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Sukhmani Purewal

From: Ron Snow [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 4:34 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Cc: Safety
Subject: BOS Agenda Item #47, File 20-344 - Keep Parking on Alameda de las Pulgas at Prospect

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Dear San Mateo Board of Supervisors,

Please do not approve Agenda Item #48, pertaining to the Proposal to remove parking on Alameda de las Pulgas at Prospect St in West Menlo Park. Removal of so many parking spaces is an unjustified and extreme overreach. This proposal does not address a key issue and goes way beyond what was requested in the filing to improve visibility and remove 1 parking spot. Even if parking would be reduced, only one spot should be removed.

The proposal does not address one of the main issues, that of speeding motorists. The filing did prompt PW to clear overgrown shrubs that were blocking the view. That helped considerably, but did not address the main speeding issue and did little to improve safety. A different solution is needed and a better one is available.

There are several issues with this Proposal:

I am on the Santa Cruz/Alameda Safety Task Force and the feedback from the community that I have heard is that, rather than remove parking, it would be better to move toward the goal of reducing lanes and achieving the 4-3 road diet that is currently in full motion for this section of Alameda. Preserving parking is a big issue with our community and on January 30th, at a County/Community meeting at Las Lomitas, Public Works **told our community that no parking would be removed**. This positive statement was well received. It is disingenuous to then, a week later, have Public Works make this proposal to start removing 5 or 6 much needed parking spaces. This proposal seems a broken promise and a betrayal of trust.

This **proposal is inconsistent with our safety task force's effort** for this Alameda portion to have a 4-3 road diet and traffic calming. That better solution (below) is inexpensive and is consistent with the Safety Task Force goals and significantly improve the safety for pedestrians, for the crosswalk, and for Prospect traffic.

County did not canvas the streets that would be most impacted by so many parking spots being removed: Harkens Ave, Liberty Park Ave, Avy, and nearby Lucky Ave (see illustration). Yet all of these streets have the highest density housing and associated parking limitations. This location is just one block away from the small business district where there is talk of reducing parking there (for social distancing?), so this means more parking will be needed to help mitigate that loss of parking for businesses.

Better Safety via a Better Proposal:

The proposal mentions the crosswalk as an additional parameter, although this was not part of the parking restriction request. The Proposal's concern for the crosswalk is misguided and appears fabricated. A better solution for both Prospect St and the mid block Liberty Park crosswalk would be simply keep Southbound Alameda to the 1 lane it currently is for a short block longer and, in the interim, not to start the 2nd lane configuration until **after** Prospect.

Pertaining to reducing speeding and pedestrian safety, this Better Solution has huge advantages. Currently Alameda expands to 2 lanes just 100' BEFORE the crosswalk. That just does not make safety sense! This means cars are

accelerating and changing lanes, making motorists more distracted. It creates extra risk and danger. Pedestrians have to cross an extra lane, stay in the crosswalk longer (because it is longer), and try to be safe when motorists are speeding while being more distracted, and where cars in one lane block the adjacent lanes view of pedestrians using the crosswalk.

Instead, over all safety could be greatly improved by simply delaying the expansion to 2 lanes for 1 short block; in other words, start the expansion of Alameda to 2 lanes AFTER the crosswalk and that should mean after Prospect. That **solves all problems without loss of parking. It addresses the main speeding issue.** And, it retains the parking which is proven to be a key traffic calming element and provides an important pedestrian safety buffer.

Incomplete and Short Sighted and misleading:

The Proposal touts that 13 household were in favor and only 6 against. That is extremely mis-leading, in that County appears to only have contacted about 5 or 6 households aside from those on Prospect. As mentioned earlier, the streets most impacted were not canvassed. Instead only those 6 or so homes within 300' were notified. Yet of those that responded, all were against the removal of parking. Those respondents were accepting of the concepts outlined in the above Better Solution. Had more of the impacted community been canvassed, I am confident that the major would want parking retained and the Better Solution introduce in this email be considered.

