

Written Comments for
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CEO_BoardFeedback

From: AOL-E-mail System <jzierolf@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, June 7, 2024 4:47 PM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback

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I WAS JUST LOOKING AT YOUR TAX ON PROPERTY
I AM 91 YEARS OLD MY INCOME IS THE SAME AS IT WAS 5 YEARS AGOE
ITS NOT GOING UP MY INCOME IS NOT KEEPING UP WITH MY NEEDS

RAYMOND ZIEROLF
1649 JAMES AVE
REDWOOD CITY

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Sarah Gaeta <stanfdfn@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 7, 2024 7:39 PM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Please vote NO on ACA-1

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This bill would increase our property taxes which are already too high based on exaggerated land prices in the Bay Area, and especially in San Mateo County. We almost can't afford the home we purchased in 2003 due to increasing costs in taxes, insurance, utilities and maintenance. Passing this bill will force many to leave the state. I'm born and raised in San Mateo County and hope to find a way to retire here (long shot). Please don't force me to leave not of my own choosing.

Sarah Gaeta
Unincorporated Menlo Oaks District

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Linda Green <lgreenski@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 8, 2024 5:24 AM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback

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Please no more property tax. I am 78 yrs. A widow and on a
a fixed income and still have a mortgage. Everything is going up and I will eventually be homeless
ThNk you
Linda Green

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CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Lois MacHale <lois.machale@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 8, 2024 10:29 AM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: ACA-1

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Please vote NO. Has not been successful in the past, and just costs more unnecessary money. thanks, Lois MacHale,
12352 Priscilla Lane, LAH

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: James Viola <jviola151@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 8, 2024 11:41 AM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: No on ACA -1

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

It is time to stop raising taxes in general. In this particular case we have spent billions of dollars but failed to track the spending and outcomes. That is unconscionable.

Some questions:

- Do we have a plan that will really end this problem?
- What is the real information we need? I assume we should know the real number of homeless, the percentage that can realistically function on their own with help(& what kind) to get them in homes and the percentage that cannot function on their own.
- Then we need a plan and a place for both sets, the public streets are not acceptable.

A reasonable person would expect that if we are spending a billion dollars per year this information would be known and a plan made. If not, then we do not have reasonable people running this and we need changes. Throwing more hard-earned taxpayer money away is not the answer.

Part of the homeless problem is people can't afford to live here, however, the plan to fix it is to continue to increase the costs of living here. Does that sound reasonable to you? Add that on to energy costs that will only increase with current non-science based mandates that increase the cost of everything, the highest income taxes in the country, high sales, gas, etc. taxes and we wonder why people who can afford to move out of the state are doing so and the others are thining about it.

How about this, let's find the answers to the questions above and them determine a cost to fix it. Then find other places in the budget to cut. In fact find 2x as many places to cut as we have a huge deficit.

More than ever, we need serious politicians that understand deficit spending (i.e. And handle the government budget like their own home budget). The tax pool is not infinite.

Please stop raising the costs to live here! You are hurting everyone.

Thank you.

Jim Viola
201-452-8924

JViola151@gmail.com

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Kathy Schoendorf <kschoendorf@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, June 8, 2024 11:47 AM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: New Property Tax

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I strongly object to this new tax. I am a Senior on a fixed income & it would place a burden on my finances. Past spending has failed to resolve the homeless issue and this will not help.

As the ballot measure is being proposed for the entire 9 County Bay Area and will cost each property owner about \$190 per year for each million dollar in assessed value (can go to as high as \$342 per million). While the stated intent is to solve the homeless crisis, historic spending has not improved this situation. Please vote no on ACA-1

Kathryn Schoendorf
2076 Manzanita Ave.
Menlo Park, CA 94025

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Dennis Payne <denpayne@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, June 8, 2024 1:10 PM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Strongly oppose ACA-1

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I'm a constituent and strongly oppose ACA-1. Please vote no on ACA-1.

Enough is enough property tax!!

We are being taxed to death. I've voted for every parcel tax increase (and I'm not voting for any more) for our schools, but the fact is, we shouldn't have to supplement our schools or homeless funding with a separate parcel tax, it's ridiculous!!

The amount of money this state brings in from employer taxes, sales tax, property tax, etc is more than enough, if managed correctly. We home owners should not have foot this bill... absolutely ludicrous. Especially when there is not enough accountability of past spent funds. While the stated intent is to solve the homeless crisis, historic spending has not improved this situation - past spending has failed to resolve this crisis, and here is an article on this very issue:

California fails to track its homelessness spending or results, a new audit says

<https://calmatters.org/housing/homelessness/2024/04/california-homelessness-spending/>

Lastly, our governor just got his homeless bill passed, just barely. It's for solving the homeless problem... take the money out of that, not from home owners!! This is not our obligation to fund.

Please vote no on ACA-1.

Dennis Payne
931 Round Hill Road
Redwood City, CA 94061
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(650) 366-0332

"The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails." - William Arthur Ward

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Eduardo Arias <eduardo.arias6@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 8, 2024 2:36 PM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: ACA-1

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Hi Board Members:

In my humble opinion I do not want my property taxes to go up. I am already paying thru the nose and I do not want to see taxes on my property to go up which this ACA-1 is permitting.

No new Taxes!!!!

Eduardo Arias
10460 Albertsworth Ln.
Los Altos Hills, CA 94024-6401

Sent from my iPhone

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Brad Phillips <bgphillips@att.net>
Sent: Saturday, June 8, 2024 2:35 PM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: VOTE NO ON ACA-1

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Exorbitant CA spending on homelessness has not resolved the crisis, which will never be resolved as long as government subsidizes this condition.

It shouldn't be profitable to be homeless. Substance users should be forced to have treatment and the drifters should not be subsidized in any way.

Please vote no on ACA-1.

Respectfully,

Bradford Phillips
Menlo Park, CA

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Vincent Kowski <vbk1954@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 9, 2024 6:47 AM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Aca-1

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Stop raising taxes in Redwood City you already put a tax on property tax . We can't afford food or gas look around you

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CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Vincent Kowski <vbk1954@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 9, 2024 7:23 AM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: ACA-1

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We absolutely cannot afford another tax !!! We are barely surviving now people.
Gas, food, PG&E, insurance, property tax, etc... have all gone up dramatically and you want to add yet another tax ? Get real people before all of San Mateo county goes homeless because you are taxing us to death. This madness must stop.

Sincerely, Vincent Kowski - broke taxpayer

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CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Nick Forlenza <forlenza1@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 9, 2024 7:55 AM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: ACA-1

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Please vote no on this measure. Taxes on homeowners are already so high, not to mention the inflation on groceries and gas. I love this area and would hate to be forced to leave because of money constraints. Past spending on homelessness has not been tracked and so far has not worked in solving the crisis. When Governor Newsome took office we were in the black and now we are in the red and the crisis has not been solved. It's actually gotten worse. Please vote no on this measure and protect those of us who have paid our fair share of taxes and have supported our communities for many years. Thank you for listening. Sharon Forlenza.

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CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Gayle Steele <gsteele18@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 9, 2024 8:43 AM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: ACA-1 Vote NO

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I beg you to do the right thing and vote NO on ACA-1! Previous spending has not made a dent in addressing this problem
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CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Barbara Dietze <junopalm@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 9, 2024 9:06 AM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: NO on AC1

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Homeowners are not responsible financially for homeless. With Biden inflation it's all we can do to pay our property taxes. No More Financial Burden on Property Owners.

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CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Jerry Rexroth <rexabar@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 9, 2024 9:19 AM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: No Property tax increase

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Please do not increase our property tax. As a senior on a fixed income approximately 30 years ago we purchased a duplex in Redwood City to supplement our retirement. During that time we kept our rent very low so that young family's could raise there children. With pending rent control and this tax increase it will not only create a hardship on my wife and I this will extend to our tenets also forcing substantial rent increase that is now below market value. Just spend less. Thank you Jerry and Annie Rexroth

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CEO_BoardFeedback

From: anne rexroth <anneshinerexroth@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 9, 2024 9:43 AM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: No Property tax increase

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Please do not increase property taxes I am a senior living on a fixed income and this will be a hardship on our household and others in the county. I'm tired of all the increases, groceries, gas, healthcare etc. When will these increases end.

Here's a word for you Budget, use it to better serve the community. Thank you, Annie Rexroth

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Lina Fava <lmf365@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 9, 2024 3:15 PM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: ACA2

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Please vote no

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CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Jim Bolton <jim.bolton3@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 9, 2024 3:30 PM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback

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I am writing to strongly urge you not to vote in favor of ACA-1.

Homelessness is a serious problem, but it can not and will not be solved by legislative action. People can not afford to live in the Bay Area any longer, but ACA-1 will not improve the situation, It will only increase government spending. Back in 1978 when Proposition 13 was passed, it had overwhelming support because legislators could not constrain their spending, and homeowners, particularly the elderly were being forced out of their homes. We have since seen increases to our property taxes through various means. I do not want us to regress to a situation like the one that existed in 1978.. ACA-1 will not solve the homeless problem previous government spending programs have shown that.government intervention will only make it worse and will create unintended consequences.

I want to express my very strong opinion that ACA-1 is not good for residents of the Bay Area.

Jim

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Bree Vail <bree.vail@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 9, 2024 11:04 AM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Raising property taxes taxes

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Hello San Mateo County Government,

I am a resident of San Mateo county for 30. As a long time resident I have noticed that prices are out of control for all basic things. Electricity, water, food , all have become very costly.

Raising my property taxes does not sound timely or possible. Some San Mateo resident ms are retired, and on fixed incomes.

I am retired. Just paying the basic expenses say Gasoline , Food, Mortgage, Insurance all out of control. Those gas taxes are ridiculously high. Where does that money go . They were supposed to fix our roads .That clearly has not occurred!!

