

TOWN COUNCIL WEEKLY DIGEST

Friday – December 10, 2021

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3. Agenda – Trails & Paths Committee – Wednesday, December 15, 2021
4. Agenda – Planning Commission – Wednesday, December 15, 2021
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6. Agenda – Sustainability Committee – Thursday, December 16, 2021
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8. Notice of Portola Valley Town Council Reorganization for 2022
9. Resident Comment – M. Irvin re Fire Safety
10. Resident Comment – D. Cardinal re Town Evacuation Drills
11. Resident Comment – D. Carlson re Fire Safety
12. Resident Comment – S. Chaput re Possibilities and Opportunities
13. Resident Comment – S. Vandeputte re Town Evacuation Drills
14. Resident Comment – R. Comes re League of Women Voters Anniversary Event
15. C/CAG Notice of Committee Vacancies for BPAC, RMCP, and CMEQ
16. Notice of Council Reorganization – City of Redwood City
17. Notice of Council Reorganization – City of Foster City

Attached Separates (Council Only)

(placed in your Town Hall mailbox)

1. None



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY

4:00 PM – Architectural Site Control Commission Meeting
Monday, December 13, 2021

**THIS SPECIAL MEETING IS BEING HELD
VIA TELECONFERENCE ONLY**

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

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4:00 PM - CALL TO ORDER

Commissioners Cheung, Koch, Sill, Vice-Chair Wilson, Chair Ross

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Persons wishing to address the Architectural and Site Control Commission on any subject not on the agenda may do so now. Please note however, that the Architectural and Site Control Commission is not able to undertake extended discussion or action tonight on items not on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Architectural Review of an application for a new Supportive Housing Multi-Unit Residential Development including 11 units for adults with intellectual or developmental delays and two units for program management staff to live on site, File # PLN_ARCH0018-2021, 4388 Alpine Road, Jim and Patty Ann White (J. Garcia)

COMMISSION, STAFF, COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

2. Commission Reports
3. Staff Report

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. ASCC Meeting of November 8, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION

For more information on the projects to be considered by the ASCC at the Special Field and Regular meetings, as well as the scope of reviews and actions tentatively anticipated, please contact Carol Borck in the Planning Department at Portola Valley Town Hall, 650-851-1700 ex. 211. Further, the start times for other than the first Special Field meeting are tentative and dependent on the actual time needed for the preceding Special Field meeting.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

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**Town of Portola Valley
Race & Equity Committee
Tuesday, December 14, 2021 – 7:00 PM**

Special Videoconference Meeting via Zoom

VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING AGENDA

Remote Meeting Covid-19 Advisory: On March 17, 2020, the Governor of California issued Executive Order N-29-20, suspending certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act in order to allow for local legislative bodies to conduct their meetings telephonically or by other electronic means. Pursuant to the statewide Shelter-In-Place Order issued by the Governor in Executive Order N-33-20 on March 19, 2020, and the CDC's social distancing guidelines which discourage large public gatherings, Portola Valley Town Council meetings are being conducted electronically. The meeting is not available for in-person attendance.

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Phone into Zoom Meeting:

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1-877-853-5247 (toll-free)

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Meeting ID: 876 8304 5286

Password: 051753

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call:
 - Committee members:** Kim Marinucci, Patt Baenen, Johnathan Clark, Cole Kawaja, Judith Murphy, Lucy Neely, Andrew Pierce, and Gwendolyn Stritter
 - Council Liaisons:** Maryann Derwin
3. Oral Communications for Items not on the agenda
4. Approve Meeting Minutes for November 9, 2021,
5. Old Business:
 - 1) Subcommittee updates (Housing, Safe space, Town seal, Town policies, etc.)
6. New Business
 - 1) Manzanita Works proposal (attached)
 - 2) Town-wide activity for the MLK National Day of Service on January 17, 2022
 - 3) Indigenous Peoples (Lucy)
 - 3) Town Council annual workshop with commissions and committees (January 26, 2022); present our priorities and budget
 - 4) Committee Membership for 2022
7. Adjournment



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Trails and Paths Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 9:00 AM