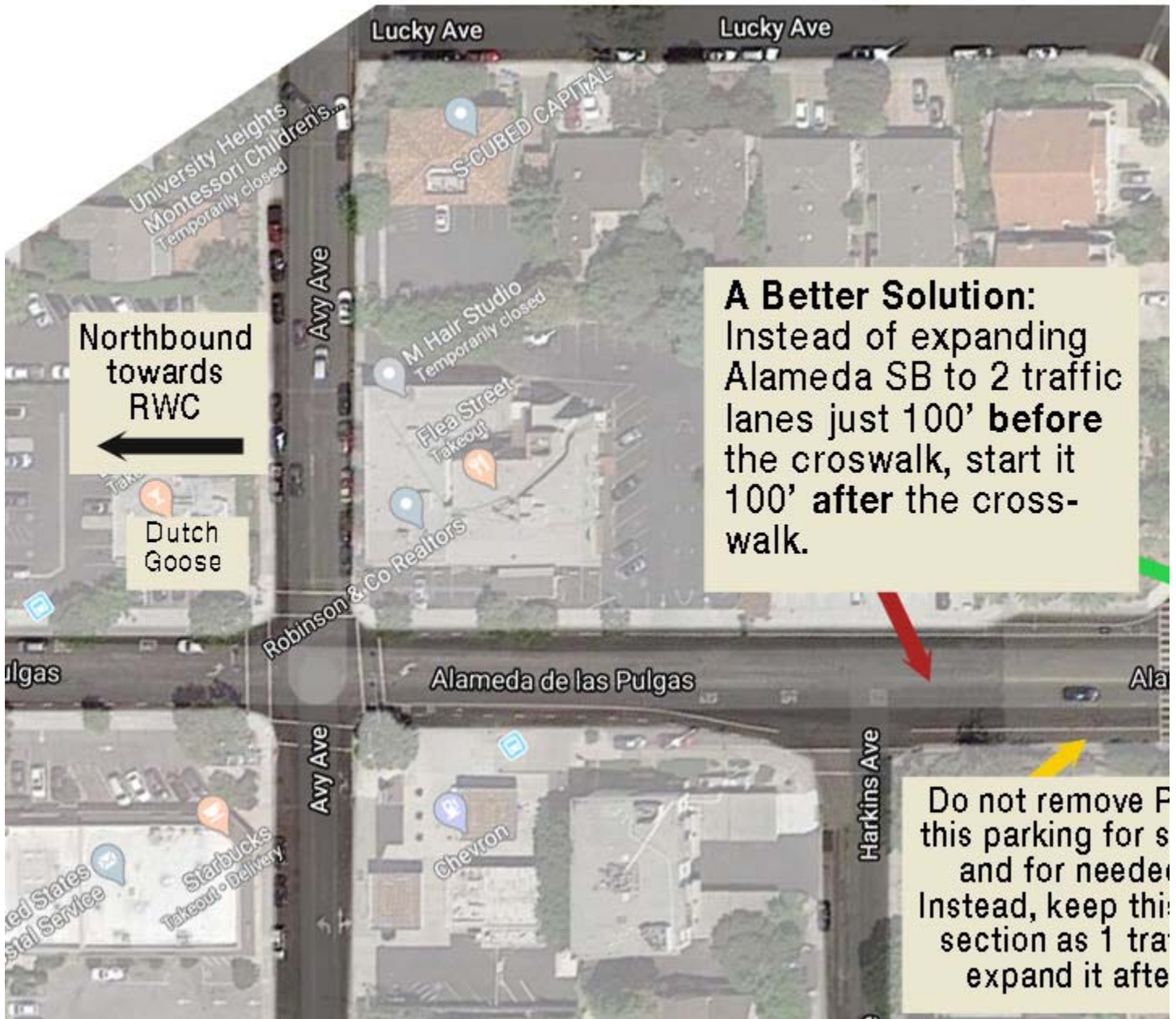
Summary:

Do not approve this Proposal. Briefly, here are key points:

- The proposal is ill thought out. It is an unjustified overreach to remove the majority of parking at this location
- It does not address the key issue of speeding motorists
- County should have canvassed the adjacent streets/neighbors as they are the most impacted
- There should have been a competent assessment of the impact of removing so much parking and there should be a discussion and assessment of alternatives
- This proposal is inconsistent with the Safety Task Force and community objective goal of a 4-3 road diet for Alameda and for its goal of retaining and implement traffic calming elements, like parking.

There is a **Better Solution** that addresses speeding, greatly improves accessibility issues for Prospect residents, and is consistent with the Safety Task Force goals of 4-3 road diet and traffic calming. For a low cost, it accomplishes key improvements:

- Shorter Crosswalk
- Reduced number of lanes at the Crosswalk
- Better line of sight
- Calmer Flow of Traffic (reduced speed)
- Safety buffer for pedestrians
- Prospect St residents would only have to negotiate 1 lane of traffic (instead of the chaotic two currently configured)
- Simply delays the SB 2 lane expansion of Alameda to be AFTER the crosswalk
- See Illustration below



Setting the precedent of this proposal is a pandoras box that can be used by every driveway and intersection within County jurisdiction. This could create a pandemic of parking removal requests (pardon for borrowing from current events).