And now there is talk of raising property taxes, it too much!

Until the money already allocated for services that taxes are supposed to cover, I feel you're taking advantage of your constituents!

The lottery was supposed to pay for our school, that is clearly not occurring!!

We are being squeezed too tight! You may be creating more homeless people by increasing property taxes at this time!

I hope you realize how difficult this could make life for so many residents!

Please reconsider. Up the taxes on anyone driving a Cyber Truck! They clearly don't mind spending money on ridiculous things, and have money to spend!

Bree-Anna Vail

Woodside History Committee

Folger Barn Equestrian

Educator

Hairdresser Extraordinaire

From: [angela vans](#)
To: [CEO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: vote NO on ACA-1
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 9:52:17 AM

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all county supervisors:

we do not want to increase our property tax for homeless. we already paid more than enough property tax and income tax for all homeless cost. the county and state gov. need to spend our tax dollars wisely and efficiently on homeless cost. if the gov don't change the way of waste money on homeless issue, it will be never have enough money to solve homeless issue. plus, people become homeless is their personal issue and it is not the social issue. high cost living is equal condition to all. there is no discrimination to any individual. everyone pay the high price to live at bay area.

we do not want to pay extra money on property tax, since we already paying very high property tax to live at bay area.

if homeless truly need more funding, county gov and state gov should cut the county and state employee retirement funding contribution for homeless. currently, state employees and county employees retirees are taking huge pension cruising around the world and leave homeless on streets. state retirees pension and county retirees pension need to be reduced and the gov need to spend the pension to take care of people live on streets.

From: [Timothy Curren](#)
To: [CEO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: stop ACA-1
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 11:07:46 AM

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Timothy Curren
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Written Public Comment(s) for
Item No. 12



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DALY CITY

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June 3, 2024

Jan Stokley
Housing and Community Development Supervisor
San Mateo County Department of Housing
264 Harbor Boulevard
Belmont, CA 94002

RE: Support for 493 EASTMOOR AVE

Dear Ms. Stokley,

I would like to express the City's continuing full support of the 493 Eastmoor Ave development and of Core Affordable Housing. We support their recent application to the County's AHF 12.0 funding round and their recommended award. This award would allow them to make a successful CDLAC application in August and have the project underway in June of next year. Daly City has already committed significant funds, over \$7.7 million to the project. We have had initial discussions regarding a possible additional commitment. The City is excited to see this project move forward and for it to bring some much-needed affordable housing to the area. We hope the HCDC will Support the staff's current funding recommendation of \$9,512,046 for 493 Eastmoor.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Piccolotti
City Manager

Written Public Comment(s)
for **Item No. 16**

From: pandagolf@aol.com
To: [CEO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Regarding your discussion about roads in Menlo Oaks
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 4:05:07 PM

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The Menlo Oaks neighborhood is very rural—with narrow, winding streets, some of which jut around huge oak trees with roots in some cases going underneath streets. There are no sidewalks (or storm drains or "valley gutters", and many legally protected Significant and Heritage Oaks and Redwood trees sometime abut and overhang the streets. Their roots often run beneath the streets. Oaks and other large trees define our neighborhood, and they make Menlo Oaks a unique neighborhood on the Peninsula.

The attached photo should cause you to pause in your thinking about our roads. How could this street be widened? Where would valley gutters go? How many Oaks would be sacrificed?

The issues revolve around an effort by some residents in the neighborhood to get the County to change the roads within our community—to demolish some, reconstruct some, and widen others. Currently repairs to our streets consist of patching potholes, but not all that frequently. Slurry coating them once in a while is another less invasive option. It would be nice if we all had a schedule for ongoing maintenance, or possible slurry coating, before you decide that our roads should be changed so drastically.

Considerations about what would happen in every block were left to the results of a survey the County Department of Public Works constructed for ALL neighbors in Menlo Oaks to participate in. Those results were be given the BOS as part of its decision process, and you have those results now.

The issues dividing our community revolve around three things:

(1) the flawed process by which the County measured residents' desires about their streets as demonstrated below.

(2) the threat to trees near those streets, and

(3) the likelihood that widening the streets will increase traffic and increase vehicle speeds, creating a safety problem for our neighborhood streets--a safety problem that will get worse soon given nearby planned developments on Middlefield Road, at the old Sunset Magazine location; and at the USGS and SRI campuses. We are already one of only two ways to directly get from downtown Menlo Park to 101.

Much of the controversy revolves around the flawed process by which DPW measured our residents' desires for their streets in a survey. Many residents were excluded from the survey, and information has been sent to the BOS about that.

The questions in the survey were sometimes ambiguous (and perhaps coercive: "either accept wider streets or live with your potholes). And, some of the information provided to residents, for clarification, was received too late (after many had already voted), or it was inaccurate (about "valley gutters" being legally required).

A number of our residents think another survey needs to be drafted, and that the County staff should take time to eliminate any misrepresentations. It should also let the neighborhood know what the plans are for moving traffic from Menlo Park to 101. The County should also provide a plan showing how many trees might be impacted by road reconstruction as well as a plan for how to keep trees safe during any road construction—**all before the BOS ever votes on a Roads Standards Plan for Menlo Oaks.**

Please vote "No" on proceeding right now with a program to widen our streets. Please vote to have a new survey created to more accurately measure public opinion.

I have lived in Menlo Oaks for more than 30 years, and somehow, we have survived well with the streets we have. Fill our potholes and slurry coat our streets once in a while. We will be happy with that, and it will keep Menlo Oaks safe and save the County money it can use in other, more productive ways.

Judy Horst

From: [Karen Barr](#)
To: [CEO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Written Comment re Agenda Item #16
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 4:24:57 PM
Attachments: [Petition of Ringwood Ave homeowners opposing Study \(March 2024\).pdf](#)
[4-28-98 Menlo Oaks Road Standard \(Resolution # 61884\).pdf](#)

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Dear Supervisors,

I live on Ringwood Avenue in Menlo Oaks (“MO”) and oppose the Public Works Dept.’s (DPW) proposed Resolution, particularly paragraph 3, because it would change Ringwood’s and Coleman’s road standards without a homeowner survey.

In Resolution No. 61884, this Board adopted the existing width of roads as the MO road standard. The Resolution also provides that “future improvements will consist solely in maintaining the existing roads” and that this standard cannot be changed except by a property owner survey. The Sustainability Dept.’s Ringwood/Coleman Transportation Study (“Study”) violates this Road Standard because it would widen the roads and be more than simple road maintenance. Further, the County has conducted no survey of Ringwood or Coleman homeowners on changing the standard. The Road Standard, therefore, is controlling and dispositive.

Moreover, Ringwood property owners’ opposition to changing Ringwood’s width is shown conclusively by the attached petition, signed by 64% of homeowners.

The County has divested Ringwood/Coleman homeowners of our rights under the MO Road Standard and treated us like we are not part of MO. DPW excised Ringwood/Coleman from its MO Road Standards Project. Sustainability likewise failed to conduct the survey and ignored our communications about the Road Standard and the Study. Yet, Paragraph 3 would automatically incorporate the Study as our new road standard. Additionally, DPW gave us no voice on MO interior streets, deciding we never use them. To the contrary, many of us do drive and/or walk on them, and the character of our neighborhood is very important to all of us.

We respectfully request that you reject DPW’s resolution, strike paragraph 3 completely, or require a proviso that a separate survey on each street and Board approval of the Study must first occur.

Thank you for consideration of my comments.

Best,
Karen Barr

Attachments:

- (1) Menlo Oaks Road Standard, Resolution No. 61884, “Resolution Adopting the Existing Width of Roads in the Menlo Oaks Subdivision as the Road Standard for the Area” (adopted 4/28/98)
- (2) Ringwood Property Owner Petition (previously submitted to the Board on 3/26/24)

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Milt Mares, County Counsel
BCL, RO, MSA

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Resolution No. 61884

Board of Supervisors, County of San Mateo, State of California

**Resolution Adopting the Existing Width of Roads in the Menlo
Oaks as the Road Standard for the Area**

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of
California, that

WHEREAS, the Menlo Oaks Area is the unincorporated area north of Middlefield Road
which is generally bounded by the corporate limits of Atherton on the West and Menlo Park on
the North, East and South; and

WHEREAS, publicly maintained roads within the Menlo Oaks Area are part of the
County Maintained Road System and maintained by the County; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works surveyed property owners within the
Menlo Oaks Area by sending each of the 273 property owners a questionnaire to determine their
opinion on a minimum standard for road improvements that could be built in order to improve the
County's Maintained Road System in the area; and

WHEREAS, 193 property owners returned the questionnaire, and approximately
80 percent (80%) of those responding indicated that they did not want additional road
improvements; and

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County of San Mateo

WHEREAS, those responding that they did not want additional road improvements represent 56 percent (56%) of the total property owners in Menlo Oaks; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has recommended, based on the results of this survey, that the current width of the existing roads be used as the standard for the area and that future improvements will consist solely of maintaining the existing roads; and

WHEREAS, this Board has reviewed and considered the results of the survey as well as the recommendation of the Director of Public Works.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that:

1. The road standard for the Menlo Oaks Area is the current width of the existing roads.
2. Future improvements will consist solely of maintaining the existing roads until such time as the residents desire a different level of improvement as determined by a property owner survey or other means as approved by this or subsequent Boards of Supervisors.
3. The Director of Public Works shall cause to be prepared a standard drawing depicting the Road Standard for Menlo Oaks as hereinabove described and shall include said standard in the document entitled Standard Drawings for Public Improvement on file in the Department of Public Works.

Regularly passed and adopted this 28th day of April, 1998.

