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From: [Christina Kalogierias](#)
To: [CEO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: RWH Stays Open!!!
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 5:01:06 PM

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To San Mateo Committee,

I, and those that stand for the betterment of people and our community, are imploring for Redwood House to stay open. For over 60 years, Redwood House, an in-crisis psychosocial rehabilitation facility, has let people fighting psychiatric diagnoses a place to stabilize their foundation in life. Redwood House provides residential counselors for clients to complete their treatment plan, which encompass accessing their medications daily, attending their medical and mental health appointments, participating in psychoeducational groups onsite, developing coping skills to practice on a daily basis and during times of crisis, practicing daily living skills, and much more. Being at Redwood House and having all of these tools available to patients and reinforced to them by all the employees is what helps them make stride and thrive in their community when they have completed their treatment plan.

Redwood House has been called by patients a “home I never had,” “a safe haven.” Please help us keep this safe haven open in San Mateo County, as if it closes, there will be another resource taken away for people with psychiatric diagnoses, and more people will be too psychiatrically unstable to be living in the community.

Please let this safe haven be available for those that need it most.

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CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Jim McGarry <jmcgarry.sf@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2024 3:39 PM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: 11/12 Public Comment

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November 11, 2024

Dear San Mateo County Board of Supervisors:

The impending closure of Redwood House and turning our backs on its crucial role in mental health services in our county would jeopardize the mental health of countless individuals and strain our already overwhelmed social services. The cost of people cycling through the hospitals & jails will be larger than the resources needed to sustain the program. Out of county hospital beds cost thousands per night, whether it's occupied or not. The beds at Stanford Hospital cost 10k per night. Additionally, the rate in homelessness would increase as no client that goes through Redwood House is discharged to the streets & is always given a placement!

Please put this item on the agenda for the next meeting on November 19th. Thank you for your consideration.

Jim McGarry
Pacifica

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Danielle Glick-Scroggins <danielleroseglickscroggins@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2024 4:02 PM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: 11/12 Public Comment- Request to Add Redwood House to 11/19 Board Agenda

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Hello San Mateo County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to urgently request that the future of Redwood House, San Mateo County's only Crisis Mental Health Program, be added to the Board of Supervisors' agenda for the November 19 meeting.

For over 60 years, Redwood House has been a vital resource, providing individuals in crisis with an alternative to hospitalization and addressing substance use through a harm-reduction approach. Its closure would be devastating, leading to increased homelessness, incarceration, and further strain on our already overwhelmed social services.

The loss of Redwood House would leave a significant gap in critical mental health care for our community. As a constituent, I strongly urge you to advocate for the preservation of this essential service and ensure it is included on the upcoming agenda for discussion.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. I look forward to your response and hope to see this issue addressed at the November 19 meeting.

Sincerely,
Danielle Glick-Scroggins

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Alan Newman <alan@pacificpestmgt.com>
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2024 4:17 PM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: 11/12 board meeting

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Public comment Alan Newman

I've been working with Redwood house for about eight years and I see how much they do and care for the clients that come in. This place does not need to be shut down, but it needs to be funded and upgraded so that they can have all the tools that they need and supplies that they need to help dealing with mental illness. Please put this on the Please put this on the agenda for November 19 meeting.

This item is not on the current agenda.

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CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Baron LaTour <prolificcreativity.latour@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2024 4:19 PM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Cc: India Hargett
Subject: 11/12 Comments

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To Whom It May Concern

I'm writing to advocate for the Redwood House Residential Detox and Rehab Facility

I'm a longtime bay area resident who has seen many veterans and civilians receive effective and empathetic treatment for over forty years.

I understand the economics involved with these programs but can't understand why such a vital community resource would be closed after decades of public service.

I would implore all members of the council to strongly consider adding this to 11/19 agenda for review and discussion.

I thank you in advance for any considerations you may give to this matter.

