

Written Comments for  
**Regular Public Comment Section**  
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**From:** [Kathy Battat](#)  
**To:** [CEO BoardFeedback](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose more lanes on 101  
**Date:** Monday, July 24, 2023 4:20:59 PM

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Dear SMC Board of Supervisors,

Construction of the 5th lane on 101 will cost over \$500 M. There are traffic studies documenting that adding lanes to freeways reduces traffic for about 6 months. Because increasing lanes encourages more driving, the benefit is short lived.

On the other hand, solutions like protected bike lanes would permanently reduce traffic congestion and improve our quality of life.

There is an extension of the 5th lane between 380 and SF in the planning process, and I urge you to vote against this and instead ask for funding protected bike lanes.

Thank you,

Kathy

Kathy Battat, Hillsborough Resident

**From:** [Patrick Horn](#)  
**To:** [CEO BoardFeedback](#)  
**Cc:** [All Pmac Members](#)  
**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT for a matter not on the agenda  
**Date:** Monday, July 24, 2023 4:11:18 PM

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My name is Dr. Patrick Horn, and I serve on the Pescadero Municipal Advisory Council, which heard concerns at our most recent meeting from the public about the Farmworker Housing Taskforce. I am not speaking on behalf of PMAC. It is my own strongly held opinion that nothing in California Code, Health and Safety Code - HSC § 17008 allows for investigations and warrantless searches of private property without cause or suspicion of a specific and immediate threat. The surveys and inspections are being done under the color of law, but in reality, in violation of the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and California Code of Civil Procedure section 1822.50-1822.60, which requires a warrant with cause and an affidavit of facts and scope of the search with advance notice to the owner, who must be present. *Nobody should "incriminate" themselves by answering a survey, and nobody should allow the inspectors to search their private property without a warrant, and none of the evidence the County collected should be admissible in any government action against anybody.* None of this supports the needs of our community. The Farmworkers themselves went to the County's Farmworker Commission (I was there) and told the County what they want: access to affordable quality healthcare, outreach and education about their rights, and affordable housing development. The Farmworkers Housing Taskforce, Steve Monowitz (Director of Community Development, Planning and Building Department), Heather Forshley (Director, Environmental Health Services), and the public servants at the County should focus on these three items, and I personally request that the upcoming Taskforce report to the Pescadero Municipal Advisory Council includes (1) an apology for the miscommunication and procedural error which violates the rights and protections afforded by the U.S. Constitution and California Code, (2) a promise to cease and desist all problematic activities carried out under the color of law, and (3) a reorientation of the Task Force to the stated priorities of constituents, for example, relaxing and revising the strict regulations and permit process which has stifled building affordable farmworker housing in our region. Thank you.

**From:** [J.P. Hilton](#)  
**To:** [CEO BoardFeedback](#)  
**Cc:** [steve@stlubin.net](mailto:steve@stlubin.net)  
**Subject:** Canada Road Safety  
**Date:** Saturday, July 22, 2023 3:07:55 PM

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Hello. I am writing to request safe cyclist measures be implemented for Canada Road (Woodside to 92).

On January 21st I (and others) were shot by a driver with an air soft gun and rubber pellets. The police were called and should have a record. I have had bottles thrown at me and drivers swerve near me (intentional or otherwise).

Canada is one of the few wide shoulder, safe roads in the county. Please consider traffic calming and appropriate enforcement measures. Thank you.

John Hilton  
San Carlos, CA

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** [Carol Cross](#)  
**To:** [CEO BoardFeedback](#); [Dave Pine](#); [Warren Slocum](#); [David Canepa](#); [Noelia Corzo](#); [Ray Mueller](#)  
**Subject:** Civilian oversight of the sheriff's office  
**Date:** Sunday, July 23, 2023 10:10:02 PM

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It's the right thing to do.

Carol Cross,  
Redwood City resident

*"I used to think the top environmental problems were **biodiversity loss, ecosystem collapse and climate change**. I thought that with 30 years of good science we could address those problems. But I was wrong. The top environmental problems are **selfishness, greed and apathy** and to deal with those we need a spiritual and cultural transformation - and we scientists don't know how to do that."*

- *Gus Speth, Environmental Lawyer and co-founder of the Natural Resources Defense Council*

**From:** [Clara Jaeckel](#)  
**To:** [CEO BoardFeedback](#); [Warren Slocum](#); [David Canepa](#); [Noelia Corzo](#); [Ray Mueller](#); [Dave Pine](#)  
**Subject:** public comment for 7/25 board meeting for item not on the agenda: support oversight for sheriff  
**Date:** Monday, July 24, 2023 1:29:12 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Clara Jaeckel and I've lived and worked in San Mateo County for 25 years, currently in Redwood City. I'm writing to you as part of the coalition of community groups that supports oversight for the sheriff in San Mateo County. Putting an oversight group in place would provide checks and balances, increase transparency and accountability, and create a forum for dialogue between the sheriff and residents.

I have been a member of the Redwood City Police Advisory Committee for the last two years and am just beginning my second term. As a disclaimer, I am making this comment solely as an individual resident, not speaking for or representing the committee. However, I mention it because my experience on this committee has shown me the value of having a focused forum for communication between residents and law enforcement, to share community priorities and voice concerns. Of course, to gain the full benefits of independent oversight, a civilian board to work with the sheriff must be created with investigative and enforcement powers beyond the merely advisory. Consequently, I urge you to establish a civilian oversight board and office of inspector general as recommended by Fixin' San Mateo County.

