency and disaster preparedness  
#3 Safe routes  
#4 Housing

Name Kathryn

Email

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Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 3:48PM
Receipt number	66
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Yes. These are all appropriate.
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Name	Michael Taylor
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 3:58PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Saving existing downtown parking and resurfacing lots to improve safety when walking.  
Identifying alternative locations for low income housing, such as purchase of the USGS property for housing only and no other use to meet state requirements.

Name John Ames

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 4:00PM
Receipt number	68
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

How about basic city stuff -- enforcing parking laws, keeping kids from riding e-bikes at 40 mph on city streets, enforcing gas leaf blower bans, retiming lights on ECR for better traffic flow, coming up with a real plan for BMR housing vs a fake one based on removing needed parking?

Name Ron Sege

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 4:12PM
Receipt number	69
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Yes. Climate Action should be a top priority. We need to do more to protect our community from increasingly severe weather-related events.
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Name	Nami Turner
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 13 February 2025, 4:26PM  
Receipt number 70  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Safe routes: return Santa Cruz Ave. to full access. As it is, side streets are more crowded, and access to shops downtown has impacted success of small businesses.  
Long term goal: underground utilities would improve the safety and appearance of the city.  
Housing: I approve of increasing housing by adding to downtown, as long as it is done considering its full impact.

Name Terry Naylor

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Phone [REDACTED]



# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 4:30PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes, including activating downtown economic development (more restaurants, especially more affordable/not super fancy restaurants)! Please also consider how we can as a community stand up for vulnerable individuals being targeted by the Trump administration.

Name Sarah Ordaz

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 13 February 2025, 4:41PM  
Receipt number 72  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

1. Reduce traffic congestion.
  - a. Work with Caltrain to reduce railroad crossing gate-down time and reduce the traffic backup on Ravenswood, Oak Grove, and Glenwood. With electrification, more trains have been added with no reduction in the gate-down time per train. Electric trains start and stop quicker than diesel so we can safely decrease the gate-down time.
  - b. Do not reduce the car lanes on El Camino and other streets.
  - c. Palo Alto should open up Alma to allow going from Sandhill Road to Alma. The current blockage puts more cars on El Camino.
  - d. Traffic calming (i.e. speed bumps) cause congestion and do not add safety.
2. Have the police department ticket traffic offenders (cars, trucks, pedestrians, and bicycles (especially e-bikes).
3. Let the federal government handle climate change. These feel-good rules have no climate impact.
4. Work with other cities to eliminate state housing requirements.

Name Anita Ochiano

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 4:45PM
Receipt number	73
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Training for planning commission staff so they are prepared to take responsibility for the enforcement of existing ordinances regarding construction projects, heritage trees etc.

Name: Moira Cullen

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 4:45PM
Receipt number	74
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes these priorities still apply. Priorities one and two could be enfolded in the same category. Safe routes, road work, traffic mitigation should be top of the list. The city creating ordinances regarding youths and electric bikes, installing updated pedestrian crosswalk lights at the section of Doyle and Menlo Ave, allocating the funds that are for Belle Haven to Belle Haven specific projects. In terms of Climate action there needs to be specific focus on community engagement specifically community education on SAFER Bay project and the San Francisquito Creek Reach II project. There needs to be a working plan the many agencies who own property along Chilco to maintain the overgrowth. There should also be a focus on homeless placement and protection and filling staff shortages for City positions especially our Police department.

Name Miyko Harris-Parker

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 5:05PM
Receipt number	75
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

No. Traffic is increasing with increasing speeds and noise. We need street diets. Downtown development use desperately needed. We do not need to replace downtown parking with housing.

Name	Ted Tudor
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 5:15PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Yes! I totally agree with these top 4 priorities.
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Name	Sarah Zollweg
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 13 February 2025, 5:22PM  
Receipt number 77  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes. I think as part of climate action resilience the City needs to do a better job with street sweeping and storm drainage. Currently, the contracted street sweepers are inconsistent and ineffective, leaving most of the street clean up to an armada of leaf blowing gardeners- who are increasingly reverting back to gas blowers. There are streets and intersections that flood every time it rains.  
Menlo Park is doing a bang up job of building massive expensive homes. Not doing nearly as well with encouraging the construction of apartments, townhomes, ADUs and affordable smaller homes which would help young families stay in Menlo Park. We do not need "mixed use", we need housing.  
Eliminating parking on Santa Cruz and Middle has made both streets much easier to navigate, although I do sympathize with the homeowners on those streets who find it frustrating not to have guest park on the street.

Name Carole Grace

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 6:17PM
Receipt number	78
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Change to:  
Safety- bikes, pedestrians, businesses from theft, and overall crime reduction  
Housing- that makes sense for the residents and NOT overcrowding like proposed 80 Willow monstrosity and the proposed parking lot take over  
Climate- fire and flood prevention

Name Rubye Cervelli

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 6:57PM
Receipt number	83
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

1. Public safety
2. Infrastructure (for cars especially)
3. Expedite the flow of traffic (reduce traffic "calming")

Name	Francesca Freedman
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 6:23PM
Receipt number	79
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

1. Providing safe and secure neighborhoods with a high respect for individual rights.
2. Maintaining reliable and cost effective investment in city infrastructure and services including safe and pothole-free roads.
3. Enabling more housing opportunities through less-costly and innovative zoning and permit processes and fees.
4. Investing in resilience initiatives to better prepare for emergencies and longer-term challenges due to variable climate.

Name Martin Buerger

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 6:26PM
Receipt number	80
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

The congestion of traffic in East MP (between El Camino and 101) is untenable. Emergency vehicles cannot get through. More housing will be developed at SRI and that will only exacerbate the problem. The Willow Road proposed development is unthinkable. Please work to represent the constituents of East MP and stop this ridiculous overloading of development into an area that is already over-congested.

Name Erin Glanville

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 6:55PM
Receipt number	81
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	#1 objective--Reducing train horn noise/safe/double gate grade crossings
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Name	Barry Goldblatt
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	6 March 2025, 11:18AM
Receipt number	483
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Need Quiet Zones to eliminate train horn noise!
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Name	Barry Goldblatt
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 6:56PM
Receipt number	82
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? Stop high rises from being built in Menlo Park.

Name E. Benton

Email [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 7:22PM
Receipt number	84
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Safe routes still need a lot of work. As for housing, I think it would be a huge mistake to build housing in our parking lots unless Menlo Park does not want businesses to be a part of what is needed here.

Name JEAN GRAY

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 8:45PM
Receipt number	85
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

The priorities remain the same.  
Climate Action: highly needed.  
Emergency/Disaster Preparedness: highly needed. Would love to see more workshops for residents - Something of a lower level than CERT, but would still equip attendees with knowledge and ability.  
Housing: I feel that we missed an opportunity in talking about the downtown parkings/housing renovation. Many residents did not seem to understand that Menlo Park has a required amount of housing that needs to be built for a variety of income levels. Producing a short executive summary of 1) what we are required to build and 2) where we are at in that process (and update it annually. Quarterly?) would be a very helpful tool.  
Safe Routes: There are a lot of changes coming between new housing and potential ECR alterations and the Alma underpass and many other projects. Ensuring that both young and old residents and visitors can move safely and comfortably is essential.

Name Meredith Bergin Bailey

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 9:36PM
Receipt number	86
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Top priorities should be revitalizing the central business district and meeting our housing goals to prevent builders remedy projects

Name Brian K Kissel

Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 2 March 2025, 3:23PM  
Receipt number 247  
Related form version 2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

1. Revitalize the downtown retail district, too many vacancies, too many redundant stores
2. Ensure our housing element remains approved so we have no more builders remedy projects like the Willow Park proposal and that Willow Park doesn't get approved
3. Improve home safety, lots of break-ins in the past 6 months
4. Work with other cities, the county, and the state to get our electricity rates under control. PG&E is gouging customers.

Name Brian Kissel

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 1 March 2025, 2:37PM  
Receipt number 248  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

1. Revitalize the downtown retail district, too many vacancies, too many redundant stores
2. Ensure our housing element remains approved so we have no more builders remedy projects like the Willow Park proposal and that Willow Park doesn't get approved
3. Improve home safety, lots of break-ins in the past 6 months
4. Work with other cities, the county, and the state to get our electricity rates under control. PG&E is gouging customers.

Name Brian K Kissel

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 9:51PM
Receipt number	87
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Infrastructure and working with PG&E to underground all the wires everywhere, which are unsightly and dangerous

Downtown, downtown, and downtown. Can we ever have a beautiful, vibrant downtown we deserve? Better hardscaping and overall design and more vibrant, modern, authentic businesses.

Stop focusing on the divisive political issues and please focus on quality of life for residents. Sidewalks, infrastructure, and quality of life.

Name Nikki Sokol

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	13 February 2025, 10:23PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Yes. Housing top
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Name	Linda Maki
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 1:52AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Housing and emergency disaster preparedness
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Name	Faith
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 7:19AM
Receipt number	90
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I agree with the 4 bullet points as top priorities. But I would also like to see a fifth priority of activating downtown/economic development, and specifically the development of the city owned downtown parking lots into housing and better parking.

Name Marian Duncan

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 8:21AM
Receipt number	91
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Connected community: We need to be able to trust and rely on our community in these challenging days. I would love to see the partner with the library and different groups to facilitate a series of community conversations as we seek to make this a safe place for everyone to live.

Name Jacqui Cebrian

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 14 February 2025, 8:34AM  
Receipt number 92  
Related form version 2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

#1 - Improving transparency in communicating with Menlo Park residents to ensure that all voices are heard - not just those who are activists promoting their interests.  
#2 - Representing the residents of Menlo Park and protecting character of our community which was not designed for dense housing. Our schools and our streets cannot absorb the added congestion.  
#3 - As I understand our RHNA, it's based on employment numbers. If the City is approving new employment in the community, impose the responsibility for providing the housing on the employer, not the rest of us who chose to live here to avoid urban congestion. If they choose to go elsewhere - let them!  
#4 - Invest in improvement of rapid transit - like BART to ease accessibility of the entire Bay. Please take a leadership role.  
#5 - Actively support and revitalize of the Downtown area - don't just give it lip service and do nothing.

Name Carol Carnevale

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 9:22AM
Receipt number	93
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

The housing situation to be built on "Surplus Lands", is unacceptable. By the time this project would be completed there would be no more retail in Menlo Park due to the disruption of construction. Where would the workers park!!!! In the neighborhoods!!  
The Council has to come up with other locations or our beloved Menlo Park would be gone.

Name Rhoda Kaplan

Email [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 9:24AM
Receipt number	94
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

The downtown low income housing is a massive problem as we understand there is a law but this is the wrong location. Other sites such as Civic Center as well as others should be considered. Please make this your number 1 priority as this has the Menlo Park business owners and residents in full favor of finding other alternatives besides the downtown parking lots. Open Santa Cruz Avenue up so there is more parking and let more business into this area. There is way too much red tape and too many vacancies. We should be embarrassed with how bad our downtown is. Look at any other downtown area on the peninsula. Make things easier not harder so business can thrive. It is very concerning that not one council member (with the exception of Cecelia Taylor) is listening to the people they represent. Please hear us.

Name Keri Nicholas

Email [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 3:19PM
Receipt number	322
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please do not put low income housing in the downtown. Please look at other sites.

Please open Santa Cruz Avenue, there is zero way to get in and out of downtown with so much traffic. Please let new business into our downtown in an easier manner as we have the worst downtown on the peninsula. Please listen to the voters in your districts and all of Menlo Park

Name	Keri Nicholas
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 10:05AM
Receipt number	95
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I would add infrastructure improvements given the increased number of residents.

Name Anna Zara

Email

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Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 9:42PM
Receipt number	413
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Focus on infrastructure maintenance and expansion due to new construction.
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Name	Anna Zara
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 10:14AM
Receipt number	96
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Downtown economic development has to be a better priority, above Safe Routes.  
Below-market housing should be top priority

Name Dan Hilberman

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 12:02PM
Receipt number	97
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

The absolute top priority is to seriously examine alternative sites for low cost housing rather than the three downtown parking lots. The council's current proposal will kill the downtown. It is wrong, counterproductive and ill conceived. Re-prioritize!

Name Brian Collins

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 12:17PM
Receipt number	98
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes, I believe the four priorities still apply, especially Housing (not only developing long-term projects, but supporting the work of local non-profit organizations that help individuals who live or work in Menlo Park with shelter access, and other housing opportunities such as home sharing, housing subsidies to support rental costs especially for older adults, and housing coaching support).

Name Laura Fanucchi

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 2:03PM
Receipt number	99
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I think these still seem like a good list of priorities. While they may not be specifically applicable to us (we are seniors and therefore do not need "Safe Routes"), they are good for the community as a whole.

Name Yolande Wackerman

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 2:06PM
Receipt number	100
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Find better housing locations than the downtown parking lots.
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Name	Michael Blum
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 2:11PM
Receipt number	101
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I would re-order priorities.

1. Find sites for below market housing developments that do not include downtown parking lots
2. Emergency and disaster preparedness
3. Climate action

Name BARBARA C BRENNAN

Email [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 2:17PM
Receipt number	102
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

No

1. Transportation & Infrastructure: Improve public transit and reduce congestion, especially around Sand Hill Road and Willow Road.
2. Community Services & Quality of Life: Expand green spaces and parks to maintain a high quality of life.
3. Emergency and disaster preparedness

Name Mike Shirazi

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 2:18PM
Receipt number	103
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Housing downtown would be a disaster for traffic. Why not use some of the empty buildings on the 101?  
Ruining Burgess Park would ruin Linfield Oaks. Nobody is thinking this through.  
My rent is paid and I can barely afford to live here. Further, more traffic is dangerous - the police don't patrol downtown and I almost get killed walking once a day.  
Think this through. The small city feeling is already gone. Don't ruin Menlo Park.

Name	Nancy Davenport
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

No they do not apply. The two most important priorities for next year (and this year) are: Making sure the idiotic idea of building housing on the downtown parking lots is dropped and clearing Santa Cruz Avenue of all driving and parking impediments so the town has a chance to revive and thrive.

Name Robert Manger

Email

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Phone

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Submitted on	14 February 2025, 2:21PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Revitalizing downtown—restoring Santa Cruz Avenue access to El Camino, keeping (not eliminating) downtown parking.

Name Suzanne Carey

Email

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Phone



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Submitted on	14 February 2025, 2:22PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Cross-town traffic circulation improvement and safety - as in separating bikes and pedestrians from cars. Exploring grade separation for the Caltrain at Ravenswood, Oak Grove, Valparaiso, etc., is long overdue. East-West traffic circulation to mitigate ever-increasing gridlock crossing El Camino is as important a priority as the housing discussion as these things are absolutely interconnected. Menlo Avenue is a deathtrap when school lets out. A fatality is not a matter of if but of when, especially as road rage escalates as the traffic congestion worsens. Removing downtown parking lots will only exacerbate frustration and decrease safety - not improve anything.

Name	Joan Ellis
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Submitted on	14 February 2025, 2:23PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Traffic congestion & safety in downtown as well as thoughtful way to help revitalize downtown and help the current businesses should be priorities. NO to hasty rash decisions re housing development in the middle of downtown where it's already congested and impossible to get around. Proper sized parking spaces in the current parking lots so people's cars aren't ruined by careless, impatient drivers.

Name Liz Daschbach

Email [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

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Submitted on	14 February 2025, 2:30PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Bring Menlo Park back to its former downtown character friendly to businesses and patrons. I don't visit the downtown very much anymore because it's become a ghost town. I'd like to see the thoroughfare friendly to patrons to drive through like before supporting small businesses with blocks of parking. I had a cousin visit and we went downtown but it was so lonely so we drove to Redwood City that has a vibrant downtown. I think the climate change is another money laundering scheme. Arsonists set fires and focus should be on shutting down serial arsonist groups. If they happen to show up in Menlo Park.

Name	Cindy
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 2:41PM
Receipt number	109
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	No. Remove Climate Action, or focus primarily on climate education, and less on mandates or ordinances that limit choices and options based on flawed or one sided "science"
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Name	Orville Roache
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Submitted on	14 February 2025, 2:45PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

No downtown apartments built on existing parking lots. Noticed there are no new businesses going in downtown who wants to bring a business to Menlo Park if there's no parking!!!

Name	Gail Farwell
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Phone	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 2:55PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please consider finding another solution to the state required affordable housing development. Do not use the public parking lots in downtown Menlo Park. Doing so will make it untenable for small businesses to operate here, business owners and their employees will lose their jobs.

Please consider that a large number of these businesses are psychotherapists like myself who returned to in office work, and our patients rely on in-person meetings. Not all patients are able to be evaluated and treated online or over the phone.

When I moved my practice back here in Menlo Park in April of 2023, the time to have disclosed this was then; I called the City of Menlo Park to buy a parking permit, and was told no permits were necessary. It sounds like you were planning to do this in 2023 - why wasn't I informed, so I didn't set up an office lease here, and build up a practice of clients here?

Name	Gina Hayashi
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Submitted on	14 February 2025, 3:11PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

The top priority needs to be saving downtown parking  
The second priority is finding more potential sites for affordable housing,  
rather than taking away critical downtown parking  
The Council priorities should focus on making the city a better place for  
its residents. How does climate action do that? Climate action should not  
be a priority when the downtown is dirty and nearly one-third of the  
storefronts are empty. Emergency preparedness is valid, but I don't  
recall anything being done in that regard this year.

Name Marcia Ryles

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 3:11PM
Receipt number	113
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Find better location for affordable housing than downtown parking lots.

Name Liam Madden

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]



# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 3:13PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Housing in the vacant buildings/properties, not in our downtown parking lots.  
Increasing property taxes on vacant rental properties.  
What needs to be done to see these two items accomplished?

Name Caroline

Email

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 3:16PM
Receipt number	115
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I'd like to express my support for finding better housing locations than the downtown parking lots. We love Menlo Park downtown and the surrounding areas, and we really don't wish to see our city downtown to lose its charm and become more like Palo Alto.

Name Ruby Huang

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 3:20PM
Receipt number	116
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Find better housing locations than the downtown parking lots and focus on revitalizing downtown.

Name Carine Schneider

Email

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Phone

[REDACTED]

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Submitted on	14 February 2025, 3:23PM
Receipt number	117
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please work to find better housing locations than the downtown parking lots.

Name Amy Thornborrow

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 3:23PM
Receipt number	118
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

2 meetings ago, council stated that they care "deeply" for DT MP. Would like to see if they could show it. Perhaps clean it up, do something to make it better. Anything please.

Name Darren Ewaniuk

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 3:25PM
Receipt number	119
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please find better housing locations than the downtown parking lots.

Thank you.

Name Jo English DC

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 3:31PM
Receipt number	120
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes, I am onboard with the priorities listed above with the following caveat: that housing should be moved higher and given a high priority with the understanding that housing for low to moderate WITHOUT impact to locate retail and business owners.

I also would like to city to find funding sources through state or local (Peninsula Clean Energy) to add economical EV charging stations at Nealon Park along right field, outfield fence

Name john kennedy

Email

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Phone

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Submitted on	14 February 2025, 3:34PM
Receipt number	121
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

housing does not need to be added to the downtown. The congestion is already an huge issues across all of menlo park.

Name Ann Pellegrini

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 3:40PM
Receipt number	122
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Find better locations than the downtown parking lots for affordable housing.  
Activating downtown and economic development should be a priority.

Name James Lockhart

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 3:57PM
Receipt number	123
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

repave the parking lots on both sides of santa cruz ave they are a  
disgrace! open up santa cruz ave all the ways to el camino focus on  
reviving empty stores downtown

Name	hasma serverian
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Phone	n/a
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 3:58PM
Receipt number	124
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please help find a better housing location than the downtown parking lots

Name John Byun

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 4:03PM
Receipt number	125
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Seems reasonable.

I think declaring the downtown parking lots "surplus land" and building housing there is a stupid move that will kill downtown and be a desecration of the city's duty to preserve and enhance its environment and livability for its citizens and those of the surrounding region.

Name Howard Cohen

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 4:13PM
Receipt number	126
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I would make emergency and disaster preparedness the top priority. Please find more appropriate locations for housing than right in the middle of downtown. The small businesses that make our town thrive will be put out of business as there will be less parking available than there is currently.

Name Cynthia Hockey

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 4:17PM
Receipt number	127
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

My top priority is improving downtown/ economic development. We have more empty store fronts every month. I also want to prioritize housing, and see the city meet its state-mandated requirements (including for low income people) but WITHOUT negatively impacting downtown businesses. The city needs to seriously explore Civic Center land and other sites. Putting all the proposed housing units on our parking lots – even IF it includes re-building 500+ parking spaces – will be too disruptive for our businesses to stay alive. Plus, traffic on Valparaiso and Oak Grove is bad now - how will our downtown streets support 347 housing units in a 3-block zone?

Name Debbie Hall

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 4:18PM
Receipt number	128
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

For 2025, city management's top priority should be to develop a plan that supports diverse office, restaurant, retail, personal services, and medical services tenants. This will require an integrated parking and traffic plan. Failure to ensure easy access to shops and services will make the downtown area not viable for merchants and commercial tenants.

Name Scott Ryles

Email

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Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 4:20PM
Receipt number	129
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Parking is getting worse for businesses and shopping. I don't expect Menlo Park to affect Climate other than Business climate. The city doesn't seem to take parking & driving seriously other than discouraging it.

Name John J Marshall

Email

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Phone

[REDACTED]



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Submitted on	14 February 2025, 4:40PM
Receipt number	130
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

No. I do not consider climate action a priority.  
Emergency and disaster preparedness is a priority.  
Determining where to build the low income housing unit required by the state is a priority.  
Safe routes is a priority.  
A plan for improving Downtown Menlo Park should be a priority.

Name Katie Keating

Email

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Phone

[REDACTED]

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Submitted on	14 February 2025, 4:39PM
Receipt number	131
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Yes. Please stop the housing project for downtown Menlo Park. We need our parking and have other places for housing.
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Name	Tricia Clark
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 4:40PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I do not think that these are the correct priorities for the next year. I think Safe Routes should be the top priority. Housing should be taken off the list. Reviving our downtown should be the top priority. We have far too many vacancies and there are too many rats.

Name E Maldonado

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 14 February 2025, 4:41PM  
Receipt number 133  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

"Climate Change' is a ruse for advancing 'Woke' agenda; Earth's climate has been undergoing change since it formed 4.5 Billion years ago; DYNAMIC by its Nature.

2. RE developers will develop real estate wherever they are permitted by government. The clearing price will be discounted by investors for the RISK undertaken, AND there's ALWAYS RISK. DOESN'T always benefit society at large, as planned. Political, economic, socio-cultural environments are DYNAMIC. What looks good on paper today is sometimes tomorrow's slum.

despoiling a core downtown shopping area like MP could invite economic rot that will overtake any perceived social benefit. Examples of this kind of social engineering projects are throughout the US. it doesn't take a lot of research to uncover these 'economic' boondoggles. PR campaigns mounted to serve the deep-pocketed developers are a threat to be wary of....their money talks with great amplitude and sometimes without perspective.

DEEP THINK IT, fellow travelers.  
CM

Name Chalz

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 4:59PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Climate Action is not an issue for the City Council. The state mandates cover us. Drop it.  
Yes, Emergency and disaster preparedness  
No on housing. The City Council does not have the communities best interest in mind and is not equipped to explore such a topic.

Name Larry Rolla

Email [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 5:16PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Due to narrow roads and antiquated intersections, only further congestion will occur from the proposed housing development in downtown. Currently, getting across El Camino with only a few West to East streets takes too much time from West Menlo, hurts air quality, and is highly inefficient. The proposed project will obliterate existing downtown businesses and change downtown forever. Find an alternate location, where roads have been widened already, intersections currently modernized, and where congestion can be minimized for all. Plus, save downtown Menlo Park.

Name	Mike Miller
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Phone	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 5:19PM
Receipt number	136
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

We need to prioritize housing and safe routes for bicyclists and pedestrians, which will help our climate action. I would also like to prioritize actions that support vibrancy downtown, including keeping the partial closure of Santa Cruz Avenue to allow outdoor seating.

Name Kathy Switky

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 5:29PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Emergency and disaster preparedness would be my first choice. Also coming up with a housing plan that does not build on all 3 of the designated parking lots and which doesn't drive the remaining downtown stores out of business.

Name Elizabeth Blandford

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]



# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 6:26PM
Receipt number	138
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Preservation of the character of Menlo Park and ease of access to small businesses.

Name

Email

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 6:36PM
Receipt number	139
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	The are appropriate goals for the year with top priority being finding better housing locations than the downtown parking lots.
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Name	Kelly Crawford
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Submitted on 14 February 2025, 7:07PM  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Safe routes (for bikes) and improved downtown should be priorities. Not housing. Before housing becomes a priority, the city needs to improve transportation and the ability to maintain the quality of life of current residents after new residents get added (eg parks). Better downtown could follow the case study of Burlingame Ave in Burlingame. The city updated the street, provided parking close by, and restaurant and nice shops flocked to it. With them customers.

Emergency preparation is very generic and doesn't mean much, likewise climate action. Making it specific would help, for example, put power lines underground to make our power grid more resilient should be a priority. Strengthening our electric grid towards more electrification (appliances and vehicles) should be a priority.

Name Alberto Puggelli

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 7:31PM
Receipt number	141
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Housing is definitely a priority, but NOT by taking away parking lots which are already in short supply.
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Name	Lorene Salcido
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 7:58PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Find better sites for housing other than the parking lots in downtown  
Menlo Park

Name Mary Lim

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 8:21PM
Receipt number	143
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Stop the allocation of the downtown parking lots as surplus land for housing development. Please look for a better location. I believe they are available.

Name	Christopher Mullen
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Phone	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 8:28PM
Receipt number	144
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes these are still good priorities. I do think that housing needs to be balanced with the needs of the community. Downtown housing is going to decimate downtown businesses and will take years to get them back. It won't be convenient to have housing next to empty storefronts.

Name Carol Fan

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

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Submitted on	22 February 2025, 7:52PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Activating downtown / economic development is a good additional priority.

Creating housing in the downtown area by building on top of parking lots does not make sense if we want to activate the downtown area and promote economic development. The businesses downtown say that their business will suffer for years. Many businesses will close. It will take 5-10 years for them to come back. We need to support our existing businesses and not assume that we will be able to attract more when the building is done. We all need more housing, but the downtown area is not the place to do this. We should revisit the Sunset and Burgess areas.

Name Carol Fan

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]



# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 8:28PM
Receipt number	145
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	None of these make my top 5 priorities in Menlo Park. 1. Making downtown more vibrant 2. Maintaining recreational areas 3. Reduce traffic in downtown area
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Name	Hany Nada
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Phone	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	14 February 2025, 9:11PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	No. 1) Safe Routes 2) emergency prep 3) revisit regulations around heritage trees 4) cutting city budget/employees
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Name	Edward H
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	15 February 2025, 6:36AM
Receipt number	147
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

1. I believe the number one priority should be stimulating a active and vibrant downtown, with a plan to reduce the store/business closures/relocations along with abundant parking. Listen to the merchants and business owners, not the "activists".
2. i think the optimum location for an additional housing i Menlo is the civic center area. There is abundant space for residential housing, and parking for these residents along Alma. So amazingly close to the train station and bus routes on El Camino. The city council would simply need to accept that they will need to meet somewhere else.
3. In the aftermath of the Palisades fires, Emergency and Disaster Preparedness is a legitimate concern.

Name	Christopher Giannotti
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 19 February 2025, 2:27PM  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

1) Low income housing should not be in downtown Menlo Park, as it could deteriorate downtown and lower real estate values. 2) Existing downtown parking lots should be resurfaced, as there are many cracks in the cement that can cause people to trip and fall. Curbs that jut out in those parking lots should also be eliminated, as they are dangerous to drivers. 3) Traffic problems need to be addressed on El Camino Real and downtown, especially with the construction of Middle Plaza and Springline. 4) Many bicyclists are not obeying the traffic laws, as they fail to stop for red lights and stop signs and should be cited accordingly. Most of those my wife and i have observed are coming from Hillview middle school after school lets out. 5) Remove the traffic barrier on Santa Cruz avenue near Walgreens as it impedes traffic flow. 6) Beautify downtown Menlo Park using the inviting downtown of Los Altos as a model.

Name Roger Cooper

Email [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	15 February 2025, 9:11AM
Receipt number	149
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Downtown development should be a priority. If housing remains a priority, the town should open up the exploration of areas other than downtown parking lots as quickly as possible and whatever way is most expedient. Although laudable, I am not sure how tiny Menlo Park can do anything about climate change. I think there are other priorities. I also would like the town of Menlo Park to look at how roads and infrastructure will be expanded and prepped for what appears to be a very lofty goal of accomodating the state's mandate on housing.

Name PT

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes!

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Name Gloria Cahuich Gonzalez

Email

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Phone

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Saving Downtown Shopping District.  
Ease of Parking and Access are essential for a vibrant Downtown Shopping District.  
Declaring Downtown Parking Lots as "Exempt Surplus Land" is Not only Offensive, but it also clearly signals an intent to eliminate our Community Hub.

