

Melissa Thurman

From: Joe Bruzzese [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2022 3:09 PM
To: Town Center
Cc: jeff aalfs
Subject: Ford field destroyed?

It's just embarrassing you are even considering this idea ... my guess is most of you live out of PV ? Because there isn't a sane soul that lives here that wants mOre housing and a destruction of a monumental field such as Ford little league park I'm sure you can raise money some other way And if you can't .. try harder Your consideration of this idea is ridiculous and completely out of touch with the reality of pv residents Do better

Sent from my iPhone with love

Melissa Thurman

From: webmaster@portolavalley.net
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2022 1:52 PM
To: Town Center
Subject: New Entry on Town Council Comments Survey

A new entry to a form/survey has been submitted.

Form Name: Comment on an Agenda Item for Town Council Meeting
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Submitter ID: 6749
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1. First and Last Name

Brian McGarry

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Portola Valley

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Ford Field

10. Comment

Town Council.

Please preserve Ford Field as a baseball field only. It is a huge part of the community and has provided a place for our children to play and hang out for 6 decades. It belongs on Alpine Road and should not be replaced.
Please do not take the easy road..

11. Optional: You can upload a copy of your comments.

Thank you,
Portola Valley, CA

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Melissa Thurman

From: webmaster@portolavalley.net
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2022 7:57 AM
To: Town Center
Subject: Entry on the Website Comments and Feedback Page

A new entry to a form/survey has been submitted.

Form Name: Comments & Feedback
Date & Time: 07/14/2022 7:56 AM
Response #: 743
Submitter ID: 6748
IP address: 2601:647:5a00:a6f0::c295
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Please send us your comments or suggestions on Town-related issues or Town's website issues. The website team is especially interested to know if you have any difficulty using this site or have suggestions for its improvement.

Please note that email communications made to Town staff and/or Councilmembers are considered public documents and are therefore subject to disclosure.

(Your name and email address will not be sold or distributed to any third parties.)

Your Name

Peter Lipman

Your Email Address

[REDACTED]

What is your feedback about?

Town Related Issue

Message

Housing Element Plan:
All the "very-low-income" multifamily housing in one distal area!

Many rational concerns have already been raised, in written comments and during prior PV committee meetings, about the draft Housing Element Plan's proposal to repurpose Dorothy Ford Park Open-Space Preserve for high-density housing.

An issue that does not seem to have been discussed, however, is whether such a proposal to concentrate virtually all the town's very-low-income multi-family housing in just a small area at the very north edge of the town, could meet HCD mandates under the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing state law. The AB 686 summary states explicitly that affordable

housing sites “should be identified throughout the community,” and that the community should “ensure that sites for lower-income households are not concentrated in segregated areas.”

Also, see p. 33 of the 7-13-22 Town Council Agenda Packet (Staff Report), which summarizes that: “Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing is a new requirement to ensure that site selection is furthering fair housing goals and that affordable housing is not located in one area.”

But the Ford Park proposal places 50 units, designated entirely for very-low income multi-family housing, on only about 1.6 acres of developable land, without any mix of higher-income units or proximity to Town commercial or government facilities. Together with the additional 8 very-low income units proposed for the Ladera Church site just across Alpine Road, 58 of the 60 total very-low income multi-family housing units (97%) in the Housing Element Plan would be concentrated just at this distal town-boundary site.

Such a proposal to place so many units of entirely very-low-income housing on Town-owned Ford Park seems rather a small-town throwback to discredited mid-20th-century urban programs of subsidized low-income housing “Projects” distant from commercial and business city centers. How could such an approach possibly be compatible with the Furthering Fair Housing mandate, with the public spirit of Portola Valley, or pass the scrutiny of HCD?

Peter Lipman

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Nancy Stork

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Affordable housing

10. Comment

Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard on our Housing Element. I support new housing at any and all possible locations in our town. This is an admirable and long overdue effort to redress the historical injustices that have thwarted America's efforts to create a just world where basic needs are met through our combined efforts. A world where land is owned by corporations and policy is still dictated by the money of people who are gone cannot meet the needs of the living.