Special Videoconference Meeting via Zoom

SPECIAL VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING AGENDA

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1. Call to Order
2. Oral/Community Communications
3. Approval of Minutes from October 19, 2021, meeting
4. Old Business
 - a. Trail Conditions, Work, and Budget for October/November 2021: Howard Update/Discussion
 - b. Alpine Trail/Safe Route to Schools Subcommittee: Group – membership and charter/objectives discussion
 - c. PV Trail Map Subcommittee: Group – update/discussion
5. New Business
 - a. Willow Commons Project: Group – discussion and comments to the planning department
 - b. 2022 Trails and Paths Projects/Priorities: Group – discussion
 - c. Trail Sign modification for leashed dogs: Group – discussion/recommendation
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY

7:00 PM – Special Meeting of the Planning Commission
Wednesday, December 15, 2021

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7:00 PM - CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Commissioners Goulden, Hasko, Targ, Vice-Chair Kopf-Sill, Chair Taylor

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PUBLIC HEARING

1. Continued Review of Amendments to an Existing Conditional Use Permit (X7D-30) and Master Plan To: (1) Permanently Install Two Existing Modular Buildings, (2) Increase the Maximum Number of Students, Teachers, and Support Staff, and (3) Increase the Maximum Number of On-Site Parking Spaces; Woodside Priory School, 302 Portola Road, File # PLN_USE0001-2019 (D. Parker)

COMMISSION, STAFF, COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Commission Reports
2. Staff Reports
 - a. Update on SB9 Implementing Ordinance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. Planning Commission Meeting of November 17, 2021
4. Planning Commission Meeting of December 1, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

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TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Public Works Committee Meeting
Thursday, December 16, 2021, 9:00 AM
Meet Outside Town Hall
765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA
Portola Valley, CA 94028

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Oral Communications
3. Approval of Minutes of November 21, 2019
4. Holiday Closure Emergency Availability
5. Annual Town Center Site Tour
6. Adjourn



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Sustainability Committee Meeting
Thursday, December 16, 2021 7:00 PM
Special Videoconference Meeting

SPECIAL VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING AGENDA

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1. Call to Order
2. Oral Communications
3. Introductions
4. Approval of November 18, 2021 Minutes
5. Old Business
 - a. Nominate and Appoint a Committee Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary
 - b. Updates from Maryann
 - c. Updates from Brandi
 - d. Updates by Subcommittees
 - i. Climate Change Reading and Discussion Group
 - ii. Blackout Protection
 - a. Review and finalize better backup info for homeowner
 - iii. Smart Water Meter Implementation
 - iv. Recruit New Members
 - e. Discussion and Update on Input to Committee of Committees
 - f. Review Smart Electrical Panel Technology to Monitor Electrical Use

- g. Discuss Update Website Project Planning
 - i. TO DO: Members should review the website to understand the scope of updating required and be prepared to take ownership of a section
 - ii. TO DO: Members to choose area to work on
- h. Discuss Subcommittee Membership and Projects for 2022
 - i. TO DO: Members need to consider what subcommittees they would like to serve on and new projects for 2022
 - ii. Discuss potential projects and goals

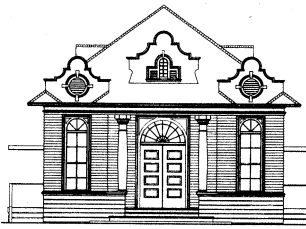
6. New Business

- a. Update on Water in the West Seminar
- b. Earth Day potential ideas

7. Next Meeting and Proposed Agenda Topics: January 20, 2022, 7 pm

- a. Future meeting: Smart electric panels
- b. Future meeting: Recommendation for updated greywater regulation for PV

8. Adjournment



Town of Portola Valley
Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
Thursday, December 16, 2021 – 7:30 pm

MEETING CANCELLATION NOTICE

PARKS & RECREATION
COMMITTEE MEETING

CANCELLATION NOTICE

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee scheduled for Thursday, December 16, 2021, has been canceled. The next meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, December 21, 2021.



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY

765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028
650.851.1700

Notice of Town Council Reorganization

Notice is hereby given that at a Special Meeting held on the 8th day of December 2021, the Town Council of the Town of Portola Valley reorganized as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Craig Hughes, Mayor	11/2022
Sarah Wernikoff, Vice Mayor	11/2024
John Richards, Councilmember	11/2022
Jeff Aalfs, Councilmember	11/2024
Maryann Moise Derwin, Councilmember	11/2022

Sharon Hanlon
Portola Valley Town Clerk

Sharon Hanlon

Subject:

From: H.M. IRVIN III
Sent: Saturday, December 4, 2021 10:11 PM
To: Jeremy Dennis <jdennis@portolavalley.net>
Cc: Sharon Hanlon <shanlon@portolavalley.net>; Leo Gonzalez
Subject: Re: Petition re: fire safety

Thank you, Jeremy. A perceptive question on your part.

