

From: webmaster@portolavalley.net
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Subject: New Entry on Town Council Comments Survey
Date: Thursday, November 30, 2023 9:54:57 AM

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

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1. First and Last Name

Susanna Chenette

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11/30/2023

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Ford Field

10. Comment

PLEASE DO NOT BUILD HOUSING ON FORD FIELD! We need the open space. The traffic along Alpine is already abysmal during commute times. Those heritage oak trees are pieces of art that should be cherished. Our children, and future generations, need places to play. It violates the Town charter to build along "scenic Alpine corridor." SB 9 may be overturned soon.

Ford Field:

- Has 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.

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Form Name: Comment on an Agenda Item for Town Council Meeting
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Response #: 50
Submitter ID: [REDACTED]
IP address: [REDACTED]
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1. First and Last Name

Katherine Gilpin

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

WHS Foundation President

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12/13/2023

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Affordable Housing

10. Comment

Hi Town Council,

First off, I am impressed with the new Town Manager – he makes things simple, he is practical, and he is budget-minded and organized. His communication and outreach are strong too. He seems like a great hire. Thank you. Let's make sure we give him a "bear hug" and make sure he knows we like what he is doing!

Secondly, please stay the course with HE, and let's get certified at the upcoming deadline of 1/31/24. The work being done to preview the draft with our HE reviewer is strategic, efficient, and cost-effective. I like that the Town Staff is watching timelines, resources, and budgets. Well done.

I still support Affordable Housing and I am watching the process. Even though I do not attend meetings, I am aware of the town's progress. I have a career, I lead the WHS Foundation supporting academic programming at our local high school, and I am the mother of two teens, including one in the college crunch as a senior. It is difficult to attend meetings in the evening after a long day at work; however, I am keeping up with your efforts. Thank you for your service.

Please optimize all efforts to acquire certification of our HE by the next deadline of 1/31/24. I do not support missing or failing the 1/31/24 certification deadline. A failure of any kind will make things more expensive, more time-consuming, and more complicated.

Lastly, I know a Mayor's change is coming up. Let's make sure that process goes to plan and is kind and efficient too.

Warmly,

Katherine Gilpin

[REDACTED]

Portola Valley, CA 94028

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Response #: 52
Submitter ID: [REDACTED]
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Time to complete: 9 min. , 4 sec.

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1. First and Last Name

Joyce Shefren

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Joyce Shefren

10. Comment

I am sorry I cannot attend this meeting in person. There are two very important agenda items tonight. One: I hope you will honor the tradition in PV of approving the incoming mayor position to the vice mayor. on tonight's agenda you will vote on this. I hope you will move on this in a timely manner and vote to approve Sarah Wernikoff's appointment to mayor for the coming year.

The other very important agenda item is the approval of our latest housing element. As I have written for public record previously; I implore you to vote for the housing element as presented and not allow another delay in this process.

Joyce Shefren

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Response #: 49
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Time to complete: 41 min. , 8 sec.

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1. First and Last Name

Lorrie Duval

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Town Council Election of Mayor and Vice Mayor

10. Comment

Dear Councilmembers,

I ask you please to honor our 2020 votes for Sarah Wernikoff as councilmember and elect her to the position of mayor per our Town's traditional process.

As a long-time resident of Portola Valley who appreciates our Town's best practices and traditions honed over many decades, I applaud our regular process of electing our vice mayor to the position of mayor each December.

The institutional knowledge and experience that Vice Mayor Sarah Wernikoff brings to the mayoral position are critical as our town/we continue to work through challenges with the finalization of our housing element, the effective operations of our Town government, and other critical work.

Thank you all for your service to our community,

Lorrie Duval

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Time to complete: 22 min. , 15 sec.

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Lorrie Duval

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Oral Communications on Housing Element

10. Comment

Dear Town Council,

Please do everything possible to get certification by the State for our Housing Element by the next deadline 1/31/24. I support Affordable Housing in our Town. After two years, many, many meetings, and multiple reviews and corrections, we as a Town have done what we can. Continuing to delay may well make things even more complicated, while also using up staff time and Town budget that can be used for our other needs.

Please make a certified Housing Element your top priority now and get it done.