AYES and in favor of said resolution:

Supervisors:

TOM HUENING

RUBEN BARRALES

MICHAEL D. NEVIN

NOES and against said resolution:

Supervisors:

NONE

Absent Supervisors:

MARY GRIFFIN

Abstentions:

RICHARD S. GORDON

TOM HUENING

*President, Board of Supervisors
County of San Mateo
State of California*

Certificate of Delivery

(Government Code section 25103)

I certify that a copy of the original resolution filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County has been delivered to the President of the Board of Supervisors.


JOHN MALTBIE

County Manager/Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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1	PROPERTY OWNER SIGNATURES RECEIVED ON PETITION OPPOSING RINGWOOD TRANSPORTATION PLAN.							
2	PETITION AND SIGNATURE PAGES ARE ATTACHED HERETO							
3	Address	Names	Opposes Plan (Signed Petition)	Supports Plan	Undecided	Not Home	Vacant	
4	EAST SIDE OF RINGWOOD							
5	200 Ringwood	Sue Hubka-Young & Mel Gallen	x					
6	220 Ringwood	Rebecca Partridge	x					
7	240 Ringwood	Sarah Russell & Shawn Hardin			x			
8	250 Ringwood	Rita Ghandy	x					
9	260 Ringwood	Mei-Sze Chua & Vui Chiap Lam	x					
10	290 Ringwood	Yasir Sepah & Rubbia Afridi	x					
11	300 Ringwood	William & Melissa Maroun	x					
12	320 Ringwood	Carole Micaelian & Varouzhan Ebrahimian	x					
13	360 Ringwood	David & Karen Rubin	x					
14	390 Ringwood	Steve & Tricia Clark	x					
15	400 Ringwood	Arthur & Carole Ford and Richard & Judi Gordon	x					
16	410 Ringwood	Robbie & Bob Baxter				x		
17	420 Ringwood	Wensheng Mao & Zhe Xiong	x					
18	440 Ringwood	Mike & Rene Pyle	x					
19	460 Ringwood					x		
20	1099 Coleman	Ted & Mary Sapountzis	x					
21	1098 Coleman	John & Nicole Raff	x					
22	540 Ringwood	Gerard & Nathalie Brossard	x					
23	550 Ringwood	Karen Barr & John Horsley	x					
24	570 Ringwood	Janet Benson	x					
25	568 Ringwood	Penny & Gregory Gallo	x					
26	572 Ringwood	Penny & Gregory Gallo	x					
27	574 Ringwood	Penny & Gregory Gallo	x					
28	590 Ringwood	Anton Likhtarov & Sin Wa (Stella) Chui	x					
29	600 Ringwood	George Deglin & Anna Shedletsky	x					
30	660 Ringwood	Brad Baer & Pamela Shapiro Baer		x				
31	670 Ringwood	Martha (Tate) Cohn	x					
32	680 Ringwood	Robyn & Jason Wheeler		x				
33	1095 Colby	Mohammad Javanbakht & Iman Jeddi				x		
34	700 Ringwood						x	
35	780 Ringwood	Donna Ito & Josef Ruck				x		
36	788 Ringwood	Laurence J. Korn	x					
37	790 Ringwood	Nick & Athena Arvanitidis	x					
38	800 Ringwood	Carla Cassani	x					
39	890 Ringwood	Aleksandr Rabodzey & Natalie Panov				x		
40	894 Ringwood						x	
41	1 Fredrick Ct.	Daniel & Sharon Winnike	x					
42	4 Fredrick Ct.	Cynthia Dy			x			
43	964 Ringwood	Fadi & Haven Micaelian	x					
44	990 Ringwood					x		
45	WESTSIDE OF RINGWOOD							
46	37 Ringwood	Supna & Bimal Patel	x					
47	198 Toyon	Joseph & Emmy Liu	x					
48	199 Toyon				x			
49	47 Ringwood	Brian & Erin Armer				x		
50	96 Edge Rd.	Katti Kamath		x				
51	2 Altree Ct.	Howard Slayens			x			
52	1 Altree Ct.	Chris Nicholson		x				
53	1 Parkwood Dr.	Peter Watkins & Karen Moore	x					
54	2 Parkwood Dr.	Devanshi Bhandari				x		
55	79 Quail Ct.	Thomas (TM) & Kristen Kelly	x					
56	98 Fredrick Ave.					x		
57	97 Fredrick Ave.	John Riddle	x					
58	999 Ringwood	Stephen Albano & Yong Li Chen	x					
59	TOTALS:			34 (64.2%)	4 (7.5%)	4 (7.5%)	9 (17%)	2 (3.8%)
60	<u>53 Properties with Frontage or Secondary (Side Street) Frontage on Ringwood</u>							

PETITION TO OPPOSE ELEMENTS OF THE RINGWOOD PLAN IN THE COLEMAN AND RINGWOOD AVENUES TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Dear Supervisors and Committee Members:

The under-signed residents of Ringwood Avenue in the Menlo Oaks Subdivision of Menlo Park and those with secondary frontage on Ringwood oppose the plan for Ringwood described in the 2/8/24 Coleman & Ringwood Aves. Transportation Study - Draft Report¹ (“Draft Report”). The Ringwood plan contravenes SMC Board Resolution No. 61884, “Resolution Adopting the Existing Width of Roads in the Menlo Oaks Subdivision as the Road Standard for the Area,”² which states that “future improvements will consist solely in maintaining the existing roads.” Since this standard is controlling and Ringwood residents did not vote to change it, and the Ringwood plan is more than just maintenance, SMC cannot implement the proposed changes to Ringwood. We further oppose the Ringwood plan because:

1. It is a waste of taxpayers’ money to spend over \$8 million to have 20-24 feet of bike paths along Ringwood, including a 10-14 feet wide 2-way multi-use path (i.e., a bike and pedestrian path) next to a 5-foot wide bike path as well as a 5-foot wide bike path on the other side of the street. No street needs a bike path next to a bike path, let alone two bike paths in each direction.
2. The rural, old-fashioned character of our street and neighborhood, derived from its majestic oak trees (for which our neighborhood is named), relatively large setbacks, and narrower streets sided by greenery or ground cover rather than sidewalks, would be destroyed by removing 18-27 heritage or significant trees (including oak trees),³ greenery and ground cover, and adding 10-17 feet of asphalt in duplicative bike paths.
3. Removing the dedicated right-turn only lane into the Menlo Atherton High School parking lot would cause a huge backup down Ringwood, more collisions, and make it even harder for Ringwood residents to exit our driveways.
4. Replacing the soil/greenery needed to absorb storm water with impermeable asphalt would compound Ringwood’s drainage issues, and the construction could damage shallow lateral sewer lines, resulting in property damage and financial exposure.
5. It would remove what it calls “encroachments” (e.g., driveway pavers, mailboxes, and landscaping) in front of many Ringwood properties without even clarifying which properties would be affected, how much of the right of way would be clawed back, or whether SMC would expect us to pay for the removal costs. Further, replacing the pretty landscaping on our street with more asphalt would further diminish the appearance of our street and reduce our property values.

¹ The Draft Report was prepared for the San Mateo County Sustainability Dept. & City of Menlo Park.

² See County of San Mateo Public Works, Standard Drawings for Public Improvements, Menlo Oaks Road Standard, pg. A-6K, <https://www.smcgov.org/media/46171/download?inline=>.

³ The 16-25 range stated in the Draft Report, p. 9, is not in accordance with the 18-27 trees marked for definite or possible removal in the 10% Concept Design Plans, attached as Appendix E to the Draft Report.

6. Converting the effective pedestrian-activated beacon system crosswalks on Ringwood near Edge Road and Atree Court into RRFB systems would be a waste of taxpayers' money and unnecessary given that there have been no pedestrian, bicycle, or vehicle collisions at these locations in at least the last 10 years, and the rapidly flashing lights of an RRFB system would disturb the Ringwood residents living near these crosswalks as well as others coming upon them.
7. Finally, requiring cars queuing for LSLC drop off and pick up to completely block the Ringwood southbound traffic lane would cause more collisions.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that the Committee revise its Ringwood plan in accordance with our concerns or that the SMC Supervisors vote "no" on a motion to approve the Ringwood Avenue Transportation Plan.

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Date
John Horsley		550 Ringwood Ave, ^{Mantle} Park	3/7/24
Karen Barr		550 Ringwood Ave, ^{Mantle} Park	3/7/24
Supra Patel		37 Ringwood Ave, Atherton	3/7/24
617-308 1056 YASIR SEPAH		290 Ringwood Ave	3/8/24
Rubbia Afridi		290 Ringwood Ave	3/8/24
Mel-Sze Anna		x60 Ringwood Ave	3/8/24
Carole Micaelhan		320 Ringwood Ave	3/8/24
Chloe Ebrahimian		320 Ringwood Ave	3/8/24
Vacourhan Ebrahimian		320 Ringwood Ave	3/8/24
Fiona Marouh		300 Ringwood	3/8/24
DAVID RUBIN		360 RINGWOOD AVE	3/8/24
STEVE CLARK		390 RINGWOOD AVE	3/9/24
Wensheng Shao		420 Ringwood Ave	03/09/24
Zhe Xiong		420 Ringwood Ave	03/09/24
Michael Pyle		440 Ringwood Ave.	3/9/24
JANE BENSON		570 RINGWOOD AVE	3/7/24
Penny Gallo		572 Ringwood Ave	3/9/24
Gregory Gallo		572 Ringwood Ave	3/9/24
SIN WA CHUI		590 RINGWOOD AVE	3/9/24
A. ARVANITIDIS		790 Ringwood Ave	3-9-24

From: steve@milkpail.com
To: [CEO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 16 for June 11 Bd of Supervisors Meeting from Steve Rasmussen
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 2:05:49 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

Regarding: the request from Menlo Oaks community members to revise the 2023 DPW Survey concerning the proposed Changes to the Menlo Oaks Road Standards.

My family has lived at 855 Berkeley Ave in the Menlo Oaks neighborhood since 2012.

