



City Council Supplemental Report

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From: Philip Kamhi, Chief Transportation Official

Meeting Date: June 10, 2024

Item Number: 12

Report #:2405-3111

TITLE

Supplemental Memo: Hearing on Written Protests Against Proposed Discontinuance of a portion of El Camino Park; and Adopt a Resolution and Ordinance Approving a Ballot Measure for the Discontinuance of a portion of El Camino Park and Calling a Special Election on November 5, 2024 and Authorize the City Mayor and City Manager to Execute a Letter of Intent with Stanford University for the Quarry Road Project; CEQA status - statutorily exempt per Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(12).

RECOMMENDATION

In addition to the published recommendations on this item, staff recommends that the City Council Authorize the City Mayor and City Manager to execute a Letter of Intent with Stanford University for the Quarry Road Project.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

This supplemental report transmits a Letter of Intent drafted by the parties, City of Palo Alto and Stanford University (Stanford), and amends the agenda item title and recommended action to seek authorization for City signatures.

Revised Title:

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Revised Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the City Council:

1. Hear and pass upon all valid written protests received by the Clerk regarding the proposed discontinuance of a portion of El Camino Park to construct a roadway for transit vehicles;

2. Sustain or overrule (majority vote) the protests; and
3. If protests are overruled, adopt the attached ordinance and resolution calling for a special election on November 5, 2024 and submit to the voters a ballot measure of whether to discontinue the park use of approximately 0.33 acres of El Camino Park for the purpose of constructing a roadway for transit vehicles between El Camino Real and the Palo Alto Transit Center
4. Authorize the City Mayor and City Manager to Execute a Letter of Intent with Stanford University for the Quarry Road Project.

Letter of Intent Between City of Palo Alto and Stanford

In order to provide a more complete context for the proposed Quarry Road project, including its relationship with the Palo Alto Transit Center and El Camino Park, Attachment A provides a proposed Letter of Intent (LOI). The LOI outlines responsibilities and actions that each party plans to undertake, including:

- responsibilities for the funding, design, and construction of the roadway. This includes Stanford contributing up to \$4 million for completion of the project, as well as maintenance funding;
- extension of the lease for playing fields at El Camino Park for an additional ten years through 2052; and,
- undertaking a long-term visioning process for the Palo Alto Transit Center that addresses dynamic public spaces, multi-modal transit needs, and community engagement.

This LOI was discussed and drafted with the involvement of Stanford, the City Council Stanford Ad Hoc Committee (Council members Burt, Kou, and Lythcott-Haims), and City staff. The attached letter has been signed by Stanford's representative and staff recommends authorization for the Mayor and City Manager to sign on behalf of the City.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Letter of Intent Quarry Road

APPROVED BY:

Philip Kamhi, Chief Transportation Official