Name vasile oros

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Submitted on 15 February 2025, 1:19PM  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

No.

1) safety in all capacities - theft, bikes, violence, etc.

2) vacancy tax for building owners who have no tenants for more than a year

3) slow down housing growth. Find a plan to spread it out across the city - Sharon Heights, Burgess, etc.

We already have more entitles in Menlo Park and California than virtually anywhere. No more! If you want to address housing, make it less expensive to build by getting rid of some of the stupid regulations that are so bureaucratic, like an attached ADU needs to have a totally separate HVAC system. Enough is enough.

Name

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Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	15 February 2025, 1:29PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please prioritize finding better sites for affordable housing and looking for a way to minimize impact downtown so businesses can thrive before, during, and after construction.

Name	Chrissy Bertolli
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	15 February 2025, 2:22PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

HOUSING (BUT NOT IN DOWNTOWN PARKING LOTS)

TRAFFIC FLOW/SAFE ROUTES

DOWNTOWN VIABILITY/ATTRACT GREATER VARIETY OF  
BUSINESSES

Name	Susan Smith
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	15 February 2025, 2:35PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes taking over parking lots for low income housing will destroy economic viability of downtown Menlo. Both during the construction process and after. Merchants cannot survive this. House values will collapse with a deserted downtown shopping district. Downtown with no green space is the worst decision for families. Putting low income housing at the civic center site near the library, the pool, the skate board park, athletic facilities etc etc and walking distance to the train is where this project should be located. I am very disappointed in our elected officials and how their own bias is forming the decisions

Name	ellen mclennan
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	15 February 2025, 3:33PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please find better locations for housing than the downtown parking lots!!  
High rise buildings to occupy the parking lots are simply unsuitable for  
Menlo park and not good for all downtown Menlo Park businesses.  
Please find another location for housing!

Name DAVID SCHNEIDER

Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	15 February 2025, 3:45PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Activating downtown /economic development.
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Name	Linda Sadunas
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	15 February 2025, 3:58PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I support for finding better housing locations than the downtown parking lots.

Name Aaron Andrikopoulos

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	18 February 2025, 1:17PM
Receipt number	159
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Concerned about the possible construction of housing in downtown Menlo Park parking, we need other locations for this housing. Save downtown parking.  
Add 2nd exit/entrance to Sheridan Road Willow School Teacher housing project. Without a second exit/entrance this is a disaster waiting to happen in case of a fire or emergency in the Surburban Park neighborhood!

Name Dee Carlson

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	15 February 2025, 6:37PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

1. Attracting businesses to downtown Menlo Park
2. Disaster preparedness
3. Adapting to the effects of climate change
4. Placing housing in a part of the city that doesn't upend the businesses downtown in order to not drive away what business is still based there.

Name Nancy Ryde

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Phone [REDACTED]



# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	15 February 2025, 7:41PM
Receipt number	161
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I think we should put a hold on developing the parking lots downtown into apartment towers until we see how many people are left to house after ICE ends its reign. I also think the safe routes is a good idea, but slowing down the speed limits even more is only going to frustrate people. I totally support emergency and disaster preparedness and climate action mitigation. Perhaps some classes for the public about where to go in case of a tsunami warning (like we had recently) would be a good idea, as well as what to do and what to have in case of earthquakes would be a good idea.

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 15 February 2025, 9:05PM  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Climate action at the local level is not meaningful and should not be a priority. The time and energy should be used to address tangible local concerns. 1) The sidewalks and parking lots in downtown Menlo Park are treacherous, especially for older people, and need to be repaired / repaved / modernized. 2) Electric bikes are a huge pedestrian and motorist hazard, especially with young riders. The police should be writing up riders a) without helmets b) riding on sidewalks c) riding too fast d) running stop signs. 3) The traffic back up on Valparaiso from Camino to University is out of control in the morning and afternoon on weekdays. I don't know what can be done about it makes transit on that side of town very problematic. 4) The downtown housing plan should be dropped. I have written to Betsy Nash on this topic. It makes no sense to build there when you consider all the consequences.

Name Ned Desmond

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	15 February 2025, 9:30PM
Receipt number	163
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Search for alternative housing sites other than existing parking lots.  
Perhaps hear city Hall?

Name Joy Kosobayashi

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	15 February 2025, 9:39PM
Receipt number	164
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

1) low income housing west of el Camino 2) Engaging non-decisional community events that build relationships (more than just music in the park—actual person to person engagement.  
3) improved transportation options for seniors  
3)

Name

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Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 15 February 2025, 9:44PM  
Receipt number 165  
Related form version 2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Making downtown a destination area by first changing the zoning and types of businesses allowed on Santa Cruz Ave. Our lifestyles and economy have evolved beyond the many rug and second hand stores. I can't say revitalize because I first moved to Menlo Park in 1995 and the downtown was sleepy back then as well. Only after the zoning is improved, should one even consider building mass housing downtown. I agree with housing and disaster preparedness. I also like safety for our kids (I think this is what safe routes mean), but it must be more than just a route. We need better education and laws regarding traveling those routes. For example, we see kids on their electric bikes going 25 mph the wrong way on a street on the sidewalk with two people on the bike and no helmets. We need to educate them and their parents about biking safely.

Name Jon Ekoniak

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	15 February 2025, 10:26PM
Receipt number	166
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

There are three:

1. Where are studies on our traffic issues, mitigation and reviews? With the amount of housing being proposed when traffic along El Camino, Oak Grove and Middle have become difficult today with streets being totally backed up. Twice traveling down Oak Grove it has been backed up all the way to University. Something is needed.
2. Review of our infrastructure - again given the housing being proposed - how will costs due to streets, sewage, water, electrical, school enrollments, etc be handled. Many fear that you will push housing forward without these studies and costs being somewhat covered by developers and then place a bond on the taxpayers to cover what is needed.

Name

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Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	16 February 2025, 7:54AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	FORGET THE CLIMATE!
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Name	JOHN THOMAS MEHIGAN MD
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 3:49PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

discover alternative housing sites to downtown, and forget everything else!  
PLEASE!  
JTM

Name JOHN THOMAS MEHIGAN MD

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	16 February 2025, 10:45AM
Receipt number	168
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Stop irresponsible housing development in downtown Menlo Park and on park land on Willow Road
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Name	Hiral Parekh
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	16 February 2025, 11:06AM
Receipt number	169
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes, I think these priorities still apply for next year. I also think it's imperative that they be addressed together holistically and not as separate entities. No new housing should be built without incorporating strong measures for climate, emergency preparedness and safe routes, for example.

Name Nicole Angiel

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	16 February 2025, 1:05PM
Receipt number	170
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes, climate & environment are important but "basic infrastructure" maintenance are too. Street lights, clean streets, parks and downtown maint. Id like too see some traffic, wrongful parking and ebike enforcement.

Name Sue Brodbeck

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	16 February 2025, 2:59PM
Receipt number	171
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Although climate action is important as a global issue, it does not belong as one of Menlo Park's top priorities. Improving the attractiveness for retail stores, restaurants and businesses to locate in our city should be a priority because it increases tax revenue and makes the city more vibrant. The number of vacancies downtown right now is very concerning.

Name James Hess

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	16 February 2025, 4:29PM
Receipt number	172
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

This Downtown Parking Structure Is A JOKE...Listen Mayor As You Don't...MP CITY HALL AREA..is Best Bang For Low Income Housing !!! Very Disappointed With The City Council Especially The Lack Of Leadership From The Mayor....Who Unfortunately I Voted For. Being A ..72 Year Resident Of Menlo & Downtown Apt Property Owner....You All Must Love Those Rug Stores...That's All We Have !!! What Is The Draw Downtown...Just ACE And A Couple Of Restaurants ....Lucky 2 More Pending Unless The RENT Chases Them Away Too !! We Need Major Shakeup Within The Council !!! More BIKE Lanes Too For The Motorized Bikes To Fly Thru ....Middle Ave Parking Is Another Joke In Front Of The Park !

Name BOB A BUDELLI

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	16 February 2025, 5:04PM
Receipt number	173
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Climate action certainly should remain a top priority, especially the Menlo Park side of San Francisquito Creek between Middlefield and University Ave. Disaster preparedness goes hand in hand with that since minimal actions are being taken to "prepare" for potential flooding along the creek or other areas. The City seems to operate in a reactionary state, leaving residents to fend for themselves. Safe bike routes are important as is reducing overall traffic through town. The major development at the Sunset campus reminds us all about our vision for Menlo Park and whether claiming the tallest high rise on the Peninsula is something we should aim for or avoid.

Name	Diane Schwalbach
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	16 February 2025, 6:28PM
Receipt number	174
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please find better locations for the downtown parking lots for housing....like near the library and council chambers?

Name Luke Derry

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	16 February 2025, 6:40PM
Receipt number	175
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

1. Activating our commercial downtown area - go into Los Altos and the downtown area is always busy.
2. Licensing and traffic rules for e-bikes, especially those run by children under 16. They are not adhering to the traffic rules, often riding faster than the cars (especially on Middle Ave) and running stop signs. This is an accident waiting to happen and i would hate to have a teen get hurt.
3. Our infrastructure. How are we against this housing plan with our streets/traffic/water/electrical. I understand PGE wants to start charging now for the upcoming housing adds. Even tho they just had a \$2B profit swing. How do we get these costs under control and understand what a developer should be contributing.

Name Mari Jacks

Email

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	16 February 2025, 7:43PM
Receipt number	176
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Top priority should be making sure we have thoughtful and responsible housing building that will not negatively impact our streets and neighborhoods. The project at 80 Willow is an example of the wrong project for the area – it will severely impact traffic and the aesthetics of Linfield Oaks, and should not be allowed to be built. Priority should also be given to protecting and supporting local businesses in the downtown area in order to retain them and encourage more small business to come to our city.

Name Sonya Fletcher

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	16 February 2025, 11:18PM
Receipt number	177
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

My top priority is to ensure that new housing does not impact existing businesses in downtown Menlo Park...should be located elsewhere.

Name Barry Karlin

Email

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Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	17 February 2025, 8:12AM
Receipt number	178
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

What is the new vision for downtown development? Not just how can we shoehorn in more housing. Without a strong vision for the character, look and feel of our city, we will find ourselves living in a banal suburb at best, and ugly, dysfunctional one at worst. Development should be an opportunity for improvement. Why are so many folks angry and concerned? Because there hasn't been a clear vision articulated in many years for our city. The housing element has been burdensome on City Council who are increasingly being viewed as antagonistic towards the Menlo Park community. Let's change the dynamic by inviting some expert opinion on how we can grow our city in a way that makes Menlo Park the envy of the Peninsula with charm, character, diversity, art, culture, transportation, education and economic vibrancy! We need a model for our city that we can get excited about. Let's reframe the discussion and start re-imagining Menlo Park!

Name Tricia Teason

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	17 February 2025, 9:31AM
Receipt number	179
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Top priority for City needs to be stopping the Sunset development. All you need to do is come and take a walk through our streets and see for yourself - just count lawn signs or attend one of the community meetings. The city can do a lot more to support its residents on this crucial fight for the future of our community. Other cities are. Examples: [www.calelecteds.org](http://www.calelecteds.org) is an alliance fighting for more local control. Some cities are supporting law suits to help stop disruptive development projects - it is a sad state of affairs when local citizens need to raise money to fight against legislation passed by their own elected officials - we need our city to do more.

Name George Ugras

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	17 February 2025, 10:32AM
Receipt number	180
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

find an alternative space to build affordable housing that will have a positive impact on the community as a whole as opposed to the locations slated that will have such dire, negative consequences for the entire community and especially those that have invested so much energy and money into the santa cruz avenue corridor of menlo park

Name mitchell bearg

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Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	17 February 2025, 11:10AM
Receipt number	181
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Climate action and Housing are political / emotional issues that should be low on the priorities list!!!!

Name PAUL HEINEMANN

Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	17 February 2025, 12:46PM
Receipt number	182
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Adequate parking and smooth traffic flow are my priorities. Affordable housing WITH adequate parking (at least one spot per unit) is a second priority. A third is to re-establish all of the lost parking on the main portion (at least) of Santa Cruz.Ave.

Name Dorothy Conroy

Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 17 February 2025, 10:34PM  
Receipt number 183  
Related form version 2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Major Issues: HOUSING (NOT IN DOWNTOWN), Climate, Emergency and Disaster preparedness to develop Menlo Park.

Menlo Park downtown doesn't need additional congestion in an area that is already quite dense. I need to be able to go to the local businesses like the hair salon, restaurants, pharmacy, groceries, and be able to park close by. Otherwise, merchants are going to go out of business. I am very concerned with the lack of infrastructure planning associated with this proposal that doesn't take into account emergency access on already heavily traffic roads where if there was an emergency to exit there would be gridlock. In addition, the cost of fire or flood that can be caused due to poor planning and infrastructure in high density area such as downtown Menlo Park can be devastating for the entire city. Please reconsider a different site for this development by 101, where there is more land and less congestion or another area that belongs to the city.

Name Georgia C Johnson

Email

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Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 12:47PM
Receipt number	361
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

The top priority is finding housing sites other than the parking lots downtown.

Name Carla Huber

Email

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Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	17 February 2025, 11:26PM
Receipt number	184
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

The number 1 priority is to find a better place for the low income housing than the parking lots downtown. Why does the city want to kill its' own down town? That is what will happen.

Name Carla Huber

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 18 February 2025, 12:42PM  
Receipt number 185  
Related form version 2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Activating downtown & its economic development is #1 TOP PRIORITY, not climate action mitigation or more bicycle lanes. Emergency & disaster preparedness should be 2nd top priority. Dropping the MORONIC idea of low income housing in our downtown parking lots, & removing essential, already rare spaces for Menlo residents to patronize downtown businesses will be the death knell of Santa Cruz Ave. A thriving Santa Cruz Ave. should be your #1 A TOP PRIORITY moving forward.

Name JanetManger

Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	18 February 2025, 4:28PM
Receipt number	186
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes. However, I suggest that explicitly expressed priority be given to a dedicated effort to find a more appropriate site for Menlo Park housing development. Selecting downtown parking lots is not acceptable and simply generates subsequent new issues such as adequate parking and its distribution. Identify a serious effort to find a suitable site that can represent genuine new development for the city. Don't underestimate this challenge.

Name Paul R Bolton

Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 18 February 2025, 4:31PM  
Receipt number 187  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Parks and Open Space should be a key focus of climate action to make for thriving local ecosystems and provide relief to those in denser housing. It is easy to solve short term development needs by offering public space, but once built upon it is rare and costly for that space to be returned to an open space accessible by all. This short term focused benefit has a long term opportunity cost. Council discussions on pressing issues often neglect this long term trade off and impact on climate action and it will take a steadfast hand to keep climate action a priority.

Accessibility for those who are disabled or hindered will be an increasing concern as density and demand for space increase, but areas of accessibility (close parking with ingress/egress, pathways, service animal usability, public spaces) are being relatively reduced. Declaring accessibility as an objective will help keep our community a welcoming place for all as conflict for space and access increases.

Name Randy Avalos

Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	18 February 2025, 8:54PM
Receipt number	188
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes, I think that these still apply. In particular, I think that they all need to be somewhat integrated, forward-looking and following best practices models - we don't need to re-invent everything, but we do need to tailor to our unique situation(s) and leave room for innovation.

Name Andreas Judas

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	19 February 2025, 7:02AM
Receipt number	189
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I don't agree with stated priorities as listed. A focus on supporting local businesses and fiscal health and responsibility would be my top priorities.

Name Theresa Carlomagno

Email

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Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	19 February 2025, 3:05PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Affordable housing

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Name

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Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 19 February 2025, 3:31PM  
Receipt number 191  
Related form version 2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Here is what I would like to see as some top priorities:  
– assuring that Menlo Park is never again vulnerable to any Builder's Remedy projects, even when that means angering people who don't understand the regulations & who hope they can block developments by asking for delay after delay.  
– not permitting mixed use housing developments unless the housing provided will have a significant positive impact on reducing the current jobs-housing imbalance (realize this isn't possible with Builder's Remedy projects).  
– in the case of already-filed Builder's Remedy projects like the one for 80 Willow Rd., exploring every legal avenue to promote developments that integrate with their surroundings (for Willow Rd. that is 1-2 story houses and apartment complexes), that maximize housing & minimize commercial space & that don't include unneeded features (for Willow Rd. nearby Burgess Park has multiple pools, are three additional ones needed?)

Name Elsa Nimmo

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	19 February 2025, 9:15PM
Receipt number	192
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Revitalizing downtown with restaurants and shops or else we won't have a Menlo Park to talk about. That should be number one priority!

Name Karla Mohrman

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	21 February 2025, 11:00PM
Receipt number	199
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

The priorities need to be adjusted and the focus needs to be on strengthening the downtown area. Can we please copy what San Carlos and Burlingame have! Such vibrant areas!

Name	Karla Mohrman
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	20 February 2025, 12:00PM
Receipt number	193
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

No. I believe the priorities have shifted and are more aligned around;  
1. How to quickly and completely comply with new executive orders from the White House. All of them.  
2. Removing DEI programs, projects and philosophies implemented by the city counsel and from city counsel itself.  
3. Safe Routes  
4. Stop redevelopment efforts for downtown MP (See #2) and prioritize reduced spending.

Thank you.

Name Joy Leonard

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Submitted on	20 February 2025, 1:41PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Climate action is something that requires sustained attention. We have a good plan for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and need to continue to execute on it.

Building electrification programs are going well, and extending our success to commercial and city-wide residences will take time.

The city should also be working on public awareness of upcoming inundation of Menlo Park and of Highway 101, since addressing it will be very expensive for the whole county.

In line with climate mitigation and resilience is emergency and disaster preparedness (which is increasingly a climate resilience topic).

Also a climate action topic is safe routes, which make nonautomotive transportation more appealing and also have a traffic calming effect.

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	20 February 2025, 9:48PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I would keep some, add some, and reprioritize:  
1. Increase low income housing (reasonably! 3 stories max) 2. Stimulate DOWNTOWN (can combine with mixed use with housing). 3. Mitigate any Trump Administration's financial and civil liberty challenges for our community. 4. Emergency and disaster preparedness, including increased need for health and food services. 5. Safe routes and eBike safety enforcement for students and workers into downtown, to schools, to work places. 6. NOT big on climate action that makes us dependent on only electricity, which makes our community vulnerable to blackouts and hacks - keep access to gas stoves, gas heating, and hybrid cars. Unfortunately, I will be out of town on March 22nd.

Name	Pat Seawell
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	21 February 2025, 5:55PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

My priorities would be: 1) Housing, 2) Protecting our parks and green spaces, 3) Activating downtown/economic development, 4) Emergency and disaster preparedness. These are more immediate priorities.

Name	Edith Goldberg
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	21 February 2025, 6:27PM
Receipt number	197
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Fire planning and preparedness & ensuring the resilience of our electrical grid  
Support small businesses and economic development for small businesses and the downtown area  
Ensure the Sunset Magazine area is a historic monument for Menlo Park and that 80 Willow Road area is NOT developed further for corporate use.  
Maintain Burgess Park Area for the Community's recreational use and enjoyment - add small fish to the pond to enhance the community area.  
Continue to grow leadership programs for teens.

Name Dolores Bernardo

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	21 February 2025, 7:00PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Those are still important priorities. However, I hope we will make further progress on the quiet zone project and Transportation project related to Shuttles and other options for seniors. Also, it seems to me that our downtown area keeps moving more and more towards shops and restaurants that only individuals with generous incomes can afford. let's hope those of us with modest income will still feel welcome here in a few years.

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	22 February 2025, 7:26AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

The listed items will always apply and are part of managing a city. I would like to see a proactive city. Click fix helps with problems but often does not work or the problem is ignored. If a "city person", police, city council, anyone who works for the city sees something that needs attention, such as cleaning , remove broken tree stake, abandoned car, cones, get the issue taken care of.

Name

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	22 February 2025, 9:03AM
Receipt number	201
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

The main priority for this year should be "activating downtown/economic development". The priorities of last year have been adequately addressed, and the preservation and enhancement of our downtown is of pressing importance. This priority deserves the immediate and full attention of the council in order to preserve the unique character of Menlo Park.

Name Marjorie Stone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	22 February 2025, 10:52AM
Receipt number	202
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

The top priorities listed I agree with. I would add: 1. Climate action (particularly protecting the shorelines with natural barriers as sea level rises), 2. Emergency and disaster preparedness and resources for residents and businesses, 3. Senior and low-income housing, 4. cleaner streets and sidewalks (continual repairs of sidewalks to make it safer), 5. Developing a new brand for downtown (Design District does not capture the essence of downtown), 6. Resurfacing and reline for all parking lots downtown.

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	23 February 2025, 1:04PM
Receipt number	204
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Middlefield Avenue's traffic is much worse since the city took a big portion of the street between Willow Ave. and Ravenswood down to one lane. Particularly now with more housing on the way, we need to end this bad experiment. Let's not keep making driving any harder than it has to be in our highly populated area.

Name Kathleen Hohalek

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	24 February 2025, 12:18PM
Receipt number	205
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Can the City eminent domain any vacant corporate office space to be  
reused as low income housing/housing?

Name david emery

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 10:48AM
Receipt number	354
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

smart growth that's focused on needed housing coupled with a cap on commercial growth. We already have far too many empty office buildings to permit new commercial development

Name	David A Emery
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	24 February 2025, 3:58PM
Receipt number	206
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Activating downtown needs to be a top priority. I attended the meeting last month on low income housing in the parking lots of downtown Menlo Park. I am still trying to understand how this is a good idea. Have you ever driving down Oak Grove or Menlo Avenue in the afternoon. It is a disaster. Absolutely a terrible idea that I will never understand. We need a more vibrant downtown. We do not need to kill it.

Name Diane Hester

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	25 February 2025, 10:14AM
Receipt number	207
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I think we should stick with these priorities in order to actually see results. Changing them every year would minimize the impact of change and progress.

Name Sarah

Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	25 February 2025, 6:09PM
Receipt number	209
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes, and one proposed project that would impact all 4 priorities in a negative way is the 80 Willow development. This project literally decimates climate/emergency/housing/safety goals plus current infrastructure (power, water, sewers, sanitation, etc..). The main thing the Council can do is demand a full EIR, to expose the myriad ways this ONE project affects all priorities.

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	25 February 2025, 10:24PM
Receipt number	210
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes, I think these priorities (climate action, emergency and disaster preparedness, housing, and safe routes) still apply. In particular, I would like to see Menlo Park's civic leaders continue to be committed to building more housing, especially housing for "lower-income" individuals and families.

Name Royce Chang

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	25 February 2025, 10:34PM
Receipt number	211
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I think Housing needs to be moved to the top now that the jobs to housing units ratio for Menlo Park has hit 5:1 - crazy ! We also need to be doing more only add commercial development carefully (Palo Alto has a commercial cap) , and focus on preventing horribly housing net-negative developments like 80 Willow from happening.

Name Kevin Kranen

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	26 February 2025, 9:40AM
Receipt number	213
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes, the big issues last year are still the big issues this year. AFFORDABLE housing in particular may be within our reach and should be the key focus among all these important priorities. Climate action efforts are underway; safe routes should mean safe routes to everywhere for all pedestrians and bicyclists (it's not just a school focus); emergency preparedness is fundamental. I believe that activating downtown will depend on free market forces evolving, but new housing downtown will trigger new business downtown; meanwhile, what the city should do is anticipate the infrastructure needs (e.g., wider sidewalks, sidewalk lighting, street lighting, more benches, better trash bins) and develop a plan to update all that.

Name Horace Nash

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	26 February 2025, 11:16AM
Receipt number	214
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

PLEASE Prioritize implementation of the Encinal Avenue Corridor Mobility Project from the Transportation Master Plan (Project number 179)  
Students and parents do not have proper sidewalk access all the way from the caltrain tracks to school campus. Walking up this side of the street puts pedestrians in conflict with bike riders which in turn pushes bike riders into the way of vehicular traffic and creates a hazard. Rain turns the shoulder to mud and creates additional hazards.  
Completing this project will encourage more parents to choose walking and cycling as a transportation method to school.

Name	Adrian Silva
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	26 February 2025, 1:40PM
Receipt number	215
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	No, only Emergency & disaster preparedness & Safe Routes should be considered from above
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Name	W Bruce Wellings
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	26 February 2025, 2:13PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes, BUT the city (and state) seems to be going in a not great direction regarding housing. My #1 priority of MP as a resident is to make sure a 30+ story building doesn't get built on Willow Road. Also Menlo Park needs to do a better job on identifying where MP-owned land could go for housing. MP owns land on EL Camino that would be perfect for low-income housing yet somehow parking lots downtown are targeted? Doesn't make sense. I also think cracking down on speeding to keep our streets kid friendly and safe for kiddos who bike is essential.

Name Kristine Lyng

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	26 February 2025, 2:22PM
Receipt number	217
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Housing, Safe routes and Emergency preparedness still apply. I don't think we can impact climate change in any significant way and therefore it diverts resources from other priorities. I would prioritize revitalizing downtown - there are many vacant store fronts and overall it seems dirty. Also, a priority should be saving the downtown parking lots and ideally finding other sites in Menlo Park for affordable housing. I would address day to day concerns - such as re-paving streets and repairing sidewalks.

Name Charlene Flynn Golding

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Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	26 February 2025, 3:25PM
Receipt number	218
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I believe these four priorities still apply, with one addition to the Climate Action priority. I believe that Menlo Park's green spaces, both formal and informal, need to be permanently protected in the face of the current, and likely future, housing development required by the State. This protection is not only critical for the Climate Action piece, but also for the overall livability of a growing community.

Name Jacqueline Wender

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	26 February 2025, 5:26PM
Receipt number	219
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

As we move forward with building denser, more low income housing in Menlo Park, preserving our existing parks and open spaces must be a top priority.

Name	shanda bahles
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	27 February 2025, 10:17AM
Receipt number	220
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Now that the Belle Haven Community Center and Branch Library are complete, I believe a high priority for the City of Menlo Park should be to revive the analysis and planning done for the Main Library that was put on hold back in 2019 when the Belle Haven Community Center project was (rightfully) given priority. A comprehensive study of the Main Library is needed to assess whether this valuable City asset is meeting the current and future needs of our residents, what needs are being left unaddressed, and how the Main Library could be better utilized to achieve City priorities such as activating downtown, emergency preparedness, supporting climate action, fostering growth and learning and building community and connection.

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	27 February 2025, 11:29AM
Receipt number	221
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I believe housing is the most important issue. I am opposed to using current parking lots for this purpose.

Name Herbert Stone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	27 February 2025, 12:21PM
Receipt number	222
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I think all of these, specifically climate action and mitigation, should remain as top priorities, as well as the addition of activating downtown. Specifically, I think we should prioritise creating more spaces for local kids, and teens to hang out. This will fit in with the city's sustainability goals for reducing emissions from vehicles, as people won't have to travel as far to have something to do, and will increase bike usage.

Name Lauren Smedley

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	27 February 2025, 12:24PM
Receipt number	223
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I submitted a previous survey but forgot to include something. I think Menlo Park should prioritize the reduction of plastic waste from our community. Menlo Park does not currently follow the San Mateo County model ordinance of banning single-use takeout containers in restaurants.

Name Lauren

Email

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Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	27 February 2025, 5:34PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Agree with above. The top two for me are:  
Priority on safe bike routes, safe walking routes, and decreasing speeding on the streets. Would also require electric bikes that can go 30 mph to be treated as mopeds/motorcycles. Emergency and disaster preparedness seems to be on the top of everyone's list now, especially after the LA fires. thanks!

Name Renata Mullen

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	27 February 2025, 5:36PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Activating downtown / economic development is a top priority for me.  
Downtown looks so shabby compared to other towns adjacent to Menlo Park.

Name Karen How

Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	27 February 2025, 5:39PM
Receipt number	227
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I think revitalizing downtown is huge issue. I see climate change as a big problem , but let the state take over that. City has done a good job with " safe routes". I live on Middle and am happy it's a safer biking environment.

Name Carol Jorgenson Mince

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	27 February 2025, 5:40PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Adding more dense housing downtown and improving the ugly Santa Cruz Ave downtown are top priorities
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Name	Jennifer Pont
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	27 February 2025, 5:44PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Stopping the affordable housing plans currently in place.
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Name	Paul Kick
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	27 February 2025, 5:49PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

No- priorities should be in preventing Mega housing that will destroy the city businesses, culture, livability and increase traffic. The 2nd priority should be maintaining city streets, trees and parks. Several trees are not trimmed well or replaced when they are dying. Several streets are in need of repair or a fresh coat of slurry seal after being dug up for sewer work. The basics need to be maintained and repaired before tackling other issues.

Name

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	27 February 2025, 5:52PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Activating downtown / economic development should be a priority.
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Name	Kelly Blythe
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	27 February 2025, 7:49PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

As the Michigan gov famously was told, "fix the damn roads." Middle Av is just one example that is inexcusable. Must be an ongoing priority. Find some solution for housing that does not involve downtown mid to high rises, and do not allow developers to make Willow unpassable (by ex-Sunset area).  
Has somebody figured out what is not working in our business environment such that we have too many vacancies?