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Aimee Armsby

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10. Comment

See attached

11. Optional: You can upload a copy of your comments.

Town Council statement.pdf

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Melissa Thurman

From: Dan Lopez [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 5:51 PM
To: Jeff Aalfs; Craig Hughes; John Richards; Maryann Moise Derwin;
swerniknoff@portolavalley.net
Cc: Town Center
Subject: July 13 Town Council: Ford Field...

I want to strongly urge the council to preserve Ford Field for its generational purpose: bringing the skills and love of baseball to our youth.

My son just completed his fourth year of Alpine Little League and this past May, he played in the AAA Championship game at Ford Field. What an exciting experience for him...and in a spectacular setting. I overheard many parents from the visiting team remarking on how beautiful the field was -- the banners in the stands and outfield fence, the quality of the infield, the scoreboard, and the natural environment around it. Ford Field is clearly a treasure, a community asset recognized by anyone that visits the field.

As we live in Ladera, we can and do frequently walk to Ford Field for practices and games. Every time my son sees Ford Field, he's reminded of that Championship game, a memory that will likely stay with him for his whole life. Unless his memory is destroyed with Ford Field, then it'll be "yeah, that used to be a baseball field".

"Don't it always seem to go
That you don't know what you got 'til it's gone
They paved paradise and put up a parking lot"
Big Yellow Taxi by Counting Crows

Respectfully,
Dan Lopez

Melissa Thurman

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Ladera

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Thomas Brown

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Ford Field

10. Comment

I grew up playing baseball at Ford Field and much of my childhood is defined by time spent in and around Ford Field, especially the snack shack. :) It is an incredibly valuable asset to the community and it would be a terrible shame if it no longer existed. Please identify and present all options and let the community decide. Thanks for listening.

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Portola Valley, CA

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From: Melissa Thurman
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 4:55 PM
To: Town Center
Subject: FW: Comments for Consideration in Tonight's meeting

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

From: Tim Scott [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 2:59 PM
To: Town Council <towncouncil@portolavalley.net>
Subject: Comments for Consideration in Tonight's meeting

Has the Town Council devoted enough consideration to moving the multifamily housing from Dorothy Fork Park to the Town Center soccer field?

The possible repurposing of Dorothy Ford Park is of great concern. This was acquired with funds donated for open space protection by town residents who believed their intent would be honored. The Scenic Corridor and two heritage oaks should be preserved well as the adjacent Ford Baseball Field. The current housing element proposes 128 (Ladera Church 10, Ford field 50, Stanford Wedge 39, and Glen Oaks 29) or 42% of the housing units on a very small portion of Alpine Road surrounding my home. This is far too much density for one small area. The housing should be spread across other sites to preserve the town's character and better manage evacuation and traffic concerns. As a resident of lower Westridge, the resulting congestion, traffic, noise, light spill and emissions are deeply troubling.

The town center location offers access to the library, computers, the town center community rooms and lawn area. It also allows for addition options for evacuation. Distributing some of the development to Portola Road should be carefully considered so that the bulk of the development is not concentrated in one area. The town center soccer field could possibly be moved to Dorothy Ford Park.

Joye Scott

Melissa Thurman

From: webmaster@portolavalley.net
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 3:50 PM
To: Town Center
Subject: New Entry on Town Council Comments Survey

A new entry to a form/survey has been submitted.

Form Name: Comment on an Agenda Item for Town Council Meeting
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Submitter ID: 6742
IP address: 73.223.118.140
Time to complete: 5 min. , 27 sec.

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1. First and Last Name

Randall Kim

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10. Comment

Ford Field is an irreplaceable landmark in our community and means so much to many of our children (and us parents, too). While I support the creation of truly affordable housing, I urge the Council to explore alternatives that maintain Ford Field and the surrounding open space for the benefit of the community. Thank you.

11. Optional: You can upload a copy of your comments.

Thank you,
Portola Valley, CA

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Melissa Thurman

From: Nevin Spieker [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 3:44 PM
Subject: Ford Field

Dear Portola Valley Town Council,

I was disappointed to hear that you are contemplating using Ford Field as an option to satisfy your Hosing Element needs.

Ford Field provides something that is essential to our community that is getting harder and harder to find. Ford Field provides a place for children (and adults) to:

- interact in Person,
- learn social skills and sportsmanship
- accept that both winning and losing are parts of life
- learn to support team mates
- learn first-hand how hurtful it can feel when one is not supported

In a world where too many kids and adults spend their days entranced behind screens, Ford Field provides a positive place for a community to come together and for young kids to learn life skills as they come of age.