Please deny this proposal and have PW research the impact and research this Better Solution and other alternatives.

Sincerely,
Ron

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Ron Snow

SantaCruz/Alameda For Everyone (SAFE)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



May 15, 2020

Dear Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County:

The Primary School is sincerely grateful for your efforts to protect our working families from homelessness and displacement during this public health emergency. As you know, many of our families are continuing to struggle with food, rent, and other basic needs as the loss of work and child care becomes more pronounced, and if they cannot maintain their housing, we are at risk of seeing a much larger impact on child and family welfare. We very much appreciate your quick action that resulted in the emergency eviction moratorium put in place at the end of March, but we know that regulation is slated to expire at the end of this month.

As the state and the county work to safely manage this crisis, we urge you to continue to consider those most in need and extend Emergency Regulation 2020-001 so that tenants unable to pay rent due to the pandemic are protected for the length of the State of Emergency and the 90 days immediately thereafter. We hope that such an extension would serve to (a) continue to protect public health by minimizing further spread of COVID-19, (b) protect the public welfare by preventing a flood of evictions and a sudden increase in homelessness once the state of emergency is lifted or the courts reopen, and (c) avoid placing undue hardship on our most vulnerable families.

We greatly appreciate your efforts and hope to continue to work with you to serve those in need.

Sincerely,

*Courtney Garcia*

Courtney Garcia  
CEO, The Primary School

## Sukhmani Purewal

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**From:** Esther Conrad [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 16, 2020 6:29 PM  
**To:** Warren Slocum; Don Horsley; Dave Pine; David Canepa; Carole Groom  
**Cc:** CMO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** Support for extending and strengthening the eviction moratorium

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Dear President Slocum and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

In light of the continued COVID-19 public health emergency and the enormous financial strain that this is placing on so many families, I am writing to urge you to extend the eviction moratorium that is due to expire on May 31. It is unrealistic to assume that families who remain out of work will suddenly be able to pay their rent on June 1. Homeowners are receiving forbearance on payment of their mortgages. It is not only fair, but both a moral and public health imperative that renters not be subjected to the risk of eviction if they are unable to pay rent due to the continued COVID-19 crisis. **I urge you to extend the moratorium for 90 days beyond the full duration of the state of emergency.**

In addition, I hope you will consider providing tenants additional time to get caught up on their rent. **Other counties, such as Alameda and Los Angeles, have extended the period for renters to catch up on their payments to 12 months, and I urge you to do the same.**

**Finally, I urge you to allow landlords to pursue unpaid rent through consumer debt actions only.** This will allow landlords to seek to recover rent through small claims court, collections and civil actions, but would help prevent homelessness and mass displacement by taking eviction off the table.

**I urge you to agendize this and act prior to May 31.** Thank you for your leadership during these unprecedented times, and looking out for the well-being of all members of our community - and therefore our community as a whole.

Sincerely,  
Esther Conrad

[REDACTED]

## Sukhmani Purewal

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**From:** Lorena Melgarejo [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 18, 2020 5:02 PM  
**To:** David Canepa; Don Horsley; Carole Groom; Dave Pine; Warren Slocum; Michael Callagy; beiers@smcgov.org; Monali Sheth; Sherry Golestan; Sukhmani Purewal  
**Subject:** Faith In Action Bay Area's Letter requesting extension of Emergency Regulation 2020-001

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May 18, 2020

Dear San Mateo County Supervisors,

Faith In Action Bay Area's clergy and lay leaders are deeply grateful for your steady leadership during these difficult times. We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your dedication and your service, and to continue to offer our support.

We are writing to express urgency and to urge the Board of Supervisors to extend Emergency Regulation 2020-001 so that the period for which tenants who are unable to pay rent are protected is **for as long as the State of Emergency is in effect plus 90 days**. If nothing is done in the next 13 days, the moratorium will expire at the end of May. June rent will be due for thousands of families who are still out of work and cannot pay it. Our community deserves to be protected for as long as the crisis and its consequences persist.

***In addition to extending the moratorium until least 90 days after the Shelter-In-Place (SIP) is over***, we urge you to consider the fact that affected community members should be granted more time to get back on their feet and repay rent-debt accrued during the COVID-19 pandemic. Being forced to pay regular rent on time as early as June 2020, or right after the SIP ends or face eviction, while simultaneously making payments towards rent-debt accrued in recent months will place extreme financial hardship on vulnerable families, and ultimately set them up for failure and displacement from our County. For this reason, we see that it is necessary to expand the rent repayment period from the current 180 days to at least 12 months, like Alameda County and Los Angeles County have instituted. This is more reasonable given the economic impact of this pandemic in San Mateo County. It will allow tenants the flexibility necessary to repay their debts and sustain their households.