Name Bob Donnelly

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Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	27 February 2025, 7:55PM
Receipt number	233
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Eliminate climate action as a priority

Is more housing really needed in Menlo Park?...or is this just a  
response to State requirements?

Name William Brown

Email [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]



# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	27 February 2025, 7:55PM
Receipt number	234
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I think last year's priorities are still good though would like us tackling them while having ideally a budget surplus, given our economy is currently doing well.

Name Yacine Azmi

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 27 February 2025, 7:56PM  
Receipt number 235  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I agree with the four priorities. However, I am strongly against the development of housing taking over the parking spaces in Downtown Menlo Park. Our downtown is unfortunately in a dismal state with so many empty storefronts, although the location is in a very prime and wealthy area, next to Palo Alto. No one on the Menlo P council seems to have figured out a way to activate this area like Los Altos, Burlingame that is doing much better, with attractive retail, service, and dining options. To revive our town, I would like to have the council make this a high priority over spending time trying to take away parking, which will further deteriorate the livelihood of this downtown area.

Name Masami Hirata

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	27 February 2025, 10:10PM
Receipt number	236
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I think housing is the most important need in the city, and one that the city can fully impact. Climate and disaster prep are important, but not pressing. Getting the Sunset magazine development under control will be a major lift and involve \$\$ litigation, but leadership should not flinch. In general, I am pro development and do not cling to the myth that we are a rural community.

Name Scott Oesterling

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	28 February 2025, 6:10AM
Receipt number	237
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes, building community should be a high priority and one of our best resources for this is the main library. This wonderful resource helps all residents from toddlers (reading time), students, job seekers, retirees etc.

Name Suzanne Peisch

Email



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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	28 February 2025, 8:22AM
Receipt number	238
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

1. The top priority is to put a strong economic plan in place. The trend of MP has been to add offices that do not produce any sales tax revenue, and to add housing, which increases city services expenses. Development and redevelopment only temporarily increase property tax revenue but can't keep pace with expenses. New revenue sources (e.g., use tax, tiny tax on services businesses over a certain revenue, recruitment of sales tax-producing businesses). Also, there should be a plan for an invigorated downtown, including phases (e.e.g, and early parking garage). And, institute an immediate policy, with supporting zoning changes, for housing-positive development. Current zoning allows large office-intensive and housing-negative projects that worsen the local housing shortage and will lead to future intolerable RHNA allocations.

Name Patti Fry

Email [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	28 February 2025, 9:28AM
Receipt number	239
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Some do and some don't. There should be a greater focus on building a vibrant downtown, similar to what almost all cities on the Peninsula have managed to accomplish except MP. Besides having the most rug stores in the US, the downtown of Menlo Park lacks in almost every area - food, entertainment, shopping, beauty, vibrancy, etc. This should be a much higher priority than Climate Action for example. A second area is traffic. Anyone that has tried to travel El Camino or cross El Camino in the afternoon fully understands the nightmare that MP faces. And the focus is to build a huge amount of housing in downtown MP which will only make things 10x worse. For whatever reason, this doesn't seem to be taken seriously or addressed (saying people will take public transportation is laughable).

Name JOHN HENZE

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	28 February 2025, 10:45AM
Receipt number	240
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes, these are still good priorities. But please please please repave the parking lots in downtown. The lot at Draegers is jaw-shattering when you push a shopping cart. The lot behind the post office tripped up husband with pot holes.

Name Susan Schoenung

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	28 February 2025, 12:40PM
Receipt number	241
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

With the successful completion of the Belle Haven Community Center, I believe a high priority for the City of Menlo Park should be to revisit and refresh the 2019 analysis for the Main Library. A comprehensive study of the Main Library is needed to assess whether this valuable City asset is meeting the current and future needs of our residents, what needs are being left unaddressed, and how the Main Library could be better utilized to achieve City priorities such as activating downtown, emergency preparedness, supporting climate action, fostering growth and learning and building community and connection.

Name	Kaira Jayaraman
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	28 February 2025, 1:08PM
Receipt number	242
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

The major concern I have is the building of the high rise housing on two corners of Middlefield and Willow Roads. Oh course we need more housing, but this plan will bring a huge number of people and their automobiles where traffic already is a problem. A far more modest plan would be fine if the owners have already decided to demolish the unique Sunset buildings although I would prefer to see those buildings kept.

Name Edward K. Eckert

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	28 February 2025, 5:07PM
Receipt number	243
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

1) Infrastructure: Paint all red curbs so that they are visibly red and conform to corner parking rules; maintain sidewalks; build sidewalk on south side of Middle Ave.  
2) Stop subsidizing Menlo Children's Center, as that is not the business of a city. Turn it over to the relevant school district or shut it down. The numbers show it is not needed.

Name

Email

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Yes, but I think crime prevention needs to be added as a priority
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Name	Kelly Muenzen
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	2 March 2025, 11:38AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please include activating downtown/economic development

Name Pam Salvatierra

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Submitted on	1 March 2025, 11:08AM
Receipt number	246
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes. Please keep safe routes. Housing and climate are related but making it safe to walk/bike/take transit is necessary for housing plans to mitigate rather than exacerbate climate in our still rather car dependent built environment. Preserving green space is also a priority. I would like to see up zoning of housing for denser and newer apartment buildings in downtown core near el Camino and Caltrain station with walkable infrastructure.

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	1 March 2025, 2:45PM
Receipt number	249
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I believe a high priority for the City of Menlo Park should be to revive the planning done for the Main Library. A comprehensive study of the Main Library is needed to assess whether this valuable City asset is meeting the current and future needs of our residents, what needs are being left unaddressed, and how the Main Library could be better utilized to achieve City priorities (such as activating downtown, emergency preparedness, supporting climate action, fostering growth and learning and building community and connection.)

Name Katherine Wright

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	1 March 2025, 3:09PM
Receipt number	250
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	The Sharon Park sign on sand hill needs replacing and modernization please
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Name	John Gargiulo
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 1 March 2025, 3:11PM  
Receipt number 251  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I recommend these priorities:

1. Emergency and disaster preparedness (specifically wildfire preparation)
2. Housing (Ensuring our Housing Element remains approved by the state so there are no more "builders remedy" projects, and likely moving forward with housing projects on the parking lots in downtown Menlo Park)
3. Implementing the Park Protection Ordinance to ensure there is no housing development on Sharon Park or any of the parks in Menlo Park
4. Redesigning downtown Menlo Park so that Santa Cruz Avenue is closed between University and El Camino, and there is ample space for restaurant seating on a pedestrian promenade there

Name Catherine Wilson

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 1 March 2025, 3:17PM  
Receipt number 252  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

My priorities would be  
1) preservation of parks and green space - I've seen a statistic that less than 1% of space in Menlo Park is green space. Surely we can keep what little we have from the constant threat of development.  
2) rational placement of new housing developments in proximity to major employers and along key transportation corridors to promote efficient commuting and support local economic growth  
3) crime - add a detective, coordinate meaningfully with neighboring cities with similar problems like Atherton, Los Altos, Portola Valley, Woodside etc. Share patrol / response duties esp. when a neighboring city unit might be able to respond more quickly.

Name George John

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 1 March 2025, 3:17PM  
Receipt number 253  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Home Safety - Increasing number of burglaries & home break-ins  
Parks & Rec - Care & feeding of our community parks and open spaces  
El Camino Traffic - It's bad ( never been good) and about to get much worse  
Street Safety - Increasing poor behavior of students on e-bikes & scooters  
Downtown Economic Viability - Post-Covid downtown is strewn with vacancies

Name Mark Bernstein

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Submitted on	1 March 2025, 3:30PM
Receipt number	254
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Climate action, emergency and disaster preparedness and housing still very important.  
I am especially concerned about the eucalyptus trees that line Klamath Drive between Siskiyou and Sharon Park Drive. They pose a large threat in the event of a wildfire and should be removed asap.  
Others:  
Revitalizing downtown business district especially Santa Cruz Ave  
Ensuring there will be no more builders remedy housing projects in MP  
Ensuring the Willow Park project will not be built as proposed

Name	ELLEN KITAMURA
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	1 March 2025, 3:33PM
Receipt number	255
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Do not focus on climate action on such a micro town level. Climate change is too much of a global problem to be a Menlo Park priority.

Focus on safety in our communities. This includes prosecuting crimes. Managing homeless nuisances. And figuring out how to stop home burglaries.

Name Ben Bullock

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Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	1 March 2025, 3:51PM
Receipt number	256
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Yes. I agree that these topics remain a priority.
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Name	Neil Curran
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	1 March 2025, 3:54PM
Receipt number	257
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

No. Climate action should not be a priority-mother nature has ruled for eons.  
Suggested priorities: Do not build homes in the city's parks. The person who suggested this should be banned from the parks. Home and family safety--more license readers and cameras. Quicker action on permits--several Santa Cruz Ave businesses undergoing remodeling have been in limbo for months and months.

Name Carolyn Poe

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	1 March 2025, 4:24PM
Receipt number	258
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I believe the priority for city hall's work is Home safety due to the break-ins over the past year.

Name Ling Xiong

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	1 March 2025, 4:50PM
Receipt number	259
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Yes- 1. Climate action 2. Emergency preparedness 3. Housing and parking 4. Economic health of downtown 5. Safe routes
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Name	Kim Glenn
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 1 March 2025, 5:03PM  
Receipt number 260  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Home safety due to the break-ins over the past year. I live in Sharon Heights and we've had many break ins, including in the middle of the day.  
Completing the Park Protection Ordinance  
Ensuring there is enough parking in downtown Menlo Park  
Modifying the Willow Park Project (it's too big) and considering the traffic implications with a structure that big in that area.

Name Debbie Fisher

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	1 March 2025, 5:19PM
Receipt number	261
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

No - top priorities should include revitalizing downtown and crime prevention. We have had our home broken into while we're in the house and many of our neighbors have also been robbed. Those are things that local government should be working on, not climate change

Name Susan Reinstra

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	1 March 2025, 6:27PM
Receipt number	262
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I agree that the above top priorities still apply. Activating downtown is important, encouraging community building and connection activities, fostering growth and learning, climate action are all top priorities in my mind. I think the analysis of how the library is being used/ would be used, and the cost of upgrading/ updating should be studied.

Name Leslie Mayerson

Email [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	1 March 2025, 6:51PM
Receipt number	263
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I think #1 priority by a mile should be revitalizing downtown / Santa Cruz Ave. I want something as vibrant as what Mountain View, San Carlos, and San Mateo have. There is so much vacancy, and even the businesses that remain seem like remnants of the 20th century. (I can't believe we supported two huge clock repair stores as long as we did, plus that repair guy at Safeway!) I want pedestrian life everyday, not just during our awesome farmer's market. Grandmothers' pushing strollers. Kids shrieking for ice cream. A food cart with Doner Kebab. Buskers. I live equidistant between Santa Cruz and University in PA, and they are both dead. Make this a place where my kids want to stay.

Name Nick Merz

Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	1 March 2025, 6:52PM
Receipt number	264
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	No, We need Grade separation from Cal trains that back up the cars on the streets. We need to keep our parking areas in down town and put the housing above the EXISTING Parking lots. Podium Construction
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Name	Robert A. Conway
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	1 March 2025, 8:21PM
Receipt number	265
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Reviving downtown by providing incentives to landlord to rent instead of allowing retail spaces to remain vacant.  
Neighborhood safety. There seems to be burglaries reported constantly.

Name	Pom Vattasingh
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	1 March 2025, 10:14PM
Receipt number	266
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

\*Housing done correctly - no high rises and distributed throughout Menlo Park.  
\*Traffic Mitigation  
\*Downtown Vibrancy (see Los Altos)  
\*Emergency and Disaster Preparedness (always)

Name Barbara M. Mason

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	1 March 2025, 10:23PM
Receipt number	267
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Home break-ins in Sharon Heights. Considering the amount we pay in taxes what is the solution to such brazenness and frequency??  
\*\* Saving our parks from any housing development.  
\*\* Revitalizing downtown like Los Altos, RC and Mt. View

Name Lynette Viswanathan

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	1 March 2025, 11:30PM
Receipt number	268
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I would suggest we deemphasize Climate matters (though important). Addressing emergency preparedness and Housing are very important and should continue to be emphasized. However, there is an increasing and increasingly bold/scary amount of house break-ins, especially in Sharon Heights. Homeowner safety is very important. Also, investing in more community activities, similar to Los Altos would be great for the community. Farmers markets after work, First Friday, wine / beer / champagne strolls, etc. There is so much MP could do to make the downtown area actually thrive.

Name Mark Reinstra

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	2 March 2025, 7:44AM
Receipt number	269
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

1. The number one priority should be downtown revitalization (that does not include taking all of our parking lots for high density housing).
2. Housing is a priority, but it needs to be well thought out with community input. Please move off of the "east versus west" argument. It is all Menlo Park! Housing should be built in areas that are close to transportation and should be walkable. There are many areas on both the east and west sides of el Camino that would serve this purpose.
3. Safe routes make no sense unless the kids on bikes and e bikes obey road rules. They need to be licensed to use an e bike and PLEASE train these kids on safety. The problem isn't just in having safe routes, but in how those routes are used.

Name	Margie Kriebel
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 2 March 2025, 10:25AM  
Receipt number 270  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

As we build all these housing units and commercial areas to make the downtown more livable and dense, why can't the council take some active steps to manage the purpose of El Camino and other roads? It is like we are at the mercy of these roads right now, where they dictate our traffic safety, congestion, and noise, and the overall feeling of Menlo. It's time to reverse this. El Camino, Ravenswood, Santa Cruz, etc. should be at our control instead.

Narrow the roads, decrease the speed limits, make wide pedestrian and bike paths out of several of the lanes. Have the police actually police and issues fines for noise, speeding, to random cars that use our town as a place to run their no-muffler show cars. These are minor infractions that have major impacts on the peace and wellbeing of residents, yet you all seem not to care about this at all. Reverse the silly road design of the 1960s that has dominated our town's atmosphere. What is stopping you?

Name Eric Lee

Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	2 March 2025, 11:51AM
Receipt number	271
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Move Emergency & Disaster Preparedness to the top! Drop safe routes for now. Housing Element passed, relax on that and let the builders to their thing. BUT - Add Downtown Business Renewal - we are living in a ghost town! What are you doing to bring in new businesses that we need?

Name Catherine Carlton-Ridenour

Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	2 March 2025, 11:54AM
Receipt number	272
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I believe the valuable city resource of the Menlo Park Library should be incorporated into the City's plan for building community, vitality, safety, emergency preparedness and mitigating climate change. We read about the Library as a refuge during storms and flooding. But can it also be a meeting place and community learning center? Can our existing organizations (Rotary Club, District PTA's, Haven House, Little House) work in collaboration with the Library to build/extend community?

Name Carol Broadbent

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	2 March 2025, 11:56AM
Receipt number	273
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	No. Public Safety, road and park maintenance. Reduce friction for new housing.
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Name	Bob Finocchio
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	2 March 2025, 12:52PM
Receipt number	274
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

The 4 priorities from last year apply. What desperately needs to be added to the work is an overarching vision about where Menlo Park is heading and how City Council, through City Government, is working to positively effect change to support future needs, and not past modes of behavior. Having read comments from a small but very vocal group of neighbors (District 5 bullhorns?) about idealizing a mode of housing, traveling and living which hails from the 1970s, leads me to believe that Council needs to articulate a vision about Menlo Park 2030 and 2040. For instance, on Housing, one vision is "to expand housing only as absolutely required by state mandate." Another vision would be "to expand housing to help meet the needs of all household income levels represented by employers in a 3-mile radius of El Camino and Santa Cruz." Articulating a broad vision of where Menlo Park sees itself going will help to knit together work on "Climate" "Transit/Safe Routes" "Housing" and "Community"

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 2 March 2025, 5:06PM  
Receipt number 275  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Now that the Belle Haven Library and Community Center have been completed, I think it's time to focus on revamping the Main Library. Here are my thoughts:

- 1) The library has always lacked private rooms where students and adults can group to work. This could be done by adding rooms where 2-4, 4-6 and 6-8 people can work collegially by leasing the rooms for 2 hours.
- 2) Many reference library desks today are streamlined giving librarians more of an opportunity for librarians to circulate helping patrons.
- 3) The addition of a small coffee kiosk offering soup and salads for convenience.
- 4) Creating dedicated workstations in the children's room to do homework or work with tutors after school.
- 5) Again, downsizing the children's reference desk would free up librarians to support children with online searching and monitor behavior in the room at the same time.

Name MaryAnn Miotto

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	2 March 2025, 8:20PM
Receipt number	276
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Can u work with the county to add side walks to unincorporated west menlo park? There are lots of schools on Valparaiso and complete lack of side walks.

Name	Puja Ramani
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 7:14AM
Receipt number	277
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

In addition, I'd like the city to prioritize evaluation of the library and other aspects of Burgess Park. I know that attention to the Main Library was deferred in favor of focusing on Bell Haven; it seems that now is the time to pick up that analysis again.

Name Leigh Flesher

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 7:51AM
Receipt number	278
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I would like to see planned intelligent growth on housing needs in Menlo Park, with a limit on commercial growth. In particular the large complex planned for the corner of Middlefield and Willow Rd.

Name	Linda Lee
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 7:55AM
Receipt number	279
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes, I think that improving our emergency and disaster preparedness is critical. In terms of housing, the priority should more specifically be smart, intentional, well-thought through design of how projects impact the community. I'm concerned that we don't have the infrastructure to support the proposed Willow Road project, and that it would damage the community and San Francisquito Creek. A cap on commercial growth is one tool that may be important here. I want to see the City Council fight for me, my family, and our community to oppose this proposed project. It's critical because in fact it relates to all four of the identified priorities and would impact them negatively.

Name	Maria
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 7:57AM
Receipt number	280
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

To the extend Safe Routes includes improving cross-town corridors to handle the increases in traffic already seen and those anticipated with additional development, I think that needs to be a higher priority. We need a viable downtown business area with adequate parking. We need affordable housing for young families and seniors. We need responsible development and no mega towers.

Name Woodson Martin

Email [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 7:58AM
Receipt number	281
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Our priority is that Menlo Park focus on developing housing solutions without adding additional commercial development, which is completely unnecessary. We have enough empty office spaces and we have no need for mega towers that will impact our environment, our kids' safety on school routes, and quality of life for thousands of residents.

Name Aanika Carroll

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Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 3 March 2025, 8:11AM  
Receipt number 282  
Related form version 2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

These top priorities no longer apply.  
The top issues facing the city are:  
1) Stopping the Mega Tower at 80 Willow Road which will destroy the feel of our city, while still maintaining our compliance with SB423. Three to four stories max height is tolerable (like along El Camino), but not 39.  
2) Resolving the decay of our downtown area along Santa Cruz Ave.

Name John Grundy

Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 8:11AM
Receipt number	283
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

We need to focus on smart growth that's focused on needed housing coupled with a cap on commercial growth. This charming city that I have lived in since 1997 is at a crossroads and needs to focus on smart, reasonable growth and a cap on commercial growth as our infrastructure is already at a breaking point.

Name Lynne Clarence

Email [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]



# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 8:12AM
Receipt number	284
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Stop the crazy development that is going on in Menlo Park!  
Do not allow the Sunset Magazine property to be developed!  
Do not go forward with the plan to build affordable housing on downtown parking lots.  
PROTECT THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES. DO NOT DESTROY OUR DOWNTOWN!

Name Annabelle Nye

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 3 March 2025, 8:17AM  
Receipt number 285  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I believe that the City Council must prioritize stopping the development at 80 Willow Road. This development has the very real potential to destroy much of Menlo Park. If you lived here when the Willow-101 interchange development work began, you recall the crippling gridlock that the Willows neighborhood experienced. I can easily see the same thing happening with this development, not to mention the mismatch between actual needs and what is proposed (we don't need more office space!!).

I also support safe routes, but safe routes will be irrelevant if the traffic is so bad that no street is safe to travel. And I believe in climate action, which will be negatively impacted by a massive development next to one of our only wild creeks left in the area, not to mention the massive environmental impact of gridlock.

This is a crucial year to fight this ridiculous proposal. We must unite as a community to prevent it from happening.

Name Rebecca W Nathenson

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 8:45AM
Receipt number	286
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes. The 80 Willow project is a threat to 3/4 items on the list - Climate action, housing, and safe routes. This needs to be seriously considered for the future of our community.

Name Samantha Joy Rohman

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 6:35PM
Receipt number	387
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Progressing the quiet zone for Caltrain
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Name	Mary Ragan Macgill
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 8:50AM
Receipt number	287
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Those priorities are good.

I'm all for more affordable housing. I think building housing in DT parking lots makes a lot of sense, but ONLY if a multi-floor parking structure is built (akin to the one in PA's California Ave area.).

The project at the old Sunset Magazine site must not go through as proposed. Menlo Park will be forever ruined (and mocked) if those nonsensical towers go up. Truly a disastrous plan in so many ways.

Name	Terry Tsu
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 9:03AM
Receipt number	289
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Activating downtown/economic development should be a priority. Our downtown is a disaster compared to neighboring towns - there are far too many empty storefronts (it's hard to understand landlords raising rent on existing tenants with no ability to replace them) and an over abundance of rug stores. It doesn't seem like there is an effort to attract and retain vibrant businesses.

Affordable housing is important but the current plans for 80 Willow Road (difficult to comprehend how something so out of scale with MP could make any sense!) and to turn limited, downtown parking into apartments is completely misguided. New housing should be equitably distributed throughout the city, as required by Menlo Park's approved housing element. It feels like City Council is not listening to Menlo Park residents.

Name	Gabriela Hebert
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 9:04AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Should prioritize cleaning up and updating/modernizing Santa Cruz Ave and the downtown area....it's a dump.

Make sure restaurants that are using public sidewalks and streets pay rent for that valuable space and use those proceeds to re-invest in site work like new street lights, trash cans, sidewalks, signage, et.

Climate action should not be in the top four.

Name Greg

Email

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 9:16AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Climate action is a waste of time, effort and money. Don't worsen the job/housing imbalance by allowing more commercial development. Don't allow developers to destroy the character of neighborhoods with mega projects.

Name Ken Diggins

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 9:24AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Stop the horrific proposed multistory mega tower project at the former Sunset site. This project endangers the environment, will make traffic congestion even more untenable, and is a scam masked as affordable housing.

Name	Elizabeth J Freeman
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 9:34AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I would also like to express my concern with the proposed high rise development project on 80 willow Road. I ask the city to prioritize sensible housing developments to address shortages, while making sure to prevent developments that will surly be detrimental to residents quality of life and the city's ability to function and serve the needs of residents.

Name Shelly Sarig Nadav

Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 9:36AM
Receipt number	294
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Rethink your stated priorities. We have basic things to get right before we try to define something like environmental justice. Top priority. Keeping excessive high rise development out of Menlo Park. Second, be staged and pragmatic in small steps before feeling the need to implement huge projects the limit access and parking to main streets and increasing traffic on main routes. Third, increasing field and parks space for kids sports and outdoor activities.

Name Sara Filipek

Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 9:49AM
Receipt number	295
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

The MP City Council obviously needs to tackle the housing requirement situation but it must do so while keeping the following critical issues at the forefront: public safety (particularly ensuring that hospitals and clinics can handle a huge increase in patients), traffic (Willow Road is already essentially unusable from 3-7pm during the week), and whether the local schools can handle a huge influx of students. City Council should also brace itself for intense legal backlash if property values plummet in the wake of its decisions.

Name Jodi Robbins

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 10:08AM
Receipt number	296
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Stop the mega development at former Sunset Magazine site on Willow road.  
Distribute new housing all over city -- do not let Sunset site and SRI develop 1/2 mile from one another. I feel the Russians behind this have proposed a huge development in hopes we will settle for a smaller high-rise. No high rise belongs here the the corner of Willow and Middlefield. I am also concerned about climate change.  
Can we get more accessory units to take care of house quota?  
I am glad you banned RV parking in the city. Now please ban camping on public ground. Public ground is for everyone -- not just someone who erects a tent and squats there.

Have you seen traffic on Willow Road? Have you tried getting out of town at 4pm on Willow?

Name Susan Bryan

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 3 March 2025, 10:15AM  
Receipt number 297  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I do think that the top priorities still apply for the next year and those chosen are the correct priorities. I would like to emphasize my displeasure with the planned changes that are taking shape for the prior Sunset magazine site located at the corner of Middlefield Road and Willow Road. This project does not in any way fit in with the needs of our community or with the surrounding area. We do not need more office space, massive hotel space, or retail space. A large amount of the office space and retail space in our community is vacant. Even if we did require these facilities, the three towers planned are not the way to do it. Certainly having low-cost housing would be fine in this location, but the amount of low cost housing in the plan does not make up for the huge endeavor that is also planned. I also believe that bedrock underneath that site is about 800 feet below the surface and since it is right on the creek, this should in no way be allowed from an environmental standpoint.

Name John Selling

Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 10:32AM
Receipt number	298
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

This project is outrageous! The size of the towers do not belong in a quiet neighborhood. I'm shocked that this project has not been defeated.

Name Mary Shenk

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 10:42AM
Receipt number	299
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I agree with these top priorities. Housing, economic development and safe routes remain important priorities.

Name Albert John Crosat

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 2:24PM
Receipt number	301
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

A key priority for Menlo Park should be around managing the Sunset Campus proposal, and listening to the community about their dissention on this proposal - which then ultimately impact the above key priorities. I am acuity concerned for the City Council actually being present, listening and absorbing the voice of the community.

Name Alison M Kerr

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 11:17AM
Receipt number	302
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Reframe the priorities to emphasize smart growth that's focused on  
needed housing coupled with a cap on commercial growth.

Name	Stephanie Woodworth
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Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 11:32AM
Receipt number	303
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes, they apply to next year. Housing should be #1, and we should be encouraging biking and walking instead of car driving to alleviate traffic and be better prepared for emergencies/disasters (keeping the roads clear!). So many commercial buildings are sitting empty, Menlo feels dead and eerie - please do not continue adding commercial space without alleviating housing first!

Name Melissa Miranda

Email [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 11:45AM
Receipt number	304
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

yes; I would urge you to emphasize smart growth that's focused on  
needed housing coupled with a cap on commercial growth.

Name Robert Nash Parker

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 11:46AM
Receipt number	305
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

The above topics still apply and here are some additional topics:  
Safety in the neighborhood especially at night  
Break-ins even when people are home  
Streetlights especially near the Sharon Park is never on  
Sharon Park safety at night

Name Sonia K Sandhu

Email [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 11:48AM
Receipt number	306
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Stop the out of spec project in the former Sunset parcel. Separately, I would like ask that you add another priority to make Downtown Menlo Park a more vibrant and interesting area for citizens and consumers. The priorities listed above on this web page are fine, but for me personally, I care more about the topics mentioned in my sentences above.

Name Rich Shane

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 11:59AM
Receipt number	307
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Smart growth that's focused on needed housing coupled with a cap on commercial growth. (Please oppose the 80 Willow Road project - the massive development slated for the old Sunset Magazine site). I'd also like more field access for kids (so including full sized soccer fields in the SRI site development plan)

Name David Belden

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 12:03PM
Receipt number	308
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	these are my top priorities 1. Housing 2. Downtown development 3. Emergency preparedness
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Name	Alison Johnston
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 12:57PM
Receipt number	309
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes - but some are clearly more important and immediately consequential than others. I support affordable housing and community-centered smart growth and economic development consistent with the values and aesthetics of Menlo Park. But, and for example, the 80 Willow Road project makes absolutely no sense and is entirely inconsistent with the values and aesthetics of this community. It is not community centered and is not smart growth. Its defeat should be the highest priority of the City Council as it will be destructive to the sense of community we have all invested in here.

Name Steven G Seleznow

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 1:03PM
Receipt number	310
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Downtown businesses needs to be encouraged. We do not need more housing in downtown area now that the housing rules for cities and towns have changed at the Federal level. We need to encourage more small business instead. The traffic in downtown and on El Camino Real is a problem. Also, we need to work on all the crime that is going on - the car break-ins, robbery, burglary, and petty thefts. There needs to be consequences.  
We should make sure our city is prepared for disasters.  
Clean up and expand Sharon Park as more young families move into the area.

Name	Karen and Rafael Ramirez
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 1:04PM
Receipt number	311
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	specifically opposing over-dev of former Sunset Magazine site
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Name	Emily Marcroft
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 1:28PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Attract businesses to downtown Menlo Park. Open up all of SantaCruz Avenue to drive through traffic. No housing on downtown parking lots. Civic center housing is better.

Name	Michael DeMoss
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 1:34PM
Receipt number	313
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Creating housing in the back of Santa Cruz Avenue businesses is beyond ridiculous - downtown parking is already at a premium, and this development would all but obliterate the current (which needs repairing) parking lots.