My comments are narrowly tailored and should be presented as such, and in a personal capacity — not speaking for the Portola Ranch Association in an official capacity.

And I have read the petition website, and believe there are points with merit there. I have opted for brevity and clarity.

Mac

On Dec 4, 2021, at 6:33 PM, Jeremy Dennis <jdennis@portolavalley.net> wrote:

Mac- thx for the email. Would you like us to forward your comments to the Council?

In that case, we'd be happy to do so. Just so you know, all comments to go to the council are usually distributed in something we call the weekly digest that is in council packets that all can review.

More specifically, it looks like you were forwarded the petition on fire safety. Are your comments in support of the petition, or are they more narrowly tailored in the manner by which you emailed? Thanks

Jeremy

Jeremy Dennis (he/him/his)
Town Manager
Town of Portola Valley

From: H.M. IRVIN III
Sent: Saturday, December 4, 2021 5:41:10 PM
To: Sharon Hanlon <shanlon@portolavalley.net>
Cc: Jeremy Dennis <jdennis@portolavalley.net>; Leo Gonzalez
Subject: Petition re: fire safety

I support a proposal that would make the equivalent of the "ADU Fire Safety Checklist" a requirement for all new residential construction with the Town.
Best Regards -

Mac Irvin
Portola Valley Ranch

Sharon Hanlon

From: David Cardinal

Sent: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 9:38 PM

To: 'Sofie Vandeputte' ; Jeremy Dennis <jdennis@portolavalley.net>

Cc: Jeremy Dennis <jdennis@portolavalley.net>; PV - Emergency Prep Committee <emergencyprep@portolavalley.net>; Craig Hughes <chughes@portolavalley.net>; John Richards <jrichards@portolavalley.net>; Jeff Aalfs <JAalfs@portolavalley.net>; Sarah Wernikoff <swernikoff@portolavalley.net>; Maryann Moise Derwin <mderwin@portolavalley.net>; Sharon Hanlon <shanlon@portolavalley.net>; RLindner@woodsidefire.org; 'Ward Vercruysse'

Subject: RE: Request town government reconsiders its decision to not organize evacuation drills

As long as I'm being mis-quoted, "for the record" here is what I said, and Angela faithfully recounted:

The town would "overall be in good shape" during an evacuation, Cardinal said, based on his models. It would take between two to four hours after an evacuation order is given, according to his simulation. Major factors include:

- How many people would have already left, assuming there was a prior warning
- How many cars each family takes
- How long it takes people to pack up and start out
- What complications occur (downed lines, accidents, roads closed, etc.)

If more residents move into town, for evacuation purposes, it'd be best for them to live near exits in town. Stanford University's proposed Wedge project is located just south of Interstate 280 on Alpine Road. There could be up to 7,500 cars that leave Portola Valley during an evacuation, but realistically residents are not all going to leave at the same time, he said.

..

His simulation shows police intervention will be "really important."

"Some intersections are particularly tricky," he said. "The (town) traffic plan has traffic control points and expect they can do that (in an evacuation)."

Cardinal said the biggest surprise from the model is that if you make Arastradero Road one way for outbound traffic, on paper it serves as a decent third alternative route.

"I'm hoping this is a place where the traffic engineers can help us decide if that's realistic," he said.

There's no way to exit to a main roadway from the town to the west and that can't be fixed, he noted. If there's a fire along the 280 corridor, then residents might have to shelter somewhere like Corte Madera School, near the Frog Pond.

He also noted it would be ideal if there was another way to get out of the Ladera neighborhood.

He said Portola Valley residents are rightly worried about fire risk and losing their home insurance policies, a trend in recent years.

"Some level of fear makes sense," he said. "I do think a lot of people are very sincere. I think some other people just want to leave things the way they are. The world moves. Stanford owns 75 acres and it's their land. It's America, you get to do stuff with your property."