Thank you very much,
Lorrie Duval

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Aimee Armsby

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10. Comment

I'm writing in support of the submission of the updated PV Housing Element by the 1/31/24 deadline. Further delay is costly and threatens to reduce or eliminate our local control over housing issues. Addressing the housing crisis requires all of our participation and support. I urge the Town to take the necessary steps to ensure that our community, home to one of the most highly resourced residents in the State, doesn't continue to delay and avoid complying with the law. Committing to affordable housing in PV makes our community stronger. There are people working hard to teach our kids, keep us safe, take care of our families, and provide other valued services. They are already part of our special community, but currently, it's nearly impossible to afford to live here on their salaries. Addressing the dearth of affordable housing benefits everyone, reducing the housing insecurity and instability that is harmful to people's physical and mental health, limits children's education outcomes, restricts access to good jobs and economic opportunity, and damages the environment. Let's remember that this is about people, and ensure that the revised HE is timely submitted.

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Todd Van Horn

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Selection of Mayor and Vice Mayor

10. Comment

I'm writing to voice my support for continuing the established protocol for selecting mayor and vice mayor. The current process works and I see no reason to change it. Some have implied that more recently elected town council members are more important or should be given more credence because of when they were elected. All town council members have an equal vote through their entire term and that reflects the will of the voters.

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David Cardinal

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5a Mayor selection

10. Comment

Craig, Judith, Mary, and Jeff --

I hope you all agree with me that Sarah Wernikoff is a hard-working, competent, and experienced member of the Town Council, including stints as Vice Mayor. She is not afraid to go against the "tide" as when she pushed for the much-needed financial hardship exemption to the all-electric rules.

As far as arguing about the validity of traditions, there are reasons for them. For example, freshmen and women don't get elected Speaker of the House for a reason.

Being mayor isn't the same as being President or CEO. The mayor has the same number of votes (1) as anyone else on the Town Council. They are responsible for digging deeply into issues and helping manage our town staff to execute the vision laid out by a majority of the Town Council.

For over 50 years, we have managed to keep a small town feel in our local government, with the positions of Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and Town Council members being non-political. I believe that everyone on our Town Council wants the best for the town, and does their best to listen to others and incorporate their thoughts.

I feel a bit sorry for people who feel the need to think otherwise.

Of course one of the three new Council members should start getting experience at working more closely with the town staff. I would be happy to see any of the three of you (Craig, Judith, or Mary) as Vice Mayor.

Regards and I look forward to your meeting. -- Dave Cardinal

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5.a Selection of Mayor and Vice Mayor

10. Comment

As a 55 year resident of Portola Valley, I have attended many, many meetings of the Town Council, Planning Commission, and other committees and have served on several Town committees. The ability of Council members to listen to one another and have thoughtful discussions of matters of policies, finances, and other issues brought by the citizens has been a distinguishing feature of this town's government. Sarah Wernikoff has proved herself again and again to be well informed about the needs of the town and the requirements of local and state regulations and laws. I sincerely endorse her election to the office of Mayor for the 2024 term, following our small town tradition. I know that Sarah will provide the leadership needed for the challenges our town faces.

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John Richards

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2 Oral Communications

10. Comment

Honorable Council Members,

I sincerely hope that the side-show attempt to politicize our mayoral selection process is only that, nothing but a juvenile side-show. To those in town who profess to want to preserve our small-town government, please be aware that this politicization is exactly the opposite of what you are advocating. Our 50-plus year history following the established tradition of appointing the mayor based on seniority is rooted in the small-town character that we all cherish.

You are all clearly dedicated to the success of our town. I know from my 13 years that the perks of being a council member are often hard to define, but simply having the opportunity to complete the job and serve as mayor is clearly one of them. Sarah has certainly earned it. Please preserve our small town character and carry on the tradition.

Thank you for your service!

-John Richards

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Jerry Shefren

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10. Comment

I strongly urge the Council to follow their usual rotation for mayor and vice-mayor. Going out of rotation by not selecting Sarah Wernikoff as the new mayor would be an unfortunate precedent for the future that would move the Council elections into a political battle every election. All of the Council members have been elected to serve by a majority of the town residents and to deprive the residents of having one of their elected representatives by-passed for no valid reason means you would be disenfranchising those voters.

Sarah has worked very hard in her role as a Council member, always speaks respectfully to all members of the Council and the community and is a wise and talented member of the Council. If the vote on Wednesday does not elect her as major for the coming term it will further polarize our community for no benefit.

As a Council member, if your vote for officers always is based on whether you agree with the next rotational member, you will not be helping to bring our community back together.