The 'mega structure' proposed for the Sunset Magazine property is horrific - the 'Russia Contingent' which purchased this property clearly has zero vision or appreciation for the mostly residential area there.

Based on how the City Counsel seems reluctant to be fully transparent on these two issues says to me that HOUSING should be completely withdrawn from the calendar until such time as the Counsel can meet this moment with the utmost respect for our very unique slice of the Bay Area. Right now, that respect is NOT being shown to the existing residents of Menlo Park.

Name Loni Reeder

Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 1:36PM
Receipt number	314
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I agree with these priorities, and am interested in finding out as much as possible about the organizations that are promoting the Willows Towers. R17's Oisin Heneghan and his timely exit from Trammell Crow who will be on trial for sex trafficking, Strachan Forgan- who has ties to British royals who are named in the same sex trafficking case, Vitaly Yusufov who has managed to secure a loan from Deutsche Bank in spite of his father's ties to Russian crime syndicates, along with Embarcadero Capital Partners.

Name Soren

Email

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Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 1:45PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I also want the City Council to do everything possible to downsize the development at 80 Willow Road. That would be under "Housing," but there would be more jobs added than dwelling units; thus, the ostensible purposes of the developer to add housing would be completely unbalanced by the jobs added. There are many other reasons to downsize this proposal radically; I will be writing to you about those.

Name Judy Windt

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 1:59PM
Receipt number	316
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Safe Routes needs to be the top priority.

Most of the other issues listed are really county or state or federal issues.

For example, there is little we can do as a city that is meaningful on climate, other than sustainable transportation.

Name Matthew Rascoff

Email

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Phone

[REDACTED]



# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 2:45PM
Receipt number	317
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Housing that is focused on smart growth and a cap on commercial growth. Too many proposed projects include commercial and office space which then just continue to grow the city's required housing/affordable housing requirements.

Name	Alison Elliott
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 2:57PM
Receipt number	318
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I believe that these priorities are important and I would add traffic congestion as another important issue, especially along El Camino, Middlefield, and Willow Road.

Name	Marc Christian Paulsen
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 3:00PM
Receipt number	319
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I forgot to add that I think the most important priority should be stopping the proposed 80 Willow Road project.

Name Marc Paulsen

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 3:00PM
Receipt number	320
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I support these priorities but I believe others need to be addressed as well. Namely:  
- Burglaries in Dist 5  
- Traffic safety

Name Steve Dowling

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 3:05PM
Receipt number	321
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Affordable housing needs to be built but in a way that preserves the character of Menlo Park and does not cause a myriad of other problems (as we would see in the egregious 80 Willow road proposal). If 80 willow was just houseing (no retail or hotel which is simply not needed and would actually make the housing shortage worse) it could be capped at a height of perhaps a few stories without imperiling safety regarding the creek issues it is right in, the fire dept access to driving in a wall to wall packed road etc. Keep housing growth smart. Don't add more retail or hotels since those that exist already have too many vacancies

Name	Kelly Traver
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 3:49PM
Receipt number	323
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Due to the prevalence of break ins, nothing is more important than getting license plate readers. The rest of the list can wait. I don't even know what safe routes means.

Name	Lori Rafield
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 4:01PM
Receipt number	324
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes, but I would add that we should have smart growth that emphasizes our housing needs, within the spirit of the existing MP housing stock, as well as traffic congestion - an example of terrible traffic congestion is the workday bad congestion on Eastbound Willow Road starting at Willow Place/Waverly during the afternoon commute

Name Hagop Bouldoukian

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 4:11PM
Receipt number	325
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Note: I am a Palo Alto resident living very close to Menlo Park in Crescent Park. I offer my input in the context that what Menlo Park and Palo Alto do affect the other.

My primary input, for both cities, is that every development be approved only if it measurably IMPROVES the quality of life:

- 1) All impacts must be fully paid for by the developer. If this makes a project not profitable then we don't need that project.
- 2) Impacts include traffic, loads on utilities with set asides for future capacity expansion, and parking. A development should show that it improves quality of life measures, not merely maintains or doesn't harm much.
- 3) Given the jobs housing imbalance, there is no excuse to add even one job space, other than retail or services (e.g. schools). Not one.
- 4) The Sunset project is egregious and hostile to our communities. It must be made to fail, not merely scaled back. We need to make an example of it.

Name Stephen Bisset

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 4:56PM
Receipt number	326
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

The City should prioritize creating slow streets on residential streets, focusing on quick build interventions (rubber speed humps like Atherton has installed on several residential streets, entry gates, raised crosswalks, mid-street cross walk signs, pinching or narrowing streets mid-block, or any number of other best practices to slow automobile speeds) on a trial basis to see what strategies should be expanded. Ditch the comprehensive studies. Try small scale, low cost trial efforts. Also, lower speed limits to 15 MPH.

Name Bill Kirsch

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 5:00PM
Receipt number	327
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I think we should prioritize decreasing traffic.  
We should continue to prioritize safe routes and reducing traffic through residential neighborhoods and schools where children play.  
The city should disallow the building of towers taller than six stories. The proposed project on Willow and Middlefield for a monstrous tower should be ended.

Name Elizabeth Boggs

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 6:09PM
Receipt number	328
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Chilco si es una calle muy reducida especialmente donde están escuelas....el bus no pasa bien o con riesgo de pegar al que viene ... con un sentido estaría bien....o mejoraría...gracias

Name Daniel

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 6:14PM
Receipt number	329
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I agree with the #1 and #2. The Housing priority should emphasize smart growth that's focused on needed residential housing coupled with a cap on commercial growth. Proposals like the mega-tower development at 80 Willow Rd. are way out of line. The SRI development is over built IMO and an example of developers jamming as much as possible into our community.

Name Steve Schultz

Email

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Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 6:33PM
Receipt number	330
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Housing and safe routes are the main priorities because the apartments are meant for 1-2 people and 5-6 live there. Each apartment costs too much for one to two people to be able to pay for it. Each person may have 2-3 cars each and that takes up all parking spots. Parking spots should be marked and they should be reinforced so people does not have the ability to save spaces by parking between two spots.

Name Maria Hernandez

Email

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Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 7:55PM
Receipt number	331
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Top priority is smart growth that's focused on needed housing coupled with a cap on commercial growth.

Name Dana Beausang

Email

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 8:01PM
Receipt number	332
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I am in support of smart growth focused on needed housing while capping commercial overgrowth.

Name Anita

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	3 March 2025, 8:45PM
Receipt number	333
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	smart growth that's focused on needed housing coupled with a cap on commercial growth
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Name	Toby Weber
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 8:13AM
Receipt number	334
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I ask that you seek other sites for lower income housing than downtown and that you consider the impact of traffic congestion in adding so many new housing units to Menlo Park. Also, the impact on water needs on Menlo Park is profound.

Name Sherry Stadk

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 8:14AM
Receipt number	335
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Finding additional housing sites other than conversion of downtown parking lots. Where are we supposed to park when shopping downtown if you convert these sites?

Name	Clark Kelley
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 8:15AM
Receipt number	336
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

prioritize the finding of alternative housing sites, instead of using the  
downtown parking lots

This project will permanently alter the character of downtown Menlo  
Park, destroy parking options

Name Nick kline

Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 8:19AM
Receipt number	337
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I applaud the focus on downtown development (within reason) and increased housing. The downtown housing plan doesn't make any sense for citizens and retailers. Alternative sites should be considered

Name	Stephen Lee Fioretti
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 4 March 2025, 8:26AM  
Receipt number 338  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

-need alternate site for high density housing, NOT OUR DOWNTOWN:  
utilize numerous vacant buildings/businesses and vacant parking lots.  
-charge more in taxes for vacancies because there is growing number  
and prolong emptiness  
-bike lane down Santa Cruz Ave to access train, community center and  
east side of town since there will not be a tunnel constructed.

Name C

Email [REDACTED]

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 8:46AM
Receipt number	339
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Prioritize finding alternative sites for housing instead of downtown parking lots. If we want to continue to improve downtown MP with more restaurants and retail other than rug merchants, taking the parking lots away and building housing will definitely discourage new business and MP residents will have to find other merchants such as drycleaners and hair/nail salons in RC or PA.

Name Terri Goehner

Email

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Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 8:53AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

No. Revitalize downtown by creating vacancy taxes on building owners. There are places that have been empty for YEARS that don't want tenants. My company tried to get in touch with multiple empty spaces to lease one, and it's impossible to even find information on how to contact them. They purely hold them for tax write offs and the community suffers as a result.

Second, DO NOT put mega housing downtown! It would DESTROY any chance for downtown businesses to survive. The construction would take years and be absurdly disruptive. Traffic both during and after construction would be unbearable. It already takes 4-6 light signals to cross El Camino going east from Menlo Ave or Oak Grove during a busy period. Adding thousands of additional people would be horrific.

Build new homes at Burgess, Sharon Park, near Facebook (which has caused our need for so many new homes), Those spots are all have room. Downtown DOES NOT.

Name

Email

Phone

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Submitted on	4 March 2025, 8:56AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please consider a more measured approach to developing downtown including utilizing all city owned sites where development is easiest to achieve and won't create material adverse effects on downtown businesses and surrounding neighborhoods. This includes using city owned sites along willow road and at the civic center. Please also consider creating mixed use housing throughout vs. super dense very low income housing in just one location. Please also consider developing above the rail tracks in downtown similar to what has been done successfully in cities like Chicago and Kyoto to name just a couple. Also, please take a cue from Redwood City. They took a pragmatic approach to development in downtown that's paying off.

Name	n/a
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 9:00AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Traffic could be added to this list. Additionally, bike traffic/ routes should be changed to avoid all the e-bikes causing havoc during after school hours.

Name Karen Kitayama

Email [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 4 March 2025, 9:06AM  
Receipt number 343  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

The city works for the residents and there is significant opposition by the residents regarding using the downtown parking lots for housing. The city needs to listen to what the residents want. I think the city needs to re-evaluate the location for the housing and remove the downtown lots from consideration for the purpose other than parking. Additionally, those lots have been in a state of disrepair for decades and need to be resurfaced. So, rather than build on the lots, the city should repave them. Haven Avenue should be under consideration for housing. It is an area of Menlo Park where land is cheaper and a developer could likely make this housing pencil there. The apartments built there are very nice and one could envision a mall of stores along with additional housing there. I don't think climate action - mitigation, adaptation and resilience should be one of the top 4 priorities.

Name Mary Gilles

Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 9:10AM
Receipt number	344
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I feel strongly as a resident of Menlo Park that we need to prioritize the finding of alternative housing sites, instead of using the downtown parking lots.

Name Shannon Kline

Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 9:18AM
Receipt number	345
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

The council should be considering and reviewing alternative sites for the housing needs that do not require taking 3 city-owned parking lots in downtown. I work at 1155 Crane Street and my window looks out at the parking lot and it is completely full all day long with cars circling looking for parking. When I go back and forth to my office between appointments, it often takes 10-15 minutes to find parking. These lots are NOT SURPLUS. Losing these lots and injecting years of construction in downtown will absolutely crater downtown Menlo Park and I'm sure no members of the council want their legacy to be the council that destroyed the fabric of downtown Menlo Park.

Name	Billy McNair
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 9:47AM
Receipt number	346
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Housing and safe routes should be priorities. Exploring sites for affordable housing other than the three Downtown parking lots should be by far the most important issue of 2025. Climate action should not be a focus.

Name Tucker Beim

Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 9:48AM
Receipt number	347
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please find alternative housing sites, instead of using the downtown parking lots.  
the downtown is already congested and we need all the existing parking spaces.

Name	Frank Mirkhani
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 10:02AM
Receipt number	348
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Add these short term priorities:

1. End Cal Train horns
2. Repair city roads and parking lots - ex: upgrade the condition of the parking lot adjacent to Trader Joe's
3. Tend to downtown economic development (do not build low income housing there)

Name Susan Neville

Email

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Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 10:05AM
Receipt number	349
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I believe that the Climate Action discussion item should be dropped from the agenda. Obviously the last National election negated the need as many much more important things need addressing.  
For instance:  
1. Not destroying your downtown with low income housing.  
2. Crime.  
3. Traffic

Name Jim Gatten

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 10:12AM
Receipt number	350
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Can we find other land for the housing and not build in Menlo Park  
downtown and related areas please

Name Rajeev Dham

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 10:16AM
Receipt number	351
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Find a more appropriate location for low cost housing. Save downtown  
by preserving our parking lots

Name Katie Hanson

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 10:18AM
Receipt number	352
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Downtown parking lots - These are not surplus lots that can be removed to build housing that will make the area so congested it will hurt the city and small business owners within it.

Name	Nadia Banks
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 10:32AM
Receipt number	353
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Personally, I do not feel that adding additional housing should be a priority as it risks the accessibility and success of so many local businesses that are foundational to the culture of downtown Menlo Park. There is barely enough parking to begin with, and I cannot imagine what it would be like if parking was completely unavailable to locals/consumers. I am especially concerned for those with mobility challenges or handicaps that have difficulty with managing the distance from their cars to the businesses as-is. Removing nearby parking would make these businesses (many of which are medical facilities that are necessary) from being accessible to all people.

Name	Lisa Kolmanovskiy
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 10:59AM
Receipt number	355
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

#1 Priority above all else: find alternative housing sites, instead of using the downtown parking lots for new housing. Parking lot housing is a bad idea for MP residents, MP businesses and people having to live in these units when other sites could provide a more green and lovely neighborhood feel!

Name Elizabeth and Scott Bowersox

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 11:16AM
Receipt number	356
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Grouping low income housing in the parking lots of downtown will only further the "deadness we are experiencing". Business landlords are raising rents so high resulting in more businesses leaving vacant store fronts are appalling. We don't need anymore rug stores. Low income residents will not be going to lunch/ dinner at our high end restaurants. Taking away existing parking in 3 of the lots will only hurt our downtown. Look for alternative sites or at least spread them out in different locations.

Name Mallory Crawford

Email [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 11:30AM
Receipt number	357
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Moving forward on housing thoughtfully in a way that prioritizes preservation of the charm and beauty of Menlo Park, including downtown and the neighborhoods.

Name	Leslie Fithian
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 11:44AM
Receipt number	358
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Priorities should be emergency and disaster prep, safe routes, vibrant downtown with zero empty stores and way less consignment and rug stores. More restaurants downtown. Housing but not in the downtown parking lots. This is a stupid idea!!!!!!

Name Heather Frauenhofer

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 12:17PM
Receipt number	359
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Nix housing on downtown parking lots. Find other sites  
Provide more shuttle services  
Do not skinny up parking spaces at PVI  
Licenses for motor bikes and scooters and education on rules

Name Maureen Frazier

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 12:33PM
Receipt number	360
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I believe that finding a good location for housing is imperative, but not in an area that will negatively impact all residents, like the downtown parking lots. Somewhere like the USGS property would offer good access to downtown, parks and recreation, and transportation.

Name Margaret Pringle

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 1:10PM
Receipt number	362
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I really think you need to rethink your housing approach. I think that your housing plan and activating downtown/economic development don't go together. While I generally supportive of building additional housing, the approach you are taking does not reflect what most people in Menlo Park want. I think we would all love to see teachers, fire and policemen have appropriate housing so that they don't have to drive such long distances - I understand they will not be able to access the housing being built. I also think the housing being proposed should be somewhere other than downtown. Our downtown already is hurting vs other nearby towns and cities and the proposed housing will make that worse.

Name	Jackie Brandin
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 1:32PM
Receipt number	363
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I want you to prioritize the finding of alternative housing sites, instead of using the downtown parking lots.

Name Christina Fuhr

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 2:10PM
Receipt number	364
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

The top priority should be finding an alternative for the downtown sites for low cost housing. The second priority should be emergency preparedness. The city should not spend any more time on the climate issue and and a moderate amount of town on safe routes.

Name	Brian Mccarthy
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 2:26PM
Receipt number	365
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Safe routes in all areas of Menlo Park are critical. We are in the Willows and there are several intersections that are not well painted and cars roll through stops. Another very dangerous area is Willows/Middlefield, people speed and do not yield for bikers or pedestrians. There is quite a range of schools in District 2 (public Menlo Park, public Ravenswood, Private, etc) and as a resident I do not believe we have allocated the proper budget to make safety a priority for the current residents, school children and bikers and pedestrians that travel in and out of the Willows. Flashing lights, appropriate painting, speed traps, etc are necessary!

Name	Sue Olson
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 2:32PM
Receipt number	366
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Housing should be the number one priority. If we aren't caring for our community members and others, what difference will the other priorities make? Second should be the economic development of downtown. Take a look at our neighbors...San Carlos, Redwood City, Burlingame, Danville - they all have robust, fun, thriving downtowns. Ours is full of empty buildings and carpet stores. I'd like to see the City Council taking a look at the empty office buildings....everywhere. Could some of these be turned into apartments? There are multiple empty offices on Middlefield, as well as the development by Big 5, Jeffries etc.

Name	Mari Chazen
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 2:35PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I do, especially since the addition of much needed low and affordable new housing will affect safe traffic routes and access to a speedy response from our emergency response workers. Additionally, any new construction should be sensitive and respectful of the environment and not place undue strain on the San Francisquito Creek or our public works utilities. Access to parks and recreation should also be considered to offset the ensuing building density of new construction and increasing population.

Name Annette Welsh

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 3:04PM
Receipt number	368
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please focus on Housing and Disaster Preparedness. Climate Action has much momentum and the hardworking "working" EQC. Consider adding a new working Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Committee.

Reducing possible housing displacements needs attention. MP has hundreds of residential "soft story" buildings known to fail during earthquake(s). The 1989 earthquake may have weakened them structurally, as per SPUR. These mainly house renters with some condo conversations lacking building insurance. Potentially 5,000 residents could be displaced in the next major earthquake. These buildings can be retrofitted for approximately 5-10K per unit.

Wildfire danger keeps increasing. We need to reduce the risk through Firewise USA Communities and other measures. This should be a shared effort with Menlo Fire who has a Community Resilience Unit with an annual budget of almost \$1.5M. We need MP leadership, a whole community approach and SMART goals.

Name Lynne Bramlett

Email [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 3:05PM
Receipt number	369
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Adding more housing should be the top priority but this effort should be undertaken with consideration for the impacts on our existing City infrastructure and institutions as well as the wellbeing of those of us who already live here. Gigantic towers that only contain a minority percentage of housing will bring massive traffic problems and negatively impact the livability of our City, for example. Adding more office and hotel space as the price for more housing will also create difficulties in regard to our other priorities - climate goals, safe streets and emergency responsiveness.

Name	Leah Elkins
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 3:06PM
Receipt number	370
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Our first priority should be to address our jobs/housing imbalance by requiring that any office development include residential development that will accommodate at least 75% of the anticipated office workers.

Name	Ellen Macneale
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 4 March 2025, 3:26PM  
Receipt number 371  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Climate action: City owned public power - solar energy which would enable more of us to convert to all-electric homes. Emergencies: Work with the county to make its alerts more locally useful. Housing: Eminent domain the former Sunset Magazine site and use it to build city owned housing for people now living in vehicles (only half a joke). BMR housing is still too expensive for people who have been forced out. The market will not do anything about it. Safe routes - Belle Haven: Lighting; navigable sidewalks; remove furniture abandoned on sidewalks by people who have moved away at city expense; if people who live here are repeat dumpers, fine them; proactive parking enforcement; clean up fallen leaves of city trees. PS - This survey should be available in Spanish too.

Name Nina Wouk

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 4:13PM
Receipt number	373
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Housing should be a top priority for local teachers and other city employees (fire fighters, police and city staff) who make a decent wage but not enough to afford to buy a home in MP. These folks all contribute to our community in profound ways. We need to make living in MP more accessible for them. Additionally, providing housing for severely disabled individuals should be a priority. We have a large population of disabled young people in our schools. Where are they supposed to live as adults? We need more housing.

Name Jessica Hickingbotham

Email [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 4:22PM
Receipt number	374
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

The 4 bulleted priorities above still apply for the next year, but there is more we need. As for economic development, we need to emphasize SMART growth that focuses on needed housing and puts a cap on commercial growth that further stresses our housing shortage. This, to me, is a major priority for the coming year.

Name Cecilia Ridgeway

Email [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 4:26PM
Receipt number	375
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I want the Counsel to prioritize the finding of alternative housing sites,  
instead of using the downtown parking lots.

Name Yasamin Salehi

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 4:37PM
Receipt number	376
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I agree with the priorities. I believe that alternatives to the downtown parking lots should be reviewed with the goal of keeping our downtown as it is currently. Also Oak Knoll Lane is not a safe route for school with two way traffic, parking, walkers, strollers, and cars going down the wrong side of the road because of frustration with very long carpool lanes. Cars should be eliminated during limited drop off and pick up times, just as they are on the streets adjacent to Oak Knoll Lane.

Name Nancy Fisher

Email

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Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 4:45PM
Receipt number	377
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please consider finding alternative housing sites, instead of using the downtown parking lots. While affordable housing is extremely important, I am concerned about the economic viability of the existing downtown and ability to utilize the various services it provides given where parking may be re-located. This is the wrong project for that location.

Name Joel Hopman

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 5:18PM
Receipt number	378
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I agree with the top priorities and would support viewing these holistically. They're all interwoven, including activating downtown/economic development.

There are synergies between emergency and disaster preparedness with climate action. Safe routes transcend these areas, but their potential role in each of them should be considered.

Similarly, housing can be connected with downtown/economic development to help promote various modes of getting around safely at a reduced emission level. Housing should be climate safe, cool, and should give back to the environment, with plenty of street and rooftop canopy.

I could continue with these off-the-top thoughts, but I believe I've captured the essence. The whole is greater than the sum of the separate parts. Keep up the good work!

Name Peri Caylor

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 5:44PM
Receipt number	379
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please continue to advance the Quiet Zone!

Name Melissa B Mills

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 5:46PM
Receipt number	380
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please continue to advance the Quiet Zone. It is critical for the peaceful enjoyment of our homes.

Name Sloane Citron

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 5:51PM
Receipt number	381
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please continue to advance the Quiet Zone. The noise of the train horns at all hours of the day and night are a severe disruption to the quality of life to so many of us within close proximity to the railroad tracks and crossings. My health suffers from interrupted sleep and my work from interrupted calls and concentration. Please consider this a top priority.

Name Laurie Thomas

Email [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 5:54PM
Receipt number	382
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please continue to advance the Quiet Zone and improve the downtown Menlo Park commercial district.

Name	Alan Bogomilsky
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Phone	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 5:56PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	advancing the quiet zone request
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Name	Stephen Schooley
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 5:58PM
Receipt number	384
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please continue to advance the Quiet Zone for the railroad crossings

Name Joseph Grass

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]



# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 5:58PM
Receipt number	385
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	-stop new towers at sunset center. -please continue to advance quiet zone.
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Name	joellen stoffel
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 6:30PM
Receipt number	386
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

First of all, what does Environmental Justice Element really mean? I am totally not for ESG, DEI and any other regulatory program that has nothing to do with MP. Climate action? I get mitigation and adaption but what is resilience? Housing: this housing issue is something that was never voted on by the people of CA but a Senate Bill 9 & 10. These bills are destroying beautiful cities and causing havoc with longtime residences and planning committees. Council members will vote on something that 10 years later they will be gone from office and will have destroy a small suburb town only to comply with something that will change. This SB 9&10 are Fascist decrees reimagining cities by force. They created the problem with open boarders and now with the Trump administration and the Newsom administration things will not be the same in 4 years. Don't destroy MP. I'm all for safe routes. Lastly, I would like to have quite zones on the railroad tracks through the bedroom communities.

Name Brian Keating

Email



Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Please continue to advance the Quiet Zone.
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Name	Matt Normington
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Submitted on	4 March 2025, 7:01PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please continue to advance the Quiet Zone!!!

Name Victoria Bi

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 7:02PM
Receipt number	390
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please find alternative site for high density housing. Placing towers  
downtown in parking lots would overwhelm our town!

Name Mara Giattina

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 7:03PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Find a new location for the low income housing away from the current 3 parking lots in downtown Menlo. Closer to HWY 101 provides more options and lower costs to the city. I don't understand how our council members are promoting the current parking lots as an acceptable solution when their constituents say this is unacceptable.

Name jeffrey sasagawa

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 7:04PM
Receipt number	392
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Quiet zone for Caltrain through Menlo Park. Opening all lanes of traffic through downtown MP
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Name	Jeanne Heise
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Phone	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 7:33PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Please continue to advance the Quiet Zone.
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Name	Gautham Vunnam
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Phone	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 7:39PM
Receipt number	394
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	We would ask to prioritize the establishment of a Caltrain Quiet Zone when crossing Encinal and Glenwood Ave
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Name	Joy Pang
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Phone	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 7:55PM
Receipt number	395
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please continue to progress as rapidly as possible the quiet zone/caltrain horn issue.

Name Phillip S Pang

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 7:57PM
Receipt number	396
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

please continue to advance the caltrain quiet zone

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Name Amy Mushlin

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Email

[REDACTED]

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 7:59PM
Receipt number	397
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Climate action is a top priority. One way to help mitigation of climate change is to have the city prioritize caring and increasing it's urban forest. To start, the city needs to have a plan for how to manage all of the trees in our city. This can be accomplished with an Urban Forest Master Plan.

Name Scott Marshall

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 8:05PM
Receipt number	398
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Continue to advance the quiet zone
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Name	Danielle Pickham
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Phone	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 8:11PM
Receipt number	399
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Quiet zone, for the 12 consecutive year. How bout you actually complete it instead of BS studies and pretending theres no funding.
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Name	David
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 8:21PM
Receipt number	400
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

My top priority for this year, as it has been for the past few years, is a Quiet Zone along the Caltrain corridor. Please continue to move forward on this important issue.

Name	Adam Tobin
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Phone	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 8:22PM
Receipt number	401
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please continue to advance the Quiet Zone.

Please do not destroy Menlo Park by permitting high rises to be built on the former Sunset Magazine or worsen congestion by building in downtown.

Name Erin Abood

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]



# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 8:23PM
Receipt number	402
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Yes, and please continue to advance the establishment of the Menlo Park train rail Quiet Zone!
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Name	Maria Amundson
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 8:30PM
Receipt number	403
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please continue to advance the Quiet Zone work.

Name	Radu Horia Mihaescu
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Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 8:44PM
Receipt number	404
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I consider Climate Action a top priority, but I do not consider the other three items you list in this survey to be priorities.

My highest priority is the Quiet Zone for Caltrain. The horns have always been the loudest part of the train, and the intensity of the horns is still at unhealthy levels.

Name David Wuertele

Email [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 4 March 2025, 8:47PM  
Receipt number 405  
Related form version 2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

My top priority for Menlo Park by far is to do everything in my power to stop the mega development at 80 willow road. I live on 152 willow road and am deeply concerned about the traffic and environmental impact for my street and the Willows neighborhood. I believe that this will ruin my life. I have lived here for over 35 years and cannot put into words how strongly I oppose this project. I know I am not the only resident of Menlo Park that feels this way, and hope that does not go through.

I am all in favor of affordable housing and would be in favor of affordable housing in the area. However, I believe this is too closely aligned with business interests - including those of Vladimir Putin and his oligarch friends. I do not believe that this project is being adequately represented at this time.

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the meeting on the 22nd as I will be out of the country - but my heart will remain in alignment with my strong opposition.

Thank you for reading.

Name Carla Loomis

Email [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 8:48PM
Receipt number	406
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Quiet zone - the trains seem louder especially at night
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Name	Lisa Buda
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Phone	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 8:49PM
Receipt number	407
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please continue to advance the quiet zone as quickly as possible.  
I work from home and there is no shelter dfrom the horns.

Name Tomoko Shimaya

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 8:58PM
Receipt number	408
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please add a "quiet zone" to your list of priorities. I would also love to see the community grants program get started up again. Thank you!

Name Angie Holman

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 8:59PM
Receipt number	409
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

No. First priority is reduction of train noise. Second priority is to stop "builders' remedy" project at the Sunset Magazine site. Third priority is improved bike lanes and walking paths and recreational facilities. Fourth, housing, emergency preparedness, climate action.

Name Romin Thomson

Email [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]



# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 9:10PM
Receipt number	410
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please continue to advance the Quiet Zone - not having train horns at all hours of the day and night will greatly improve our quality of life in Menlo Park.

Name	Sandra Horwitz
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Phone	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 9:27PM
Receipt number	411
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Caltrain Quiet Zone  
Development at the former Sunset magazine site - ensure it is a  
development reasonable for the area and improves the ratio of jobs to  
housing

Name Neil Vachharajani

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 9:35PM
Receipt number	412
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please prioritize progress on our state-approved Housing Element, so that we do not become vulnerable to builders remedy projects. Consider protections for our immigrant communities. And while the new electric trains are quieter, their horns are piercing. Work with Caltrain to find a better tone, or implement Quiet Zones.

Name Amy Boggs

Email [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 9:51PM
Receipt number	414
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Caltrain Quiet Zone
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Name	Patrick Moor
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Phone	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 10:20PM
Receipt number	415
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please continue the Quiet Zone effort! Thank you!