■ David

To: Portola Valley Town Council
From: Dudley Carlson, Coalmine View
12.7.21

While I support the petition currently being circulated concerning fire safety in Portola Valley, I would like to identify the following issues as particularly important to me. I live in Portola Valley Ranch, where the Town required that houses be tightly clustered in order to preserve open space. I am therefore especially concerned about issues raised in this petition and its background materials

1. The Town has made considerable progress by reducing the amount of fuel along Alpine and Portola Roads and encouraging residents to do the same on their roadside properties, for which thank you. This is an important step toward safer evacuation routes.
2. I believe it is important to encourage all residents to take greater measures to reduce fuel along streets, particularly low-hanging branches and shrubs that might reduce visibility or enhance flame spread during a wildfire evacuation, and particularly on any street that is a major corridor out of a specific neighborhood.
3. On the issue of building separation, the danger of proximity is due primarily to radiant heat from one structure to another. It's simple physics: if one house catches fire, it will ignite any other structure that is too near it or linked to it by foliage. I feel strongly that the NFPA standard of 30-foot separation between structures is essential. This should not diminish our ability (or our willingness) to provide below-market housing. Rather, it should ensure that housing be provided safely for new as well as current residents.
4. For new developments that seek clustered housing, attached structures such as town houses should be considered as a means of avoiding structure-to-structure fire danger.
5. On narrow streets, adequate parking should be required for any new construction to ensure ingress for emergency vehicles if resident vehicles are evacuating. Consideration should also be given to restricting parking on the street in such areas.
6. Any variance issued to permit separation of less than 30 feet between two structures or a structure and the road or property line should include the requirement that new construction be of noncombustible materials. Consideration of any request for such a variance should also take into consideration the state of the older building and its vulnerability. One neighbor's building should not threaten another's survivability.

Thank you for the time that all of you are putting into sorting through these complex issues and working to resolve conflicts that Portola Valley faces in a challenging situation. I have been deeply impressed by the thoughtfulness of members of the Wildfire Preparedness Committee and the Town Manager in addressing these issues, and I appreciate as well the extra ordinary number of hours required of Council members as you face these very complex and important issues.

Sharon Hanlon

Subject:

-----Original Message-----

From: Susan Chaput

Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 11:39 AM

To: Sharon Hanlon <shanlon@portolavalley.net>

Subject: Possibilities and opportunities

As a 50 year resident and 50 year volunteer, I have some concerns .

I have quite a list of tasks and accomplishment I ve done for the Town and our schools.

Years ago I collected. Local authors and I'm still requesting new books. They are in our history room Perhaps you may not know that I have slowly been collecting local art and local artists For the library and town . We have a fabulous array. I have many more promised !

I now am excited about a photography collection from residents .(Hall of frame) I want to preserve goodworks.

All of these are our people, this is our environs , this is our history. This is our heritage We are blessed with bounty beyond expectations.

This has become bigger than one person, or one Committee, or one entity and needs some attention please. What's not to love about abundance? Space and enthusiasm and complexity.

I look forward to some time to meet with some town representatives I hope to be met with smiles, an "OK, Let's try this" and HELP,

One possibility....

Let's build a barn for storage and events and space for starters Let's do an old fashioned community barn raising Let's free up or find some space for more work space and exhibits and presentations, and collections AND ,LETS MAKE IT EASIER TO REQUEST AND BE ALLOWED USE OF OUR EXISTING FACILITIES !! Let's be open to new ideas and new ways to display

Some topics. Ethnic and multicultural (I feel like I'm back at Ormondale school 45 years ago). A plethora of people's possessions on Parade..... Or Collections , motorcycles As art and engineering. Artists and Art on loan and much more of our youth art. The list is endless, I am not. I nearly died 3times 2 years ago.

I only have so much energy. I need help and some cooperation .

It has become very difficult to reach and discuss ideas with Town people I realize guidelines and rules need to be set. Rules can be very Unruly. We have too many wonderful events yet to enjoy. Let's not lose them or the effort to make them happen.

I am not alone. Another post will be sent or attached.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sent from my iPad

"What BEAUTIFUL THING are you doing today?"

December 7, 2021

To Portola Valley Town Council:

A group of volunteers, residents and various committee members have concerns ...
Rather than talk about it, we are sending the following for your consideration:

We stand here before you, frustrated and flummoxed by the seeming lack of interest or enthusiasm for community events that would make appropriate use of our community centers —e.g. the library, the community hall and its classrooms, the patio, and even space in the town hall — to showcase and celebrate communal history, current riches and interests of fellow citizens . It seems at every turn that we, as long-term, active citizens and members, are consistently refused permission to access these facilities to display and/or otherwise showcase the community resources and assets that are freely offered *in abundance* by fellow citizens for town exposition.