Kind Regards

Baron LaTour

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Patrice Massicotte <PatriceM@heartandsoulinc.org>
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2024 4:24 PM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: 11/12 Public Comment: Add to agenda RWH

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Dear SMC Board of Supervisors,

This email communication is our public comment to urge the Board to add the Redwood House closure situation to their 11/19/24 meeting agenda.

As you may have heard, Caminar's Redwood House (248 Redwood Ave, Redwood City) is scheduled to close by 12/31/24. This facility has been a cornerstone of mental health support in our communities for over 60 years and is the *only* Crisis Residential Program serving San Mateo County. They support people who've gone through a recent mental health crisis to further stabilize and get connected to needed resources. They are closing despite solutions proposed & funding being available, at the expense of SMC residents in critical need of services, and at a time where beds in SMC BHRS facilities are very limited and some individuals must even be placed out of County in unknown environments away from relatives.

Since its creation over 5 years ago, Heart & Soul Inc's H.O.P.E. Program has successfully been partnering with Redwood House - the SMC BHRS facility providing the most referrals for our unique transitioning program from acute to lower level of care and back to the community. Together with Redwood House dedicated staff, we are making a real difference not only by supporting residents' recovery toward independence but also by reducing re-hospitalization throughout the County.

Thank you for your consideration and making the Redwood House closure situation a priority and agenda item for your 11/19/24 meeting.

On behalf of Heart & Soul Inc.

Patrice

Patrice Massicotte

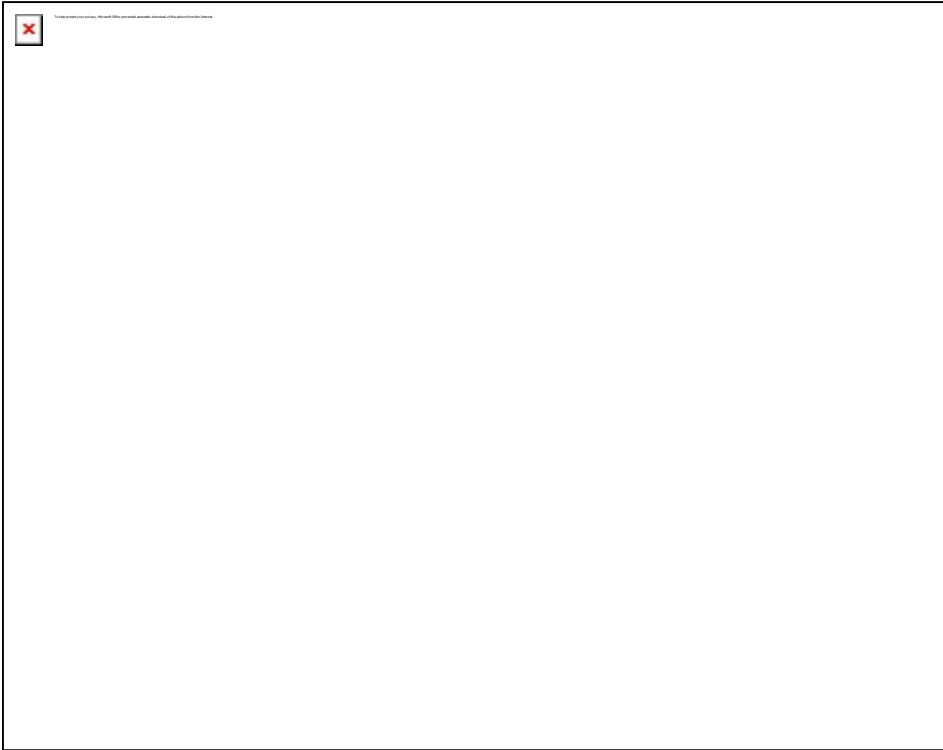
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Certified Alternatives To Suicide Group Facilitator
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One-On-One Peer Support:
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CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Alissa Kitay <issakaytay@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2024 4:44 PM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Public Comment: Requesting to Add to 11/19 Agenda

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Hello,

My comment concerns an item that is not on the 11/12/2024 agenda:

I am writing to bring awareness to the closure of Redwood House off of 248 Redwood Ave, scheduled for 12/31/2024. Redwood House is a crisis residential facility, designed to aid individuals in their recovery after being discharged from a psychiatric hospitalization. Residential programs like these decrease the chance of individuals experiencing rehospitization, homelessness, and incarceration, all of which put a strain on the community and its resources. Caminar announced its scheduled closure on 10/21/2024 due to a budget deficit based on the negotiations with the county. Staff at Redwood House is urging that the Board of Supervisors take emergency measures to keep this community resource of over 60 years in operation.