Sincerely,
Jerry Shefren



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1. First and Last Name

Mary Nam

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12/13/2023

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10. Comment

I still support Affordable Housing and am watching the process closely. I hope Town Council will optimize all efforts to acquire certification of our HE by the next deadline on 1/31/24.

I am not in support of missing or failing the 1/31/24 certification deadline as this is wasteful and does not support the process.

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Katherine Rhine Gilpin

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94028-7821

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12/13/2023

9. Agenda Item number or name

Affordable Housing

10. Comment

Dear Town Council,

Hi there! Attached is a letter supporting Affordable Housing and requesting the Town Council optimize efforts, finish the work, and submit the housing plan for certification by the 1/31/2024 deadline.

In this final push for a certified Affordable Housing plan, please also remember the over 230+ endorsers who signed the May letter in support of Affordable Housing.

Thank you for taking town leadership roles and managing the many complicated issues.

Warmly,

Katherine

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12_12_24 Letter to Town Councel re_Affordable Hosuing (7) (1).pdf

Thank you,
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By signing the letter below, you understand this letter will be shared with Town Council. It will be sent at 11am tomorrow, Wednesday, in advance of the Wednesday meeting and, possibly, again as more signers join the letter. Share with your network that feels similarly.

12/12/2023

Dear Town Council,

I support Affordable Housing. Please optimize efforts, finish the work and submit the Housing Plan for certification by the 1/31/24 deadline.

Katherine Gilpin

- 15 year resident
- Involved in schools, PVSD and President WHS Foundation 2021-Present
- Former Alpine Hills Youth Committee Co-Chair
- Parents of two teens at WHS

Sue Ten

- 9 year resident
- Former Board member PVSF and current Board member WHSF
- Two children who attended PVSD and WHS.

Crystal Ciancutti

- 17 year resident
- Past chair of the PV Holiday Fair
- Co-founder of the PV Women's Club
- Three kids in the PV School District

Tammy Crown

- 20 year resident
- Former PVSF Advisory Board member
- Two children who attended PVSD.

Jeff Klugman

- 20 year resident
- Former PVSD Board Member; Former PVSD School Board President
- Two children who attended PVSD.

May Chen

- 20 year resident
- Prior PVSD Volunteer
- Medical Oncologist (MD) at Stanford
- Two children who attended PVSD.

Kei Befu

Anna Busse

- 7 year resident
- Stanford Professor
- PV Ranch Board Member
- 3 children who attend PVSD and Woodside

Kwok Lau

- 37 year resident
- Friends of the Portola Library - coPresident
- Former Alpine Hills Club Board President
- Past PVSD parent volunteer - 2 children
- Active in Bay Area Nonprofits

Susan Silberman

- 11 year resident
- Former PVSD volunteer, current WHS volunteer
- Child attended PVSD schools and currently at WHS

Aimee Armsby

- 13-year resident
- Member, PV School District Board of Trustees
- Alpine Hills Board Member
- PV Ad Hoc Housing Element Committee member
- Woodside HS Foundation Board member
- Past President, PV Schools Foundation
- Member, SMC Countywide Oversight Board
- 2 kids + 2 stepkids attended PV schools

Elizabeth Holmes

- 16 year resident
- Interior Designer with in town business
- 3 children PVSD k-8
- 2 currently at Priory

Mike Armsby

- 13-year resident
- Former President and Board member of Alpine Hills Swim & Tennis Club
- Finance Committee for Portola Valley Schools Foundation
- 4 kids who all attended PV schools

Sarah Dorahy

- 11 year resident
- Former PTO President Ormondale
- Former PVSD Auction Co-Chair
- 3 children attended PV schools

Maryann Moise

- 31 year resident
- Former PV Council Mayor/Councilmember (17 years)
- Former San Mateo County Board Member OneShoreline, CCAG, Express Lanes, Library JPA, Commute.org, Heart
- Board Member Peninsula and South Bay YIMBY Action
- Former PTO President Corte Madera
- Former PVSD Foundation Member
- Former PVSD Bond Measure Co-Chair
- 2 children attended PV Schools

Rebecca Flynn

- 23 year resident
- ASCC
- ADU Ambassador
- PV Sustainability committee
- PV Water Conservation Committee
- PV Parks & Rec committee
- Town Center Committee
- PVSD bond measure oversight committee
- 2 children attended PV schools
- Former PVSD volunteer

- Former WHS volunteer
- Sequoia High School PTA Treasurer
- PVForum founder and moderator (19 years)