Name Ming Tsai

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	7 March 2025, 9:50AM
Receipt number	514
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

PLEASE Prioritize implementation of the Encinal Avenue Corridor Mobility Project from the Transportation Master Plan (Project number 179)

There is no side walk for students and parents to use from Caltrain tracks to Middlefield on Encinal avenue. Walking up this side of the street puts pedestrians in conflict with bike riders which in turn pushes bike riders into the way of vehicular traffic and creates a hazard for all. Rain turns the shoulder to mud and creates additional hazards. Completing this project will encourage more parents to choose walking and cycling to school.

Name Ming Tsai

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 10:21PM
Receipt number	416
Related form version	2

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Please keep Quiet Zone as a top priority. Appreciate it.
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Name	Annie Shih
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 10:23PM
Receipt number	417
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please complete Quiet Zone and stop the Caltrain horns. Thank you.

Name Mark T

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 10:25PM
Receipt number	418
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please continue to have Quiet Zone in the priorities!

Name Chao Hsin Shih

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 10:45PM
Receipt number	419
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please continue to advance the Quiet Zone around the railroad corridors.

Name Diane P Walter

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	4 March 2025, 11:37PM
Receipt number	420
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

High priority to finding potential development sites for housing other than the downtown Menlo parking lots.

Also, high on the list should be revitalizing the downtown Menlo Park business environment by attracting new businesses to the many shuttered former businesses that have closed.

Name Lane Nonnenberg

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 4:27AM
Receipt number	421
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

The best way to activate downtown economic development is to build affordable housing there.

Name Will G

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 5:14AM
Receipt number	422
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

No. We should prioritize 1) bars, restaurants, local shops, and small businesses, 2) public safety and health, and 3) community-building investments such as Menlo Masters at Burgess Pool. Please stop the mega towers at Sunset Magazine and get way more creative about where to build low-cost housing.

Name Dariusz Paczuski

Email [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 5:55AM
Receipt number	423
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Climate action is the least important of the four priorities you identified; that is a priority more appropriate for state and federal governments. Swap it out for downtown development or making our schools even better.

Name	Glen Davis
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Phone	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 5:57AM
Receipt number	424
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I don't think the climate action is anywhere near as important as the day to day issues of preparedness, downtown development, and safe routes. I would add another: QUIET ZONES—the train noise is a constant grinding fact of everyday life in Menlo Park. TAKE ACTION TO ELIMINATE IT!!!!

Name TIMOTHY WARNER

Email [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 6:44AM
Receipt number	425
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I like these priorities, I would add Downtown Vitalization to the list. I would like to see council make this a priority over the next several years.

Name	Tim Watson
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Phone	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 6:59AM
Receipt number	426
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Yes - make Menlo Park a quiet zone
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Name	Jessica Taylor
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Phone	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 7:10AM
Receipt number	427
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please continue to advance the Quiet Zone. Thanks!

Name	Nicholas Taylor
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Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 8:22AM
Receipt number	428
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I feel strongly that the council should prioritize smart housing growth compatible with neighborhoods, in order to avoid the over-scoped tower planned for the Sunset magazine site.

Name	Lisa Gerould
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Phone	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 8:26AM
Receipt number	429
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Focus on housing nearer to train stations and El Camino rather than building the towers at the former Sunset Magazine site. These towers would disrupt traffic flow and the still largely residential character of the surrounding neighborhoods as well as have a very negative impact on the San Francisquito Creek.

Name Richard Gerould

Email [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 9:12AM
Receipt number	430
Related form version	2

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Please continue to advance the Quiet Zone.
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Name	Rumi Z
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 9:26AM
Receipt number	431
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Quality of life for residents which would include no 39-story towers, preservation of downtown parking lots, quiet zones (train noise), traffic improvement (rather than worsening), etc

Name	Jonathan Hahn
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 9:33AM
Receipt number	432
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please continue to advance the Quiet Zone process, for the health of everyone living near the tracks.

Name Gail Blumberg

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 10:30AM
Receipt number	434
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please keep pushing the quiet zones for the train crossings forward. Train noise (horns and bells) is disruptive to the neighborhoods around the train corridor at most hours of the day - especially in the early morning and late at night hours. With the recent introduction of quieter electric trains, Menlo Park can further improve the quality of life in and around the train corridor by implementing quiet zones.

Name Michael Comerford

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]



# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 10:32AM
Receipt number	435
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

My top priority is the quiet zone for the train.

Please do not move forward with the low income housing that would take away parking in downtown.

Name Patti Frazier

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 11:17AM
Receipt number	436
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

The top priorities listed above are good, but I will add: preservation of local businesses - I enjoy being able to shop in Menlo Park and have local businesses with expertise and merchandise that I feel good about.

Name Peter Whidden

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 11:18AM
Receipt number	437
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Prioritize responsible, smart growth that meets critical housing needs and put a cap on unneeded commercial growth. No to N17's skyscraper proposal for 80 Willow Road!

Name

Email

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 11:20AM
Receipt number	438
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Support small local business, fill empty store fronts, do NOT take away parking!!!!
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Name	Showa Sahle
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Phone	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 11:44AM
Receipt number	439
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Please continue to advance the Quiet Zone for Menlo Park
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Name	Roger Horwitz
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Phone	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 12:06PM
Receipt number	440
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I would place housing at a very high priority; despite the complaints of residents, it is important that unused areas like parts of Flood Park be made into affordable housing.

Name	Holden Thomson
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Phone	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 5 March 2025, 12:09PM  
Receipt number 441  
Related form version 2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

With BHCC and Branch Library now complete, a high priority for the City should be to revive the Main Library analysis/planning put on hold in 2019 when the BHCC project was (rightfully) given priority. Specifically, City should prioritize Phase 2 of the Library Systems Improvement Project (LSIP) paused in 2019 after Phase 1 work was completed. In 2025 and going forward, finishing Phase 2 of LSIP gives the City opportunity to incorporate residents' emerging needs/priorities while leveraging prior City studies/work done. A comprehensive Main Library study is now needed to assess this valuable City asset, how it meets current/future needs of residents, what needs are left unaddressed, and how the Main Library could be utilized to support other City priorities, such as activating downtown, housing, emergency preparedness, climate action, and most importantly-providing residents free, accessible information and lifelong learning services while building strong Menlo Park community and connection.

Name Kim Crockett

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 12:10PM
Receipt number	442
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	identify new sites for housing - do 'not' use downtown parking lots
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Name	v
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Phone	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 12:21PM
Receipt number	443
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Downtown revitalization is desperately needed, yet antagonized business owners are threatening litigation. They city needs to earn their buy-in for parking lot redevelopment plans that increase downtown foot traffic and benefit businesses. People hear "affordable housing" and they wrongly think "indigent, homeless, criminal."

An overall plan for transportation management ahead of massive redevelopment projects (SRI, USGS, Sunset) would be a better-sounding goal than safe routes. A traffic-jammed road full of angry, impatient drivers does not feel safe or appealing to pedestrians and cyclists, regardless of how nice the bike lane is. Wishfully thinking that there will be a massive uptick car-free people using the region's woefully inadequate, expensive and inconvenient public transit is not realistic. Residents need reassurance that the city's noble goals will be backed by reality-based planning that protects the quality of life they currently enjoy.

Name Andrea G

Email

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 12:38PM
Receipt number	444
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

A high priority should be the library, which should be allocated additional FTE and resources in the budget. The analysis/planning of the Main Library that was put on hold in 2019 should also be re-started. WRT budget, FTE and spending is down in the libraries since 2019, despite a doubling of the physical footprint because of the addition of the BH library. Library resources need to be increased ASAP. The City should also prioritize Phase 2 of the Library Systems Improvement Project paused in 2019 after Phase 1 work was completed. Finishing Phase2 gives the City opportunity to incorporate residents' emerging needs/priorities while leveraging prior City studies/work done. A comprehensive Main Library study is now needed to assess this valuable City asset, how it meets current/future needs of residents, what needs are left unaddressed, and how the Main Library could be utilized to support other City priorities. The library builds strong community and connection in Menlo Park.

Name Todd Crockett

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 5 March 2025, 1:03PM  
Receipt number 445  
Related form version 2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?  
please continue to advance the "Quiet Zone" in Menlo Park!

Name lorie satzger

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 5 March 2025, 1:06PM  
Receipt number 446  
Related form version 2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

NO! Basics in the city of MP need to be addressed 1st. Streets & sidewalks-numerous repairs/maintenance needed-pot holes, slurry seal, cracked & raised sidewalks. Trees-overgrown & dead trees. Downtown-Focus on a downtown for community members to gather-new/additional restaurants, practical shops (not rug stores or design stores-enough is enough!) Cal Train quiet zone ( city of Cardiff, San Diego banned train horns-it has greatly reduced noise pollution). Save DT parking lots!!! Now next to impossible to find a parking spot mid-week. Traffic mitigation- El Camino, Middlefield & Willow road are Gridlocked after 3p.m. All of these and more are pressing items that should take priority! Climate, emergency preparedness, housing & safe routes are important, but they should not take priority over the standard maintenance and enhancement needed in Menlo Park. Please focus on the issues front and center in the city of Menlo Park!

Name Lynne

Email [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 1:07PM
Receipt number	447
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please continue to advance the Quiet Zone and silence the train horns

Name	Adam Knight
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 1:08PM
Receipt number	448
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

1. Emergency and disaster preparedness including fire readiness and avoid duplicating work being done at the County level

2. Housing Element Compliance (\*not Housing\*) including fully evaluating the Civic Center area as an alternative site to the downtown parking lots.

3. Revitalizing the Downtown @ Santa Cruz Avenue by executing the specifics of the Downtown Specific Plan including widening the sidewalks, improving the street-scapes, and working with property owners to fill vacant spots. Also open SCA back up. Can still have bump-outs by converting diagonal parking to parallel parking.

I was disheartened at last night's Mar 4 Special Meeting to see certain City Council members ignore the many, many requests of their constituents to consider the Civic Center Site. Given the incredible feedback from the Community, I am shocked that members of the Council cowardly refused to engage in meaningful conversation with Mayor Combs.

Name

Email

Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 1:50PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Let's make the train horn Quiet Zone a reality!

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Name Wei Gu

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 2:05PM
Receipt number	451
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I would like establishment of a Quiet Zone for Caltrain as a priority. Activating downtown is a priority. I like to walk there and have many merchants at hand. I know there is a controversy about parking. I suggest building a parking lot as a first step and then the housing. I support the housing.

Name Anne H Gregor

Email



Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 2:09PM
Receipt number	452
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please focus attention on the train corridor quiet zone. The train whistles are exceeding loud and disruptive in nearby neighborhoods. Please direct more attention on revitalizing the downtown. Please DO NOT turn the parking lots into low income housing. Put additional housing in or near current residential areas. The block between Encinal and Glenwood, San Antonio St. and Garwood is ripe for redevelopment and could be replaced with multistory apartment buildings. The block along El Camino where Mattress Firm is also seems to be a good location. Don't take away downtown parking and open space.

Name Clare Warner

Email

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Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 2:18PM
Receipt number	453
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I think climate, emergency preparedness should continue to be priorities, as well as nurturing a sense of community, with events involving recreation as well as businesses, and schools that could create community projects. I am concerned about safety in general, and protection of residents or visitors "illegal immigrants" detentions based on profiles. Communities in other counties are organizing schools, residences and small businesses to create a safe environment for everyone. Last, I would like to keep the interest in the quiet zone alive.

Name Alicia Castillo Holley

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 2:22PM
Receipt number	454
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Quiet zone for caltrain; no tower at former sunset location; don't destroy downtown parking; look for alternate locations for low income housing;
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Name	richard hollander rosensweig
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 2:46PM
Receipt number	455
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please continue to advance the Quiet Zone and silence the train horns

Name Dunan He

Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 2:52PM
Receipt number	456
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I am writing to request that the City Council consider establishing a quiet zone for train crossings in Menlo Park. As you are aware, the routine sounding of train horns at crossings can be disruptive to residents, particularly those who live or work near the tracks. While safety is a top priority, implementing a quiet zone—where train horns are not routinely required—would significantly improve the quality of life for our community.

Federal regulations allow for quiet zones if proper safety measures, such as upgraded crossing gates and warning systems, are in place to ensure public safety without the need for train horns. Many neighboring cities have successfully implemented quiet zones, striking a balance between safety and reducing noise pollution.

I encourage the City Council to explore this option and determine what steps would be needed to move forward with a quiet zone designation.

Name Justin Liu

Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 3:02PM
Receipt number	457
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I do not think that additional housing is a priority this year with all the new units put in. I do think the others are still top priority. In addition, revitalizing the downtown business district should be right under climate action!!! Ensure protections for all our local parks and spaces to keep Menlo Park green.

Name Katherine Wilcox

Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 4:08PM
Receipt number	458
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

My top priorities are: 1) activating downtown/economic development, 2) housing, and 3) emergency/disaster preparedness.  
In support of both #1 and #2 (not to mention quality of life for residents, workers and visitors), I ask Council and Staff to continue to move the Quiet Zone ahead, and not let this effort derail. Thank you.

Name Marcy Abramowitz

Email [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 4:09PM
Receipt number	459
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Now that the Belle Haven Community Center and Branch Library are complete, I believe a high priority for the City of Menlo Park should be to revive the analysis and planning done for the Main Library that was put on hold back in 2019 when the Belle Haven Community Center project was (rightfully) given priority. A comprehensive study of the Main Library is needed to assess whether this valuable City asset is meeting the current and future needs of our residents, what needs are being left unaddressed, and how the Main Library could be better utilized to achieve City priorities such as activating downtown, emergency preparedness, supporting climate action, fostering growth and learning and building community and connection.

Name Evelyn James

Email [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]



# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 4:28PM
Receipt number	460
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Now that the Belle Haven Community Center and Branch Library are complete, I believe a high priority for the City of Menlo Park should be to revive the analysis and planning done for the Main Library that was put on hold back in 2019 when the Belle Haven Community Center project was (rightfully) given priority. A comprehensive study of the Main Library is needed to assess whether this valuable City asset is meeting the current and future needs of our residents, what needs are being left unaddressed, and how the Main Library could be better utilized to achieve City priorities such as activating downtown, emergency preparedness, supporting climate action, fostering growth and learning and building community and connection.

Name	Nicholas Leppla
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 5 March 2025, 4:45PM  
Receipt number 461  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

The Menlo Park City Library. It is an ever-increasing importance to the fabric of Menlo Park community. Libraries can be so much more than just a place to check out a book. In addition, libraries can offer community space for locals to connect and network, meeting rooms for study or networking, teen space with programming for middle school and high school students, space that allows for children's programming, adult enrichment, technology and craft enrichment for all ages, and so much more.

Its deficiencies as the existing library does not meet the needs of today's families and is woefully behind other Peninsula communities WRT physical infrastructure and budgetary funding. An update to the library is very much needed.

Name Debbie Morlock

Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 5:06PM
Receipt number	462
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Do not throw the baby out with the bathwater. In the rush to meet state mandated housing goals there is the danger that we will create dense housing without the infrastructure to support it. Over crowded schools and gridlocked roads can be (painfully) alleviated with money and bulldozers, but what community peels back the asphalt and concrete to rebuild and reforest lost green spaces? (It is especially appalling that parks could be considered for development while we still have the egregious waste of the Safeway and downtown parking lots.) Please make safe guarding our parks a priority and plan housing in parallel and integrated with safe routes, emergency preparedness and climate action rather than facilitate housing without regard to those priorities.

Name KFD

Email

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Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 5:09PM
Receipt number	463
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please continue to advance the Quiet Zone. Thank you!

Name Daphne Hackett

Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 5:14PM
Receipt number	464
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Supporting smart reasonable housing and follow through on the existing approved housing plan. Couple this with a cap on commercial growth.

Name susan chamberlain

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 5:24PM
Receipt number	465
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Undergrounding power lines in District 1 Basic amenities in District 1 - Status on Willow Village Including the top 4 from last year
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Name	Rachel Bickerstaff
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 6:09PM
Receipt number	466
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes!

As well intended as LY priorities were, they are broad, large issues. To me, there are other tangible issues that need immediate attention.

\*Maintain the charm and ambiance of our Santa Cruz Avenue downtown. Take away ugly cement barriers blocking important parking. Traffic jam now on Menlo and side streets because of this, too. It was intended as a STREET and should remain so. Create space for local teens at Fremont Park.

\*Repave and repaint parking lots behind Santa Cruz Avenue, most importantly behind Walgreens and block west. These are a hazard.

\*Acknowledge the boom of Pickleball to our community and paint proper lines on the modest 4 courts at Nealon. It is difficult to play with tennis and pickleball lines. Check Sunnyvale pickleball.

\*Work on plan to increase safety and traffic jam at RR crossing and crosswalk crossing on Ravenswood. Even if temporary, perhaps the Crosswalk should have a timed light working with the Train. Unsafe that Pedestrians can cross anytime.

Name Renee Schott

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 6:36PM
Receipt number	467
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	yes but also like some of our other Bay area cities please continue to advance the Quiet Zone and silence the train horns!!
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Name	Pamela Sperti
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 6:45PM
Receipt number	468
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I would really like for Menlo Park to consider an update to the Main Library. My wife and I have lived in Menlo Park for 6 years and plan to stay. We recently welcomed a little one to our family. We both have very fond memories of going to our local libraries as kids and have enjoyed visiting the Menlo Park library many times for books and research on local history. We would love for Menlo Park library to be a rich experience and meeting place for our kids.

Name Nik Cable

Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 6:58PM
Receipt number	469
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

As long-time Vintage Oaks/Linfield Oaks residents, we support measured affordable housing initiatives that consider environmental, traffic, street and neighborhood safety impacts as top priorities. Menlo Park and this beautiful neighborhood is our forever home, we are asking the City Council to do everything you can to preserve our vibrant neighborhoods with a balanced and measured affordable housing plan at 80 Willow Road.

Name Amy

Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 8:25PM
Receipt number	470
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Quiet Zone re trains
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 8:31PM
Receipt number	471
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I don't care about a single one of these, other than listening to much of your constituency and not replacing parking downtown with housing developments.

The council should focus on reversing the vacancy rate downturn, and improving the traffic conditions for automobiles. As much as the council hates cars, the number of people driving continues (and will continue) to grow.

Name michael ellman

Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	5 March 2025, 9:28PM
Receipt number	472
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please continue to advance the Quiet Zone and silence the train horns.

Name John Nham

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 5 March 2025, 10:45PM  
Receipt number 474  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I encourage you to emphasize smart housing growth that's focused only on needed State housing requirement coupled with a strong cap on commercial growth. Conduct a thorough environmental review of 80 Willow Road. I oppose N17's proposal for a multi-tower mini-city planned for 80 Willow Road.

Build with fire-prevention, emergency travel/evacuation in mind: This means focusing on traffic congestion that would affect fire vehicles from traveling within Menlo Park due to increased density between Middlefield and El Camino.

Adopt fire defensible space policies that are in alignment with Cal Fire recommendations: <https://www.fire.ca.gov/dspace> for trees and shrubs.

Please avoid building housing on Civic Center Land. That land should be for Park space, Library, Sports, Policing, City Hall and general recreation, as it is now. We need community spaces and Burgess Park area is used by so many citizens to enjoy each other. Instead consider adding fish to the pond.

Name Victor Vuchic

Email



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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	6 March 2025, 8:04AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I believe smart growth focused on needed housing coupled with a cap on commercial growth. Additionally, I believe a second entrance to the Flood Park housing project near Haven House is a MUST. If the point of that project is what it is claimed to be (housing for school employees), then the traffic flow and safety of children playing in Suburban Park and riding to/from school down Bay Road is SEVERELY impacted by the additional traffic completely funneled through Hedge/Greenwood. A second entrance that allows for easier and faster access toward Willow makes sense for everyone.

Name	Meghan Martinez
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	6 March 2025, 8:34AM
Receipt number	476
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes these above priorities are important. As a local historian and archaeologist, I would add that we should not mindlessly sacrifice our local history or archaeological resources for these priorities with all the housing developments coming up. Any creek side development along San Francisquito Creek may impact buried precontact Native American sites and the creek has been a residential location for at least 5,300 years which is significant. Since NO testing along the Menlo Park side of the creek has been completed to the best of my knowledge, we are planning piecemeal and blindly. That is something to keep in mind. Long term vision and balancing conflicting priorities is also needed.

Name	Elena Reese
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 6 March 2025, 9:09AM  
Receipt number 477  
Related form version 2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Dear Members of the Menlo Park City Council,  
As a resident and parent, I deeply appreciate the Menlo Park Main Library and Belle Haven Branch for the learning, creativity, and connection they provide my children and our community. These libraries are invaluable, offering books, educational programs, and a welcoming space for all. While well-loved, they would benefit from enhancements such as facility upgrades, expanded book and audiobook selections, and additional EV charging stations. Many have also highlighted the Belle Haven Branch's need for more space and resources to better serve its patrons. Libraries are vital to an informed and connected community, providing access to knowledge and technology for those who need it most. I urge the City Council to prioritize these improvements, ensuring our libraries remain accessible, modern, and inspiring for future generations. Thank you for your commitment to public spaces and for considering the future of our libraries.

Name Jason Mironov

Email [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	6 March 2025, 10:10AM
Receipt number	478
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Menlo Park is lovely as it is. There is so much uproar in the world, my preference is that things remain mostly as they are. The proposal for high-rise low-income housing and taking away our parking is very alarming! We are doing very well on putting in speedbumps to slow the traffic down, this is a good thing. With all that empty new housing on El Camino, it is hard to see how this would improve things.

By the way, I am phd economist, and was once chief economist at HUD (1987-1992) and while my specialty is mortgage markets, perhaps I can help you. I would like to send you a check so that you do not have to give 3% to Visa or gofundme. Or drop one by? Tell me how. The phone below is our home land line. Your robot button seems to not work.

Name	Susan E Woodward
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	6 March 2025, 10:28AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Quiet Zone re CalTrain horns
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Name	Anna G. Eshoo
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 6 March 2025, 10:29AM  
Receipt number 480  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

No. Not all of these still apply and I would ask the council to consider how to prioritize these. Safe routes has become, and WILL become, so important as the State forces Menlo Park to add new housing. Already children, adolescents, and adults are at risk on their bikes riding around Menlo Park because of reckless driving and no police enforcement. Your commitment to your local community is why council is in these roles - please consider that first and foremost. I would also ask Council to add a priority around how we can better manage this process of housing mandates. Clearly a large part of this community doesn't understand the housing mandates from the State but Council needs to also think much larger around how to truly meet these demands in a way that the entire community (or the majority of it) can agree with. It does not have to be a constant cycle of protest and conflict around any change to Menlo Park.

Name Sarah Reilly

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	6 March 2025, 10:57AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Please continue to advance the Quiet Zone
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Name	Brooke Gurland
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	6 March 2025, 11:12AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	I'm interested in Quiet Zone for Caltrain horns
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Name	Lawrence Hamel
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	6 March 2025, 11:22AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	silence the train horns
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Name	Randy Eyler
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	6 March 2025, 11:31AM
Receipt number	485
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please continue to advance the Quiet Zone and silence the train horns

Name Chris Lopez

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	6 March 2025, 11:32AM
Receipt number	486
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please continue to advance the Quiet Zone and silence the train horns

Name Danielle Lopez

Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	6 March 2025, 11:42AM
Receipt number	487
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please continue to keep the silence zone and silence the train horns

Name Kathy. Eyler

Email

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Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	6 March 2025, 11:43AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	yes
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Name	owen h harper
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	6 March 2025, 12:13PM
Receipt number	489
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please continue to advance the Quiet Zone and silence the train horns.

Name Michael Lynch

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	6 March 2025, 1:03PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please continue to advance the Quiet Zone and silence the train horn

Name	Paolo Scafetta
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Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	6 March 2025, 1:13PM
Receipt number	491
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Safe Routes to Schools should be the top priority. Our kids should be able to feel safe walking to school, and focusing on this effort will achieve multiple concurrent goals. There are many streets that need attention, but establishing a standard lane width of 10ft will allow engineers and planners the flexibility to reallocate street space to kids biking and walking. Sidewalks or paths separated from the road will reduce traffic stress and address concerns from parents that are hesitant to let their kids walk to school. A project to add sidewalks or a multi use path on Encinal, for example, would have immediate effect that benefits out most vulnerable road users.

Name	John Wilson
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	6 March 2025, 1:28PM
Receipt number	492
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

-Downtown traffic is terrible - proposed housing in downtown parking lots will make it worse; Willow Park High rise impact on city  
- Work to make Menlo park Vibrant again  
- Emergency and disaster preparedness  
- Advance Train Quiet Zone through Menlo Park

Name Gale Olson

Email [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	6 March 2025, 1:44PM
Receipt number	493
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes, I believe these should be the city's priorities for the next year, especially with regards to housing, and implementing the Housing Element.

Name Hannah Gilbert

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone



# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	6 March 2025, 1:44PM
Receipt number	494
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please stop any planned development for the Sunset magazine land

Name Margaret Carney

Email

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please keep establishing the Quiet Zone as an important priority to stop the train horns.  
No large development on Sunset property

Name	Katherine Parker
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Submitted on	6 March 2025, 2:12PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

As a 'forever renter' and lifelong environmentalist, my priorities are Housing, Climate, & Safe Routes. Implementing the Housing Element "without delay" moves us forward on all three fronts. Approve & build homes, especially affordable homes, in resource-rich areas like downtown and SRI so folks who work here can live and shop here.

On-road transportation contributes >50% of GHGs! We can reduce solo driving AND improve safety for pedestrians & cyclists if we recommit to TDM goals & prioritize reducing traffic and parking demand. Provide commuting incentives, expand Safe Routes, and support the transit connections that many folks, like me and my partner, use to get around without a car.

Further climate goals by implementing EJ Element policies & programs for electrification, adaptation, and resilience.

Update the BMR policy and implement anti-displacement policies: Let's keep folks safely and securely housed!

We can improve Menlo Park's economic vitality AND further climate goals!

Name Katherine Dumont

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	6 March 2025, 2:48PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

We live 0.8 miles from Encinal and my daughter attends 1st grade there. Every weekday we brave the dangerous route on Encinal Ave between the Caltrain track and the school. It is embarrassing that Menlo Park/Atherton cannot promote walking/biking/scootering by providing either a sidewalk or a decent sized shoulder to that road. Cars regularly park on that shoulder for days at a time and there is no enforcement to deter them. Garbage day on Tuesdays when bins take up most of the narrow shoulder is just a death sentence waiting to happen. Since it would be challenging to widen the shoulder, the easiest intervention would probably be to install bumpers/wheel stops (like the ones in parking lots) to separate the shoulder from main road. Obviously the driveways would be exempt. We can do better for our children.

Name	Cheryl Chen
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	6 March 2025, 4:09PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Project at 80 Willow Road - demand for full Environmental Impact Report to be completed and shared with residents.

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	6 March 2025, 4:48PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I think the four top priorities for Menlo Park and the council in this next year should be:

1. Revitalize Santa Cruz Ave and the downtown area (like San Carlos, create a comprehensive plan to make the area inviting, walkable, clean and safe)
2. Repair the streets and sidewalks in the city (especially the crosswalk leading to Draeger's)
3. Disaster preparedness (earthquake, fire and storm)
4. A range of housing, but NOT in the downtown parking lots (instead consider the civic center site, SRI, USGS and the blocks of old, low-rise apartments near downtown)

The priorities should not include climate action or safe routes. Both these areas have been over-invested by the council and the city over the last several years. Very little has been accomplished; what little has been done has been ineffective; and the initiatives have been very divisive in our community.

Name A West Menlo Resident

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	6 March 2025, 5:06PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

All of these priorities feel valid to me, though some loom larger for me, personally. My top priorities are:

-Housing Affordability - Making it more affordable for people to live in Menlo Park. I think a great community is a diverse community: socioeconomically diverse, culturally diverse, racially diverse, "career" diverse

-Downtown - The downtown housing proposal has really shined a light on the issues with our downtown. I think we have a long way to go to make our downtown vibrant and I'm eager to get started making improvements.

-Emergency and disaster preparedness - In many ways, this relates to climate for me. I want us to get out ahead of disasters (climate-based and otherwise).

Name Sean van Dril

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 6 March 2025, 5:31PM  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

No...don't still apply as the highest.

Highest priority: stopping projects like 80 willow road (sunset property) and anything like it. See the rationale from MenloForward.

Second priority: Quiet zone for CalTrain in Menlo Park (especially between Menlo Park and Palo Alto)

Additional priority: increasing the vibrancy of downtown Menlo Park.

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	6 March 2025, 7:40PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

PLEASE Prioritize implementation of the Encinal Avenue Corridor Mobility Project from the Transportation Master Plan (Project number 179)  
There is no side walk for students and parents to use from Caltrain tracks to Middlefield on Encinal avenue. Walking up this side of the street puts pedestrians in conflict with bike riders which in turn pushes bike riders into the way of vehicular traffic and creates a hazard for all. Rain turns the shoulder to mud and creates additional hazards. Completing this project will encourage more parents to choose walking and cycling to school.