Thank you,  
Clara Jaeckel

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**From:** [Sukhmani Purewal](#)  
**To:** [CEO BoardFeedback](#)  
**Subject:** FW: La Quinta Housing Plan in Millbrae  
**Date:** Monday, July 24, 2023 8:50:48 AM

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**From:** Mangold <[fsmangold@comcast.net](mailto:fsmangold@comcast.net)>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2023 7:50 AM  
**To:** Christa Bigue <[CBigue@smcgov.org](mailto:CBigue@smcgov.org)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: La Quinta Housing Plan in Millbrae

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**From:** Mangoldb <[fsmangold@comcast.net](mailto:fsmangold@comcast.net)>  
**Date:** July 24, 2023 at 7:46:07 AM PDT  
**To:** [Mdurand@smcgov.org](mailto:Mdurand@smcgov.org)  
**Subject:** La Quinta Housing Plan in Millbrae

Since I cannot find an email link to the County Clerk or Board of Supervisors, please forward this email to the Board. It was written to Supervisor Canada but it applies to the entire board. He sent a very brief reply. Thank you.

Dear Sir,

I read an article about your tour of a proposed housing site in Menlo Park. I was disturbed by your comment that you had planned to make them accept housing in that area. It indicates you went into this without an open mind and a sense of arrogance that was disheartening. I'm glad you revised your opinion but I'm afraid the Board of Supervisors shares that "you're gonna take it and you're gonna like it" attitude. So much for supporting their constituents.

This is particularly evident in the County's decision in closed session, with no city or constituent involvement, to purchase at great expense to county and state taxpayers a perfectly fine hotel and turn it into what is cheerfully called permanent supportive affordable housing. The city loses a big chunk of tax revenue, has to pay for a deputy (expecting problems?), and the taxpayer buys a property needing major renovation and bottomless management expenses in a small city with no nearby county support

services. This is completely unacceptable and must be firmly rejected.

There are many apartment buildings throughout the county that can easily accept residents and can be purchased with less tax dollars. I strongly recommend the Board takes a hard look at your decision process and make it more reasonable and equitable for the citizens of the cities you represent.

Sandra Mangold  
Millbrae

Sent from my iPad



**From:** [Joan Vaughan](#)  
**To:** [CEO BoardFeedback](#)  
**Subject:** Sheriff oversight  
**Date:** Monday, July 24, 2023 11:13:17 AM

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I am JoAn Vaughan, a resident of San Mateo and member of UUFRC. I encourage you to give prompt attention to sheriff oversight. it will help to provide transparency, accountability and racial justice.

**From:** [Robert Zhou](#)  
**To:** [CEO BoardFeedback](#)  
**Subject:** Please fund a network of protected bike lanes on the Peninsula instead of new lanes on 101  
**Date:** Monday, July 24, 2023 2:26:58 PM

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Hello,

As a San Mateo voter who is very concerned about the environment, I urge you to redirect funding from opening new lanes on 101 to building a network of protected bike lanes on the Peninsula. Traffic studies indicate that adding new lanes encourages driving, meaning that the reduction in traffic would only be temporary while the increase in driving pollution would be permanent. By providing a cleaner, safer, and more space efficient alternative to driving, a network of protected bike lanes would permanently reduce traffic congestion and pollution while increasing everyone's quality of life. Please fund a network of protected bike lanes on the Peninsula instead of new lanes on 101 for the sake of a cleaner, safer, and more prosperous future for all.

Thank you,  
Robert  
he/him/his

Written Public  
Comment(s) for **Item No. 1**

**From:** [Clara Jaeckel](#)  
**To:** [CEO BoardFeedback](#); [Warren Slocum](#); [David Canepa](#); [Noelia Corzo](#); [Ray Mueller](#); [Dave Pine](#)  
**Subject:** public comment for 7/25 board meeting agenda item #1: support recommendations to reimagine juvenile hall  
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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Clara Jaeckel and I'm a volunteer with the group In Our Care. I've lived and worked in San Mateo County for 25 years, currently in Redwood City. I have been following the work of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission closely over the last few years and I am writing to applaud the work of the Commission in reviewing Juvenile Hall and analyzing what services will do the most to meet the needs of our youth as well as the whole San Mateo County community. I strongly urge you to do everything in your power to implement the Commission's recommendations to reimagine Juvenile Hall.

- For youth who are currently incarcerated at Juvenile Hall, please put in place the improvements listed in the Commission's 2022 inspection report, for required rehabilitative services including behavioral health, substance abuse, rape trauma counseling, and so on, as well as vocational services, access to college courses, adequate and palatable food, health care, and ethnically appropriate hygiene supplies. These improvements are need to set the youth up for the most successful re-entry and reintegration into the community after their release and avoid recidivism, which in turn also increases safety and stability for everyone in the county.
- In the longer term, given the low usage of the bed capacity at Juvenile Hall and Camp Kemp, please investigate other ways to address the very few children who truly need a locked facility during their rehabilitation, and instead use this residential space to provide much-needed proactive services to youth such as those aging out of foster care, those exiting incarceration without another place to go, or those needing residential care for mental health or substance use. Using the facilities for these needs will not only make more efficient use of the space and resources, but will help reduce the risk that youth in vulnerable situations will enter the justice system and be incarcerated.

Thank you,  
Clara Jaeckel