In fact, it *should be* the right of any community member to appropriately apply for and make use of these town amenities. But, given our committees' responsibilities, it is truly a denial of rights and duties vested in us as the very purpose of our existence.

You need only refer to past successes to appreciate the role we have played in our community. We need to continue in that role if we, as a town, are to stay current and vital by highlighting and embellishing our collective history and the extraordinary wealth of culture that exists and should be celebrated publicly and presently so as to enrich us all..

As this problem is a matter of civility and of the appropriate use of amenities already available to the community, we ask you to address this unfortunate but prevailing attitude that precludes our enrichment of the same.

Respectfully requested,

Sue Chaput,

Sharon Hanlon

From: Jeremy Dennis <jdennis@portolavalley.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 8:17 AM
To: Sofie Vandeputte
Cc: David Cardinal Ward Vercruysse
Subject: RE: Request town government reconsiders its decision to not organize evacuation drills

Sofie (moving Council and EPC to blind copy to avoid Brown Act issues).

Answers below.

Thanks again.

From: Sofie Vandeputte
Sent: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 9:07 PM
To: Jeremy Dennis <jdennis@portolavalley.net>
Cc: Jeremy Dennis <jdennis@portolavalley.net>; PV - Emergency Prep Committee <emergencyprep@portolavalley.net>; Craig Hughes <chughes@portolavalley.net>; John Richards <jrichards@portolavalley.net>; Jeff Aalfs <JAalfs@portolavalley.net>; Sarah Wernikoff <swernikoff@portolavalley.net>; Maryann Moise Derwin <mderwin@portolavalley.net>; Sharon Hanlon <shanlon@portolavalley.net>; RLindner@woodsidefire.org; David Cardinal Ward Vercruysse ; Sofie Vandeputte
Subject: Re: Request town government reconsiders its decision to not organize evacuation drills

Hi Jeremy,

Thank you for your reply.

For the record, I would like to add the following comments:

(1) Re. our conversation about neighborhood drills:

Correct, you did mention that neighborhood drills took place for the Sequoias and the Ranch and offered my neighborhood could request one. That was not my ask and that of many PV residents. As stated in my email, I contacted you about a town-wide evacuation exercise. Given that we only have three evacuation roads that are shared among all neighborhoods, isolated neighborhood exercises are useful but don't paint the full picture. **As we've discussed in the past, there are many reasons why cities do not conduct city-wide drills. They include that you cannot get every person to participate, not everyone leaves at the same time, and one would effectively be shutting down the city for some period of time.**

(2) Re. on what Mill Valley is doing:

I am confused. Mill Valley DID do an evacuation drill. Moreover, it is an annual event. Even better, they work with Google researchers to use the collected data to get to a better simulation model. Please do look closer at their entire program: evacuation drills in combination with simulation. **I have spoken directly with Mill Valley representatives. Their drills are not city wide; the last drill was to a selected group to validate their study. [Here](#) is a link to a story about the drill. As you can say, while it's called "city wide", 200- 300 people participated. The population of Mill Valley is 14,330. The drill involved lining up 250 cars on East Blithedale (one of at least three evacuation routes out of Town) to validate their Google data.**

The Town did not reach this decision on its own. It was made in consultation with the Woodside Fire Protection District, the Sheriff's Office, and the County Department of Emergency Management.

(3) Re. environmental impact report for the Stanford Wedge:
Yes, I am aware of this and look forward to the report.

(4) I would also like on the record my concern about the lack of transparency of the simulation work Mr. Cardinal is doing, especially since Mr. Cardinal will be working with the consultants the town has hired to develop simulation models.

Mr. Cardinal was ready to state his conclusion in [the Almanac on October 22](#) that the town (Portola Valley) will be fine during an evacuation, but he is still not ready to share his methodology. If the town does use Mr. Cardinal's work, the residents (and not only the Almanac) are entitled to know how Mr. Cardinal came to that conclusion. If Mr. Cardinal does not share it, I expect the town will.

I believe our town has plenty qualified engineers and scientists to review Mr. Cardinal's work. **David is a private citizen who took on this work on his own accord. I've asked the consultants to take a look at it.**

I appreciate my emails are added to the Public Digest.