Thank you for your consideration in keeping the valuable community asset.

Reagrds,

Nevin Spieker

Melissa Thurman

From: webmaster@portolavalley.net
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 2:58 PM
To: Town Center
Subject: New Entry on Town Council Comments Survey

A new entry to a form/survey has been submitted.

Form Name: Comment on an Agenda Item for Town Council Meeting
Date & Time: 07/13/2022 2:57 PM
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Time to complete: 2 min. , 31 sec.

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1. First and Last Name

Dorothy Pavloff

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[REDACTED]

3. Organization (Enter name of organization, business, or non profit if you are submitting comments on their behalf.)

Little League

4. Street address (will not be publicly displayed)

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Portola Valley

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Little League

10. Comment

Please preserve Ford Field.

- Ford Field as served thousands of kids for generations. Many of our current Alpine parents played at Ford Field when they were kids.

- Ford Field is the centerpiece of our baseball community – hosting all of our Majors games, our Championship games, countless district All Star Tournaments and as a THE field that serves as the gathering place for our families. It serves hundreds of kids every season and countless families.

- It is a beautiful and shining example of Alpine LL and the Town of Portola Valley – teams from across the Bay Area LOVE coming to Ford Field to play our teams and remark on how stunning the field is.

- There is already a shortage of recreational space for our children up and down the Peninsula. The additional housing in PV is only going to INCREASE the need for recreational space for PV families. Our fields are some of the last truly public spaces that ALL kids can enjoy – we need to protect them.

11. Optional: You can upload a copy of your comments.

Thank you,
Portola Valley, CA

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Melissa Thurman

From: Kacey Brown [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 2:11 PM
To: Town Center
Subject: Ford Field

Hello,

My comment is in opposition of tearing down ford field for housing. This is an unbelievable and unacceptable option. The field provides more than just baseball. It provides fresh air, sunshine, exercise, and socialization. It is a community. It provides an opportunity to teach our youth hard work, teamwork, perseverance, sportsmanship, and the list goes on. After the hard last two years, we know these experiences are imperative for our children. Beyond the field itself, impacting alpine trail at all is unacceptable. Our family uses it daily. We do not have sidewalks in PV. Where are we supposed to safely walk and ride bikes? My kids ride the trail every single day. How are we expected to feel safe in a wildfire zone if you add more housing to a congested alpine road? Our family chose to live on this side of 280 because of its rural/outdoorsy small town community. We love it here. We will likely move elsewhere if you quite literally pave paradise and put up a parking lot. Please save our town.

Thank you,
Kacey Brown Rich
Mother of four boys in PV

Melissa Thurman

From: webmaster@portolavalley.net
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 2:02 PM
To: Town Center
Subject: New Entry on Town Council Comments Survey

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Form Name: Comment on an Agenda Item for Town Council Meeting
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Response #: 189
Submitter ID: 6740
IP address: 98.47.184.97
Time to complete: 6 min. , 13 sec.

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Bryan Chase

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Ford Field Proposal

10. Comment

Please do not take away one of our town treasures in Ford Field. Generations of Portola Valley residents grew up watching their children compete on this field for Alpine Little League and it constitutes our only true regulation little league field and is one of our few resources in town that actually serves our communities children and those from neighboring communities. We are already lacking for recreational space like this in the county and removing venues like these for a parking lot is truly doing more harm than good in the long run.

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Submitter ID: 6739
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Time to complete: 3 min. , 16 sec.

