

LOS ALTOS RESIDENTS PRIORITIES - CITY COUNCIL 2020

1. Increase fiscal accountability and transparency by publishing the following reports on the City's website on a monthly basis :
 - a. All expenditures by the City including all operating expenditures and all reserve account expenditures
 - b. Income from all sources
 - c. Running actual v. budget for every budget line item including all projects
2. City administrative functions to operate accurately, completely and in a timely manner.
For example:
 - a. The agendas for City Council Regular Meetings, Closed Sessions, Study Sessions and Special Sessions should be accurate and posted in a timely fashion as should all their associated documents.
 - b. City Council Meeting Minutes should be accurately prepared and posted no later than 1 week past the Meeting date.
 - c. Videos of City Council Meetings should be posted the day after the Council Meeting and the links posted for the videos should link to the correct Council Meeting.
 - d. Public Record Requests should be fulfilled within 10 days as required by law.
3. Direct City Staff to prepare more objective staff reports that provide more complete information regarding the "Pros" and "Cons" for each Project/Decision.
4. Finalize agreement with the developer and create a City Park at 745 Distel.
5. Finalize agreement with the property owner of 999 Fremont Ave and demolish the existing building.
6. Implement the Loyola Corners Specific Plan in its entirety no later than 3 years from the date the 999 Fremont Ave property officially becomes City-owned property.
7. Maintain the Los Altos Heritage Orchard in a manner that will allow the apricot trees to thrive. For example, plant more apricot trees to fill out the orchard space, trees that are a bit more mature than are currently planted. Provide water in an amount to allow the trees to flourish. Change the zoning of the Heritage Orchard to make it a park.
8. Increase traffic safety and decrease excessive traffic on residential streets by: (a) mitigating excessive traffic on residential streets; (b) implementing the City of Los Altos June 28, 2011 Collector Traffic Calming Plan; and (c) enforcing all traffic laws.
9. Prioritize the order of items on the Agenda of City Council Regular Meetings according to the number of persons in the audience who wish to speak on an item and have filled out and turned in a speaker's card. Any item that has a person, even one person, who wishes to speak about it, should precede any Item on the Items for Discussion/Action that do not have speakers associated with them. We ask the presiding Mayor to give precedence to Items with speakers out of respect for those speakers who are motivated to participate in their local government.
10. Hold City Council Meetings in Council Chambers and restore quality Channel 26 broadcasting.
11. Complete the designation of Hillview Park as a Park. We know it's complicated, but it can and should be done.

From: [Chris Jordan](#)
To: [Department Heads Group](#)
Subject: FW: City Council Goal Setting
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 11:07:02 AM

FYI

From: Cathy Lazarus [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2020 10:44 AM
To: City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>
Cc: Chris Jordan <cjordan@losaltosca.gov>; robin abrams [REDACTED]; Curtis Cole [REDACTED]; Kim Cranston [REDACTED]; Bill Sheppard [REDACTED]; Marie Young [REDACTED] >
Subject: City Council Goal Setting

February 4, 2020

Honorable Mayor Pepper and City Council:

As you prepare to set 2020 goals for our city, Los Altos Community Voices asks you to consider the following suggestions as city goals or objectives. We recognize most of these are multi-year in nature but beginning feasibility and other studies now will enable the City and community to plan for future implementation strategically.

The suggestions are:

- Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness: Develop a plan of actions or strategies to assure the community and first responders are prepared for a disaster.
- Loyola Corners: Work with the community to develop priorities to implement the Loyola Corners Specific Plan.
- Grant Park: Develop a Master Plan for civic facilities at Grant Park, engaging all segments of the South Los Altos Community.
- Downtown Vision: Conduct a review of what has been accomplished against the Phase 1 deliverables and what deliverables in Phase 2 and 3 can be accelerated.

Thank you for the consideration and all you do on behalf of our residents.

The Los Altos Community Voices Steering Committee:

Robin Abrams, Curtis Cole, Kim Cranston, Cathy Lazarus, Bill Sheppard, Marie Young

Attachment 3 - Public Comment

From: [Chris Jordan](#)
To: [Dennis Hawkins](#)
Subject: FW: Please make affordable a top priority
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 8:30:03 AM

From: Darwin & Donna Poulos [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, February 05, 2020 8:27 AM
To: City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>
Subject: Please make affordable a top priority

[REDACTED]
Los Altos, CA 94024

February 4, 2020

Mayor Jan Pepper
Members of the City Council of Los Altos

Re: Council Retreat, Wednesday, February 5, 2020 – 4-8pm

Dear Mayor Jan Pepper, Vice Mayor Neysa Fligor, Council Members Jeanne Bruins, Lynette Lee Eng, and Anita Enander:

My husband, Darwin, and I again strongly urge you to make construction of affordable housing the top priority of Los Altos. The amount of affordable housing in Los Altos is shameful. The hundreds of people who work in our community: our own firefighters, policemen, teachers, city staff members, store clerks, restaurant workers and those who care for many of our gardens and homes; should be able to live here. WE CAN AND MUST DO BETTER!