Respectfully,

Sofie Vercruysse-Vandeputte

On Tuesday, November 30, 2021, 08:47:23 AM PST, Jeremy Dennis <jdennis@portolavalley.net> wrote:

Sofie – acknowledging receipt from my end of your email. Thanks for including me. (I've blind copied the Council to avoid any Brown Act violations)

I thought I'd add a slight correction to your email. When we spoke earlier this year, I mentioned that the Town (along with who would body that would have primary responsibility for organizing the drill, the Woodside Fire Protection District) would be happy to hold neighborhood drills with any area of town that wishes to do so. There was also a [joint message](#) on this general issue.

A good example of our approach is what Mill Valley is doing. They've done some exceptional evacuation work, similar to our ongoing study, that they are now [using](#) for validation purposes. They do not plan, at this time, to hold a town-wide drill, for the same reasons I mentioned to you when we chatted.

I'll also note (I believe that we chatted briefly about this as well) that the Stanford Wedge project will have an environmental impact report that will look at potential impacts of the development on safety issues, including evacuations.

I hope you and yours are well.

Jeremy

PS – all messages to the Town Council are placed in a public repository called the "Weekly Digest" for community review. Confirming that you'd like your email in the upcoming Digest.

From: Sofie Vandeputte

Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 6:54 PM

To: Jeremy Dennis <jdennis@portolavalley.net>; PV - Emergency Prep Committee <emergencyprep@portolavalley.net>; Craig Hughes <chughes@portolavalley.net>; John Richards <jrichards@portolavalley.net>; Jeff Aalfs <JAalfs@portolavalley.net>; Sarah Wernikoff <swernikoff@portolavalley.net>; Maryann Moise Derwin <mderwin@portolavalley.net>

Cc: Sofie Vandeputte Ward Vercruysse

Subject: Request town government reconsiders its decision to not organize evacuation drills

Dear Town Council,
Members of the Wildfire Preparation Committee,
Members of the Emergency Preparation Committee,
Town Manager Dennis

I am writing you to address a major concern that I feel is not addressed adequately, namely evacuation. Earlier this year, I approached Jeremy Dennis with the question of whether a town evacuation could be organized for all PV residents. Jeremy told me then that he does not believe in such exercises (to name a few reasons: they typically yield low participation; they can never emulate a real scenario). You may be aware that I then organized a grassroots evacuation exercise. In doing so, I received numerous comments from residents stating they wished this exercise would be a town-led or at a minimum town-endorsed activity. I humbly request that our town government reconsiders its decision to not organize evacuation drills.

I understand our town is in contract with an organization that is creating evacuation simulation models. I look forward to these results, expecting they will be shared in detail with the community. I believe taking one such scenario and executing on it would be a good way to validate the simulation model.

Whatever form an evacuation drill takes, I can add with great confidence that this exercise would build the community we so need now.

You may be aware that a petition is coming your way signed by residents requesting that the Town takes specific action at the Town Council meeting on December 8 to protect the Town from wildfire risk. The petition is indicative of a widespread desire to be prepared in every way possible.

It is imperative we fully understand our evacuation capacity (and adjust accordingly) in the discussion of the development of the Stanford Wedge and the implementation of SB 9.

I hope you will seriously reconsider organizing an evacuation exercise or at least endorse it. I will gladly help with the organization effort.

Respectfully,

Sofie Vercruysse - Vandeputte
Cervantes Road

Sharon Hanlon

Attachments: The League of Women Voters of San Mateo County Presents (4).pdf

From: Rita Comes

Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 4:36 PM

To: Sharon Hanlon <shanlon@portolavalley.net>

Subject: League of Women Voters 102nd Anniversary Event - February 13th, 2022

Sharon,

Please share with the members of the Town COuncil and add to the digest. Thank you

Greetings,

As a member of the South San Mateo County League of Women Voters, I want to share this information about the Celebration of the 102nd Anniversary of the League of Women Voters. We thank you for honoring our league in 2020, in recognition of the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters and the 100th Anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment which gave the women of the United States the right to vote. We would like a member of the Portola Valley Town Council or another member of the Town Government to attend our event on February 13th, 2022.

All of the registration can be found in the attached document. Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you for all that you do.