1. The recent discussions that resulted in our neighborhood voting on the 2023 Road Standards survey were very well intentioned but I strongly feel that the process of the voting method allowed the voting to occur before important facts and details were adequately distributed to myself and my neighbors.
 - a. I agree with several of my neighbors who have written to the County about concerns that have been registered previously and extensively with the Department of Public Works and with each of the County Supervisors.

2. Included in the Road Standards discussion was the assertion that the inclusion of Valley Gutters were legally required in order for construction of new roads in Menlo Oaks. Either late during the voting process or after the voting was closed, I understand that the Menlo Oaks community learned that Valley Gutters were NOT legally required as part of the Green Infrastructure component of new construction. This is particularly important to me because it is my impression that Valley Gutters have a questionable benefit in those situations where I have seen them installed. And furthermore, because of the rural beauty of Menlo Oaks, I believe the Valley Gutter would greatly detract from our rural feel.
 - a. I believe that a collaboration between our neighbors could advance a suitable drainage solution, if any is deemed necessary, that avoids the need to install Valley Gutters.

3. I also suspect that if the Supervisors direct the DPW to create a new ballot vote, during that “new” collaboration period amongst neighbors I believe the current proposed 18 inch depth for Base Rock could be greatly reduced thus addressing the serious concerns about the long term health of the many magnificent trees in Menlo Oaks that grow adjacent to the streets.

4. I embrace the concept that the new Ballot could be modified in a collaborative fashion that addresses the concerns of neighbors that may have felt that they were not presented with an adequate range of choices on the complicated matter of Road Standards in Menlo Oaks.
 - a. I heard Supervisor Ray Mueller suggest that he would be willing to moderate a collaboration of neighbors seeking another solution.

Thank you for reading this:

Steve Rasmussen

855 Berkeley Ave.

Menlo Park

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: John Danforth <jdanforth@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 9, 2024 10:48 AM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Cc: Warren Slocum; Susie Castoria
Subject: Materials for Agenda Item 16 (24-404) on BOS June 11 9am meeting: Proposed Changes to Menlo Oaks Road Standards
Attachments: 6.11.24 BOS Presentation.pptx; 6.11.24 BOS Presentation.pdf

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Dear San Mateo County Board of Supervisors;

Attached please find materials (the same file, but in both Powerpoint and pdf formats) that I am requesting be distributed to the Supervisors and be made part of the official record prior to the BOS's Tuesday meeting.

This Powerpoint relates to BOS Agenda Item 16 (24-404).

I have requested more than 2 minutes (7-10 minutes should do) to address this issue (in order to best discuss these slides) but have not heard back about that request.

If need be, I can probably do a "Cook's Tour" of these slides in the two minutes currently allocated.

Also, a number of my neighbors have expressed willingness to use any slides in this presentation that I don't have time to get to. They can submit them separately, of course. That seems to be "form over substance". But please let me know ASAP and we will do that before the Monday 5pm deadline.

Also, one logistics question: a significant part of this slide deck consists of maps, photographs, website screenshots and quoted statements. Most items have not been seen yet by all supervisors.

Is there a way I can arrange to present this on Tuesday material using your monitors in Chambers? (If I am limited to two minutes, using your monitors will make that much easier. I can be in Chambers before 9am to work our arrangements if you like. Please let me know.)

I can bring this presentation Tuesday on either a USB memory stick or a computer -- or I can use your computers if you load the ppt. file ahead of time. Again, please let me know early Monday what works best so I can prepare accordingly.

Many thanks,
John Danforth
650-740-1101

PS. Supervisor Slocum and his legislative assistant (Ms. Castoria) have had major roles in the BOS's consideration of this issue. So I am cc'ing them here.

6/11/2024
BOS Meeting

2023 DPW Survey and
Proposed Changes to Menlo Oaks
Road Standards

John Danforth

22-year Menlo Oaks resident

Opposing 2023 DPW Survey, threats to our trees, and excavation and widening of our streets

Severe, irreparable harm likely – Traffic safety (now and in the near future), tree loss now, threats to tree safety for years to come, and severe loss of neighborhood character.

All of this is posing the worst threat to Menlo Oaks in my 22 years there.

No Urgency – No Funds Yet Available; No Sudden or Immediate Need

No Need for BOS to Now Rely on a Fatally Flawed Survey – False Hobson's Choice, Wrong Question, Excluded Many Residents

Misinformation – False Claims, Withheld Info, Late Info (Trickled –out Mid-voting),

Easy, cheap and quick fix – New Survey



Menlo Oaks Road Standards

The Project involves working with the property owners/community/Menlo Oaks District Association (MODA) in developing and adopting Road Standards for future road improvement projects in the Menlo Oaks Area to meet the needs of the community.

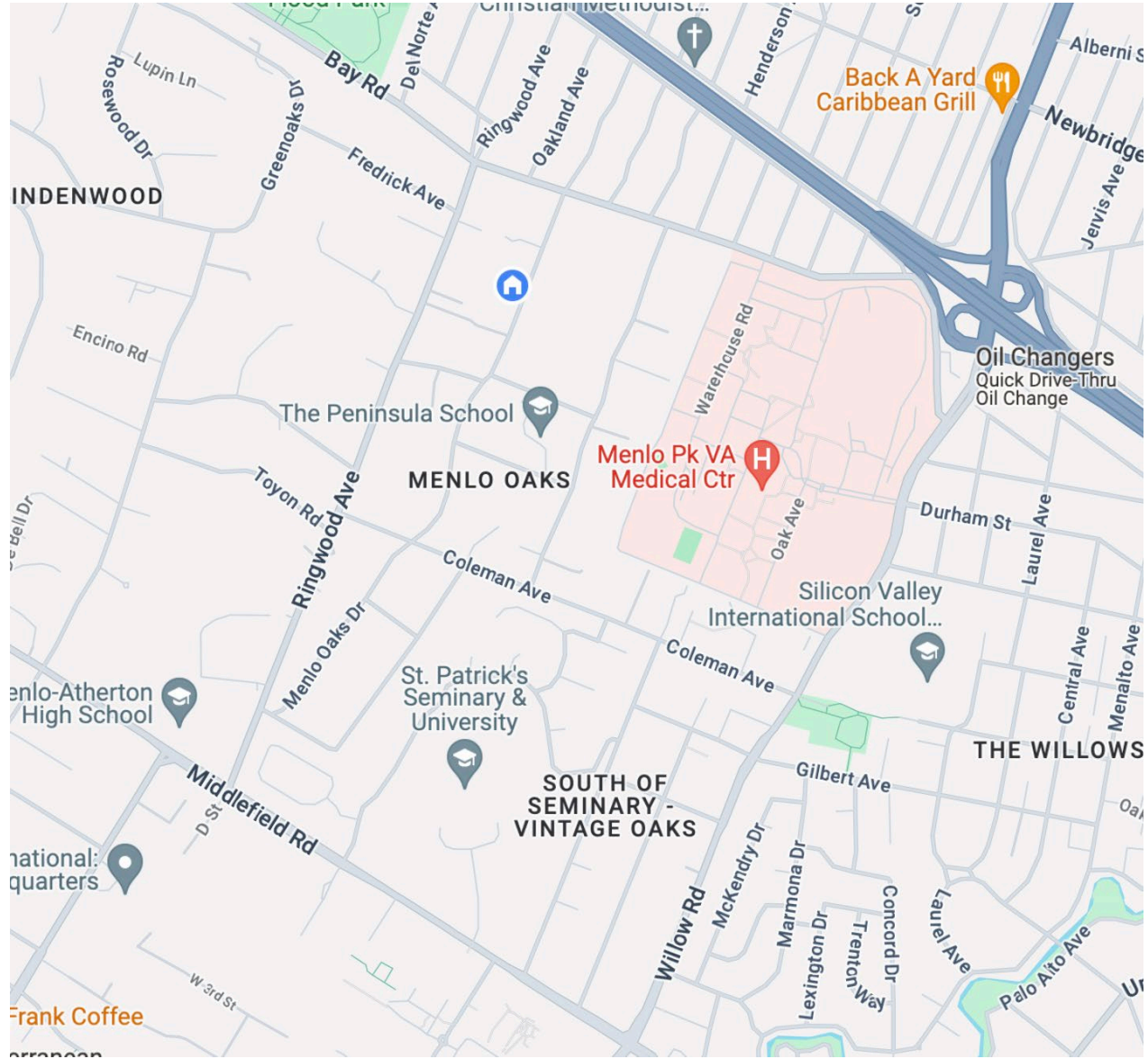
How DPW describes this project on its website.

But . . . **DPW only worked with MODA**, no one else (prior to DPW's late 2023 survey)

My comments today:

1. Our Neighborhood
2. MODA – Misuse of Its Limited Role
3. The Fatally-Flawed 2023 Survey
4. Proposed New Survey

1. Our Neighborhood





The Menlo Oaks Neighborhood

- Very rural feeling: windy, narrow roads, many street-side oaks and redwoods.
- The still-operative, 1998 BOS Resolution reflects this:
 - No. 61884 -- entitled “**Resolution Adopting the Existing Width of Roads in the Menlo Oaks as the Road Standard for the Area.**”
 - No. 61884 -- required survey re desires of the residents before changes
- Our legally-protected trees – some hundreds of years old, some recently under great stress – are more necessary now than ever:
 - CO2 and heat mitigation;
 - Needed privacy from newer, taller homes;
 - Needed to reduce sharply-increased noise from recent widening of Hwy 101.



Along with our rural character come some obvious risks – including, during the rainy season, puddles in some locations (worst one shown here) for a few days after a major rain.