Thank you,

Alissa Williams

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: tom stang <freedolive2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2024 4:50 PM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Cc: decision.makers@change.org
Subject: As a decision maker, your action can drive change on this petition

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Dear San Mateo County Board of Supervisors,

I'm reaching out to you regarding the 'Preserve Redwood House, San Mateo County's Lifeline for Crisis Mental Health' petition, which has garnered significant community support with 928 signatures.

Click here to learn more about this petition: https://www.change.org/p/preserve-redwood-house-san-mateo-county-s-lifeline-for-crisis-mental-health?utm_source=supporter_emails_dm

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response.

Best, Supporter 🙏

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Caelum Olsen <caelumolsen1129@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2024 4:58 PM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: 11/12 Public Comment

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Hello,

This comment is for a matter not on the agenda, but I am urging the board to add this subject to their upcoming agenda. I am reaching out from Caminar's Redwood House, the only crisis residential treatment program in San Mateo County, and its scheduled closure on 12/31/24. I am requesting emergency action to be taken by the board to extend the current contract held by Redwood House until an agreement is met between the Caminar Board and Behavioral Health & Recovery Services (BHRS). This program provides invaluable services to San Mateo County and its population experiencing SMI. Without it, this population will not receive the treatment that it needs to manage their diagnoses. We will see an increase in homelessness and hospitalizations as these clients lose a pillar of their recovery path. Other programs will be impacted by the loss of Redwood House, as many clients will stay longer at the hospital or enter programs that they are not prepared for. If the goal is to improve the treatment of this population, keeping this established and well-run program alive will meet that goal. Letting it close will create a substantial problem for the county meeting its legal requirement to have at least one CRT program, as well as posing a risk to the health and lives of the folks who need our program. This is a problem for a deeply underserved and underrepresented group of people, so I will speak on their behalf: keep Redwood House open!

Thank you,
Caelum M. Olsen

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Em Lee <emilywalker75@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2024 5:00 PM
To: Chantae Rochester; klui@smcgov.org; CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: 11/12 Public Comment - Save Needed Mental Health Resources, Save Redwood House!

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Hello everyone, T

his email is intended to offer an agenda item for your SMC Board of Supervisors Meeting on 11/19 - to Save Redwood House, an essential mental health resource in our community, subject to immediate closure!

Below is my statement:

"On October 21, 2024, Caminar CEO Mark Cloutier announced the impending closure of Redwood House, a Crisis Residential Facility in San Mateo County, set for December 31. This vital mental health support center, operating since 1964, is the only Crisis Mental Health Program in the county, offering an alternative to hospitalization for individuals experiencing acute psychiatric symptoms. Its closure would risk the well-being of countless community members, amplifying pressures on already overwhelmed social services. We hope this decision can be reversed. Redwood House has been a lifeline, providing 24/7 care in a safe, home-like environment that promotes stability and independence. For 60 years, its personalized treatment plans, life skills training, and harm reduction approach have empowered individuals to recover and reintegrate into the community. As a former counselor at RWH, I witnessed firsthand the profound impact of our services on the lives of our seriously mentally ill population, serving as an essential linkage between psychiatric hospitalization and stabilized reintegration into the community. Losing this resource would exacerbate mental health crises in our community, especially as homelessness rates continue to climb and over 146,000 adults in San Mateo County face mental health challenges annually.

The stakes are high. The closure of Redwood House will lead to higher rates of homelessness and incarceration. Approximately 70% of individuals booked into San Mateo County's correctional facility struggle with addiction or mental illness, and displacing Redwood House residents could further strain emergency services. Redwood House is a lifeline for recovery, ensuring that residents are never discharged to the streets.