Rita Comes Whitney

Member of the South San Mateo County LWV

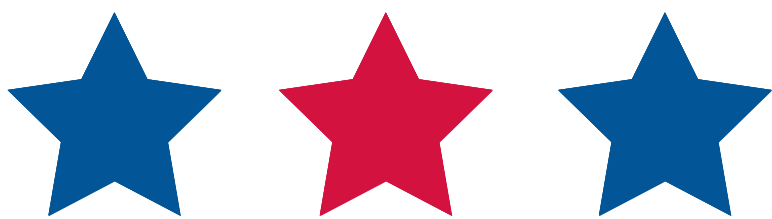
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THE LEAGUES OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NORTH/CENTRAL AND SOUTH SAN MATEO COUNTY PRESENT:

EXPANDING THE VOTE AND ITS IMPACT

WHERE WE'VE BEEN



WHERE WE ARE



WHERE WE'RE GOING

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN OUR **102ND ANNIVERSARY** CELEBRATION OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND OUR ONGOING COMMITMENT TO THE EXPANSION OF VOTING RIGHTS!

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Executive Director, National Voter Corps



Shay Franco-Clausen

West Coast Region Program Director
Ignite: Political Power in Every Young Woman



Carol Moon Goldberg

President of LWV California

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 13TH, 2022 2:00PM- 4:00 PM

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

TICKETS: [CLICK HERE](#) OR TYPE: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/3FWXQI5](https://bit.ly/3FWXQI5)

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Sharon Hanlon

Attachments: Elected Committee Recruitment BPAC CMEQ 2021.pdf

From: Mima Crume <mcrume@smcgov.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 4:37 PM
To: Mima Crume <mcrume@smcgov.org>
Subject: C/CAG Committee Vacancies for Elected Officials

Dear City/County Managers, City Clerks, Interested Parties:

The City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG) currently has vacancies on three of its standing Committees. Please see attached letter from Marie Chuang, Chair, C/CAG Board of Directors for more detailed information about the vacancies, appointment process, and committees. Individuals interested in being considered for appointment for one or more of these committees should submit a letter of interest by **January 5, 2022** to Sean Charpentier, C/CAG Executive Director at scharpentier@smcgov.org. Appointments will be considered at the January 13, 2022 C/CAG Board meeting.

If you have questions, feel free to contact Sean Charpentier, C/CAG Executive Director; or the relevant staff person identified in the attached letter.

Sean Charpentier, C/CAG Executive Director
City/County Association of Governments
555 County Center, 5th Floor
Redwood City, CA 94063
scharpentier@smcgov.org

Regards,

M. Crume

Clerk of the C/CAG Board & SMCEL-JPA Board



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Date: December 8, 2021

To: All Councilmembers of San Mateo County Cities and Members of the Board of Supervisors; All City/County Managers; All City Clerks; All Interested Parties

From: Marie Chuang, C/CAG Chair

Subject: **C/CAG Committee Vacancies for Elected Officials**

The City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG) currently has vacancies on three of its standing Committees. The vacancies are:

3 Seats – Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) (Elected officials of City Councils and/or the Board of Supervisors)

1 Seat – Resource Management and Climate Protection Committee (RMCP) (Elected officials of City Councils and/or the Board of Supervisors)

1 Seat – Congestion Management and Environmental Quality (CMEQ) Committee (individual that is knowledgeable about transportation issues in San Mateo County)

Please see Attachment A for more information on the three Committees. Individuals wishing to be considered for appointment to any of the three Committees should email a letter of interest to:

Sean Charpentier, C/CAG Executive Director
City/County Association of Governments
555 County Center, 5th Floor
Redwood City, CA 94063
scharpentier@smcgov.org

Individuals interested in serving on the BPAC or the RMCP Committees must be an elected official on one of the twenty City Councils in San Mateo County or an elected official on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors¹. Individuals may send a letter of interest by **January 5, 2022**. Appointments will be considered at the January 13, 2022 C/CAG Board meeting. If there are fewer letters of interest received by January 13, 2022 than seats vacant on the Committees, the recruitment will remain open until filled. If you have any questions about the Committees or this appointment process, please contact the C/CAG staff member noted in Attachment A: Committee Descriptions and Staff Contacts.

Sincerely,



Marie Chuang
Chair, C/CAG Board

Enclosure: Attachment A: Committee Descriptions and Staff Contacts

¹ No more than two Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee members can reside in the same jurisdiction.