During this time of pandemic, the truth of our interdependence is clearer than ever. We look forward to continuing to work with you as we find the best way forward during these uncertain times.



Blessings,

Faith In Action Bay Area

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Lorena Melgarejo  
Executive Director, Faith In Action Bay Area  
Affiliate of PICO CA  


*"Great organizing campaigns are like great love affairs. You begin to see life through a different lens. You change in unexpected ways. You lose sleep, but you also feel boundless energy. You develop new relationships and new interests. Your skin becomes more open to the world around you. Life feels different, and it's almost like you've been reborn. And, most importantly, you begin to feel things that you previously couldn't have even imagined are possible" --Ai-jen Poo*

## Sukhmani Purewal

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**From:** Stacy Arevalo [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 15, 2020 1:18 PM  
**Subject:** Rent moratorium and assistance

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Dear County Supervisors,

Thank you for all you are doing to keep the residents of our county safe. We remain beyond grateful for the bold steps you've already taken to mitigate the pandemic's impact on our neighbors, especially the most vulnerable among us.

I am writing to ask you to please extend the rent moratorium as well as to take evictions off the table. Civil debt conversion is an even better alternative than the current moratorium because it allows landlords to collect unpaid rent but removes the danger of tenants being evicted for not being able to pay rent through no fault of their own.

I ask that you also please fund more rental assistance. My neighbors and I are contributing money wherever we can and working with the churches and nonprofits we're part of to come through for families in need, but we alone cannot cover all the costs.

Thank you for your commitment to our collective well-being.

Sincerely,  
Stacy Arevalo  
East Palo Alto, CA

## Sukhmani Purewal

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**From:** Stacy Young [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 15, 2020 1:58 PM  
**To:** Carole Groom; CMO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** Please extend and strengthen the eviction moratorium!

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Dear Supervisor Groom,

As a resident of the North Central neighborhood of San Mateo, I'm writing to strongly urge the Board to consider extending AND improving the eviction moratorium.

I'd like to thank the Board for proactively considering a 60-day extension. The moratorium has been an important safeguard against evictions, and it must be extended, as resolution of this pandemic and a return to normalcy seem to be very distant possibilities right now.

The Board should also fortify the moratorium's protections. The reality is that once the moratorium expires, families will be evicted en masse due to their inability to pay a balloon payment of back rent in addition to future rents going forward.

The Board should prohibit landlords from filing an eviction case to recover unpaid rent debts, and require the rent debt to be converted into a civil consumer debt. Landlords are entitled to be paid their debts, but should not be able to evict people for debt they were unable to pay through no fault of their own. Alameda and Solano Counties have enacted civil debt conversion provisions in their moratoriums. This will ensure that residents are not permanently displaced in the aftermath of this crisis.

Thank you for your dedication and time,  
Stacy Young Townsend

# **ITEM NO. 1**

## Sukhmani Purewal

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**From:** Cardum Harmon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 18, 2020 11:15 AM  
**To:** CMO\_BoardFeedback  
**Cc:** Yoshie Hill  
**Subject:** Written Public Comment

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### Item #1: Proclamation of 2020 May Mental Health Awareness Month.

Greetings Board of Supervisors,

We are grateful for the Mental Health Awareness Month Proclamation and for your unwavering support of the Mental Health Community in San Mateo County. We are especially appreciative for your continuing support of Heart & Soul's peer support focused programs: Wellness Centers, Seeing Through Stigma speaker's bureau and the innovative Helping Our Peers Emerge (H.O.P.E.) program. Due to your support, we are changing the conversation from diagnosis to dialogue and shifting the focus from mental illness to mental resilience. We celebrate you today for putting the **We** in **Wellness**!

Warm Regards,  
Cardum Harmon  
Executive Director

[REDACTED]

# **ITEM NO. 3**

**Sukhmani Purewal**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 18, 2020 2:01 PM  
**To:** CMO\_BoardFeedback; tarzantom@pobox.com  
**Subject:** agenda #3

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## Agenda #3 Veterans proclamation

On behalf of  
American Legion San Mateo Post #82, we commend you  
acknowledging our Veterans and support organizations. Our post  
was chartered in 1919 and is still working diligently to support our  
Veterans, children, and community. After 101 years of service, we  
look forward to our next 100 years.