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	6 March 2025, 8:12PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

In general I agree with these priorities. Specific ideas are below.

Climate Action - Spend the \$4.5MM in our community, continue with CAP 5 implementation, identify reach codes to implement along with new state building codes coming online in '26, and identify creative ways to meet our CAP goals.

Housing + Downtown - please continue working with the community to find a way to build more housing and also create a thriving downtown.

Safe Routes - I'd love to see bike lanes on ECR to align with Atherton and Palo Alto. Continue with the Vision Zero initiative to bring traffic calming measures to our city so people are safe biking, walking, and rolling.

Lastly, please continue to fund (and seek additional funding for) our urban forest so that we can reduce canopy inequity across the city, protect heritage trees, and maintain/enhance the beauty of our city.

Thank you.

Name	Nancy Larocca Hedley
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Yes!
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Name	Avery Olesen
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	6 March 2025, 11:48PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Downtown: economic development and traffic management. Drinking kids to school in the morning on Willow, Ravenswood, Middlefield, Oak Grove, Santa Cruz, Valparaiso has become more difficult over the years.

No to N17's Proposal for 80 Willow Road Development.

Name Pascal Bensoussan

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	7 March 2025, 1:22AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

While we do understand that Menlo Park needs to assist with making additional housing available, we do feel that the proposed Sunset property project is extremely out of proportion to the surrounding neighborhood and increased traffic would cause safety issues

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	7 March 2025, 1:25AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Yes.
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 7 March 2025, 7:49AM  
Receipt number 508  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

One of the bullets above needs to become "Downtown vibrancy and economic vitality." To meet the goals listed in our housing element, there must be balance with the needs of downtown, as the services provided by our business owners and downtown infrastructure are vital to our community. Improving civic infrastructure is not enough. The City must also adopt a strong pro-Downtown attitude towards its residents and businesses, along with supporting housing initiatives. One of the ways the city can achieve this is by establishing a permanent role of economic manager for the city. Menlo Park has suffered due to the dismantling of our own chamber of commerce and only having an interim economic director without a clearly defined scope and goals to their role. The city should explore re-establishing its own Chamber of Commerce instead of being rolled up with other cities on the mid-Peninsula. The mentalities of being pro-housing and pro-business can co-exist in the same city!

Name Charlotte Reed

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	7 March 2025, 8:21AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Enforce building codes and parking ordinances in District 1. The single family lots in District 1 look like junkyards due to the amount of vehicles parked in front of homes and onto the lawn. Homes have paved over the entire front of their home in some cases. Overnight parking rules are not enforced for some reason. All streets should be clear overnight according to the law but instead they are packed with vehicles.

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	7 March 2025, 8:49AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Menlo Together urges the City Council to continue—and adapt—these top priorities for the next fiscal year:

\* Housing Element implementation, including timely progress on getting homes approved and built, policies to prevent displacement, and updating the Below Market Rate policy to address current community needs.

\* Safe routes should continue as a foundation for safe, sustainable, and convenient transportation. We urge Council to revive and advance long-standing initiatives for parking and transportation demand management to improve access to downtown while advancing safety and climate goals and improving economic vitality. We urge Council to speak up to support maintaining and improving the regional transit system that our local goals depend on.

\* Climate action - we urge continued forward motion to implement the Environmental Justice Element, including equitable electrification, adaptation, and resilience policies and programs, and including goals for safe and stable housing.

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	7 March 2025, 8:59AM
Receipt number	511
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Stop the development at the Sunset location of the ridiculously massive buildings. Move ahead on reasonable building proposals.

Renew commitment to reasonable traffic loads on streets within and between Menlo Park and Palo Alto.

Name	Tricia Dolkas
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	7 March 2025, 9:21AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

All 5 of those topics are still high priority, with Housing being the highest priority AND the hardest to progress, so it requires the most resources. Advancing housing also advances the other priorities, while ensuring regulatory independence and financial strength for the city. Investment in community education and engagement on housing should be tripled, at a minimum.

Activating downtown/ economic development is currently the area with the least specificity in vision & plans but the topic I hear the most public discussion of, even before the proposed development of the downtown parking lots. Downtown "revitalization" could be a channel through which to advance several other priorities (housing, safe routes, potentially climate action) and a great way to increase the level of community engagement in civic programs. It's a topic people are clearly excited to discuss - so let's turn up the volume on that dialog.

Thank you for all the effort, in service of our city

Name Jennifer Schindler

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	7 March 2025, 9:22AM
Receipt number	513
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Housing!!!! We need more at all income levels across the city. The costs of housing are one of the biggest (if not biggest) strain on working families in our community

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	7 March 2025, 9:59AM
Receipt number	515
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please stop 80 Willow road project. It is too big and ugly and doesn't fit in our community. It will also detrimentally affect traffic in our neighborhood.

Name	Meredith Buenning
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 7 March 2025, 11:24AM  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Now that the Belle Haven Community Center and Branch Library are complete, I believe a high priority for the City of Menlo Park should be to revive the analysis and planning done for the Main Library that was put on hold back in 2019 when the Belle Haven Community Center project was (rightfully) given priority. A comprehensive study of the Main Library is needed to assess whether this valuable City asset is meeting the current and future needs of our residents, what needs are being left unaddressed, and how the Main Library could be better utilized to achieve City priorities such as activating downtown, emergency preparedness, supporting climate action, fostering growth and learning and building community and connection. Thank you for placing a high priority for this need. Our free library offers so many enrichment opportunities to all in our community, of all ages and heritage. It's possibilities need to be maximized.

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	7 March 2025, 12:35PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Thank you for prioritizing CLIMATE ACTION in recent years. I strongly urge the City to continue to do so this year and to step up efforts even further in light of very challenging headwinds driven by the new federal administration. Time is running out to put in place the appropriate policies, programs, and funding in order for the City to equitably meet the goals outlined in the 2030 Climate Action Plan. With the pending adoption of the triennial state building code, 2025 presents a terrific opportunity for the City to go even further with local amendments that strengthen building codes for new construction (Energy Performance), remodels/renovations (FlexPath), and equipment replacements (AC2HP or Air Conditioning to Heat Pump). These are all common sense measures that have the co-benefits of better health, enhanced safety, improved comfort, and both up-front and on-going cost savings. There are other interesting opportunities as well that I look forward to discussing soon. Thank you!

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	7 March 2025, 12:36PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Climate action and safe routes are the most pressing in my opinion. Also Caltrain quiet zone.

Name Kerstyn Crumb

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	7 March 2025, 12:44PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Safe Routes must include bikeways on El Camino Real like Palo Alto and Atherton are planning.

Name Ken Kershner

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	7 March 2025, 12:47PM
Receipt number	521
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Extent visitor parking automatically to 72 h in Linfield Oaks streets
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Name	Juan Walterspiel
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 7 March 2025, 1:00PM  
Receipt number 522  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Climate action and safe routes are still priorities as is revitalization of downtown. In general, ensuring Menlo Park continues to thrive and grow while balancing the fact that it is not designed and should not be a big city. In other words, we aren't Redwood City or Sunnyvale or even Palo Alto. There is a disconnect in local politics that advancement and growth must come with sacrificing the community as it exists today or vice versa. I disagree with this perspective. Without turning into a massive, gridlocked city we can improve daily life for the citizens of the city and that should be the goal of government. How are you making life better for Menlo Park residents each day? Little things like, keeping our streets and sidewalks clean, not letting medians overflow with weeds, planting more trees, creating ways for businesses to come to downtown, moving homes to electric, creating a sense of place and community people can be proud of, etc. all fit with this objective.

Name Richard Crumb

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	7 March 2025, 1:00PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Yes, especially climate action. Because we are getting set back nationally. What can we do locally to keep momentum going?
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	7 March 2025, 1:01PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Climate change should definitely be a priority. This means educating and assisting everyone to go all electric. Next most important should be affordable housing including imaginative solutions which take in needs of downtown merchants - first better parking for employees and patrons.

Name Hannah Sowerwine

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	7 March 2025, 1:05PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes! Please continue to make Climate Action and Safe Routes top priorities.  
Please put in place policies, programs, funding, staff and outreach necessary to electrify 95% of existing building by 2030 (Climate Action Plan #1). We need safer homes and cleaner air for everyone in our community!

Name Linh Dan Do

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	7 March 2025, 2:12PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Please keep climate action in top priorities.
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	7 March 2025, 2:19PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Yes, and they will continue to be priorities for the foreseeable future. Even more important now that we have headwinds at the federal level.
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Name	Nicole Kemeny
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 7 March 2025, 2:24PM  
Receipt number 528  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

1. More city gardens / allotments. Only 1, Belle Haven? EG give parks designated areas. Tie in edu w schools?

2. More restrictions re noise/pollution w leaf blowers, lawn mowers etc

3. Ongoing implementation of Environmental Justice RE electrification, adaptation, resilience.

4. Create short > long term planning/zoning, etc, to incentivize & make co op housing a more affordable option for residents. "A new report by Joint Venture Silicon Valley found nine local billionaires hold 15 times the wealth of the bottom half of households." (Mercury News)

5.. Urban Forest: policies to protect MP urban forest & heritage trees are outdated & 'cheap' – easy for new residential builds to remove heritage trees & pay pennies in penalties (the penalty cost is grossly low, relative to average \$\$ invested into new residential developments). Increase budget & human resource w city arborist. More trees in neighborhoods that are sparse. See recommendations w MP Environmental Quality Commission

Name Megan O'Grady Greene

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	7 March 2025, 2:32PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Yes. Keep Climate Action for sure.
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Name	Kristel R Wickham
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 7 March 2025, 2:34PM  
Receipt number 530  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Top Priorities:

1) Downtown Revitalization - There are way too many vacant storefronts on Santa Cruz Avenue, with more on the way if the parking lots become housing complexes. Downtown businesses should be a major source of sales tax revenue; instead I would imagine this revenue stream is heading in the wrong direction

2) Traffic Mitigation - Just look at El Camino/Ravenswood/Middlefield at 5pm. Try making a left turn from Middlefield to Seminary or a left from Seminary onto Middlefield. Since traffic calming lane reductions were introduced on Middlefield, the traffic flow has become much, much worse. This is before the SRI, USGS, and Sunset campus redevelopments come online. What then?

3) Decision Making Processes - Base policy and decision making on what will actually improve residents' quality of life. Too many decisions now appear to be based on political leanings and virtue signaling promoting Climate Action, Social Justice, DEI and the like.

Name Steven Carnevale

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 7 March 2025, 7:02PM  
Receipt number 531  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes, with one exception:

- Yes to housing, with particular focus on new affordable homes on downtown parking lots (including state-of-the art parking management to maximize access and minimize the number of spots needed), tenant protections, and improving our BMR program to better match the community's needs.
- Yes to climate action as defined
- Yes to safe routes
- Yes to emergency and disaster preparedness....with the friendly amendment that we address the emergency of our own making in the Bohannon property where 60 households are at risk of displacement and/or loss of housing (albeit in their vehicle)...Please prioritize actions, coordination, and funding to ensure they are not further impoverished, criminalized, or pushed onto the street, whether they land in Menlo Park or elsewhere.

Name Karen Grove

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 7 March 2025, 2:44PM  
Receipt number 532  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

1. Keep Housing as a key priority—this is the single issue that will determine whether many families, including mine, can continue to live here.
2. Keep Safe Routes to allow continued smart growth without either (1.) losing our children or vulnerable road users to auto crashes, or (2.) increasing traffic. Unsafe roads simply make more traffic and more tragedy.
3. Collapse "climate action" and "emergency/disaster preparedness" together. Much of the climate response would overlap with preparedness for extreme weather events.
4. Add back commercial development. If I had my preference I'd focus on making the sleepy existing commercial areas more vibrant, plus legalizing low-intensity commercial activity in more residential areas to reduce the need to drive for every errand. (Think of the small shopping area on Menalto—without it, Willows residents would need to travel further.)

Name Connor Gilbert

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	7 March 2025, 3:03PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

1. Implement the Housing Element: Get homes approved and built.  
2. Prevent displacement | Update Below Market Rate policy to meet the community's needs for housing affordability  
3. Expand upon the Safe Routes priority: Implement parking and transportation demand management to improve access to downtown while advancing safety and climate goals and improving economic vitality! | Support a healthy regional transit system: Our local goals depend on it!  
Advance Climate Action through Environmental Justice: Implement Environmental Justice Element policies and programs around equitable electrification.

Name	Leticia Gonzalez-Ratchev
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 7 March 2025, 3:03PM  
Receipt number 534  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I think last year's priorities, at a high level, are appropriate concerns for our community. However, I would also like to see greater emphasis on so-called "quality of life" concerns. Here are my priorities for '25-'26 1) Safe Streets/Traffic Calming particularly in Allied Arts 2) Add "Quality of Life Impact Analysis" to ECR/Downtown Specific Plan to acknowledge and mitigate concerns of nearby residents 3) City-wide traffic/speed enforcement strategy 4) Improved city staff engagement, accountability and transparency for resolving resident inquires 5) Public review/discussion of daytime permit parking program THANK YOU!

Name Peter Cook

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	7 March 2025, 3:11PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

creating quiet zones at RR crossings was identified as a top priority two years ago. I've seen (and heard) no progress other than the conversion to electric, which would have happened anyway. It would be good to list progress on previous priorities even as you solicit input for new ones.

Name Steve Walter

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	7 March 2025, 3:18PM
Receipt number	536
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Climate action including mitigation, adaptation, and resilience can include building/vehicle electrification, safe route, climate solutions like encouraging residents/workers to use non-vehicle transportation options, working across cities/agencies for regional solutions such as light rail system that connects sprawled single family housing districts to commerce medical mass transit

Emergency/disaster preparedness. Because project 2025 is enacted NOAA FEMA DHS is not reliable. Infilling needs locally by providing staff resources to work across cities/local agencies for regional solutions

Housing is a priority until the end of the housing crisis. The tenant protections anti-displacement programs the BMR guidelines, enacting/working through all the housing programs promised in 6th housing element is critical

Revitalization downtown is tied into both housing and climate action priorities. Incorporation of unincorporated neighbors and quiet zones/grade separation is important but secondary

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 7 March 2025, 3:28PM  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

As a resident of Menlo Park, I believe the city's top priority should be to remedy our shortage of affordable housing. The proposed use of downtown parking lots to construct affordable housing units should be approved and allowed to move forward ASAP. It's not only a matter of helping people who are not as wealthy as the majority of Menlo Park residents; allowing the less fortunate to live in the heart of our city will enrich us and make the downtown healthier and more vibrant. The powerful people who are throwing tantrums and threatening lawsuits against the city to fend off this project should be set aside. It's the duty of government in a compassionate society to prioritize assistance for the people who need it most, not the wealthy and powerful among us. I'm imploring you to honor your duty as public servants!

Name Dennis Irwin

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Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 7 March 2025, 3:45PM  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

1. Safe Routes/Active Transportation - Physical barrier class I/IV bike lanes enabling safe and continuous bicycling across Menlo Park, Projects: Coleman & Ringwood aves, Middlefield (focus on section west of Willow rd towards Palo Alto), Woodland ave sidewalk, Middle Caltrains underpass, Santa Cruz ave add class I/IV bike lanes from downtown to Alameda de La Pulgas.
2. Housing Element - net neutral housing with business development, balancing housing density throughout Menlo Park, limiting impact to traffic at Sunset campus and additional housing proposed on Middlefield.
3. Climate action - full electric commercial & residential code, native plants requirements, look into partnering with Peninsula Clean Energy to enable commercial & residential solar panel owners to sell surplus energy back to the grid.

Name Kevin Rennie

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	7 March 2025, 3:54PM
Receipt number	539
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I think these top priorities still apply. I would like to suggest that we prioritize streamlining certain permits that currently require hearings or other discretionary approvals that constantly get approved. If they are constantly getting approved, that must mean that the requirement to have a hearing is outdated and no longer needed. This way we can free up staff time for bigger picture planning, and give residents more confidence in the city's process by showing that the city is trying to make things easier and more streamlined rather than slowing things down and adding costs unnecessarily.

Note: I serve on the planning commission but this comment does not represent the commission in any way, it is my personal opinion only.

Name Misha Silin

Email

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Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	7 March 2025, 3:55PM
Receipt number	540
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Housing: Create a BMR chart that meets the level our neighbors; i.e. 25 - 30% of income; anti-displacement  
Health Safety: Create a rapid response to clear public dumping and apply methods to identify who is dumping on public property

Name Pam D Jones

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 7 March 2025, 4:02PM  
Receipt number 541  
Related form version 2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Overall these priorities seem spot-on. For Climate Action I suggest some specifics....(a) Ensure the \$4.5M grant is fully spent on building electrification projects; (b) Identify Reach codes (the most aggressive feasible) to implement along with the 2026 CA building codes; [c] continue with CAP-5 implementation; (d) identify creative ways to meet 2030 CAP overall goals.

These climate goals, in many cases, dovetail with emergency preparedness measures.

For Housing I see the key priority as building more downtown housing that is close to transit. A related priority is to determine whether there are ways to stop or modify the builders' remedy project on the Sunset campus so that the scale is appropriate for the neighborhood.

For Safe Routes, aligning ECR bike lines with Atherton and Palo Alto will be a very smart move for the City, as well as continuing with the Vision Zero initiative that enables more and safer biking, walking, and other alternatives to vehicle use.

Name Mitchel Slomiak

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	7 March 2025, 4:32PM
Receipt number	542
Related form version	2

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

These are good priorities, but please keep working on the quiet zone for the train as top of mind as well!

Name: Garrett Reid

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on 7 March 2025, 4:39PM  
Receipt number 543  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please continue the climate action and housing priorities. For climate action: 1. please ensure the success of the \$4.5 electrification grant to Menlo Park; 2. go above-and-beyond bare minimums for the 2025 Reach Code update and consider Peninsula Clean Energy ordinance models for new construction, existing structures, and major retrofits; 3. consider new efforts to achieve the 2030 Climate Action Plan goals; and 4. consider fixing a forthcoming "hole" in bike lanes on El Camino by adding Menlo Park bike lanes to those on El Camino planned by Mountain View, Palo Alto, Atherton, and Redwood City.

For housing, please consider housing proposals constructed on a timely basis and as close as possible to public transit.

Name Brian Schmidt

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	7 March 2025, 5:02PM
Receipt number	544
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Menlo Park should focus on sidewalks and bicycling infrastructure. We have lovely weather year round and a flat city, and yet many streets have no sidewalks and bicycle lanes are severely lacking. I have lived in Amsterdam, a much more dense city, which has separate bike lanes everywhere. There is no reason Menlo Park should not have the same.

Name Matt Drake

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Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	7 March 2025, 6:02PM
Receipt number	545
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

No- priorities should be:  
Make our streets safer for pedestrians and bikes  
Make our neighborhoods safer and more walkable and enforcement of  
bad actor businesses  
Building housing but not by ignoring obvious problems in solutions  
provided by someone trying to make a buck  
  
Crime is part of all this, but these are the overarching themes of priorities

Name Hunter Lyng

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	7 March 2025, 6:40PM
Receipt number	546
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I'd like to see the downtown be revitalized. 2. The streets and sidewalks need repair.

Name Vera Goupille

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	7 March 2025, 7:29PM
Receipt number	547
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes, but "housing" should be higher on the list. And I'd suggest thinking of it more as "smart housing" - we need affordable housing, to be sure, but unreasonable commercial growth should be capped

Name Josh Orth

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	7 March 2025, 8:14PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Climate Action needs to remain the top priority. Housing for all needs to remain a top priority.
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	7 March 2025, 8:32PM
Receipt number	549
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

These are great topics — areas of focus I would love to see are:

Implementing the Housing Element: support housing creation, anti-displacement work, and improving access to BMR units. Support for young families (i.e. more options for larger size units across apartments, condos, townhomes) given declining school enrollments.

Downtown vibrancy: what can we learn from other cities like San Carlos with thriving, people-first, pedestrian-scale downtowns that have really become activated as community hubs?

Climate and environmental justice work, including implementing the Environmental Justice Element. Enact policies, programs, and funding necessary for the City to achieve the goals outlined in the 2030 Climate Action Plan.

Invest in transit and infrastructure for non-car travel, to reduce traffic and emissions. Safe routes work like building sidewalks and protected bike lanes.

Thank you!

Name	Brittani Baxter
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26



Submitted on	7 March 2025, 8:39PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?  
Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Climate action as top priority:  
\*specific milestones for reducing GHG emissions to zero by 2035  
\*decarbonize local government fleet  
\*expand EV charging  
\*decarbonize local government buildings and add rooftop solar and storage

Name Sara Tanke

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Aportes sobre las prioridades del Ayuntamiento 2025-26

NOMBRE AI

CORREO ELECTRÓNICO \_\_\_\_\_

TELÉFONO Por Favor

limpiar alcantarillas por favor  
que limpien el excremento de los  
perros los dueños porque siguen  
igual no lo recogen



**Aportes sobre las prioridades del Ayuntamiento 2025-26**

**NOMBRE**     Ana María    

**CORREO ELECTRÓNICO** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELÉFONO** \_\_\_\_\_

*Tener más cuidado con la limpieza  
de Casetas y anticulas de Casa que  
no quieren y los ponen fuera de las  
Viviendas dan muy mal aspecto*

**Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26**

NAME Charlotte Cheatham

EMAIL 

PHONE 

Checking for large items being dumped on  
Pierce Road, Check the streets lights on all  
streets, ~~also~~ Remove the Homeless from between  
the storage Building so they don't start fires

Aportes sobre las prioridades del Ayuntamiento 2025-26

NOMBRE

Doña Cencha <sup>(Candelaria Cardenas)</sup> y Edna Sberanis

CORREO ELECTRÓNICO

TELÉFONO

Viviendas limpias, seguras, y de bajo costo.

que construyan acanterias

mas aluminaaciones en las calles -

cortar las plantas q' tapa las areas de paso

Aportes sobre las prioridades del Ayuntamiento 2025-26

NOMBRE Dennis Regel

CORREO ELECTRÓNICO

TELÉFONO

- Limpieza en las <sup>calles de la</sup> Comunidad de Belle Haven!
- Falta de iluminación en las calles de B.H.
- Por qué razón cambian frecuentemente el horario de <sup>Comunitt</sup> Shuttle Meulo Park.
- La Comunidad de Belle Haven necesita una tienda de productos comestibles ~~en~~ Trader Joe's.
- Acceso a Vivienda

**Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26**

NAME HERBERT HAYTON

EMAIL 

PHONE 

STREET SWEEP COME WHEN  
EVER THAN FIELD LIKE  
ON CHILCO STREET

## Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26

NAME Inez Watkins

EMAIL

PHONE

- 1) Improve levy to protect neighborhoods from flooding.
- 2) Street sweeper need signs posted letting people know when to remove these curbs
- 3) Police presence to enforce no left turn between 3-7pm from Charles to Hamilton.
- 4) Enforce over night parking on the street
- 5) Relocate homeless from camping on restricted area near the Public Storage building. Several abandoned cars have inhabited the area. Concerned about fire.
- 6) Keep up the trimming of the City trees.
- 7) fine home owners that sit out junk but have not arranged a summer pick up.

Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26

NAME Jane Perry

EMAIL [REDACTED]

PHONE [REDACTED]

Safe Routes:

Pierce Road has become a complete disaster to go down in a vehicle / bus. What once was safe driving is no longer the case. It's become a one way street with cars parked on both sides. What will the city do???

Aportes sobre las prioridades del Ayuntamiento 2025-26

NOMBRE

Jesus Soto

CORREO ELECTRÓNICO

TELÉFONO

Las alumbrador publico no estan funcionando adecuada mente, mas no queremos tes un ambiente integuro con barra y que tengan una solucion para las personas sin hogar ~~de~~ y las personas que tienen problemas de drogas en las calles, duran horas en estado mal y la polea no pasa por la noche.

Tambien e mirado mucha basura en frente de algunas casas y tienen mucho tiempo y todo sigue igual.



Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26

NAME Karen M. Wilson

EMAIL 

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Concern about the disappearing  
of the Drain. Sweepstreaker  
not coming often, also  
the Trimming of Tree.  
we don't have drain  
any more

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Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26

NAME

Lawrence Robertson

EMAIL

PHON

It's A mattress on Hamilton an  
it's been there for 2wks an I'VE  
CALLED the city. nothing HAS BEEN done.

THE traffic ON Hamilton WERE ~~to~~ the  
school IS AT IS TERRIBLE, MAYBE THAT  
could BE adjusted.

Aportes sobre las prioridades del Ayuntamiento 2025-26

NOMBRE Marta Hernandez y Elizabeth Noya

CORREO ELECTRÓNICO \_\_\_\_\_

TELÉFONO \_\_\_\_\_

Autos tienen poco espacio para  
manejar por carros parqueados a  
los lados. Faltan aseras por  
que no ~~se~~ son altas para que los  
autos no se suban y las personas no pueden pasar  
Marcar lugares para parquear para <sup>sin estar</sup>  
que los carros no se amontonen <sup>en peligro</sup>  
y que no estén tan cerca para  
que no puedan salir los carros.  
Autos se <sup>se</sup> parquean en las aseras.

Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26

NAME

Pat Harris

EMAIL

PHONE

No drains on Newbridge and Hollyburn  
Leases need to go bye. We need  
more cleaning (street)  
Safe & cleaning housing

Aportes sobre las prioridades del Ayuntamiento 2025-26

NOMBRE Roberto Valdez

CORREO ELECTRÓNICO \_\_\_\_\_

TELÉFONO  \_\_\_\_\_

El desempleo esta afectando a la gente y por eso no pueden pagar renta. Los precios de la renta y los biles afectan el numero de personas que terminan viviendo en la misma casa o apartamento.

Aportes sobre las prioridades del Ayuntamiento 2025-26

NOMBRE Roxana

CORREO ELECTRÓNICO

TELÉFONO

Fuera Bueno que nos

Ayudarán con el alumbrado

Publico

Y Fuera bien que nos ayudarán

con la basura que no la recojen

Bien

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**Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26**

NAME Sandra W. Green

EMAIL 

PHONE 

- Trees Humming @ Bollo Haven  
Child Development Center on Ivy Dr.
- Lighting at Bollo Haven School-  
Ivy Dr side.

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Aportes sobre las prioridades del Ayuntamiento 2025-26

NOMBRE Sandra

CORREO ELECTRÓNICO \_\_\_\_\_

TELÉFONO \_\_\_\_\_

- \* Cominity Shuttle de Menlo Park ya van  
Varias veces que no me a levantado en la  
ultima vuelta.
- \* Limpieza de la casa de perros porque hay  
munchos que no la limpian.
- \* I Luminación por las calles
- \* Limpieza en las alcantarillas.



**Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26**

NAME Sharon Jenkins

EMAIL 

PHONE 

Take away the control of people not being able to  
park on their own grass or on the street not ticketing  
overnight. Keep the streets clean from ~~garbage~~  
garbage. Asking for Clean Safe Affordable Housing.  
Keep BMK affordable how can BMK Rent go up the  
is not fair. Address the fires by the homeless that  
in front of the Storage unit and across the  
Street from Meta.

**Input on City Council Priorities 2025-26**

NAME Victoria Layton

EMAIL 

PHONE 

clogged Drains in front of the my  
house

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**From:** [Marnie Foody](#)  
**To:** [CCIN](#)  
**Cc:** [Eiref, Ben](#); [Paul Charrette](#); [Richard Johnson](#)  
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Hello City Council Members,

We, Envision Menlo, are sending the attached deck to this email address in order to place on record our request that the city council prioritize the revitalization of downtown Menlo Park in their Strategy workshop on March 22. Additionally, we would like this item to be placed on the City Council Agenda for discussion as soon as possible.

We look forward to working with you and the other council members on this exciting initiative!