ATTACHMENT A: Committee Descriptions and Staff Contacts

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) provides advice and recommendations to the full C/CAG Board of Directors on matters relating to bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects. The BPAC advises the C/CAG Board on priority projects for funding through the Transportation Development Act Article 3 grant program and the One Bay Area Grant program. In the upcoming year alone, the Committee will participate in the selection of up to \$30 Million of active transportation projects in the County.

Meetings are held bi-monthly on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Prior to the COVID-19 Crisis, the meetings were held in the San Mateo City Hall. During the COVID-19 Crisis, the meetings have been held over Zoom. The BPAC has approximately six meetings per year. No more than two BPAC members can reside in the same jurisdiction. There are three vacancies for elected officials on this committee. **For more information about the Committee and Meeting agendas, contact Kaki Cheung at kcheung1@smcgov.org; and/or see <https://ccag.ca.gov/committees/bicycle-and-pedestrian-advisory-committee/>.**

The Congestion Management and Environmental Quality Committee (CMEQ) provides advice and recommendations to the full C/CAG Board on all matters relating to transportation planning, congestion management, travel demand management, coordination of land use and transportation planning, mobile source air quality programs, energy resources and conservation, and other environmental issues facing the local jurisdictions in San Mateo County. The role of the CMEQ Committee also includes making recommendations to the C/CAG Board on the allocation of funding for specific projects and activities addressing these programmatic areas. The Committee meets on the last Monday of each month from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Prior to the COVID-19 Crisis, the meetings were held in the San Mateo City Hall. During the COVID-19 Crisis, the meetings have been held over Zoom. There is a vacancy on this committee for an individual representing agencies with transportation interests. **For more information about the Committee and Meeting agendas, contact Jeff Lacap at jlacap@smcgov.org; and/or see: <https://ccag.ca.gov/committees/congestion-management-and-environmental-quality-committee/>**

The Resource Management and Climate Protection Committee (RMCP) seats seven elected officials and public representative seats for each of the following six specialties: energy, water, utility, nonprofit, business/chamber of commerce, and environmental organization, for a total of 13 seats. Originally called the Utilities Sustainability Task Force (USTF), it developed a San Mateo County Energy Strategy for the county, which was adopted by every city in San Mateo County in 2009. The RMCP Committee provides information and recommendations to CMEQ and the C/CAG Board on items related to resource conservation and climate action. The Committee also tracks the progress of two main C/CAG programs, the San Mateo County Energy Watch (SMCEW) and the Regionally Integrated Climate Action Planning Suite (RICAPS). The Committee also seeks to integrate equity into resource conservation and climate actions, including workforce development, access by constituents, and inclusion of input by community-based organizations. Most recently, in coordination with BAWSCA, the Committee is exploring actions to reduce demand on potable water supplies, such as One Water programs, and electrification and resilience of homes and communities through nano- or micro-grids, respectively. The RMCP Committee meets on the third Wednesday of the month (as needed) throughout the year at 3:00 p.m., in either San Mateo at 155 Bovet Rd., or Redwood City at County Center, or virtually by Zoom meetings due to COVID-19. **For more information about the RMCP Committee and Meeting Agendas, contact Kim Springer at kspringer@smcgov.org; and/or see: <https://ccag.ca.gov/committees/resource-management-and-climate-protection-committee/>**



NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

December 7, 2021

At its regular meeting on December 6, 2021, the City Council of Redwood City reorganized as follows:

NAME:

TERM ENDS:

Mayor Giselle Hale
 (Mayoral term is two years)

November 2022

Vice Mayor Diana Reddy

November 2022

Council Member Alicia C. Aguirre

November 2024

Council Member Lissette Espinosa-Garnica

November 2024

Council Member Jeff Gee

November 2024

Council Member Diane Howard

November 2022

Council Member Michael A. Smith

November 2024

Pamela Aguilar, CMC
 City Clerk

C: San Mateo County Cities
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 City Departments - City of Redwood

NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

On December 6, 2021, the City Council of Foster City, California reorganized as follows:

MAYOR

RICHA AWASTHI

Council Term Expires:

December 2022

rawasthi@fostercity.org

VICE MAYOR

JON FROOMIN

Council Term Expires:

December 2024

jfroomin@fostercity.org

COUNCILMEMBER

SANJAY GEHANI

Council Term Expires:

December 2022

sgehani@fostercity.org

COUNCILMEMBER

SAM HINDI

Council Term Expires:

December 2024

shindi@fostercity.org

COUNCILMEMBER

PATRICK SULLIVAN

Council Term Expires:

December 2024

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