The closure of RWH would deprive mental health consumers of essential support and care and force vulnerable people back into environments ill-equipped to meet their needs, increasing the risk of homelessness, hospitalization, and involvement with law enforcement. This closure would not only disrupt individual lives but erode the fabric of our community's mental health safety net, further straining an overburdened social service system.

We cannot afford to let this vital resource slip away. We must stand together to preserve RWH and continue providing compassionate, effective care to those who need it most."

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Emily Walker

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Louie s. Ramos <louie2468@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2024 11:34 AM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: RWH potential.closure

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I'm a former employee of this crisis facility and have served our clients and community for over 19 years and I'm honored to be a part of their mission to provide culturally competent and compassionate care to clients with co occurring mental health and substance use disorders.

With the impending threat of closure I am very sad and concerned of negative impact this will have on our vulnerable client population.

The therapeutic milieu and other life saving treatment modalities RWH provides benefitted our clients and their families for over 50 years and its very crucial to the well being of the community as a whole.

Please keep this program and save our dedicated and compassionate staff from losing their jobs as well.

Sincerely

Louie Ramos, CADIC II, MHRS

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CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Tyler Harvey <tyharv650@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2024 11:45 AM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: 11/12 public comment redwood house closure

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Hello SMC Board,

Redwood House was the last crisis residential facility in the county and was one of the most cost effective means of addressing the biggest problems in our county; the mental health and homelessness crises. This house was the best at providing evidence based treatments for the seriously mentally ill to prepare them for reintegrating into the community. For the sake of the county the house needs to be funded in some way shape or form, if not for self interested reasons, the for the moral reason of putting our literal money where our mouth is on these two crises.

Best wishes and my thanks for your time, Tyler Harvey San Mateo resident.

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: India Hargett <ihargettrockstar13@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2024 11:57 AM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: 11/12 Public Comment

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Item not on the agenda. From India Hargett:

On 10/21/24, Caminar CEO Mark Cloutier announced the impending closure of Redwood House, a vital Crisis Residential Facility, scheduled for 12/31/24. This facility has been a cornerstone of mental health support in our community for over 60 years. This is the ONLY crisis residential program of its kind in San Mateo County. They take in people that have recently been through psychiatric crisis and support them with stabilization & reintegrating back into community successfully. Clients come from hospitals, locked units, and jails from all over the Bay Area & even out of county.

Its closure would jeopardize the mental health of countless individuals and strain our already overwhelmed social services. The cost of people cycling through the hospitals & jails will be larger than the resources needed to sustain the program. Out of county hospital beds cost thousands per night, whether it's occupied or not. The beds at Stanford Hospital cost 10k per night. Additionally, the rate in homelessness would increase as no client that goes through Redwood House is discharged to the streets & is always given a placement!

However, according to Dr. Jei Africa, the decision can be reversed! This program has a legacy within the community and is the flagship program of Caminar. I'm hoping the board can encourage the Behavior Health & Recovery Services to extend Caminar's current contract until a viable solution is agreed upon.

Although Cordilleras is being revamped, not everyone in crisis meets the criteria of being in a locked unit. Also, what resources will people be connected to once leaving a locked unit if Redwood House closes? We know that without a step down for reclamation, there is higher likelihood of re-hospitalization.

I am urging the board to add this to the agenda for the 11/19 meeting.

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CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Elizabeth Morales <elizabethmorales12910@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2024 12:51 PM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: 11/12 Public Comment

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Hello,

I want to comment on something that is not on the agenda for the 11/19 meeting. I urge the board to include the closure of Redwood House on the agenda. It is crucial for San Mateo county to consider how to keep this mental health facility open. As a woman of color who has Bipolar Disorder and PTSD, I have lived experience on how crucial programs such as Redwood House are to the community and for patients like myself who rely on these types of programs to get better and reintegrate into the community.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Morales

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Nox N. <sora.no.utaa@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2024 1:12 PM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Cc: Chantae Rochester; klui@smcgov.org
Subject: 11/12 Public Comment

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Hi there,

I have concerns on an issue not on the agenda.