Thank you again for your recognition of our Veterans!  
For God and Country

Sincerely,  
  
AC Ralston  
Post Adjutant

## Sukhmani Purewal

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**From:** Bender, Darrin L NFG (USA) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 18, 2020 2:16 PM  
**To:** CMO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** Written Comments for Agenda Item #3 - Military Appreciation Proclamation  
**Attachments:** 200519\_BoS Meeting Agenda.pdf; 200519\_BoS Meeting Item03, Military Proclamation.pdf

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Major General David Baldwin, the Adjutant General, would like to thank President Slocum and the members of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors for proclaiming May 2020 as Military Appreciation Month. The California National Guard is a community based organization that is committed to helping the communities where our service members live and work in their time of need. It was our privilege to support the County as part of the state's effort to provide food to those in need during this unprecedented crisis. Members of the California National Guard, including many that live in San Mateo County, are supporting the Cypress Center Second Harvest Food Bank and have assisted in the distribution of over 4 million meals to San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties.

On behalf of the 20,000 members of the California National Guard, thank you again for your support.

Darrin Bender  
COL, CSG  
Director of External Affairs  
California Military Department  
[REDACTED]

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From: Thomas Weissmiller [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Military Appreciation Proclamation

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San Mateo County, President of the Board of Supervisors, Warren Slocum is going to introduce a Proclamation at the County Board of Supervisors meeting on May 19, 2020, 9am to proclaim May 2020 as Military Appreciation Month. It is Item #3 on the agenda. See attached agenda and proclamation.



I encourage major military commands and Veteran's organizations that have a presence in San Mateo County to send in a written comment to thank the Board of Supervisors for making this proclamation. These comments will read by the clerk. Below is the process and rules for written comments. The meeting is broadcast live, Caution-<https://bos.smcgov.org/> < Caution-<https://bos.smcgov.org/> > and scroll down and click on "Watch Board Meetings".

Due to COVID19, the meeting is being carried on ZOOM.

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**\*Written Comments:**

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2. Your email should include the specific agenda item on which you are commenting, or note that
3. your comment concerns an item that is not on the agenda or is on the consent agenda.
4. Members of the public are limited to one comment per agenda item.
5. The length of the emailed comment should be commensurate with the two minutes
6. customarily allowed for verbal comments, which is approximately 250-300 words.
7. If your emailed comment is received by 5:00 p.m. on the day before the meeting, it will be provided to the Members of the Board and made publicly available on the agenda website under the specific item to which your comment pertains. The Clerk will make every effort to read emails received after that time but cannot guarantee such emails will be read during the meeting, although such emails will still be included in the administrative record.

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Spoken public comments will be accepted during the meeting through Zoom. Please read the following instructions carefully:

1. The May 19, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting may be accessed through Zoom online at Caution-<https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/97269422877> < Caution-<https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/97269422877> > . The meeting ID is: 972 6942 2877. The May 19, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting may also be accessed via telephone by dialing +1-669-900-6833(Local). Enter the meeting ID: 972 6942 2877, then press #. (Find your local number: Caution-<https://smcgov.zoom.us/u/admSDqceDg> < Caution-<https://smcgov.zoom.us/u/admSDqceDg> > )

2. You may download the Zoom client or connect to the meeting using an internet browser. If using your browser, make sure you are using a current, up-to-date browser: Chrome 30+, Firefox 27+, Microsoft Edge 12+, Safari 7+. Certain functionality may be disabled in older browsers including Internet Explorer.
3. You will be asked to enter an email address and name. We request that you identify yourself by name as this will be visible online and will be used to notify you that it is your turn to speak.
4. When the Board President or Clerk of the Board calls for the item on which you wish to speak, click on "raise hand." The Clerk will activate and unmute speakers in turn. Speakers will be notified shortly before they are called to speak.
5. When called, please limit your remarks to the time limit allotted.

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Zoom, including troubleshooting, privacy, or security settings, please contact Zoom directly.