At last year's "Affordable Housing Forum" on January 31st, we saw photographs of completed housing projects in Mountain View and Palo Alto that were beautifully designed to fit the character of a neighborhood. Let's move forward and build our fair share, allowing those who work here, to live here.

Thank you for considering our input,
Donna and Darwin Poulos

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Jan Pepper](#); [Neysa Fligor](#); [Jeannie Bruins](#); [Anita Enander](#); [Jon Maginot](#); [Jon Biggs](#); [Lynette Lee Eng](#); [Dennis Hawkins](#); [Chris Jordan](#)
Subject: City Council Retreat Priority - 745 Distel, CT zones, open space and the North Village
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 9:09:56 AM

Dear City Council and Staff,

I support you in your planning for 2020, but please don't backtrack on your commitments from 2019.

The residents of Casita, Marich, and Distel, impacted by the 5150 El Camino development, fought (and cooperated) long, hard, and fair to gain concessions around quality of life to help mitigate the growth in development along the El Camino Corridor.

Planning doesn't need to be punitive. We can make Los Altos a better place with a little empathy and care. We can work together to move forward, not backward. Backtracking on these commitments, you send a clear message to the residents, both here now and soon to move in.

We asked for privacy and open space to accommodate us and the 200 families about to occupy 5150 El Camino.

Respectfully,

Move forward with 745 Distel. Move forward, not backwards, and give us our first park in North Los Altos.

Commit to stronger CT commitments in zoning and planning. – put city services on the ground floor (library, planning, records) – mixed use matters.

Look for opportunities for open space.– continue being aggressive about finding and purchasing open spaces.

You can put a big dent in your RHNA numbers and 2020 goals, **while** mitigating the impact. You can do it.

The North Village deserves it. Los Altos deserves it.

Thanks.

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Pierre Bedard



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From: [Chris Jordan](#)
To: [Dennis Hawkins](#)
Subject: FW: Please make public safety/emergency preparedness and response workforce housing a City Council priority for 2020
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 8:12:55 AM

[More public comment received last week for tonight's meeting.](#)

From: Kim Cranston [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 2:22 PM
To: City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>
Subject: Please make public safety/emergency preparedness and response workforce housing a City Council priority for 2020

Dear Mayor Pepper and Council Members,

I am writing to ask you to please make public safety/emergency preparedness and response workforce housing a City Council priority for 2020.

During the Los Altos Community Coalition meeting Friday, January 17 on "Earthquakes, wildfires and power outages – Los Altos Emergency Preparedness and Response," with City Manager Chris Jordan and Los Altos City Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Ann Hepenstal, we learned that when the next "big one" happens or the hills are ablaze with wildfires next summer, there may not be as many police, firefighters, health care workers, city staff and other critically needed personnel in town as would be ideal because very few of them actually live in Los Altos and the vast majority of them have significant commutes that could be disrupted by an earthquake or wildfires. Here is a link to the video of the program, which I strongly encourage you to watch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LCt3LU-dSJs>

In a follow-up meeting on Friday, January 24, many people interested in having workforce housing for the public safety and emergency preparedness and response personnel we want more of in our community discussed how developing a solution isn't simple and will require analysis of several things, including:

1. Who should be considered the public safety and emergency preparedness and response workforce?
2. What kinds of housing would encourage them to live in Los Altos ("if you build it, will they come?" – many such workforce personnel have homes and families and may not want to move but a shorter commute and/or our schools may attract some and new hires may find this of great interest)?
3. To what extent is this a sub-regional problem involving a variety of governments, agencies and districts including Los Altos, neighboring cities (which have the identical problem), Santa Clara County, fire districts, health care providers, water districts, etc. that need to collaborate to develop solutions?

4. What are financing options?

Of course, public safety and emergency preparedness and response workforce housing should be part of a larger plan to assure the community and first responders are prepared for a disaster.

We concluded that an important next step to having public safety and emergency preparedness and response workforce housing to better protect our community is to encourage the Los Altos City Council to make it priority this year.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kim Cranston

