

## Jon Maginot

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**From:** Roberta Phillips  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 21, 2020 1:31 PM  
**To:** City Council; Jon Maginot  
**Subject:** Council meeting March 24 Item #6  
**Attachments:** Bus Barn Agreement.pdf

Dear Council, Chris Jordan and Jon Maginot  
Would you please read this into the record at the March 24th Council meeting.  
Item # 6 City Council 2020 Priorities

At the February Council meeting when discussing the topic of a Theater Downtown, Vicki Reeder of the Bus Barn Theater said

" Just give us the land"

According to a report given by Jim Sandoval our public land is assessed at nine and a half million dollars an acre with a new appraisal due in March. In these times when all investment portfolios are down 33% how can anyone consider granting a long term lease at \$1.00 a year? Are you thinking of removing a parking lot in downtown , and then asking the tax payers for the money to build a parking structure or underground parking? Our public land belongs to all the tax paying residents. Measure C ( although it may not have been written perfectly ) was aimed at NOT allowing special or favored groups to get control of our land without a vote. Over 7000 residents spoke out with their vote against such an idea. It would be one thing if you were considering building a facility to care for Corona Virus victims or other critically ill medical patients, but you are not.

The Bus Barn Theater is already on public land and they are receiving the use of that land for free. ( see attached Bus Barn Agreement) Now you are considering giving them more of our precious land.

No profits from the Bus Barn Theater, Neutra House or use of public lands by the Friends of the Library is given back to the City of Los Altos. The City needs to look at cost recovery if we want to provide essential police and fire services in the future. We need to keep our City finances in the black, provide essential services and not pick and choose who is the favorite son or group in Los Altos that will receive financial benefit from our city coffers our land.

With the Corona virus upon us, I am asking that you NOT prioritize this item and focus on public safety and creating objective standards for our zoning codes.

Topic: REACH Codes:

This priority should be delayed until the required "Cost Effectiveness Study" proves that an all electric home or condo is on par financially with using a mix of gas and electric. Currently gas is a third of the price of electricity. With a goal to create more low income housing, how is it justified to burden the people who will live in these dwellings with higher energy bills? Community outreach has not happened, and rushing the REACH codes through is ill advised . I believe REACH codes will not be well received by the community once all the facts are revealed. I do not want the freedom of choice taken away. People who purchase the new homes or condos should be able to choose the type of energy they want to use to heat their homes or cook their meals. Just like Silicon Valley Clean Energy allows people to opt-out, that right should be extended to all energy users when building new housing or remodeling existing homes. There should be incentives to have people use electricity vs., gas, not laws that penalize the most vulnerable portions of the population. I know many seniors who do not heat their homes because of the very high costs of energy in California. We all are aware of Global warming and do a lot to minimize our impact on the environment. The REACH codes are not mandatory nor will they do much or anything to decrease green house gases.

Sincerely

Roberta Phillips

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**From:** Chris Jordan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 24, 2020 7:54 PM  
**To:** Jon Maginot  
**Subject:** FW: open letter

**From:** Dennis Young  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 3:14 PM  
**To:** City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>; Chris Jordan <cjordan@losaltosca.gov>; Dennis Hawkins <dhawkins@losaltosca.gov>; jmaginot@losaltodca.gov  
**Subject:** open letter

Please read the following into the record during public comments time

Dear Mayor Pepper, Councilmembers, Our City Manager and City Clerk,

I just read the letter to the Council from Roberta Phillips to be read into the record at this Council Meeting. She continues her campaign of misinformation, misunderstanding and half-truths. Much like her campaign for Measure C (which she refuses to accept was soundly defeated by the smart Los Altos voters) she has her own, strange view of reality.

In her letter she continues to attack the Friends of the Library, Bus Barn Theatre (now called Los Altos Stage Company) and Neutra House. These are all **community assets**. They are not private for profit entities. They deserve the support of the City. Los Altos would not be Los Altos without a library or community theatre. They, all three, enhance our community. Please don't give her ramblings any credence.

I am not on the Board of any of these valuable entities. I write as a concerned citizen wanting you to know that many of us (the majority I believe) care about our cultural and community assets and want you to continue to support them however you can.

Thank you

Dennis Young

A proud citizen of Los Altos since 1977.

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