With short notice, Caminar, a county contracted agency, plans to close down Redwood House, a crisis residential for those with SMI that has been open for 60 years. They claim reasoning being of the county's shift towards CALAIMs. I urge that y'all bring this subject matter up in the SMC Board of Supervisors meeting on 11/19/2024 as we need more mental health facilities like Redwood House not less. We are in a mental health crisis and we need to support people so we are requesting emergency action be taken to help save an important community pillar.

Thank you,
Priscilla (Nox) Ngo, MA, AMFT, ATR-P

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Joseph Greeley <jgreeley20@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2024 1:20 PM
To: India Hargett; CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: 11/12 public comment

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To whom this may concern.

My name is Joseph, and I am an artist dedicated to giving back through my work. Over the years, I've donated artwork to facilities like El Caminar House, a rehabilitation center in Redwood City, where I have seen firsthand the positive impact it has on those in need of mental health support. I am reaching out to express my deep concern over any plans to shut down this facility.

Mental health challenges can be overwhelming, and facilities like El Caminar House provide a unique and essential space for healing and recovery.

This is the ONLY one in San Mateo County that offer such comprehensive, residential care. It's crucial for the individuals who rely on these services to have access to the continuity of care that only a facility like El Caminar House can provide.

During my visits, I have seen the transformative work of the counselors and staff. Conversations with India Hargrett have highlighted the profound impact El Caminar House has on its clients. Through her words and the visible improvements in clients' lives, it's clear how much this facility contributes to their growth and wellbeing.

Art has been a lifeline in my own journey, and I know it can be for others too. I donate my work to places like El Camino House to bring light and inspiration to the clients and create a welcoming, uplifting environment. I plan to continue supporting El Camino House with more artwork because I believe in the healing power of creative expression.

For all these reasons, I strongly urge you to keep this vital facility open. Its closure would leave a significant gap in care for our community's most vulnerable residents.

Sincerely,

Joseph Leonardi Greeley

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CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Mark and Agatha Greeley <mandagreeley@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2024 1:40 PM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: 11/12 public comment

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To whom this may concern,

We are Mark and Agatha Greeley, long-time residents of the Bay Area, and we are deeply upset and disheartened by the proposed closure of Caminar in Redwood City. This facility is the only one of its kind in our area, providing vital residential mental health support that so many individuals depend on. Losing this facility would leave a void, not only for those who need its services but for the entire community that benefits from the transformative care it provides.

We are frustrated because mental health resources are already limited, and El Caminar has been a beacon of hope and healing for those facing some of life's most challenging battles. The dedicated staff, counselors, and programs at El Caminar make a meaningful impact, helping individuals find stability, regain purpose, and reconnect with their lives.

Our concern comes from seeing the unique difference this facility makes, not only in clients' lives but in the wellbeing of the entire community. The people who have gone through El Caminar often emerge with renewed direction and stability, thanks to the compassionate, life-changing support offered here.

We strongly urge you to reconsider closing Caminar. Its loss would be a significant setback for mental health resources in our area, leaving vulnerable individuals without the care they need. By keeping this essential facility open, you ensure that those in need continue to have a safe space to find healing and hope.

Sincerely,

Mark and Agatha Greeley

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Apple Concepcion <aconcepcion128@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2024 1:50 PM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: 11/12 Public Comment

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Hello,

I am writing this letter for a matter not on the agenda, but an important matter which no one likes to address.

On October 30th I heard about the scheduled closure for Caminar Redwood House. I was in shock of such news. A vital house for the San Mateo County mental health. I have seen clients enter Redwood House and progress in their mental health and drug addiction. We all see the huge increase in homelessness in every county to cut another resource will only add to it more.

There has been no clear answer as to why this closure is happening.