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Rob and Nan Shostak

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7.a.--Housing Element

10. Comment

Comments on the Draft Housing Element

To the Portola Valley Town Council
July 13, 2022

Rob and Nan Shostak
25 Larguita Lane, Portola Valley
Email: nshostak@aol.com

1. The General Plan. The General Plan is the blueprint for the Town of Portola Valley now and into the future. It should, above all, be respected and changed only when absolutely necessary to fit circumstances. The present Draft Housing Element, on the other hand, is a response to poorly-conceived State mandates intended to satisfy the current, perceived need for housing. The State's "one size fits all" solutions for housing do not take into consideration individual characteristics of communities. The Town's General Plan, the only document that reflects the values of our community, should not be rewritten—wrapped around—any single Element that has been written to State mandates and is inherently inconsistent with the other Elements.
2. Precedence of the Housing Element. The Draft Housing Element is the tail that is wagging the dog (the General Plan). The idea that it should take precedence over everything else in the General Plan is unnecessary and extremely destructive to the Town. This statement on page 3 of the Draft Housing Element shows the willingness of our Town to subordinate all other elements of the General Plan to the State-mandated Housing Element:
"The Town has reviewed the other Elements of the General Plan and determined that the Housing Element is not consistent with other elements; therefore, the Town plans to amend other elements at the same time the Housing Element is adopted so that the General Plan will be internally consistent."
Such a rewriting of the General Plan to support one Element above the others is harmful and should not be permitted to happen. For the benefit of the entire community, the Council can insist on maintaining a balanced General Plan.
3. The Safety Element. The primary function and responsibility of elected officials is the safety of the people who elected them. The Safety Element should be advanced immediately, before the Housing Element is final. The Housing Element cannot and should not take priority over the Safety Element. The Council must prioritize above the State housing mandates the aspects of the Safety Element bearing on: (1) climate change (general warming and more intense rain storms); (2) fire hazard and risk (already approaching extreme and increasing with denser population without proportional improvement in infrastructure); (3) inherent geologic hazards (landslides, mudslides, faults, unstable soils, and flooding) and seismic hazards (destruction from earthquakes; landslides and liquefaction triggered by earthquakes); and (4) safe evacuation of an increasing population. The push for denser housing that promotes more housing over safety considerations can easily force a compromise of the most basic safeguards for our hazard-prone community.
4. Opt-In. We firmly oppose any version of the Opt-In program because (1) it is not strictly necessary even to satisfy RHNA quotas and (2) it will create discord in neighborhoods and pit neighbors against one another. In case the final Housing Element includes Opt-In, however, any implementation of Opt-In should include: (1) a sunset provision to halt the program after the minimum target number of units has been achieved, (2) the basic safeguards of SB9 that ban developing adjacent lots and a three-year residency requirement, and (3) a limit on the total—actual—number of units, including ADUs and JADUs, that can be built under Opt-In.
5. The Glenoaks Equestrian Center Property. Horses are not a dying component of life in Portola Valley, as was suggested at the last Planning Commission meeting. Horses are a very important element contributing to the ambiance that makes Portola Valley such a special place to live. We moved here to be able to keep horses and see them throughout Town as part of our every-day environment. We are already losing Alpine Rock Ranch (at the Stanford Wedge) to an urban-style housing development. It would be a tremendous loss to the community to see the other side of Alpine Road similarly or more densely developed. Instead of viewing the Glenoaks property as a prime location to satisfy the State's RHNA housing mandate, the Council should work with and encourage Stanford to accept the proposal by David Murdoch, owner of the Glenoaks Equestrian Center, to build an appropriate number of workforce housing units on the property. People and horses can peacefully co-exist, even under RHNA mandates.

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Kacey Brown Rich

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3. Organization (Enter name of organization, business, or non profit if you are submitting comments on their behalf.)

On behalf of my four boys and all pv/ladera families

4. Street address (will not be publicly displayed)

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Submitter ID: 6737
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John McGrory

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3. Organization (Enter name of organization, business, or non profit if you are submitting comments on their behalf.)

self / Alpine Little League

4. Street address (will not be publicly displayed)

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5. City

Menlo Park

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7. Zip Code

94025

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PV Housing Element

10. Comment

Portola Valley Town Council members,

I'm John McGrory and I have been a resident of West Menlo Park for over 25 years while raising 4 children, the oldest of whom just graduated from college (West Point, the U.S. Military Academy) and the youngest of whom is 10. I am CEO of a technology company, a musician, and a coach, and I am heavily involved with schools and community programs in Menlo Park and Portola Valley. I have relationships with many wonderful PV residents, and I have been active in organizations based in PV, such as:

- Alpine Little League: 17 years of involvement, including 11 years on the Board of Directors and 20 seasons of coaching;
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PLEASE DON'T SACRIFICE FORD FIELD.

Thanks for taking a few minutes to read my comments.