Tom

Thomas Weissmiller (Weißmüller)

US Army, LTC (Ret)

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# **ITEM NO. 5**

## Sukhmani Purewal

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**From:** Brent Turner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 17, 2020 9:10 AM  
**To:** Sukhmani Purewal  
**Subject:** Harbor District agenda item -- 5-19 Public comment

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It is incumbent upon civilized societies to protect victims. It is incomprehensible that San Mateo County is struggling with the issue of siding with the perpetrator against the victim in this case. Sabrina Brennan obviously did not choose to be the victim of sexual harassment here. The perpetrator is the person, the public official, that sent pornographic pictures to another elected official. We should not be victim shaming or taking the side of the perpetrator in this case or any other case. It is apparent that local political agendas are exacerbating the heinous actions of a sexual predator and we must make sure that the victim is allowed proper remedy. It is the person that SENT the pornographic material that should be the focus, not the person who received the pornographic material. By bullying the victim we are demonstrating the worst of human behaviour. We are better than this. San Mateo County is known as the most corrupt and dysfunctional county in the state. This is shameful to our citizens and a bad example for our children

Brent Turner

## Sukhmani Purewal

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**From:** Bud Ratts [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 18, 2020 4:30 PM  
**To:** CMO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** Comment for item#5 Harbor District

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RE: Board of Supervisors 5/19/2020 meeting agenda item #5 Harbor Board of Commissioners and request of updated Municipal Service Review on San Mateo County Harbor District by San Mateo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)  
My Background: Stanford MBA, former Director of Management and Financial Planning Stanford University. Currently retired.

### Comments:

- I have been involved in the District since 2003 and have participated in numerous finance committee meetings. This District has made great progress in financial soundness and reporting implementing many of my suggestions.
- I was active in the Policy and Governance Committee as a "Public Member" working to bring ethical governance and transparency to the District's Activities in accordance with the principles of the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara University. At the October 18, 2019 meeting of the Commission, I was removed from the Committee, no reason given to me, and the Committee on Policy and Governance deleted as a standing Commission Committee. I was never informed of this action.
- Sabrina Brennan and Ed Laranas were elected by the largest number of voters as any of the other Commissioners and they have been denied any officer positions and committee assignments. The other Commissioners, Reyerling, Mattusch, and Chang Kiraly have disenfranchised the majority of voters for the Commission.
- Apparently the motivation for these actions is related to Brennan's sexual harassment filing. Commissioner Brennan's complaints have always been about "justice and transparency" and never has she sought financial remuneration nor will she. This apparently was the motivation to dissolve the Policy and Governance Committee.
- In the past year's Commissioner's Brennan and Laranas have been the implementing forces behind numerous accomplishments by the District:
  - West Trail living Shoreline
  - Surfers Beach san replenishment
  - Surfers Beach bathrooms
  - Strategic Plan
  - Moving to district elections
  - Purchase of land for administrative building
  - Finances are in good order and excellent audit history
  - Vastly improved budget process
  - Implementation of a Capital Budget process.

Yes, the Municipal Service Review needs to be updated to reveal the operating improvements that have been made and to reveal the current dysfunction in the Board of Commissioners who refuse to work with Commissioner Brennan and Laranas who want to bring Justice, Transparency and Good Governance to the Board of Commissioners in accordance with well-established norms and ethical standards.

Best Regards,  
Frank "Bud" Ratts

[REDACTED]

ps. I have read these 3 times and all times have been under 3 minutes.

Re. Agenda Item #5 (Board Meeting of May 19, 2020)

I strongly object to Supervisor Horsley's request for an updated Municipal Service Review (MSR) for the San Mateo County Harbor District, on the following grounds:

The COVID19 crisis has forced public meetings to online formats like Zoom. These venues significantly limit public participation in government. Widely accepted good governance practices dictate that only the most essential, noncontroversial matters should be decided upon through online meetings. Requesting a MSR which could lead to the Harbor District's dissolution and initiating this process in an online webinar is unacceptable.

A MSR would place huge burdens on county staff and confirm community perceptions of bias. One example of bias is the fact that Commissioner Virginia Chang-Kiraly, with whom Supervisor Horsley has a warm relationship, currently holds two elected offices with overlapping jurisdictions in San Mateo County and has been doing so for over three years. The fact that the Supervisor never requested a MSR in response to concerns voiced by members of the public over this issue of incompatible office, yet may requested one now in response to current events at the Harbor District, speaks to this perception of bias.

As a restoration ecologist researching marine policy, I am convinced of the value of the District and in particular the importance of the good work of Commissioners Sabrina Brennan and Ed Larenas, both of whom are strong advocates for coastal communities.

I respectfully urge you to table any discussion of an updated MSR for the Harbor District for the near future, at least until the public has an opportunity to meaningfully weigh in at in-person meetings.