Dave Cardinal

- 35-year resident
- Founding member of PV's original Website Committee
- Former volunteer with PVSD, PVSF, WFPD, and FOPVL
- Former President Alpine Hills Tennis & Swim Club
- Big believer in bringing economic diversity to our town

Jerry Shefren

- 40 year resident of Portola Valley and 10 year resident of Ladera
- Director of the Sequoia Healthcare District
- Member Emergency Preparedness Committee
- CERT member PV Branch
- Strongly believe in affordable housing in PV

Lorrie Duval

- 35-year year resident of Portola Valley
- Former Member, Emergency Preparedness and Wildfire Preparedness Committees
- Former Board Member, CERPP, WFPD's early Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program
- Former Board Member, Friends of the Portola Valley Library (FOPVL)
- One daughter attended PVSD schools
- Volunteer coordinator, Portola Valley Neighborhood Watch
- Strongly believe in affordable housing in PV

Jane Wilson

- 20 year resident
- ASCC (current Chair)
- Former Parks and Recreation Committee
- Former PTO President, Corte Madera
- Former PVSD volunteer
- Former Woodside High School Foundation Board member
- Former Friends of Portola Valley Library (10 years)
- 2 children attended PV schools
- Former Co-chair of Portola Valley Holiday Fair
- Co-founder Portola Valley Quilting Group

- Friends of Sausal Creek volunteer

Randy Von Feldt

- Former PV Schools Foundation Co-President
- Former Board Member Alpine Hills
- 22 year resident

Debbie Dalzell and Mark Wilson

- 30 year residents
- Alpine Hills Members
- Kids attended PV Schools

Katherine H Terhune (aka Ratcliff)

- 51 year resident
- Active with many meetings and pursuits of committees. (never formally a volunteer as yet)

Bill Unger

- 15 year Portola Valley Resident

Anne Kopf-Sill

- 35-year Portola Valley resident
- Former member and chair of PV Emergency Preparedness Committee
- Currently, PV Planning Commissioner
- Planning Commissioner representative to PV's Ad Hoc Housing Element Committee
- Former member (6 years) and Chair (2 years) of Woodside High School Foundation
- Chair (many years) of Woodside High School's Season of Sharing Program

Caroline Diarte Edwards

- 8 year PV resident
- Owner of international admissions coaching business
- 4 children through PVSD; 2 currently at CMS, 2 at Priory
- Regular school volunteer at PVSD and Priory
- Former AYSO board member

Heriberto Diarte

- 8 year PV resident
- Venture investor
- 4 children through PVSD; 2 currently at CMS, 2 at Priory
- Ex member of PV's Parks and Recreation Committee
- Ex member of the PV School Foundation and the PV School Audit committee
- Current member of Woodside Priory Board of Trustees

John Richards

- 58 year resident
- Former Town Council member / mayor (13 years)
- Former Planning Commission member (4 years)
- Former ASCC member (8 years)
- Attended Portola Valley schools, as did 2 kids
- Architect and builder of 16 ADU's in PV

Sharon Richards

- 38 year resident
- Put up with husband on the council for 13 years

Alex Von Feldt

- 22 year resident
- 2 children in PV Schools
- Former Conservation Committee member, ASCC Commissioner and Planning Commissioner
- Friends of Sausal Creek member
- Local environmental leader who sees the need for affordable housing to allow young environmental professionals an option to stay in our community

Al Sill

- 35 year resident
- Past member and chair of Water Conservation Committee
- Past member and chair of the ASCC
- Past member of Sustainability and Wildfire Preparedness Committees
- Vice-chair of ad hoc housing element committee

Matt Rollefson

- 12 year resident
- 2 children in PV schools

Joyce Shefren

- 40 year resident in PV–10 previous years in Ladera
- Former Board member of League of Women Voters of South San Mateo County
Chair of housing committee for LWVSSMC
- Former member of Trails Committee in PV
- Strong supporter of affordable housing in PV

Brooke Day

- 13 year resident
- Former PTO President, Ormondale
- Former PVSD Board Member; Former PVSD School Board President
- Child attended PVSD and Woodside Priory in Portola Valley.
- Current PVSD Parcel Tax Committee Member

Neil Day

- 13 year resident
- Former PVSD Volunteer
- Child attended PVSD and Currently attends Woodside Priory in Portola Valley.