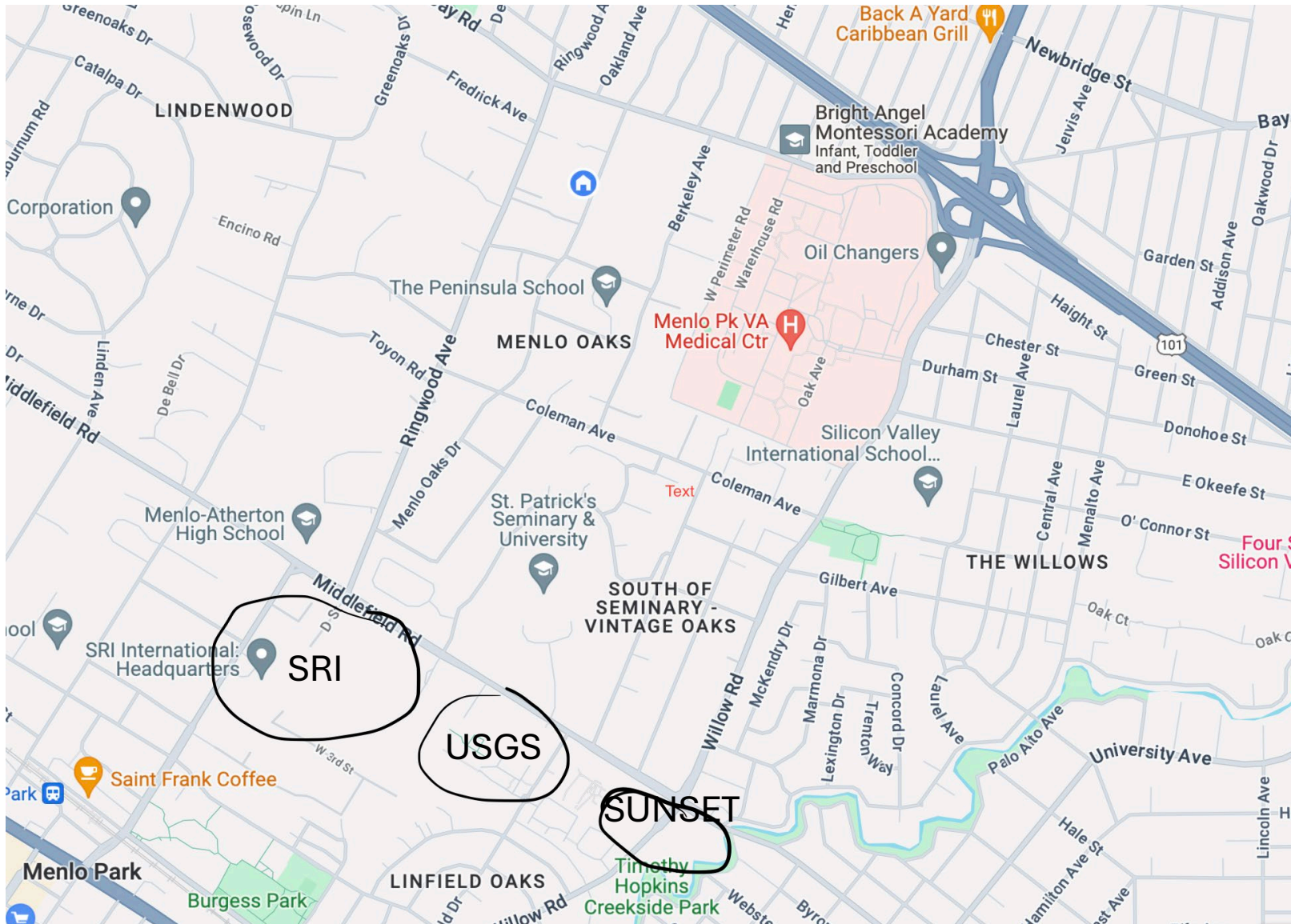
(These issues are fleeting but are made worse, probably, by individual choices about hardscape and lot coverage).

Bigger Risks: 1 Of 2 -- Immediate and Long Term Loss of Our Trees, Increased Risk of Tree Failure

- Trees in the ROW may be immediately removed to accommodate newly rebuilt roads that are widened and, perhaps, moved (right or left) in the ROW.
- Once Removed, a Tree Cannot be Replaced, and in Some Cases Would, In Any Event, Take Hundreds of Years to Regrow Completely
- Even if Not Immediately Removed, Some Trees Adjacent to the Roads (Even Some Outside the ROW) Will be Damaged Because They Have Root Systems that Extend Under the Roads
- County not Responsible for Resulting Injuries, Property Damage, or Tree Repair or Replacement – These are Problems for Landowners Alone

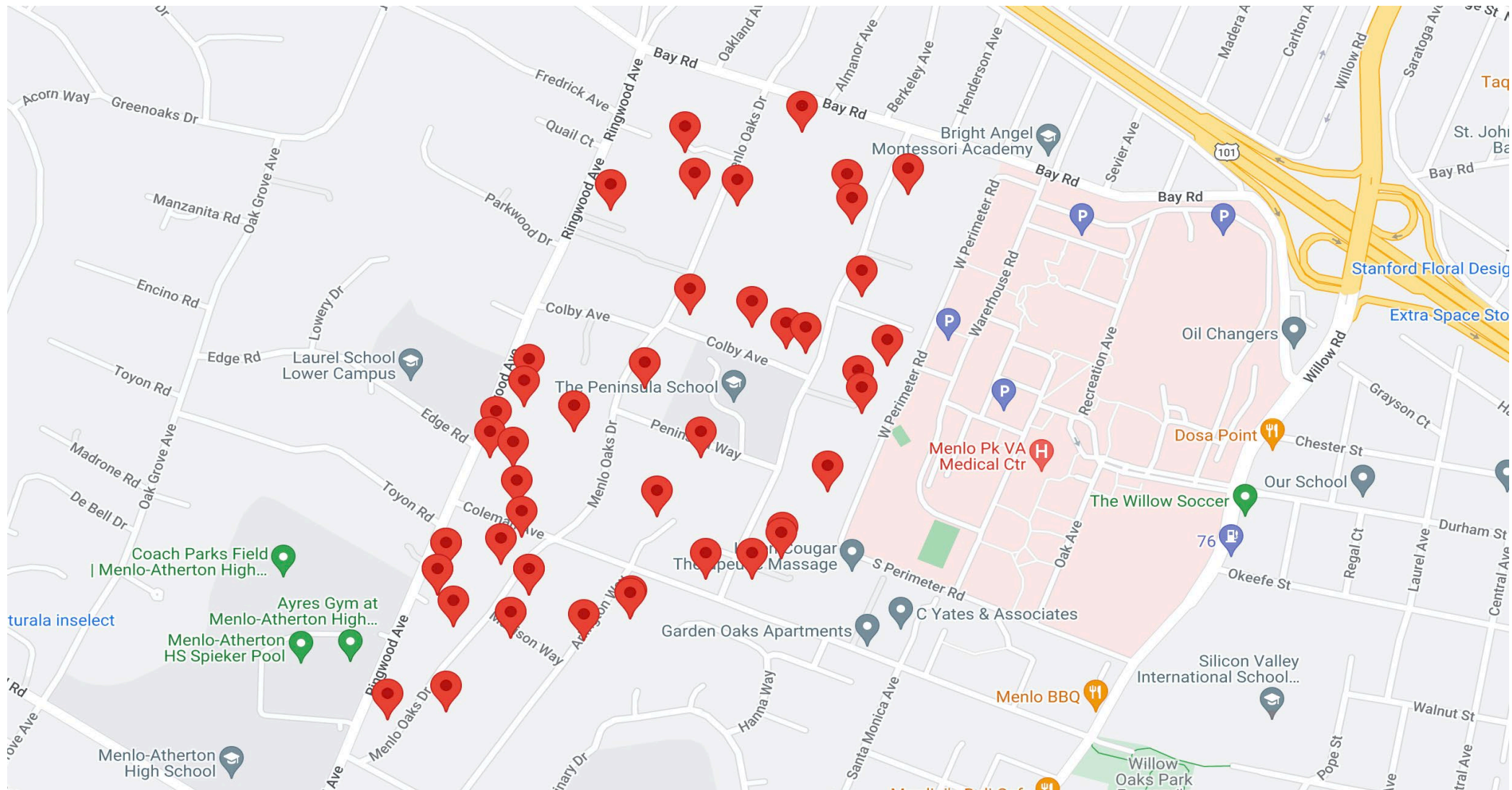
Bigger Risks: 2 Of 2 -- Likely Increases in Speeding and Being a Traffic “Short Cut”

- We are between Hwy 101 and El Camino Real/Middlefield/Menlo Atherton HS -- **already a short cut**
- Not shown on the maps: **massive projected projects right next to us on Middlefield**
 - Sunset Magazine former campus <https://www.mercurynews.com/2024/05/31/new-renderings-show-big-plans-at-former-sunset-magazine-campus-in-menlo-park/?share=abaismapp2mrdsmlacn> (four towers, 665 apartments, a 130-room hotel)
 - USGS campus -- now for sale. <https://www.sfgate.com/local/article/bay-area-property-will-be-vacant-housing-proposed-19449732.php>
 - SRI former campus <https://www.almanacnews.com/news/2023/12/11/as-sri-campus-redevelopments-impact-is-evaluated-residents-bemoan-potential-effects-on-menlo-park-neighborhood/>. (550-800 new housing units)



Approximate locations of SRI, USGS and Sunset developments next to Menlo Oaks

2. MODA -- Misuse of Its Limited Role



Minority of Menlo Oaks households (apparently well-under 50) are MODA members
(per MODA website)

MODA Has No Authority to Purport to Represent Menlo Oaks to the County

- If MODA website correct, then MODA amounts to under 50 households out of about 300 in Menlo Oaks total = **under 17%**
- MODA = historically a “social organization” – e.g., annual picnic, block parties, Halloween events; not a lobbyist or neighborhood representative
- MODA ***only now*** trying to change its bylaws to permit lobbying

Still, MODA's Has Nonetheless Been "Actively" Lobbying the County re Our Roads

"MODA recently has become *very active in advocating* for improvements for Menlo Oaks. . . . Recently we convinced San Mateo County to spend nearly \$300,000 on a consultant to work on a plan to improve all our roads which we believe will increase our property values as well."