John McGrory



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Thank you,
Portola Valley, CA

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Melissa Thurman

From: John McGrory [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 1:43 PM
To: Town Center; Jeremy Dennis; Jeff Aalfs; Craig Hughes; John Richards; Maryann Moise Derwin; swerniknoff@portolavalley.net
Subject: PV Housing Element comments: SAVE FORD FIELD

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Melissa Thurman

From: Leigh Pyle [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 1:38 PM
To: aalfs@portolavalley.net; Craig Hughes; John Richards; Maryann Moise Derwin; swerniknoff@portolavalley.net; Town Center
Cc: Brian Pyle
Subject: Ford Field

Dear Town Council Members,

Hello! Hello and thank you for your service.

It has been brought to our attention that Ford Field may be a site being considered for housing and Brian and I wanted to write a note in (gently strong) opposition...

Ford Field is one of those iconic historical places that is the heart of our community... generation after generation have played there and in our opinion needs to stay.

We have two boys that have set baseball goals to get good enough to play there and Cameron keeps talking about wanting to pepper that snack shack with home run balls.

We hope and pray that Ford field will stay and we can find another solution.

With respect,
Leigh and Brian Pyle

--
Leigh M. Pyle

[REDACTED]

Melissa Thurman

From: webmaster@portolavalley.net
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 1:14 PM
To: Town Center
Subject: New Entry on Town Council Comments Survey

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Ford Field

10. Comment

Please keep Ford Field as a baseball facility only. This resource is critical for our broader community.

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Thank you,
Portola Valley, CA

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Melissa Thurman

From: Robert Conlon [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 1:12 PM
To: Jeff Aalfs; Craig Hughes; John Richards; Maryann Moise Derwin;
swerniknoff@portolavalley.net
Cc: Town Center
Subject: SAVE FORD FIELD!!!

Dear Town Council,

We are deeply saddened to learn of the possible demolition of a very special community gem, Ford Field.

For generations, thousands upon thousands of boys and girls participating in Alpine Little League and beyond have had the wonderful opportunity to play baseball at Ford Field. Ford Field is a special place and setting for children to learn and enjoy the game of baseball. It is also a place for the community to gathering and support these children as they develop life skills through their participation in sport. I have had the privilege of witnessing this first hand by coaching my children's baseball teams at Ford Field.

For these reasons among many others, my family strongly opposes the potential demolition of Ford Field to be replaced with housing and/or parking for housing.

We hope thousands upon thousands of boys and girls for generations to coming will be able to enjoy the special "field of dreams" at Ford Field.

Thank you,

Rob, Sarah, Elliott & Jack Conlon

Melissa Thurman

From: Tim McAdam [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 1:09 PM
To: Town Center
Subject: McAdam opposition to

PV Planning Commission,

It looks like you have your work cut out for you in the coming weeks around the HEP. I know this is a contentious time and there are mostly tough choices in front of the leadership of our amazing hamlet of Portola Valley. I appreciate your hard and thoughtful work.

I am writing to you today in strong opposition to one of the recommendations in the plan – opt-in single family rezoning. This a highly contentious and divisive proposal that has the potential to destroy property values and ultimately the mosaic of Portola Valley. If this succeeds, the outcome will undoubtedly create battles in neighborhoods with little upside given the small number of additional units proposed. If one neighbor chooses to optimize their lot value by selling to a developer who can maximize profits with a 4-plex, other neighbors will suffer as property values will surely decline given increased traffic, density, quality of housing, etc.

A proposal like this is fraught with peril given the politically charged nature of it and the high chance of litigation. Based on PV residents I have talked to, I have found zero support for such a proposal. Does the Housing Element Committee know whether it has this support of the community? Unless I missed the survey, I don't think residents have been surveyed. Why is that? From what I can gather from comments and conversations, there is little support for this proposal.

One idea that resonates with me is to play around with the advised buffer of assigned RHNA numbers which would limit the number of units to a number smaller than the 53 units and therefore eliminates the need for up in rezoning. Seems like that is the most appropriate way to get our additional 12 units over a 8-year period.

As a one-person commission, I would fight all of this to be honest. Woodside, Atherton and other towns are just refusing to capitulate. A negotiated outcome here should be much different than the current proposal.

Sincerely,

Tim McAdam

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Ford Field

10. Comment

I am very much against the transformation of Ford Field from little league to housing.

Sincerely,

Brian Smith

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