Marnie  
Marnie Foody



Public feedback analysis		
Topic	No. of respondents	Percent of responses
1 housing (current top priority for fiscal year 2024-25)	207	38%
2 emergency and disaster preparedness (current top priority for fiscal year 2024-25)	169	31%
3 downtown and businesses revitalization/activation	168	31%
4 safe routes (current top priority for fiscal year 2024-25)	167	31%
5 climate action - mitigation, adaptation and resilience (current top priority for fiscal year 2024-25)	149	27%
6 oppose housing redevelopment on downtown parking plazas	126	23%
7 quiet zones	79	15%
8 revisit high-density housing sites	71	13%
9 oppose builders remedy projects including 80 Willow Rd.	67	12%
10 traffic reduction/mitigation	45	8%
11 City infrastructure maintenance and improvement	32	6%
12 public safety/crime prevention	27	5%
13 park and green space protection/expansion/maintenance	21	4%
14 smart growth in housing development coupled with cap on commercial development	20	4%
15 traffic enforcement/education (vehicle, pedestrian, and e-bike)	16	3%
16 litter/trash removal - cleaner streets and sidewalks	15	3%
17 comprehensive study and refurbishing of the Main Library	14	3%
18 support housing redevelopment on downtown parking plazas	13	2%
19 community collaboration and increased transparency	11	2%
20 improved street sweeping and better storm drainage	11	2%
21 reopen Santa Cruz Avenue	11	2%
22 improved public transportation/shuttle service	10	2%

# City of Menlo Park

## Environmental Justice Element Action Guide

March 22, 2025 City Council Priority Setting Workshop Version

The Environmental Justice (EJ) Element is accompanied by an EJ Element Action Guide. The Action Guide is a tool to be used to manage and coordinate City efforts to accomplish the goals, policies, and programs outlined in the EJ Element. This dual document approach allows for more frequent updating of the Action Guide in response to changing community needs, funding opportunities, and ongoing community outreach – particularly input from Menlo Park’s underserved communities – without requiring a General Plan Amendment. **This version of the EJ Element Action Guide, prepared for the March 22, 2025 City Council Priority Setting Workshop, identifies the programs and action items of the top three community-identified priorities (Goal EJ5, Goal EJ4 and Goal EJ2) that are currently in progress.**

All seven EJ Element goals are listed in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Menlo Park EJ Element Goals and Community-Identified Priorities		
Goal ID	Goal Text	Priority #
EJ1	Address unique and compounded health risks	-
<b>EJ2</b>	<b>Reduce pollution exposure and improve air quality</b>	<b>3</b>
EJ3	Equitably provide appropriate public facilities to individuals and communities	-
<b>EJ4</b>	<b>Promote access to high quality and affordable food</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>EJ5</b>	<b>Provide safe, sanitary, and stable homes</b>	<b>1</b>
EJ6	Encourage physical activity and active transportation	-
EJ7	Create equitable civic and community engagement	-

The organizational structure of the Priority Setting Workshop Version Action Guide is described below:

- Goals: Broad actions to pursue to work toward EJ;
- Programs: Precise steps to further policies and goals; and
- Action Items: Preferred methods to fulfill programs based on community feedback.

The organizing structure and color scheme is demonstrated below.

Item	Structure	Example
Goal	<b>EJ#</b>	<b>EJ1</b>
Program	<b>EJ#.X</b>	<b>EJ1.A</b>
Action Item	<b>EJ#.X.#</b>	<b>EJ1.A.1</b>

The Action Guide includes details on programs and action items, organized under three groups: Descriptive Information, Implementation, and Time Frame.

## Descriptive Information

### Column A: ID

Identification of the program or action item corresponding to the goal they support (e.g., EJ4):

- Programs are given a letter (e.g., EJ4.D)
- Action items are given a letter and a number (e.g., EJ4.D.1)

### Column B: Program / Action Item Text

Text of the program or action item.

### Column C: Classification

Identification of whether the row is a program or action item.

### Column D: Activity

If City and/or partners are currently conducting a process that would accomplish the objective of the program or action item, this column includes a brief description. As the City fulfills programs and action items, and initiates activity on additional programs and action items, this column may be updated.

## Implementation

Implementation data describes who would likely lead carrying out the program or action item and what funding is potentially available to fulfill it. Also included in this section are supporting City departments and partners outside City government, such as County authorities or non-governmental organizations.

### Column E: Lead Role

The City department or division who would likely lead the implementation of the program or action item.

### Column F: Supporting Role

City departments or divisions, as well as partner organizations, that may support implementation of the program or action item.

### Column G: Funding Source(s)

Potential sources of funding that may support program or action item implementation.

### Time Frame

The estimated time frame for programs and action items is arranged into two components: initiation (when work will begin) and completion (when work will be finished).

### Column H: Initiation

The programs and action items are sorted into four categories: those that can be started in a short-term time frame, a medium-term time frame, a long-term time frame, and those that are in progress. As the City fulfills programs and action items, and initiates action on additional programs and action items, this column may be updated. For the purposes of the Environmental Justice Element, the time frames are defined accordingly:

- **In Progress:** Already in progress. These are highlighted in gold in the Action Guide.
- **Short-Term:** Zero to three years from Element adoption, estimated
- **Medium-Term:** More than three and less than six years from Element adoption, estimated
- **Long-Term:** Six years or more from Element adoption, estimated

### Column I: Completion

The programs and action items are sorted into four categories: those that can be accomplished in a short-term time frame, a medium-term time frame, a long-term time frame, and those that are ongoing from initiation of work. For the purposes of the Environmental Justice Element, the time frames are defined accordingly:

- **Ongoing from Initiation:** Estimated to be worked on indefinitely
- **Short-Term:** Zero to three years from beginning of work on the item, estimated
- **Medium-Term:** More than three and less than six years from beginning of work on the item, estimated
- **Long-Term:** Six years or more from beginning of work on the item, estimated



**City of Menlo Park Environmental Justice Element Action Guide  
March 22, 2025 City Council Priority Setting Workshop Version**

City of Menlo Park Environmental Justice Element Action Guide March 22, 2025 City Council Priority Setting Workshop Version									
DESCRIPTION				IMPLEMENTATION			TIME FRAME		
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	
ID	Policy / Program / Action Item Text	Classification	Activity	Lead Role	Supporting Role	Funding Source(s)	Initiation	Completion	
EJ5.A	<b>Soil Remediation.</b> Identify and resolve, to the extent feasible, any potential toxic soil contamination in residential developments, particularly in underserved communities. Identify potential closed (remediated) contaminated sites at risk of groundwater rise or sea level rise. Work with community based organizations and underserved communities to coordinate with regulatory and regional agencies for contaminated sites to be remediated at a level that protects community health under current and future flood conditions.	Program	The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) tracks cleanup, permitting, enforcement and investigation efforts at hazardous waste facilities and sites with known contamination or sites where there may be reasons to investigate further. The Safety Element (Table S-4) includes a list of sites along with their current status of evaluation or remediation. The City is typically the lead agency for environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and staff coordinates with developers, the community, and other agencies to ensure a comprehensive environmental review process is adhered to whenever there are proposed projects.	Community Development	San Mateo County Environmental Health Services, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)	Department of Food and Agriculture (Healthy Soils Demonstration Program)	In Progress	Short Term	
EJ5.B	<b>Outreach to Households.</b> Conduct outreach to potentially eligible households regarding programs that support safe, sanitary, and stable homes.	Program	On April 26, 2024, the City Council introduced a proclamation recognizing the month of May as Affordable Housing Month in Menlo Park. This proclamation acknowledges how affordable housing enhances community life, character, and vitality by providing adequate housing opportunities for all income levels.  On May 11, 2024, the City held a Housing Resource Fair at Ivy Plaza in Belle Haven with local housing providers and housing service organizations. The event offered information on affordable housing opportunities, housing rehabilitation, and support services. Event highlights include: -Approximately 50 community members attended. -Nine vendors participated, including: Project Sentinel, Housing INC, Samaritan House, Life Moves, Nation's Finest, Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco, Rebuilding Together, HIP Housing, and MidPen Housing. - City staff members from the Community Development Department and City Manager's Office staffed information booths. The Housing Division provided direct access for participants to sign up for the City's Below Market Rate Housing Interest List. The Sustainability Division promoted the Peninsula Clean Energy home electrification program. The Planning Division shared information about the preparation of the Environmental Justice Element and update to the Safety Element. -Snacks, raffle gift card prizes, and a children's activity table were provided. Raffle giveaway was conducted hourly and included gift cards from businesses located in Menlo Park (e.g., Safeway and SAJJ Mediterranean).	Community Development	California Department of Community Services and Development, City Manager's Office	Strategic Growth Council (Transformative Climate Communities Program)	In Progress (Short Term)	Ongoing From Initiation	
EJ5.C	<b>Multilingual Tenant Protection Resources.</b> Create or partner with providers to provide a central multilingual tenant protection hotline for renters with questions. If such resources already exist, conduct proactive outreach and education to inform the community of available resources. Hold culturally competent, in-language outreach workshops.	Program	On October 5, 2024, the Housing Division participated in an open house information night at the Belle Haven Community Campus and distributed the Housing Resource Guide to community members. The Housing Division updated and distributed a Housing Resource Guide to all of the major City campuses. The Guide includes information related to services, but not limited to, transitional, permanent and temporary housing support services through organizations like HIP Housing, Samaritan House, and LifeMoves.  In 2025, the Housing Division plans to conduct additional outreach to share information about housing-related and supportive resources.	Community Development	Local Tenant Protection Services (e.g., Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County (HomeSavers Project), Project Sentinel by San Mateo County)	Strategic Growth Council (Transformative Climate Communities Program)	In Progress (Short Term)	Ongoing From Initiation	
EJ5.E	<b>First-time Homeowner Assistance.</b> Conduct community outreach to help prospective first-time homeowners navigate the process. This includes 6th Cycle Housing Element Program H5.F (regarding collaborating with the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust of San Mateo County (HEART)) and helping to facilitate first-time homeowner workshops for residents in underserved communities.	Program	As part of the City's Below Market Rate Housing Program, the City requires prospective below market rate homebuyers to complete a first time homebuyer education workshop, class, or counseling session. The City has partnered with Habitat for Humanity of Greater San Francisco to create low income homeownership opportunities such as the project at 335 Pierce Road where the City granted Habitat \$3.6 million in April 2024 to develop a low income homeownership project (8 units).	Community Development	City Manager's Office, Local Community Based Outreach Organizations (e.g., Menlo Together)	Strategic Growth Council (Transformative Climate Communities Program)	In Progress (Short Term)	Ongoing From Initiation	
EJ5.F	<b>Building Electrification.</b> Promote funds and subsidies that minimize the passing through of any upfront investment costs of building electrification on to tenants.	Program	In 2024, the City promoted Peninsula Clean Energy's rebates for heat pump water heaters and heat pump space heating and cooling for multifamily and single family homes. The program only provides incentives for in-unit upgrades which ensures tenants receive the most value. Staff continues to identify incentive structures that enable property owners to make upgrades while not resulting in cost impacts to tenants, such as increased rent or utility bills.  In 2024, the City supported Menlo Spark, a community based organization, in its work with MidPen Housing to electrify Willow Court without passing any costs to tenants.	Sustainability Division	City Manager's Office, Public Works Department, PG&E, Peninsula Clean Energy	Strategic Growth Council (Community Resilience Centers Program)	In Progress (Short Term)	Medium Term	

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EJ5.G	<b>Anti-Displacement Strategy.</b> Ensure that City's Anti-Displacement Strategy (Housing Element Program H2.E) supports households and neighborhoods in underserved communities, including identifying, acknowledging, and addressing racial disparities in the housing market. This will include consideration, at a minimum, the following: - Rental inventory of all dwelling units - Updated or expanded rent control laws - Rent increase mitigations, such as longer noticing requirements - Community and tenant opportunity to purchase - Revised BMR guidelines allowing for deeper affordability (e.g., subsidies) - Expand relocation assistance for tenants - Just Cause Eviction protections regardless of tenant duration - Strengthened anti-tenant harassment ordinances - An examination of opportunities to limit additional fees passed to tenants like laundry, parking, and utility costs	Program	In 2024, the City collaborated with the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART) of San Mateo County to prepare the Anti-Displacement Strategy and work is underway. Building from the feedback received from the Housing Element and Environmental Justice Element, staff identified a list of Anti-Displacement Strategy tools. These tools include the adoption of a just-cause eviction ordinance and establishment of formal rental assistance and access to legal assistance programs.  On November 7 and 14, 2024, the City conducted two community meetings (one in monolingual Spanish) to learn more about the community's prioritization of the assorted Anti-Displacement Strategy tools and understand what would be most impactful to them. Staff is continuing to build on this work and will be launching an Anti-Displacement Strategy survey to gather more input before presenting the findings and tools to the City Council at a study session in 2025.	Community Development	City Manager's Office, Public Works Department	General Fund	In Progress (Short Term)	Long Term	
EJ5.H	<b>Access to Legal Counsel.</b> As part of an anti-displacement program and to ensure stable housing, support increasing access to legal counsel for tenants facing eviction by conducting community outreach, education, and engagement to ensure renters are aware of this resource. Include progress reports on usage annually.	Program	Current legal aid services offered by the City are through partnerships with organizations such as Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County, Project Sentinel, Samaritan House South, and Community Legal Services of East Palo Alto.  The City is currently developing an Anti-Displacement strategy. In November 2024, the City held two in-person events to support anti-displacement implementation and receive feedback from the community. The expansion of legal services is a program/policy that may be implemented as part of the Anti-Displacement Strategy. In 2025, the City will be continuing community outreach through an online, citywide survey.	Community Development	City Manager's Office, Local Tenant Protection Services (e.g., Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County (HomeSavers Project), Project Sentinel by San Mateo County)	Strategic Growth Council (Transformative Climate Communities Program)	In Progress (Short Term)	Ongoing From Initiation	
EJ4.B	<b>Food Assistance Outreach.</b> Inform low-income households and people experiencing homelessness about food assistance programs through multilingual fliers, community events, information at shelters and food banks, as well as other appropriate outreach methods.	Program	In 2024, the City's Housing Resource Guide highlighted food pantries/food assistance services and shelter services such as: -Bread Basket, Brown Bag Program, and Samaritan House Pantry -Mobile food programs such as Second Harvest of Silicon Valley (program is marketed to senior center attendees) and Peninsula Volunteers' Meals on Wheels -Project WeHope Shelter and the Salvation Army Harbor House The Housing Resource Guide was distributed to RV dwellers regularly parked in the Bohannon Park area.  The City also collaborates with the County of San Mateo Department of Housing and WeHope in coordinating food assistance programs for those experiencing unsheltered homelessness.	Community Development	Communications and Public Engagement Division, Second Harvest of Silicon Valley, Homeless Outreach Team, San Mateo County Human Services Agency	Strategic Growth Council (Transformative Climate Communities Program)	In Progress (Medium Term)	Long Term	
EJ4.C	<b>Food Options at City Events.</b> Encourage healthy food options, including vegan and vegetarian options, at municipal buildings and City-participating events. Encourage sourcing food from local small businesses.	Program	The Menlo Park Senior Center operates Monday to Friday, morning to lunchtime, and is based at the Belle Haven Community Campus. The Senior Center lunch program provides nutritionally balanced meals prepared fresh on site. The meals are paired with health, recreation, dance, creative arts, educational programs, and opportunities for conversation, fun, and connection.	All City Departments	-	General Fund	In Progress (Long Term)	Long Term	
EJ4.D.1	At existing and future farmer's markets, or similar events, offer free or subsidized space for vendors who provide healthy, fresh, and affordable food for underserved communities.	Action Item	Farmer's market vendors participated at City events including the BHCC grand opening on May 18, 2024 and Juneteenth celebrations.	City Manager's Office	Community Development, Second Harvest Food Bank	Strategic Growth Council (Community Resilience Centers Planning Grant)	In Progress (Medium Term)	Long Term	
EJ4.E	<b>Community Gardens.</b> Encourage and simplify the process of developing community gardens within or adjacent to neighborhoods and housing development sites. Facilitate the creation or enhancement of one community garden within three years of Environmental Justice Element adoption.	Program	MidPen's Oak Gardens, a 100% affordable residential development, located on the VA Campus includes a community garden for its residents. The City continues to encourage opportunities for these amenities for its residents and beyond.	Community Development	Library and Community Services, Local Community-Based Organizations (e.g., Rotary Club of Menlo Park)	Strategic Growth Council (Community Resilience Centers Round 1 Planning Grant)	In Progress (Medium Term)	Long Term	
EJ4.E.1	Explore identifying unused City-owned property to support community gardens. Encourage community gardens as an amenity in required open space areas of new multifamily and mixed-use development projects.	Action Item	The Belle Haven Community Garden is a service project of Menlo Park Rotary Club. Created in 2015, the garden is community-operated on land owned by the City of Menlo Park at Ivy and Market Streets, a short walk from Belle Haven Elementary school. Local residents may sign up (at no cost) to cultivate garden beds for one year at a time. Volunteers from the Rotary Club help gardeners with periodic maintenance and repairs, equipment, weed cleanups, and paying the water bill. Master Gardeners provide technical assistance during planting and harvest. Planning staff encourage applicants to consider community gardens as an amenity in required open space areas of new multifamily and mixed-use development projects.	Community Development	Local Community-Based Organizations (e.g., Rotary Club of Menlo Park)	Strategic Growth Council (Community Resilience Centers Planning Grant)	In Progress (Short Term)	Short Term	
EJ4.E.3	Facilitate the installation of community gardens at senior centers and senior housing facilities.	Action Item	Container gardening for seniors is planned for the patios outside of the event/senior lunch space at the Belle Haven Community Campus.	Library and Community Services	Community Development, Local Community-Based Organizations (e.g. Rotary Club of Menlo Park)	Strategic Growth Council (Community Resilience Centers Planning Grant)	In Progress (Medium Term)	Medium Term	

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EJ2.B	<b>Climate Action Plan Implementation.</b> Implement and periodically update the City's Climate Action Plan to improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.	Program	<p>The Climate Action Plan is subject to annual progress reports and is scheduled for an update in 2028. The City Council adopted a 2025-2030 implementation scope of work with the 2024 progress report outlining priority actions to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030. In 2024, the City began implementation of a zero emission landscaping equipment rule to improve air quality and reduce emissions. The new ordinance requires use of zero emission (manual, electric or battery powered) landscaping equipment, starting with leaf blowers and string trimmers on July 1, 2024, and remaining equipment (chain saws, lawnmowers and hedge trimmers) in January 2029. A electric gardening voucher program was also implemented in 2024 to support the new regulations.</p> <p>The Climate Action Plan implementation includes education and outreach which has prioritized bilingual outreach in Belle Haven and the Bayfront. The City co-hosted three events in 2024:            -Love Our Earth Festival at Bloomhouse in East Palo Alto for proximity to Belle Haven (April 13, 2024)            -Clean Air Day celebration at the TIDE Academy (October 24, 2024)            -Wetlands and Watts at Cooley Landing (November 17, 2024).            These community events provided resources including bike fix-it clinics, information about available incentives and programs, free food, and more.</p> <p>On April 26, 2025, the City will co-host the Love Our Earth Festival at the Belle Haven Community Campus alongside 350 Silicon Valley, Acterra, City of East Palo Alto, Menlo Spark, and Peninsula Clean Energy.</p>	Sustainability Division	City Manager's Office	General Fund, grants (e.g., California Energy Commission, PG&E, Peninsula Clean Energy, and CALFIRE)	In Progress	Long Term	
EJ2.C	<b>Air Quality Education and Outreach.</b> Conduct proactive education and outreach about indoor and outdoor air quality and protective actions that can be taken to both improve air quality inside one's home and to minimize exposure to poor air quality index days.	Program	<p>In 2024, the City began providing no-cost whole home electrification to income qualified homeowners (&lt;80% area median income) in Belle Haven with State grant funds. Community outreach focuses on the health impacts of natural gas and has been shared broadly through door-to-door canvassing, the Weekly Digest, social media, collaboration with community based organizations, presentations at public meetings, and posting of information at the Belle Haven Community Campus. As of December 2024, 33 home energy assessments were scheduled and installation of electric appliances began in seven homes.</p> <p>In 2024/2025, the City adopted local amendments to the California Building Standards Code to ensure that homes will be ready for future installation of electric appliances. Property owners replacing main electrical panels will be required to install an outlet for a future electric water heater and reserve space on the panel for electrification (for stoves, dryers, and electric vehicle chargers).</p>	Sustainability Division [formerly Public Works]	Bay Area Air District [formerly known as Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD)], City Manager's Office, Peninsula Clean Energy, County Office of Sustainability	Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (Greenhouse Gas Reduction Loan Program)	In Progress (Long Term)	Ongoing From Initiation	
EJ2.C.1	Identify and implement methods and avenues for public education and outreach about air quality issues in the community.	Action Item	<p>In 2024, the City supported Acterra's, community based organization, application to the California Air Resource Board to fund the installation of air quality monitoring devices in Belle Haven. Funding awards have not yet been determined.</p> <p>City staff continuously provide information encouraging sign-up for Spare the Air alerts. City staff help educate the community on the impacts of using gas-powered landscaping equipment through methods including, but not limited to, citywide mailing, banners, Weekly Digest and social media posts, outreach to landscapers, and posting information at the Belle Haven Community Campus.</p> <p>Sustainability staff attend Belle Haven Community Climate Change Team meetings to help identify community priorities and solutions for addressing air quality issues in Menlo Park.</p>	All City Departments	Public Works, Communications and Public Engagement Division, Bay Area Air District [formerly known as Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD)], City Manager's Office, Peninsula Clean Energy, San Mateo County Sustainability Department	-	In Progress (Long Term)	Ongoing From Initiation	
EJ2.C.2	Support the distribution of air purifiers and/or other air cleaning devices within underserved communities, especially for sensitive populations.	Action Item	<p>City staff continuously explore grant opportunities to be able to fund the purchase of air filters to distribute. In 2024, filters were provided to two attendees of the Clean Air Day event at the TIDE Academy in partnership with 350 Silicon Valley.</p> <p>In 2024, the City supported Peninsula Clean Energy's partnership with Climate Resilient Communities to conduct outreach for the Home Upgrade Program focused on income-eligible Belle Haven homeowners. The program helps residents transition to electric appliances by providing financial incentives like rebates and zero-percent loans to upgrade their homes, with a particular focus on offering free installations for low-income households to replace outdated gas appliances with cleaner electric options, aiming to electrify homes, reduce carbon emissions, and have cleaner air.</p>	Sustainability Division	Police, Sustainability Division, San Mateo County Sustainability Department	General Fund	In Progress (Long Term)	Ongoing From Initiation	
EJ2.D	<b>Illegal Waste Dumping.</b> Minimize and mitigate illegal solid waste dumping (as defined in 7.04.030 of the Municipal Code), potentially through minimizing fees for disposal at landfills in collaboration with South Bayside Waste Management Authority (SBWMA).	Program	<p>The City has several ongoing partnerships to help minimize illegal dumping:            -Recology offers two free bulky item pick up services that residents can use to dispose of large items (e.g., mattresses and sofas).            -The City organizes free electronic waste and document shredding events with RethinkWaste.            -The City hosts free household hazardous waste collection events with the San Mateo County Health Department.            -Public Works staff receive illegal dumping reports from ACT Menlo Park and staff or Recology responds/collects the item(s) within the next business day.</p>	Public Works	Communications and Public Engagement	Strategic Growth Council (Transformative Climate Communities Planning Grant)	In Progress (Medium Term)	Ongoing From Initiation	
EJ2.D.1	Conduct proactive outreach in underserved communities to inform households of free trash pickup days and solid waste disposal opportunities and programs, including the ACT Menlo Park reporting app. Outreach can include signage about ACT Menlo Park along Pierce Road.	Action Item	<p>The City creates quarterly Recology bill inserts to provide information about free sustainable community related-events (e.g., household hazardous waste collection, document shredding, electronic waste collection, bulky item pick-up services, and compost and mulch giveaways) and to encourage multifamily and commercial properties to contact Recology for free compost pails.</p> <p>The bill inserts also include information about the City's rate assistance program which provides eligible users discounts on their Recology and Menlo Park Municipal Water bills. Additionally, the bill inserts encourage use of the City's online and mobile application called ACT Menlo Park, which makes it easy to report non-emergency issues from a smartphone, tablet, or desktop computer. Public Works staff have QR codes on their business cards to encourage the public to utilize ACT Menlo Park.</p> <p>The City partners with RethinkWaste to produce and distribute spring/summer and fall/winter Rethinker newsletters through direct mailing. The 2024 spring/summer newsletter was mailed to single-family homes and the 2024 fall/winter newsletter was distributed to multifamily households. Newsletters are also available electronically on the RethinkWaste website.</p>	Public Works	Communications and Public Engagement, Recology, Public Works	Strategic Growth Council (Transformative Climate Communities Planning Grant)	In Progress (Medium Term)	Ongoing From Initiation	

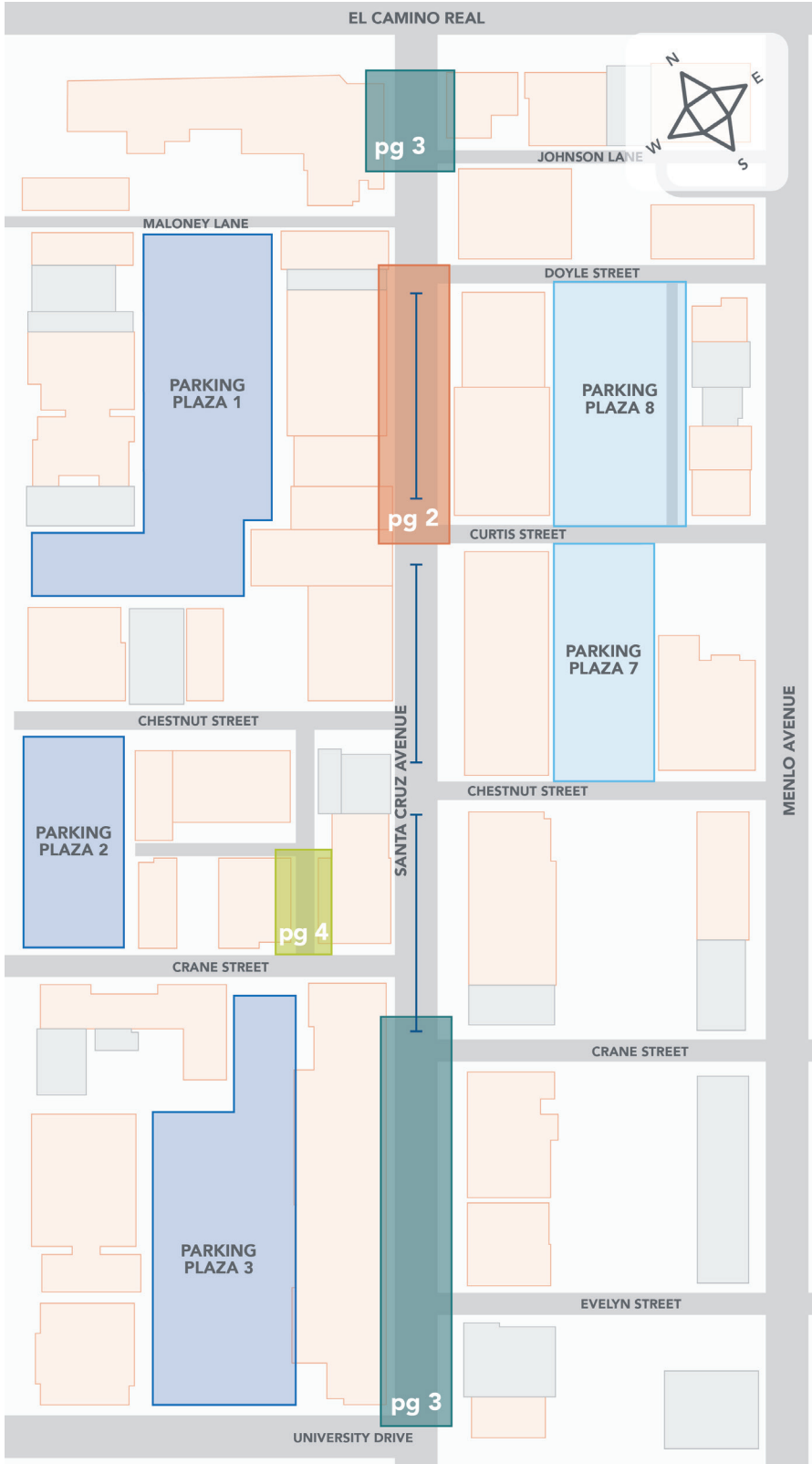
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EJ2.D.2	Explore ways to subsidize or eliminate fees for disposal at landfills and implement for underserved communities.	Action Item	A solid waste fee study is planned for 2025; the study is anticipated to include an evaluation of potential subsidies for landfill disposal costs. The City implemented a rate assistance program beginning in 2021 for solid waste services.	Public Works	Communications and Public Engagement, Recology, Public Works	Clean California (Local Grants)	In Progress (Long Term)	Ongoing upon commencement
EJ2.E	<b>Green Infrastructure Plan.</b> Review the City's Green Infrastructure Plan and update, as necessary, to incorporate environmental justice. Focus on underserved communities and implement programs in this Element, in coordination with related regional efforts.	Program	The City adopted its Green Infrastructure Plan in 2019 to prioritize, track, and implement Green Infrastructure (GI) across municipal projects and policies. GI consists of stormwater treatment facilities designed to reduce pollutants from runoff while promoting sustainable infrastructure. The GI Plan is an ongoing requirement of the City's Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit issued by the State Water Resources Control Board and aims to achieve pollutant reduction targets through 2040. As part of these efforts, the City has collaborated with developers to incorporate GI and complete streets elements in the Belle Haven and Bayfront areas. The Menlo Portal and Menlo Uptown projects were conditioned to install GI as part of its development agreement and both projects were completed in 2024.	Public Works	Community Development	General Fund	In Progress (Medium Term)	Long Term
EJ2.E.2	Prioritize comprehensive undergrounding of utilities in underserved communities on private and public property to promote resilience. Consider the impact of shallow groundwater rise on underground utilities.	Action Item	The Menlo Park Municipal Code (Chapter 15.16) includes the undergrounding of electric and communication service connections on private property under certain circumstances. Some categories of private development in Office (O), Life Sciences (LS) and Residential Mixed Use (R-MU) zoning districts require undergrounding of overhead electric distribution lines of less than sixty (60) kilovolts and communication lines along the property frontage. The specified zoning districts are adjacent to and serve underserved communities.	Public Works	Community Development, City Manager's Office, utilities (e.g., PG&E)	Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program's Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program), PG&E Rule 20 Program, Community Amenities Fund, Bonds per project specific deferred frontage agreements	In Progress	Medium Term
EJ2.E.3	Focus green stormwater improvements for areas at risk of flooding with an emphasis on underserved communities.	Action Item	City staff evaluate all applicable projects for stormwater retention and treatment per the Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit (MRP) and Green Infrastructure Plan. For example, development projects are required to capture any increase to pre-construction run-off onsite by routing stormwater to landscaped areas or wells. In addition, MRP regulated projects are required to install stormwater treatment facilities on-site to retain and clean run-off before it enters the public storm drain. The City also evaluates green infrastructure in the public right-of-way on large developments and qualifying resurfacing projects where feasible.  The City's capital improvement program includes upgrades to its stormwater facilities to mitigate flooding. The Chilco Streetscape Improvement project completed in 2022 is one local example of a capital project, built in partnership with Meta, that installed significant green infrastructure in the Bayfront and Belle Haven neighborhoods. Other examples in the Bayfront include the Chrysler Pump Station Project (currently under construction) and ongoing planning efforts to address sea level rise via the SAFER Bay Project. The SAFER Bay Project is a multi-benefit, multi-jurisdictional, public-private collaboration that will protect critical infrastructure, protect and restore critical habitat, provide community resilience to current tidal flooding and projected sea level rise, and improve recreational access, using both engineered structures and nature-based flood protection. Belle Haven and the City of East Palo Alto are vulnerable to flooding today from a 100-year tide event and will face greater flood risk in the future; protecting these communities is a priority of the SAFER Bay project.	Public Works	-	Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program's Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program)	In Progress	Long Term
EJ2.E.4	Support West Bay Sanitary District, the respective responsible agency, in their efforts to prevent sewage discharges during large stormwater events. In the event of occurrence, coordinate with the responsible agency in conducting proactive, extensive, and prolonged community outreach and education to inform underserved communities of protective actions and risks. The City can coordinate with agencies to promptly share their information with the City Council and community after storms.	Action Item	City staff host a monthly coordination meeting with West Bay Sanitary District (WBSD) to review upcoming projects including sewer main upgrades to address capacity and leakage issues. Staff also reviews development projects with WBSD to condition upgrades to the sewer main as a condition of the project's frontage improvement where applicable. The City issues notices to impacted residents, prior to resurfacing any given street, for owners to repair their sanitary sewer lateral in advance. In the event that emergency repairs are required due to large storm events, Public Works coordinates with WBSD to expedite corrective measures. For example, staff will issue an emergency encroachment permit, and assist with public outreach and traffic control as required.	Public Works	City Manager's Office, West Bay Sanitary District, East Palo Alto Sanitary District, Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District	Strategic Growth Council (Transformative Climate Communities Planning and Project Development Grant)	In Progress (Long Term)	Long Term
EJ2.E.5	Collaborate with landowners to decrease the risk of flooding by advancing watershed management projects that reduce and/or store runoff during rainfall events, including the installation of green infrastructure and Low Impact Development (LID) practices, and improve the condition in the floodplain, for example through floodplain restoration or improvement.	Action Item	City staff evaluate all applicable projects for inclusion of stormwater detention and treatment devices, where feasible, per the Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit (MRP) and Green Infrastructure Plan. For example, development projects are required to capture any increase to pre-construction run-off onsite by routing stormwater to landscaped areas or wells. These required measures are captured in the City's grading and drainage guidelines.  MRP regulated projects are required to install stormwater treatment facilities on-site to retain and clean run-off before it enters the public storm drains. The City also evaluates green infrastructure in the public right-of-way on large developments and qualifying resurfacing projects where feasible.	Public Works	OneShoreline, Department of Water Resources, City Manager's Office, Community Development	Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (Infrastructure State Revolving Fund (ISRF) Program)	In Progress	Medium Term
EJ2.E.6	Encourage green infrastructure in future developments, including using green infrastructure as preferred alternative.	Action Item	City staff refer to the City's Green Infrastructure Plan, and the latest MRP, as a guide to plan, implement, and track the development of green infrastructure (GI) and ensure "no missed opportunities." Consequently, development projects are evaluated for GI in the public right-of-way as part of frontage improvement conditions where feasible.	Public Works	Community Development, City Manager's Office, Sustainability Division	Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program's Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program)	In Progress	Long Term