-- 1/17/23 email to a Menlo Oaks resident (emphasis supplied)

MODA Actions re Road Standards – Undermine Any Legitimate MODA Claim to Represent the Neighborhood

- Misstatements by MODA to neighborhood. See slides 18-21, below.
- During its two years of lobbying the County, MODA made no apparent effort to reach out to non-MODA homeowners (the majority of Menlo Oaks homeowners)
- MODA “updates” to even its members were also very limited (largely buried on member website and in emails to members on other topics, e.g., “Halloween activities”)
- MODA repeatedly declined to let others address its members about road standards: no annual meeting. no community bulletin board, no sharing of MODA email list.

Misstatements by MODA and others promoting changed Road Standards, example 1 of 4

"The **CURRENT** road standards are "Do Nothing" to maintain the roads."

-- mass email by MODA to its membership on 11/1/23, just before clarifying language on this point was removed from DPW's survey ballot

(**In fact**, BOS Resolution No. 61884, which MODA claims to have studied, expressly calls for maintaining the existing roads. And DPW reaffirmed its commitment to do this.)

Misstatements by MODA and others promoting changed Road Standards, example 2 of 4

“The proposed improvements are ***basic/minimal . . . no loss of trees, keeping the same look*** and feel, etc”

-- 11/10/23 MODA supporter's email to Menlo Oaks homeowner (emphasis supplied)

*“the County will work with an arborist to **save and protect all trees** that will be affected by road improvements and design the road around our trees.”*

-- 11/18/23 Mass email by MODA Board Member (emphasis supplied)

(**In fact**, the DPW proposals involve demolishing our streets entirely – down at least 18 inches, then widening them, and then also perhaps shifting them within the County ROW. All of this poses major short and long-term threats, including to most trees adjacent to our streets.)

Misstatements by MODA and others promoting changed Road Standards, example 3 of 4

*"[T]he overall impact [on street widths] from any preferred option will be **minimal to zero.**"*

-- 11/14/23 Mass email by MODA to all its members (emphasis supplied)

*(**In fact**, the various DPW options all involve significant street widening, with some streets widened by over 55%, even under the narrowest option -- which increases to over 100% under the widest.)*

Misstatements by MODA and others promoting changed Road Standards, example 4 of 4

“[Regarding neighborhood concerns that new road standards will mean] increased speeding . . . [T]he *Roads Committee* has recently filed three separate ***permits to have speed mitigation measures integrated into the neighborhood*** (Menlo Oaks, Berkeley, and Arlington) . . . *Work orders have already been issued* for the permits filed”

-- MODA website (*Emphasis supplied*)

*(In fact, “work orders” and “permits” as used here actually only refer to traffic **metering** devices, not -- as MODA claims -- to “speed mitigation measures integrated into the neighborhood.”)*

3. The Fatally-Flawed 2023 Survey

6 Fatal Flaws in 2023 Survey: Nos.1 and 2

- **Excluded Voters:** contrary to BOS direction, the 2023 survey *excluded* many Menlo Oaks Residents
 - It excluded residents of Coleman, Ringwood, Bay and other streets recognized by the BOS as being part of Menlo Oaks.
 - But, incongruously, it permitted votes from residents of flag lots and *cul de sacs* – e.g., votes from folks who did not actually live on any street proposed to be widened.
- **Wrong Question:** also contrary to BOS direction, the 2023 survey asked the wrong question:
 - Ballot asked simply “do you want road improvements.”
 - Ballot did not ask the correct question: “do you want to excavate current streets (by at least 18 inches) and replace them with wider streets.”

6 Fatal Flaws in 2023 Survey: No. 3

- **Hobson's Choice.** The survey rested on a “Hobson's Choice”
 - The survey ballot (following MODA's 11/1/23 misstatement) required that Menlo Oaks *either* “choose new roads standards now” *or* “live indefinitely with your potholes”
 - The survey ballot was **inexplicably modified at the last minute** to remove clarifying language that (a) would have corrected this, (b) would have reflected BOS Resolution No. 61884 (requiring the maintenance of existing roads), and (c) was promised to me when I raised the Hobson's Choice issue with DPW in June 2023.



What “continue to maintain” and “as is” mean on my street.

Fatal Flaws in 2023 Survey: No. 4

- **Actual Widths With Valley Gutters Added.** The key issue for us to vote upon: did we want to replace our streets with wider ones, and, if so, how much wider?
- The ballot failed to ask this clearly.
 - Not only did it ask vaguely about “do you want improvements”.
 - It also failed, in the alternative proposals section to make clear that ‘valley gutters’ would be added *in addition to* the stated new pavement widths.
- For our narrowest streets (with valley gutters included) the various proposals would mean street widths increasing by at least 55% -- and by over 100% under some proposed options.
- Even for our widest streets the valley gutters would mean some increase in street width, not “none” as MODA claimed

Fatal Flaws in 2023 Survey: Nos. 5 and 6

- **“Legal requirement” vs. “an option.”** DPW clearly misspoke about valley gutters during the survey, calling them “legally required”
 - The County later (after voting was over) admitted that valley gutters were simply “an option.”
 - This was highly material given, among other things, how much the valley gutters added to proposed new street widths.
- **Late or withheld information.** While the survey vote was ongoing, important information was not only misstated by MODA (above), but was also withheld or slowly “trickled out” by DPW
 - On my street, for example, DPW declined to label or otherwise identify which specific 14 trees would, in their view, be potentially “impacted.”
 - All late information was provided via lengthy Zoom calls and posted on the DPW website – *i.e.*, was not readily accessible to all – and most was disseminated only *after* significant voting had already occurred.
 - This delay and the purposefully withheld information buttressed a major, oft-repeated MODA argument: “vote ‘yes’ to keep our options open until we know more.”

4. Our Proposed Solution

“Reset” -- New Survey

- New draft ballot (**proposal already circulated**) to include **all** Menlo Oaks homeowners and to ask the **correct question**: *not* “do you want improvements” *but instead* “do you want new, wider streets and 18-plus-inch excavation/demolition of old ones?”
- Proposed new draft ballot corrects ambiguity re added width from valley gutters, gets clear input on them, and correctly treats them as simply one “option”.
- Put key information on the ballot itself – do not rely on Zoom, the Internet or MODA statements.
- We are happy to collaborate to reach agreement on this new survey with MODA and with DPW
- **We commit to abide by results of new agreed-upon survey as a substitute for the flawed 2023 survey and to drop all objections to what happened in 2023**

Thank you.

Let's please fix this.

The solution is simple and there is no urgency requiring reliance now on a deeply-flawed process.

Addendum:

Key Facts re Green Infrastructure Not Shared -- *slide 32*

Resolution No. 61884 -- *slides 34-36*

Survey Ballot versions -- *slides 38-41*

Proposed New Ballot (v 1.0 and v. 2.0) -- *slides 42-43*

Key Facts *Not Shared* With The Menlo Oaks Community – or Even With MODA Membership

Menlo Oaks

GI implementation in this area may be challenging due to the narrow streets and lack of curb or gutters to route runoff to GI features. Additionally, specific road standards in this area specify variable widths of street with no curb or gutter improvements. Menlo Oaks is shaded by a thick canopy of mature oaks, redwoods, eucalyptus and evergreen trees (Menlo Oaks Tree Advocacy). Because of the dense tree canopy, Menlo Oaks would likely not achieve additional benefit from increased vegetation from GI. Additionally, GI may require the cutting of roots of mature oak trees in a community sensitive to tree preservation. Due to the lack of stormwater conveyance from curbs and gutters, narrow streets (25-foot wide), and residential character of the neighborhood, Menlo Oaks is not a priority area for GI. The vegetated areas in this community already serve a similar function to GI. GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN, SEPTEMBER 2019, Page 45

Resolution No. 61884

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Resolution No. 61884

Board of Supervisors, County of San Mateo, State of California

Resolution Adopting the Existing Width of Roads in the Menlo
Oaks as the Road Standard for the Area

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of
California, that

WHEREAS, the Menlo Oaks Area is the unincorporated area north of Middlefield Road
which is generally bounded by the corporate limits of Atherton on the West and Menlo Park on
the North, East and South; and

WHEREAS, publicly maintained roads within the Menlo Oaks Area are part of the
County Maintained Road System and maintained by the County; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works surveyed property owners within the
Menlo Oaks Area by sending each of the 273 property owners a questionnaire to determine their
opinion on a minimum standard for road improvements that could be built in order to improve the
County's Maintained Road System in the area; and

WHEREAS, 193 property owners returned the questionnaire, and approximately
80 percent (80%) of those responding indicated that they did not want additional road
improvements; and

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WHEREAS, those responding that they did not want additional road improvements represent 56 percent (56%) of the total property owners in Menlo Oaks; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has recommended, based on the results of this survey, that the current width of the existing roads be used as the standard for the area and that future improvements will consist solely of maintaining the existing roads; and

WHEREAS, this Board has reviewed and considered the results of the survey as well as the recommendation of the Director of Public Works.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that:

1. The road standard for the Menlo Oaks Area is the current width of the existing roads.
2. Future improvements will consist solely of maintaining the existing roads until such time as the residents desire a different level of improvement as determined by a property owner survey or other means as approved by this or subsequent Boards of Supervisors.
3. The Director of Public Works shall cause to be prepared a standard drawing depicting the Road Standard for Menlo Oaks as hereinabove described and shall include said standard in the document entitled Standard Drawings for Public Improvement on file in the Department of Public Works.