Thank you,

James Lee  
Redwood City



## Sukhmani Purewal

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**From:** Kris Lannin Liang [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 18, 2020 3:49 PM  
**To:** CMO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** REGULAR AGENDA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 5. Discuss and/or Act on concerns regarding Harbor Board of Commissioners and request for updated Municipal Service Review on San Mateo County Harbor District by San Mateo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo). S...  
**Attachments:** BOS Agenda re harbor board.pdf

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Over three years ago, NBC/CBS reported on pornography Commissioner Mattusch emailed to Commissioner Brennan. The SMCBOS could have called for a Grand Jury investigation and Mattusch's resignation. Instead, the BOS ignored charges of sexual harassment and Commissioner Reyring's request for his resignation (published in the HMB Review). Why is Supervisor Horsley calling for a MSR over three years after the charges were made, and why won't he call for Mattusch's resignation? Is it because he disapproves of Brennan's use of anatomical language to describe images Mattusch emailed to her? Is his reticence to blame for the lack of action taken when the FBI caught Bolanos and Munks at a massage parlor that trafficked underage sex slaves?

Sabrina Brennan and Ed Larenas have accomplished a great deal since they've been on the Commission. Below is some examples:

### **Sea Level Rise Resiliency Committee (first ever for the district)**

District included in discussions held both the state and county level on climate change and sea level rise resiliency. Two projects were brought to the board and moved forward. These projects are well underway and considered models for innovative approaches to dealing with the inevitable consequence of sea level rise.

1. West Trail living shoreline: Revisited the planned hardscape armoring resulting in a beach and trail protection project that will use a living shoreline and sand replenishment.
2. Surfers beach sand replenishment was moved forward significantly.

### **Surfers beach bathrooms**

Members of the public have complained about the lack of Bathrooms at Surfers beach for over a decade. Larenas and Brennan working with staff brought together stakeholders to work out an agreement to renovate the day-use lot which will result in a complete renovation of that portion of the property and include public bathrooms, showers increased ADA parking and landscaping. It has a high level of public and funding support.

### **The Strategic Plan**

Almost complete after years of delay

### **Wildlife Protection Committee**

Has significantly increase protection for marine mammals and migratory birds by use of educational signage and by working with staff to enforce protective measures such as boat speed limits. The committee was **disbanded by the board president this year.**

Moving to district elections was initiated and completed.

Purchase of land for administrative building

Finances in good order and excellent audit history

Please reconsider the importance of removing Mattusch from the Commission and take steps to prevent any further sexual (or other) harassment from occurring.

With sincere appreciation for the *good* work you do,

Kris Lannin Liang

Moss Beach

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## Sukhmani Purewal

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**From:** Regina Islas [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 18, 2020 4:21 PM  
**To:** CMO\_BoardFeedback; Sukhmani Purewal  
**Subject:** Comment for the May 19, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting Agenda Item 5

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Dear Clerk:

Please read the following comment at the May 19, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting Agenda Item 5:

It is my understanding that in 2018 Supervisor Don Horsley declined to assist two sexual harassment victims employed by the San Mateo County Harbor District when they requested his help. Horsley also neglected to report the sexual harassment complaints.

Given Supervisor Horsley's refusal to act appropriately when originally informed of this complaint, and up to the present moment; should recuse himself from the LAFCo Commission on all votes related to the San Mateo County Harbor District. His behavior of late seems based in retaliation, rather than any willingness to have the matter investigated impartially and thoroughly as necessitated.

All elected officials are by virtue of the offices they hold, and the public trust they are sworn to uphold, obliged to act as mandated reporters. Complaints, especially of this nature, should be accorded seriously and with respect. Supervisor Horsley has egregiously failed to act in accordance with his role, in this matter.

Onward together,

Regina S Islas  
[she/her]

[REDACTED]

## Sukhmani Purewal

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**From:** Tom Brennan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 18, 2020 3:55 PM  
**To:** CMO\_BoardFeedback; Sukhmani Purewal  
**Subject:** BoS Agenda Item 5 May 19, 2020

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Dear Board Members:

The remarks that follow are my comments on recent remarks by Supervisor Don Horsley and Assemblymember Kevin Mullin on ABC Channel 7. Even though, Mr. Horsley has been aware of the culture of sexual misconduct and retaliation in San Mateo County for decades, he sat on his hands and did nothing when Sheriff Carlos Bolanos and Greg Munks were detained in a FBI human-trafficking raid on a massage parlor in Las Vegas. In fact, San Mateo County Sheriff's vehicles were used for the trip to Vegas. The sting, named "Operation Dollhouse," targeted the operators of at least seven suspected bordellos. Police made six arrests and found 25 alleged prostitutes.