Dan Cornew

- 25 year resident
- Former PVSD Volunteer
- 4 Children attended PVSD

Rosalie Cornew

- 25 year resident
- Former PVSD Volunteer
- 4 Children attended PVSD
- Founder of Portola Valley new family welcome program
- Town volunteer

Mary Nam

- 13 yr resident
- 2 children attended PVSF

Serra B. Simbeck

- 19 year resident
- 3 children attended PVSD
- Former Co-President PV Schools Foundation
- Former Co-Chair PV Schools Endowment
- Strong believer in need for affordable housing in PV to allow for a more diverse and inclusive community

Mauricio Simbeck

- 19 year resident
- 3 children attended PVSD
- Local Latino business owner
- Supporter of local affordable housing to allow for a more diverse and inclusive community

Linda Kamran

- 9 year resident
- 4 children attend PVSD & Woodside HS
- Current Co-President, PV Schools Foundation
- Chair, PV Schools Parcel Tax Campaign

Steve Toben

- 32 year resident
- Former mayor (2006, 2010)
- Former member, PV Town Council (2003-11)
- Former PV Planning Commissioner (199-2003)

Jon Goulden

- 37 year resident
- Current Planning Commissioner
- Former Co-President, PV Schools Foundation
- Former parent volunteer at Ormondale and Corte Madera
- Former cub scout leader
- Partner at Silicon Valley Social Ventures

Patty White

- 23 year resident
- Former parent and volunteer at Ormondale and Corte Madera
- 2 children attended PV Schools

Susan McLaughlin

- 12 year resident
- Former PTO President Ormondale
- Former parent volunteer at Ormondale and Corte Madera
- Treasurer, Measure Z Campaign
- 2 children attended PV schools

Amy White

- 23 year resident
- Attended Ormondale and Corte Madera
- Employee at Roberts Market and Woodside Priory

-Submitted to Town Council at 11:15am Wed, 12/13/24-

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December 12, 2023

Dear Mayor Aalfs, Vice Mayor Wernikoff, Councilmember Taylor, Councilmember Hasko and Councilmember Hufty.

After watching the “This WUI Life” video by Mr. Turcott posted on the PV Forum, I feel compelled to write in defense of one of Portola Valley’s most honorable and cherished traditions—the rotation of the Mayor each December.

I was a Portola Valley Town Councilmember and four-time Mayor for 17 years, and reorganization night in mid-December was always a low key, calm and congenial event when the Vice Mayor was elevated to Mayor by a vote of the Council. During my tenure, there was one Councilmember who was not nominated for Vice Mayor or Mayor for reasons I will not discuss, but even he knew that he didn’t have the votes and as such, he did not push the issue. Other than that exception, all my colleagues had a chance to serve as Vice Mayor and Mayor, some multiple times.

In Portola Valley, if you serve on the Council and you have a good working relationship with your colleagues and the Town Manager, you will serve as Vice Mayor. Generally, four Councilmembers will also serve as Mayor. Everyone who serves two terms will serve at least one term as Mayor.

Over the years, councils in other cities have made news with combative re-org meetings and lengthy votes with results that split the council and left everyone in the room feeling disappointed. I was always proud that Portola Valley took the high road on re-org night with no drama, following established protocol.

It is unfortunate that Vice Mayor Wernikoff was not able to serve as Mayor last year thereby throwing off the routine, but she had an extraordinary reason. This year the Council has the opportunity to get back on track and vote in Vice Mayor Wernikoff as Mayor, a position she is due based upon our tradition and her experience. And given this past tumultuous year and the one ahead, a modicum of institutional knowledge and experience is highly needed since the Mayor, Vice Mayor and Town Manager set the agenda, deal with the major issues and to a certain extent due to the Brown Act, run the Town.

I do wish to point out that a few of Mr. Turcott’s assertions did not ring true to me. We have not used the highest vote count as criteria for Mayor because we have not deemed it best practice. Some cities do and I have seen the unfortunate consequences that can occur. Historically, those who have served on the Portola Valley Council are not seeking higher office nor are they looking for perceived status as Mayor; they serve as unpaid volunteers to help the community. Also of note, the candidate with the highest vote count is often the one who has never served on the Council and therefore has not had to make controversial votes that have angered a portion of the voting public. A fresh face has no baggage.

This has been an exceptionally difficult year for the Portola Valley Town Council, but you are all still standing! Please pay forward the recent stability our new Town Manager has brought to Town and choose the Vice Mayor as Mayor for 2024.

Thank you for your service. I know firsthand how taxing this job is and you are all appreciated.

Warmly,

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