Thank you

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Jacqui Cebrian <jsquared2k3@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2024 12:17 PM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Cc: Sherry Golestan
Subject: Ringwood/Coleman

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Dear Board of Supervisors-

First, thank you for taking the time to review this report and consider all the public comments. My name is Jacqui Cebrian. I've been a resident of the Belle Haven neighborhood of Menlo Park for 16 years, a teacher at Oak Knoll for 21 years, and a member of the Menlo Park Complete Streets Commission for 5 years. I've been bike commuting for about 6 years from the bayside of Menlo Park to the Oak Knoll neighborhood. I do this during our peak traffic window in the morning. Over the past 6 years, the city of Menlo Park has done a great job of adding marked bike lanes on high traffic corridors and it has dramatically reduced the stressful sections of my ride. That makes the impending disaster of Ringwood stand out all the more and is now THE most dangerous part of my ride and the part that I can almost be assured of having a car not see me while they get to where they are going. The bad car behavior you are surely hearing about from parents riding with kids is all true, and also just scratches the surface.

Our planet is warming and we all know that traffic is regionally driven and congestion is a fixed feature of our roads unless we can get more people to choose something besides to travel our city streets. Not everyone can ride bikes to work/school, but not everyone who is driving needs to be. This means that the number of bikes on the road during commute times right now is the smallest number you're going to have. More bikes are coming and nobody should have to go to the hospital or worse to get action when the city and the county are fully aware of the issues.

Streets are a public resource - not a private right of way. A handful of residents shouldn't be able to prevent a much larger number of road users from having a safe route when you have to power to make it happen.

I urge you to listen to the feedback and try the one way pilot program in coordination with Menlo Park's effort to install bike lanes on it's portion of Coleman. But also, and equally importantly, I urge you to look at long term solutions for Ringwood and then start putting the wheels in motion to ensure that everyone who uses those high traffic corridors has a better chance of getting where they are going safely and without the stress of trying to fight for space with cars.

This problem has been going on for years. You're hearing about it now because our cyclist population is growing - as it will continue to - and they vote also. You are tasked with looking at all the available information and making a decision that benefits the greater community. Everyone deserves safe streets and we are years overdue for this section of roadway because of the mutli-jurisdictional complications.

Please take meaningful action on this report. It's why you were elected to your positions.

Thank you for your time.

Jacqui Cebrian

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CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Jim Strahorn <jim@strahorn.com>
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2024 12:59 PM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Child Safety, the City & County's LOWEST Priority should be the HIGHEST

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Gentlemen & Ladies ...

I sent the thoughts below to some 20 other Menlo Oaks residents, yesterday.
I've been asked to forward a copy to all of you as well.
I've tried to be especially concise here:

Child Safety, for Kids Walking & Kids on Bikes seems to be the LOWEST PRIORITY OBJECTIVE for the County, City, Bike Committee and Consultants, when it should be the HIGHEST.
With that Objective in mind, the ONLY Solution that makes ANY REAL SENSE to me is ...

**Designating Coleman Avenue as a School Access Street ...
and Closing Coleman to all vehicles ...
at least, during Morning & Afternoon School Rush Hours**

Yes, closure during School Rush Hours, will cause long-term inconveniences for all residents, both outside and within the Menlo Oaks Neighborhood.
But the Child Safety Objective, in my opinion, more than justifies such inconveniences.

No, "School Access Street" is NOT YET an official street designation like "Arterial" or "Collector."
But it's about time other priorities than automobiles, trucks & emergency vehicles are included.

I sent similar thoughts to BPAC, maybe 6 +/- months ago in writing.

I conclude that City & County Officials are NOT Really Listening to the opinions of local residents, parents and grandparents and they're ...

NOT placing a High Enough Priority on Child Safety.

Thanks for your continued involvement and diligence ...