Sheriff Munks released a statement that said: "I believed I was going to a legitimate business." He added, "I would not, nor did I, break any laws. Neither did the undersheriff Bolanos." The FBI found Munks and Bolanos in a single-story home outfitted with bars on the windows, stained mattresses on the floors, party drugs, industrial size pump containers of lube, and used condoms.

The San Mateo County Local Agency Formation Commission should not be used as a political tool to retaliate against an elected representative for blowing the whistle on sexual harassment and retaliation. Commissioner Sabrina Brennan's frustration is appropriate based on the pornography Commissioner Tom Mattusch emailed her and the complete lack of disciplinary action taken against Mattusch for his inexcusable behavior.

I request that Supervisor Don Horsley refrain from engaging in any further victim retaliation and I ask that he recuse himself from consideration of a Municipal Service Review of the Harbor District.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas Franklin

## Sukhmani Purewal

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**From:** D L [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 18, 2020 9:58 AM  
**To:** CMO\_BoardFeedback  
**Cc:** Sukhmani Purewal  
**Subject:** Board of Supervisors Meeting: May 19, 2020 (AGENDA ITEM 5)

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Please read the following comment at the May 19, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting AGENDA ITEM 5:

Over three years ago NBC Bay Area and CBS KPIX news reported on pornography Harbor Commissioner Tom Mattusch emailed Harbor Commissioner Sabrina Brennan.

In 2017, after reviewing the pornographic email the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors could have called for a Grand Jury Investigation into the allegations and Tom Mattusch's resignation from the Harbor Commission.

Instead, County Supervisors ignored the pornography, sexual harassment allegations, TV news reports and Harbor Commission President Nancy Reyering's request for Mattusch's resignation, published in the Half Moon Bay Review newspaper. Why is Supervisor Don Horsley calling for a Municipal Service Review more than three years after sexual harassment was reported? He should have called for Mattusch's resignation in 2017.

Earlier this month, Supervisor Don Horsley and Assemblymember Kevin Mullin were interviewed on ABC Channel 7 by reporter Stephanie Sierra, the daughter of Congresswoman Jackie Speier. During the interview Horsley and Mullin complained about the county harbor commission. They disapproved of Brennan's use of anatomical language to describe the pornography Commissioner Mattusch emailed her. Based on the interview it's apparent that Horsley would like to gag Brennan because discussing sexual harassment and retaliation at public meetings makes him uncomfortable.

This speaks volumes about the complete lack of response by the County Board of Supervisors when Sheriff Carlos Bolanos and Greg Munks were caught by the FBI at a massage parlor that trafficked underage sex slaves.

Sincerely,  
Vidalia E. Ponce

# **ITEM NO. 7**



To: San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
From: Melissa Lukin, Executive Director of Rebuilding Together Peninsula  
Re: Agenda item: Public hearing regarding the FY 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development  
Date: May 18, 2020

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## Rebuilding Together Peninsula Comments to San Mateo County Board of Supervisors

Since 1989, Rebuilding Together Peninsula (RTP) has repaired homes, revitalized communities, and rebuilt lives. We want to thank the county for supporting our free home repair programs, National Rebuilding Day and Safe at Home.

RTP serves our community's most vulnerable homeowners—mostly elderly and/or disabled individuals who have lived in their homes for decades, yet lack the physical and financial resources to address the critical health and safety repairs their homes need.

On National Rebuilding Day, RTP partners annually in April with local businesses, community groups, and nearly 1,800 volunteers to repair approximately 40 homes and community facilities. This year, we repaired 22 homes and community facilities in the cities served by county CDBG funds. While NRD was postponed due to COVID-19, we hope to reschedule it for this fall.

Safe at Home (SAH) is a year-round program that provides smaller critical repairs for approximately 130 homeowners annually. This year, in the cities that county CDBG funds serve, we have completed 31 homes and have 12 in progress or planned. Next year we plan to serve 45 homes.

### COVID-19 Update

Adhering to mandated safety protocols over the past two months, we have continued to provide critical repairs. With COVID-19 related unemployment disproportionately impacting low-income populations, we expect an increase in home repair requests in the coming year.

#### *Homeowner Story:*

*Sandra (not her real name) lost her job due to the COVID-19 crisis. She is a single woman who has lived in her home in EPA for years. We made repairs to her roof and installed a security door so that she would be safe during "shelter in place".*

We are proud of the immediate, significant and long-lasting impact we have on the community. After repairs, homeowners express feelings of increased economic security, improved overall well-being, and an ability to cope with life's stressors.