Regularly passed and adopted this 28th day of April, 1998.

AYES and in favor of said resolution:

Supervisors:

TOM HUENING

RUBEN BARRALES

MICHAEL D. NEVIN

NOES and against said resolution:

Supervisors:

NONE

Absent Supervisors:

MARY GRIFFIN

Abstentions:

RICHARD S. GORDON

TOM HUENING

President, Board of Supervisors
County of San Mateo
State of California

Certificate of Delivery

(Government Code section 25103)

I certify that a copy of the original resolution filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County has been delivered to the President of the Board of Supervisors.



JOHN MALTBIE

County Manager/Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

DPW's Survey Ballot

DPW specifically promised to fix its misstatement about pothole repairs, ‘in our survey’



Wendy Ng <wng@smcgov.org>

to me, jschabowski@smc.org, Judy, Stephen ▾

Jun 28, 2023, 9:19 AM



Dear Mr. Danforth,

Thank you for your email and feedback. You are absolutely correct that “no matter what the outcome of your survey (e.g., even if we want to preserve our current neighborhood character -- with its large trees and narrow, rural-feeling streets), you do not actually plan to leave the potholes that now exist.”

We will certainly clarify and provide additional information in our survey and in our next communications to the neighborhood.

Thanks,

Wendy

The 11/6 and 11/13 Survey Ballots

Initial 11/6/23 ballot

Assessors Parcel Number (APN) located on top portion of mailing label on the envelope:

A.P.N.: _____ - _____ - _____

Email: _____

Your vote is very important as it may affect the standard for your street.

Please take a few moments to complete the survey and mail it back to us in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope by December 6, 2023.

A. I want street improvements on my street. Yes No

• If you check "Yes" move on to B.

• If you checked "No" you are finished with the survey. Public Works will perform pothole/pavement repair, crack seal, and seals on the existing traveled roadway surface. The existing width of the road remains the same.

B. Please circle the number in front of each option to indicate your preference (from 1 to 6, 1 being most preferred and 6 being least preferred):

1 2 3 4 5 6 ⇒ Option 1: Reconstruct the road to a width of 16-feet with 2-foot-wide valley gutters on each side.

1 2 3 4 5 6 ⇒ Option 2: Reconstruct the road to a width 16-feet with 3-foot-wide valley gutters on each side.

The Promised, Critical Ballot Language

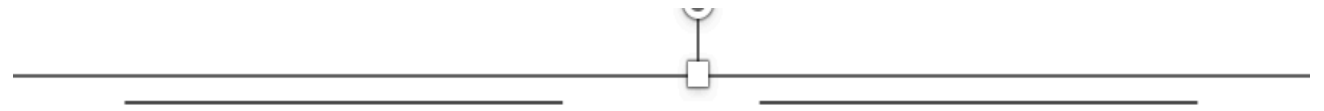
“If you checked “No”, you are finished with the survey. Public Works will perform pothole/pavement repair, crack seal and seals on the existing traveled roadway surface. The existing width of the road remains the same.”

-- November 6 ballot as shown to Menlo Oaks.

The 11/6 and 11/13 Survey Ballots

Final ballot on 11/13

**Critical language
removed**



Assessors Parcel Number (APN) located on top portion of mailing label on the envelope:

APN: _____ - _____ - _____

Email: _____

Your vote is very important as it may affect the standard for your street.

Please take a few moments to complete the survey and mail it back to us in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope by **Friday, December 15, 2023.**

A. I want street improvements on my street. Yes No

- **Regardless of whether you select “Yes” or “No” in Part A, please fill out Part B. Show standards move forward, we value everyone’s input on the 6 options below.**

B. Please circle the number in front of each option to indicate your preference (from 1 to 6, **1 being preferred and 6 being least preferred**):

1 2 3 4 5 6 ⇒ **Option 1:** Reconstruct the road to a width of 16-feet with 2-foot-wide va gutters on each side.

1 2 3 4 5 6 ⇒ **Option 2:** Reconstruct the road to a width 16-feet with 3-foot-wide valley gutters on each side.

Revised Menlo Oaks Road Standards Survey. Please answer the following.

Note: a majority "Yes" vote to Question # 1 will provide longer-lasting, smoother road surfaces and possibly better drainage in some places, but entails likely harm to roadside trees (inside and also adjacent to the County's 40-70 foot wide right-of-way), the removal of some encroachments to that right-of way (possibly including – at owner expense -- water and sewer lines, portions of driveways, landscaping, and also likely including – at County expense -- some protected trees), possible removal of some street-side parking, and a likely increase in traffic and traffic speed. A majority "No" vote on Question #1 avoids these adverse impacts and does not affect the County's commitment to repairs of cracks and potholes (existing and future) and other maintenance. (See FAQs.)

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If you answer "No" to Question #1, you need not answer anything further.

If you answer "Yes" to Question # 1, please also answer the following:

Question # 2. If you do want our roads rebuilt, do you prefer that the roads be kept at their current widths, with the 18-inch evacuation limited to protect existing trees, with no significant shift in the placement of the roads within the right-of-way, and with a "green infrastructure" option that *does not* involve adding 2 feet of valley gutters on each outer edge of the pavement? **Please circle one answer: Yes or No?**

Question # 3. If your answer to Question #2 is "No" and you prefer a more far-reaching rebuild of our roads, please rank the following three options:

- Rebuilt roads to a total width of 20 feet, a width that includes 2 foot wide concrete valley gutters added to each outer edge of the new pavement. **Please circle one: First Choice, Second Choice, Third Choice**
 - Rebuilt roads to a total width of 22 feet, a width that includes 2 foot wide concrete valley gutters added to each outer edge of the new pavement. **Please circle one: First Choice, Second Choice, Third Choice**
 - Rebuilt roads to a total width of 24 feet, a width that includes 2 foot wide concrete valley gutters added to each outer edge of the new pavement. **Please circle one: First Choice, Second Choice, Third Choice**
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If you answer "No" to Question #1, you need not answer anything further.

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If you answer "Yes" to Question # 1, please choose one of the following options:

Option A. If you do want our roads rebuilt, do you prefer that the roads be kept at their current widths, with the 18-inch evacuation limited to protect existing trees, with no significant shift in the placement of the roads within the right-of-way, and with a "green infrastructure" option that *does not* involve adding 2 feet of valley gutters on each outer edge of the pavement? **Yes or No?**

Option B. If your answer to Option A is "No" would you prefer a more far-reaching rebuild of our roads, i.e., rebuilt roads with excavation of at least 18 inches and a total width of 20 feet, a width that includes 2 foot wide concrete valley gutters added to each outer edge of the new pavement. **Yes or No?**

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Christie McCoy <christiemccoy19@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 9, 2024 10:47 AM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Agenda Item 16; June 11, 2024 BOS Meeting: Menlo Oaks Road Standards

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Dear Supervisors,

Please vote **NO** on Agenda Item #16 set for the BOS meeting on 6/11/24, a resolution presented by the Department of Public Works.

DPW is basing this resolution on a survey originally circulated to the residents of Menlo Oaks which (1) was confusing; (2) lacked proper clarity for neighbors to vote intelligently, and (3) was not sent to ALL residents of Menlo Oaks (District 4).

My husband and I have communicated with each of you by email and letter on April 16 and 17, 2024, and again by email on 5/29/24 requesting a **NO** vote.

As a neighborhood, we are requesting a resurvey, and we are prepared to pay for the postage to resend this survey.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Christie and Jim McCoy
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christiemccoy19@yahoo.com

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Ted Sapountzis <sapountzis@alumni.stanford.edu>
Sent: Sunday, June 9, 2024 3:02 PM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Public comments for Agenda Item 16 (Menlo Oaks Roads Standards project)

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Dear Supervisors,

As a resident of Menlo Oaks since 1996, I have significant concerns about the lack of comprehensive information and scope for this project before key decisions are made. In particular:

1. **Insufficient information has been provided for us to make truly informed decisions** in the absence of a detailed impact study. Several critical areas lack analysis, including:
 - The impact on our mature oak trees, which define the character of our neighborhood. Estimates of trees to be removed were high-level and failed to account for the impact on the root systems of the remaining trees.
 - Increased traffic and speeding on neighborhood streets once they are widened and smoothed, even before considering other planned construction nearby.
 - Credible estimates for water runoff impacts, especially with the proposed street-by-street approach creating drainage issues when some blocks have gutters and others don't.
2. Furthermore, **excluding Coleman and Ringwood residents from this project** directly contradicts the 1998 neighborhood resolution that any changes to road standards must be supported by a majority of the entire Menlo Oaks community. Leaving out part of the neighborhood is unfair and raises questions about how this project advanced without prior Board of Supervisors approval.

A comprehensive study is required to understand the full ramifications. Moreover, true community engagement and buy-in are essential before permanent changes could dramatically impact our streets, property values, and way of life.

I urge you to ensure we have all the facts, address all potential issues, and achieve consensual approval across all of Menlo Oaks before implementation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ted Sapountzis

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Mary Ann Carmack <macsoybean@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2024 9:36 AM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: RE: Agenda Item 16 (24-404)

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RE: Menlo Oaks District Road Survey

We agree with the many concerns raised about the roads project: loss of majestic trees, exclusion of some neighbors from the voting process, improper lobbying by some of our board members for a yes vote, and the fact that it is a radical solution for potholes and transitory minor ponding after a heavy rain--both of which can be addressed in other ways.

We wish to specifically comment on the under-appreciated effects of the proposed changes on **traffic**.

In our many years of residence on Menlo Oaks Drive (60 years for Rod, 33 for Mary Ann), we have had decades to study our roads and traffic. Over the years, as the population in general and the size of Menlo- Atherton High School specifically have grown, the speeding and cut-through traffic in our neighborhood have escalated. We have even had drag racing on our street as an after-school activity!