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EJ2.E.7	Establish requirements for major development and redevelopment projects to construct and maintain urban greening projects in the adjacent public right of way. Community benefits for such projects could include shade trees for pedestrian and biking routes.	Action Item	The existing heritage tree and street tree ordinances have requirements for tree preservation during development and re-planting on private property and in the public right-of-way, with a focus on diversity and large canopy species where site conditions allow. The City is currently updating administrative guidelines to increase the amount of mitigation required for development-related tree removals.  City staff review qualifying development projects for frontage Improvements which can include the addition of street trees, landscaping, planters, and green infrastructure, within the public right-of-way where feasible.	Public Works	Caltrans, Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, Canopy	Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program's Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program), CAL FIRE Urban and Community Forestry Grants	In Progress	Long Term	
EJ2.G	<b>Transportation to City Events.</b> Develop incentives to encourage shared commute programs and alternative methods of travel for city events, meetings, and official business.	Program	In April 2024, the City coordinated an electric shuttle for public attendees to participate in the Love Our Earth Festival in East Palo Alto.  In May 2024, the City coordinated a shuttle to bring City employees to an all-hands event at the Belle Haven Community Campus.  The City has provided transportation to City Council meetings from the Belle Haven neighborhood for the annual priority setting workshop, the EJ Element adoption meeting in September 2024, and will be exploring opportunities for additional services in 2025.  The City's ongoing free shuttle program includes two community shuttles (M1-Crosstown and Shoppers' shuttles) and two commuter shuttles (M3-Marsh Road and M4-Willow Road shuttles) that encourage individuals to take transit instead of driving. The shuttle service complements existing transit services in San Mateo County provided by SamTrans, Caltrain, and the Dumbarton Express. A Comprehensive Shuttle Study was conducted to analyze how to improve the shuttle service to connect the community to transit, jobs, shopping, and other destinations while maximizing ridership and cost-efficiencies. The study was accepted by the City Council on December 17 2024 and changes to the system are planned for summer 2025.  SamTrans began piloting the RidePlus microtransit (public transit, on demand) service in the Belle Haven neighborhood in 2024. Caltrain offers the Pass Forward program, where local community-serving organizations partner with Caltrain to provide unused transit passes to residents in underserved communities. The Community Transportation Benefits Program offered by the US 101 Express Lanes provides a \$200 toll or transit credit to qualifying individuals.	City Manager's Office, Public Works	SamTrans, Community-Based Active Transportation Organizations (e.g., Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition), Public Works, Sustainability Division, Library and Community Services	Strategic Growth Council (Transformative Climate Communities Round 5 Planning Grant)	In Progress	Long Term	
EJ2.H	<b>Collaboration for Electrification.</b> Collaborate with SamTrans and Ravenswood City School District, as well as Meta and other large employers to leverage transportation electrification initiatives to prioritize bus electrification in underserved communities.	Program	SamTrans anticipates being fully electric by 2034, in compliance with State law requiring transit fleets be all electric by 2040.	Public Works	Sustainability Division, SamTrans, Ravenswood City School District, Large Local Businesses (over 50 employees, e.g., Meta, SRI International, Grail, others)	Strategic Growth Council (Transformative Climate Communities Round 5 Planning Grant)	In Progress	Medium Term	
EJ2.I	<b>Regulations Revisions.</b> Consider revisions to applicable City regulations that will reduce pollution exposure, eliminate environmental inequities, and improve quality of life in underserved communities.	Program	On July 11, 2023, the City Council adopted a zero emission landscape equipment (ZELE) requirement that prohibits using gas powered landscaping equipment due to its negative impacts on health, and noise and air pollution. Remaining equipment (chain saws, lawnmowers and hedge trimmers) will be banned in January 2029.  On July 1, 2024, the City began to enforce the ordinance requiring the use of zero emission (manual, electric or battery powered) landscaping equipment, starting with leaf blowers and string trimmers. Operating a gas powered leaf blower for one hour is equal to inhaling 15 hours of emissions from driving. It can also contribute to hearing loss. To support this transition, the City distributed vouchers to income-qualified residents and residents living in pollution burdened neighborhoods as defined by CalEnviroScreen 4.0. A total of 18 vouchers were distributed to residents in Belle Haven and six were distributed to residents with incomes below 80% area median income. Outreach for the program was focused on Belle Haven and was bilingual (English/Spanish). The California Air Resources Board is requiring manufacturers to sell only zero emission landscaping equipment in California starting in 2024.  Menlo Park Municipal Code Chapter 7.30 (Smoking Regulated or Prohibited) codifies smoking prohibitions, requires reasonable separation distance between building openings, and more to help reduce pollution exposure.  City Council directed staff to move forward with options for electrification as part of the building code local amendments ahead of the 2025 code cycle. Electrification eliminates the combustion of fuel gases and improves community air quality and indoor air quality for residents.	All City Departments	All City Departments	Strategic Growth Council (Transformative Climate Communities Round 5 Planning Grant)	In Progress	Medium Term	
EJ2.I.2	Identify, evaluate and implement potential mitigation measures that support Caltrans mitigation efforts to reduce noise and air quality impacts from adjacent freeways and highways, particularly those impacting underserved communities.	Action Item	Coordination with Caltrans on noise mitigation efforts is ongoing. For local streets, the City incorporates rubberized asphalt concrete (RAC) as a bid alternate on street resurfacing projects impacting arterials and collectors. RAC is composed of recycled tires and is considered a more environmentally friendly material compared to traditional asphalt. RAC can also reduce vehicular noise for speeds at 45 miles per hour or greater.	Public Works	Caltrans	Federal Transit Administration (Metropolitan & Statewide Planning and NonMetropolitan Transportation Planning)	In Progress (Long Term)	Long Term	
EJ2.I.3	Install improved vegetative buffers between freeways and highways and adjacent land uses to reduce noise and air quality impacts, upon identification of the roadway segments for such installations.	Action Item	In 2024, the City planted new trees, African Fern Pines, along both sides of the US-101 sound walls along Pierce Road and Van Buren Road and at the intersection of Van Buren Road and Bay Road. Progress has also continued on the Willow Road/US-101 interchange landscaping work. In 2024, the City entered into agreements with Caltrans and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority to complete the landscaping design work and a design contract was awarded to complete the work. As of early 2025, the plans are 95% complete and final plans are expected in the spring. The project would then be bid for construction, and installation is expected to begin in late 2025.	Public Works	Caltrans	Federal Transit Administration (Metropolitan & Statewide Planning and NonMetropolitan Transportation Planning) Community Amenities Fund	In Progress	Long Term	

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EJ2.1.5	Support roadway design that integrates green stormwater infrastructure into traffic calming (where appropriate) and includes trees, landscape buffer areas, public art, public space, and other visual enhancement.	Action Item	The City has a Green Infrastructure (GI) Plan to guide the implementation of GI and ensure "no missed opportunities" across projects. Staff evaluates all qualifying development and street resurfacing projects for implementation of complete streets and GI features. Contingent upon factors such as right-of-way width and funding, traffic calming, landscaping, and GI are assessed when planning roadway projects or leveraged as part of frontage improvements for development projects.	Public Works	Caltrans, Library and Community Services	Strategic Growth Council (Transformative Climate Communities Round 5 Planning Grant), Department of Transportation (Safe Streets and Roads for All Funding Opportunity Grant)	In Progress	Long Term	
EJ2.1.8	Inform residents and organizations in underserved communities of the permit application process for temporary street closures for temporary events such as farmers' markets, arts and craft fairs, bicycle and pedestrian events, and other public events. Consider easing the permitting process for temporary street closures in the city.	Action Item	An update to the special event permitting process was made in 2022. In 2024, there were two temporary street closures in Belle Haven at the 1400 block of Plumas Avenue and the 1200 block of Windermere Avenue. There were also four major events at Bedwell Bayfront Park with only parking spaces impacted and not full, temporary street closures.	Police	City Manager's Office, City Attorney's Office, Community Development, Public Works.	Strategic Growth Council (Transformative Climate Communities Round 5 Planning Grant)	In Progress	Short Term	
EJ2.J	<b>Urban Forest Management Plan.</b> Develop Urban Forest: Developing the Management Plan for Menlo Park within four years of the adoption of the Environmental Justice Element.	Program	<p>On May 30, 2024, the City applied for a CalFire Urban and Community Forestry Grant for \$514,375 for the creation of an Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP). The goal was to supplement \$250,000 in capital improvement (CIP) funds to develop a plan titled "Urban Forest Equity: Developing the Management Plan for Menlo Park" to increase urban canopy coverage to provide long-term benefits to the community, enhance the community's understanding and value of urban forest management and tree maintenance, and address existing inequity in urban canopy coverage. Unfortunately, the CalFire grant application was not approved.</p> <p>The project goals remain and include the creation of a City Council-adopted UFMP and the successful implementation of an Early Action Tree Planting component. The UFMP would serve as a principal guiding policy document and strategic roadmap for sustainably growing the City's urban canopy and advancing equitable tree coverage. The UFMP would provide an analysis of public and private trees; canopy coverage mapping; changes in canopy over time; clearly delineate best management practices; provide recommendations for promoting a diverse, climate-resilient urban forest; inform the City's General Plan; and support the identified actions in the Environmental Justice Element.</p> <p>The Early Action Tree Planting Program remains an opportunity for funding that could be pursued now while additional funds for development of the UFMP are sought. The Early Action Tree Planting Program would benefit the historically underserved neighborhood of Belle Haven with efforts to address inequity in urban canopy coverage, including robust community outreach and tree planting events and raffles. The Program seeks to increase local participation in environmental education mentoring and training opportunities and foster greater stewardship in urban forestry with a focus on outreach, education, and tree planting in Belle Haven.</p>	Public Works - Trees	Sustainability Division, Canopy	Strategic Growth Council (Community Resilience Centers Round 1 Planning Grant), United States Department of Agricultural (USDA) Grants, CALFIRE grants. City of Menlo Park Heritage Tree in-lieu fee program	In Progress	Long Term	
EJ2.J.1	Urban canopy expansion prioritizing underserved communities and areas vulnerable to urban heat effects, using tools such as the Tree Equity Score and Bay Area Greenprint.	Action Item	The City is updating administrative guidelines, adding more City-approved consulting arborists to the list, and working on initial steps to develop an Urban Forest Management Plan for Menlo Park.	Public Works - Trees	Sustainability Division, Canopy	Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program's Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program), Community Amenities Fund	In Progress	Short Term	
EJ2.J.2	Implement equitable canopy expansion procedures and promote and maintain healthy and vibrant trees that may require dedicating additional resources within the City Arborist Division, Public Works.	Action Item	The City replaces each street tree and park tree that is removed, as long as there is space. In 2025, staff plans to plant new trees in Belle Haven as part of community events (e.g., Love Our Earth Festival, Arbor Day, Mayor's tree planting, etc.).	City Manager's Office, Public Works	Sustainability Division, Public Works	Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program's Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program),	In Progress	Short Term	

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EJ2.J.3	Include trees, landscape buffer areas, public art, public space, and other visual enhancements in roadway projects, emphasizing tree planting and landscaping along all streets.	Action Item	Contingent upon factors such as right-of-way width and funding, traffic calming, and landscaping, green infrastructure is assessed when planning roadway projects and leveraged as part of frontage improvements for development projects. Routine maintenance is conducted every five years for street and park trees. Residents may request evaluation of work needs outside of routine maintenance and request new tree planting as needed. All removed public trees are replaced as long as there is space.	Public Works	Community Development, Menlo Park Library and Community Services Department	Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program's Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program), Community Amenities Fund (north of 101 implementation of Action Item 2.N.3)	In Progress	Long Term	
EJ2.J.4	Use Urban Forest: Developing the Management Plan for Menlo Park to prioritize the retention of mature street trees in public rights of way or City-owned parcels during infrastructure modifications (e.g., using solutions such as bulb-outs, basin expansion, and sidewalk re-routing.).	Action Item	The City has preservation requirements for heritage and street trees. Staff is currently evaluating initiation of specific projects such as urban forest canopy mapping to support and set priorities for outreach and planting.	Public Works	-	Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program's Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program)	In Progress (Medium Term)	Long Term	
EJ2.J.5	Coordinate with property owners to help preserve mature trees by replacing any that require removal in any redevelopment process. Explore opportunities to transplant trees and vegetation that require removal during construction to other places within underserved communities. Consider requiring multiple new trees be planted for each mature tree removed.	Action Item	The City is updating administrative guidelines to require increased mitigation for development-related removals. The City Arborist reviews each proposed heritage and street tree removal and ensures there is "good cause" for removal after exhausting all other alternatives. The City Arborist also ensures sufficient mitigation (e.g., multiple replacement trees or a large tree replacement) is provided for each approved heritage tree removal.	Public Works - Trees	-	Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program's Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program)	In Progress	Medium Term	
EJ2.K	<b>Extreme Heat Relief.</b> Prioritize relief from extreme heat (Safety Element Program S1.T) in underserved communities. Information on these resources shall be provided at community facilities (e.g., BHCC).	Program	The City operates three cooling centers at the Arrillaga Family Recreation Center, Belle Haven Community Campus, and the Menlo Park Library. The facilities are air-conditioned and open to the public everyday. Signage improvements for facilities are being considered (e.g., branded, informational/directional signage for A-frames).	Library and Community Services	Communications and Public Engagement	General Fund	In Progress	Ongoing From Initiation	

# SANTA CRUZ AVENUE DOWNTOWN MENLO PARK



The downtown City of Menlo Park map provides an overview of upcoming work and current items for City Council to consider:

- 600 block of Santa Cruz Avenue
- City-owned parking plazas 1,2 and 3: potential development
- City-owned parking plazas 7 and 8: future resurfacing planned
- Outdoor dining areas and planned Streetaries
- Ryans Lane short-term closure
- Medians on Santa Cruz Ave from El Camino Real to Crane St will be replanted and irrigation equipment will be repaired. Work is expected to be completed by summer.
  - Medians are denoted by a line:

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# SANTA CRUZ AVENUE 600 BLOCK CLOSURE AND OUTDOOR DINING



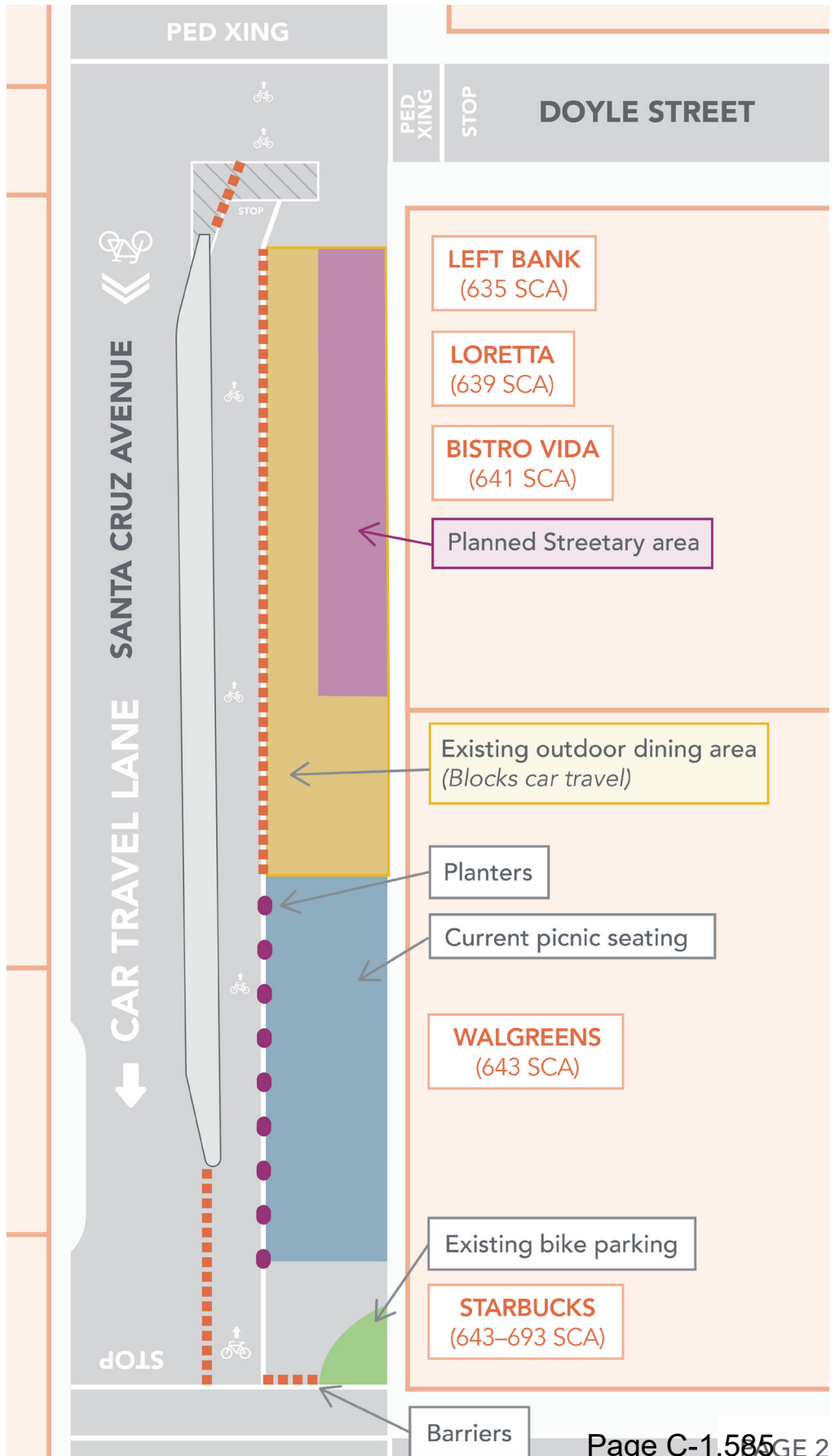
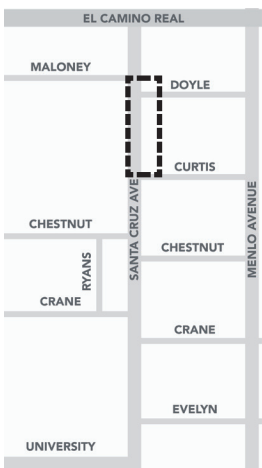
This map provides an overview of existing sharrows for bikes and cars, gathering space with picnic seating, and outdoor dining areas.

In August 2023, City Council authorized a resolution to close the eastbound travel lane of Santa Cruz Avenue from Curtis Street to Doyle Street to vehicles to allow for expanded outdoor dining opportunities and enhanced public space.

## KEY

- Current outdoor dining area
- Planned Streetary area

*Note: There are no overhead structures in any Streetary final plans.*



# SANTA CRUZ AVENUE ADDITIONAL OUTDOOR DINING

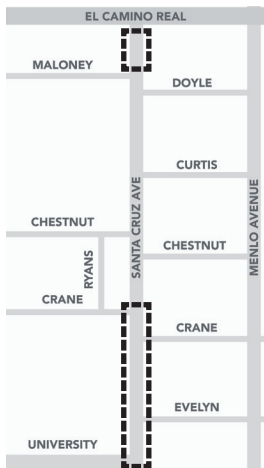
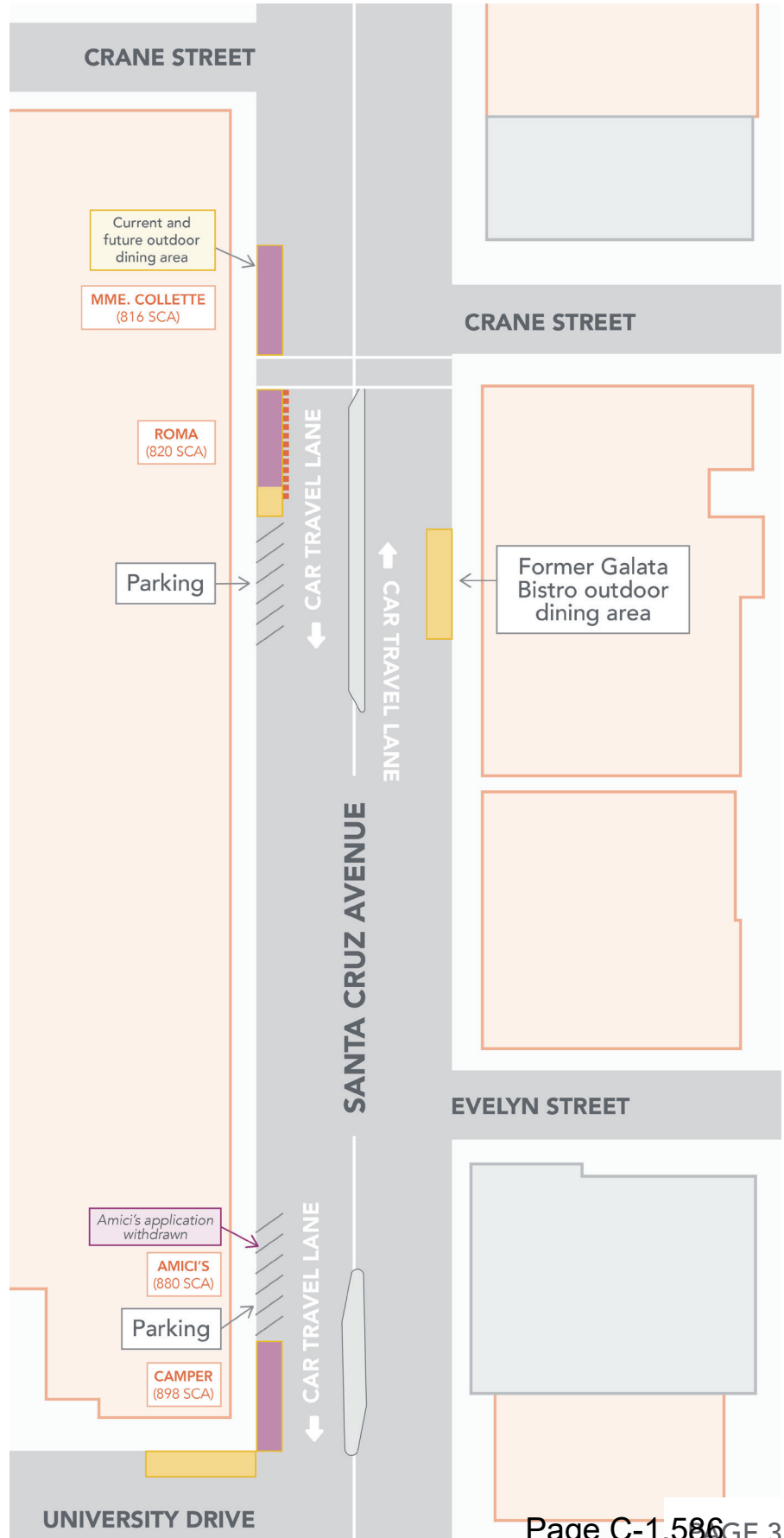
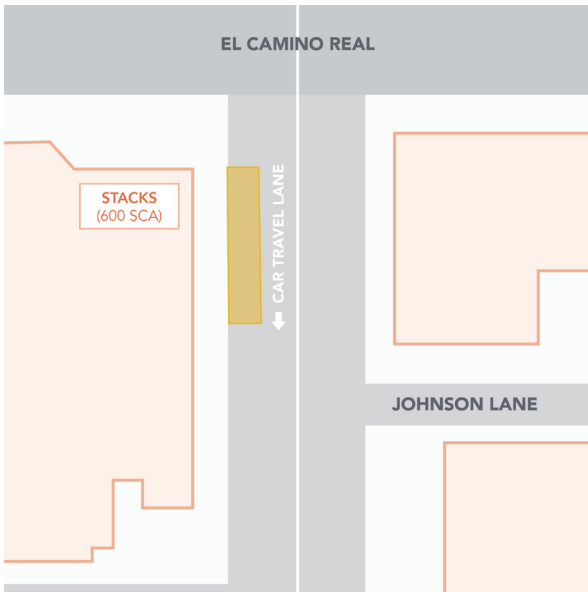


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# SANTA CRUZ AVENUE RYANS LANE CLOSURE



Ryans Lane is closed through  
March 31, 2025, due to  
construction of Clark's Oyster Bar.

## KEY

 Current outdoor dining area