Jim Strahorn ... 45 Years at 1021 Coleman Ave, Menlo Park (county, not city)

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Heather Duke <heather.l.duke@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2024 8:51 PM
To: Vanessa Castro; CEO_BoardFeedback; city.council@menlopark.gov
Cc: board@mpcsd.org
Subject: Coleman Public Comments

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To Whom it May Concern;

I would like to briefly add a comment for consideration for the Coleman Ave transportation rework. My name is Heather Duke and I live on Middle Ave, a road recently updated by removing all parking to make two dedicated bike lanes for bicyclists. While walking our dogs every morning, we have noticed a meaningful increase of bicyclists commuting along Middle Ave of all ages, including much younger children, than prior to the update. During the school commuting hour, it is clear that people in our community feel safer using a busier street because space and visibility has been improved immensely.

Compromising for a one-way lane and bike path to have both forms of travel co-exist more safely appears like the prudent balance for all members of our community on Coleman. I encourage this body and the supervisors to approve this plan and place Coleman on the Agenda for your November 12th meeting.

Thank you for your time,
Heather Duke

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Amir Motamedi <amirm1@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2024 5:50 AM
To: Vanessa Castro; CEO_BoardFeedback; city.council@menlopark.gov
Cc: board@mpcsd.org
Subject: Coleman Bike Safety

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Dear Council / Board Members,

First, thank you for all the efforts and support of our community. I would like to request to add the Coleman bike safety topic to the Board of Supervisors upcoming agenda on November 12th. My request is for the Board to 1) express support for the County one-way. 2) remove parking on one side of the city portion, and 3) install traffic calming measures including stop signs and speed tables. There were some good discussions in the last meeting, and I feel we cannot lose momentum on taking some short-term actions while thinking of longer-term solutions. The safety of our children depends on our decisions.

Thank you,

Amir Motamedi, Menlo Park resident at 333 Bay Road

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sandra mckee
sr. sterling heights resident
redwood city 94061

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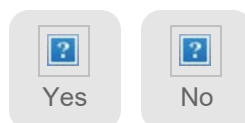
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Comment(s) for **Item No. 4**

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Erica Wang <erica@ericawang.com>
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Subject: Expansion of Mobile Crisis Response Teams for 911 Calls

Dear San Mateo County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my support for the expansion of Mobile Crisis Response Teams (MCRTs) in San Mateo County and to urge their integration into the 911 dispatch system for calls regarding "strange behavior or activities."

The recent soft launch of the SMC 24/7 MCRT program, with five teams now operating countywide, is a commendable step towards addressing mental health crises. However, I believe there is an opportunity to enhance this program's effectiveness by following the successful models implemented in other cities, such as Denver's STAR program.

Currently, MCRTs are dispatched through Star Vista's crisis line or 988, which is beneficial for individuals experiencing a crisis or those personally connected to them. However, this system overlooks a crucial scenario: when a bystander observes someone exhibiting mental health issues and calls 911.

To address this gap, I propose:

1. Expanding the MCRT program to handle more calls across the county.
2. Integrating MCRTs into the 911 dispatch system for appropriate calls.
3. Training 911 operators to identify situations where an MCRT would be more suitable than traditional law enforcement.

These changes would ensure that trained mental health professionals respond to non-violent behavioral health calls, potentially reducing unnecessary police interventions and improving outcomes for individuals in crisis.

I urge the Board to consider these recommendations during the upcoming presentation on November 12th. By enhancing our MCRT program, San Mateo County can become a compassionate, effective crisis response leader.

Thank you for your consideration and commitment to our community's well-being.

Sincerely,

Erica Wang

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From: [Cathy Baird](#)
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Subject: Agenda item: Presentation 4, SMC 24/7 Mobile Crisis Response Team
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 3:04:03 PM

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Supervisors:

Congratulations on the rollout of the 24/7 Mobile Crisis Response Team. This is an excellent start to meeting the need for responding to people who are having a mental health crisis.

Please consider addressing the scenario of somebody who observes an unrelated person having a mental health crisis and calling 911 (instead of 988). The person calling will not need consultation themselves and does not know the person having the crisis. 911 call centers will not be able to dispatch clinician-led teams. Please close this gap in service so more people can get appropriate and timely help.

Cathy Baird
San Carlos