Importantly, we have observed that these behaviors are most egregious in those sections where roads are wider, straighter, and smoother. It should surprise no one that these factors are directly correlated.

Thus, the proposed changes which will widen, straighten, and smooth our roads will serve to enable these behaviors and disrupt the peaceful, quiet, and safe neighborhood that we so cherish.

Not only did the survey not address these factors, it also did not address the fact that within the next few years literally hundreds of new housing units will be built in Menlo Park, right at the corner of our neighborhood.

Cut-through traffic and speeding will be enabled if the proposed changes are implemented, and **this reality was not addressed by the survey**. For these reasons, the **decision should be paused until a full impact study followed by an improved, fair, and transparent survey can be developed**.

Please, let's slow down and get this right.

Thank you

Mary Ann Carmack & Rodney Derbyshire
398 Menlo Oaks Drive, Menlo Park

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Haratani, Joan M. <joan.haratani@morganlewis.com>
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2024 10:20 AM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Cc: Haratani, Joan M.
Subject: Agenda Item 16 (24-404)

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As a long time Menlo Oaks family, we would love to see a reset. This has been a long, confusing, frustrating, alienating process with a lot of misinformation and bad feelings / lack of trust. Thank you.

Joan M. Haratani

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From: [Linda Jackson](#)
To: [CEO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Please vote no
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 12:19:00 PM

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I sent the email below to the Supervisors directly earlier, but I neglected to reference "Agenda Item 16 (24-404)". I am resending my comments to this email address to ensure my email reaches the correct address. Thanks

----- Forwarded message -----
Dear Supervisors:

I am currently sick, and I am not sure I can make it to the County in the morning, so I am writing to urge a no vote on anything that endorses road widening or changed Roads Standards for Menlo Oaks.

In 2016 the County appropriately implemented measures to protect trees in the Menlo Oaks neighborhood. Now you are considering threatening the survival of these very same trees for the convenience, for some, of wider, smoother streets. We have a unique area on the peninsula, and you can preserve this magical area for generations to come. Imagine children a hundred years from now gazing up at our redwoods and oaks that by then will be 400-500 years old! We bought our home in Menlo Oaks in 2012 because of the charm of the neighborhood. Narrow streets, a beautiful tree canopy, and no sidewalks. Your contemplated actions threaten the very character of the neighborhood that we sought out and have lived in for 12 years.

In addition, it feels like the County is considering these changes without thinking through the consequences that smooth/wide streets will have when the three major projects between Willow and Ravenswood are constructed: Sunset, USGS and SRI. When completed, if our roads are widened, these projects *will* increase traffic and speeding in the Menlo Oaks neighborhood and *will* threaten the health and safety of the school children in the area that bike/walk to school, and the hundreds of adults that walk our streets daily.

Please vote no on anything that endorses road widening or changed Roads Standards for Menlo Oaks as currently proposed by DPW.

Sincerely,
Linda Jackson
210 Menlo Oaks Drive.

Written Public Comment(s)
for **Item No. 24**

From: [Sara Matlin](#)
To: [Dave Pine](#); [Warren Slocum](#); [Noelia Corzo](#); [David Canepa](#); [Ray Mueller](#); [CEO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: June 11 Agenda - Item 24 - Independent Civilian Advisory Commission on the Sheriff's Office
Date: Sunday, June 9, 2024 1:43:38 PM

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Dear San Mateo County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Sara Matlin, and I live in Redwood City. I'm a member of the Coalition for a Safer San Mateo County. Thank you for passing the Independent Civilian Advisory Commission resolution. It's a good first step toward true law enforcement transparency and accountability. But to be effective, it needs powers and responsibilities, and it must be allowed to develop and fulfill meaningful goals to assist the Board of Supervisors with its duty of Sheriff Oversight.

On October 3, 2023, I stood in the plaza outside the Board of Supervisors' chambers, along with dozens of community members and County officials, including Sheriff Corpus. At the invitation of Ekene Okobi and Reverend Lorrie Owens, I sang a song to commemorate the killing of Chinedu Okobi, an unarmed immigrant man of color who was tased to death by San Mateo County Sheriff deputies. I also sang about the need for accountability and transparency around the Sheriff's Office. This is the first verse of that song:

On October 3, 2018, a young man crossed the street.
Just a few minutes later,
That man no longer breathed.
In San Mateo County, we still struggle to understand
How an unarmed Black man was tased to death
And what has changed since then

After Chinedu was killed, ACLU – North Peninsula Chapter volunteers and allies had to push the County to examine and change its rules around Tasers and its rules about when and how officers are allowed to use force. We had to gather signatures and letters to convince the Sheriff's Office to update its policies to even comply with existing California laws about officers' use of force. Today, the methods that Sheriff deputies used to kill Chinedu five years ago are no longer allowed under the County's revised rules.

But it shouldn't have been that hard. We were a bunch of community volunteers, and we shouldn't have had to beg officials to comply with the law.

And we still don't know how often Sheriff deputies use force against community members. We still don't know how often they use Tasers.

The community has asked for independent oversight of the Sheriff, inspired, in part, by the way Sheriff deputies killed Chinedu Okobi and how the County refused to answer basic questions, hold officials accountable, or change its protocols. We have asked for increased accountability, transparency, and the sharing of best practices. We have asked for an independent oversight board to review allegations of use of force, deaths in custody, and patterns in policing and jail operations.

Instead, the Board gave us a commission with no independent oversight authority. As Mark Simon wrote in *The Daily Journal*, “The commission may be independent in name, but the board chose to retain all the actual oversight authority.”

Still, you created a civilian advisory commission, so please, let them help you with your oversight responsibilities. Please:

- Make the most of the collective wisdom of the proposed commissioners;
- Give the Commission specified powers and responsibilities;
- Allow the Commission to develop meaningful goals and metrics;
- Don’t reinvent the wheel: the Commission can use the [goals and metrics](#) that Fixin’ San Mateo County created, with the input from many community leaders, community organizations, and experts in the field;
- Let the Commission develop mechanisms to increase transparency in the Sheriff’s Office’s operations and decision-making processes;
- Allow the Commission to implement protocols for regular reporting and public disclosure of relevant data, policies, and practices; and
- Permit the Commission to create mechanisms for receiving and addressing complaints, feedback, and concerns from community members about Sheriff's Office personnel.

Chinedu Okobi’s death shone a light on what we need to fix in our community. In memory of Chinedu Okobi, let’s give this commission the authority and tools it needs to help you bring transparency and accountability to our Sheriff’s Office.

Thank you,
Sara Matlin

From: lahondalynnette@earthlink.net
To: [Dave Pine](#); [Warren Slocum](#); [Noelia Corzo](#); [David Canepa](#); [Ray Mueller](#); [CEO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Item 24, June 11 agenda
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 2:48:52 PM

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Dear Supervisors**

I was very disappointed to learn that a subject as important as the Independent Civilian Review Commission on the Sheriff's office has been placed at the end of your meeting - leaving little time for community comment. Since the meeting notice was posted late Friday, I hope that you'll consider reordering your agenda so that the community can have time to comment on the selection process and Commission's role.

Respectfully,

Lynnette Vega
member La Honda Indivisible

From: [Clara Jaeckel](#)
To: [CEO BoardFeedback](#); [Dave Pine](#); [Warren Slocum](#); [Noelia Corzo](#); [David Canepa](#); [Ray Mueller](#)
Subject: public comment for 6/11/2024 agenda item #24 - Independent Civilian Advisory Commission on the Sheriff's Office
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 4:34:28 PM

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My name is Clara Jaeckel and I live in Redwood City. I'm a member of In Our Care and part of the Coalition for a Safer San Mateo County. I have been very troubled hearing from Black and Latine residents in San Mateo County, including my neighbors and fellow church members, that they do not feel safe in interactions with the Sheriff's office and Sheriff's deputies. And addressing this problem requires structures for accountability tied to the role of the Sheriff, regardless of who is holding that role. So I thank you for creating the Independent Civilian Advisory Commission on the Sheriff's Office as a good first step, and I have great respect for the community members who have stepped forward to serve on the commission.

However, I remain deeply concerned that the commission has been structured to have only an advisory role, without real oversight authority. To be truly effective for accountability in public safety, the commission needs to have specific responsibilities and the power to enforce them. I urge you to take up the [goals and metrics](#) shared by the Coalition for a Safer San Mateo County as guidelines for meaningful engagement for the commission. And to the new commission members, I urge you to reach out to the Coalition as a resource to for information and models of effective oversight.

Thank you,
Clara Jaeckel
Redwood City.

From: [Bill Newell](#)
To: [Dave Pine](#); [Warren Slocum](#); [David Canepa](#); [Noelia Corzo](#); [Ray Mueller](#); [CEO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: June 11 Independent Civilian Advisory Commission on the Sheriff's Office
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 4:53:41 PM

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Dear Honorable Members of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors

My name is Bill Newell and I have lived in Redwood City, San Mateo County for over 30 years.

I am a member of the San Francisco Peninsula People Power, part of the Coalition for a Safer San Mateo County.

The Independent Civilian Advisory Commission is a historic first step toward genuine law enforcement transparency and accountability. I want the Advisory Commission to be successful, and I will advocate for it getting the tools to be effective.

For now the County Board Members are the oversight, and will continue to receive complaints about the Sheriff's Office directly. The Board has chosen to retain all the actual oversight authority.

Providing the Commission with enumerated powers, responsibilities, goals and metrics helps you to know if the advisory commission is effective. The Coalition for a Safer San Mateo has shared [Goals and Metrics](#) with you and the commission, which would help to ensure its effectiveness.

Thank you for taking the first step. You need to be sure it is a serious, committed effort, otherwise there is no point to your efforts. The new Commission needs to have the strength to do the job, and be authorized to get answers when it has questions.