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**To:** [ParkRec Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Urgent: Progress on Middle School Athletics Evaluation  
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Dear Commissioners Brown, Cribbs, and Deng (sorry for the previous misspelling),

Following up on my previous emails and my public comment today, I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this matter further at your earliest convenience. Please let me know a time that works for you.

Thank you!  
Tom

On Tue, Feb 25, 2025 at 8:00 PM Tom Haxton <[tom.haxton@gmail.com](mailto:tom.haxton@gmail.com)> wrote:

Dear Commissioners Brown, Cribbs, and Dang,

My name is Tom Haxton, and I'm the president of the Palo Alto Middle School Athletics Community Organization, a nonprofit organization created to demonstrate a better way to operate middle school athletics in Palo Alto.

I'm reaching out to follow up on the progress of the ad-hoc committee's evaluation of outsourcing middle school athletics to local nonprofits, a process initiated following our advocacy work and the City Council's October 7th vote.

Thank you for serving on this committee and for taking on this work in addition to your other commitments. I want to urge you to please pursue this evaluation with more urgency.

This ad-hoc committee was formed as a result of advocacy efforts that began in June 2024. Our nonprofit successfully operated a cross-country team for JLS Middle School in the fall, demonstrating that we can provide a better experience for student-athletes while improving equity by reducing registration fees.

Given this success, the City Council voted unanimously to evaluate outsourcing middle school athletics. However, 4.5 months have passed since that vote, and I am not aware of any progress from the ad-hoc committee. The committee was formed on December 18th, and I emailed on December 29th offering to discuss our initiative, answer questions, and learn about the evaluation process, but I have not heard back.

I assume the committee would be interested in learning directly from organizations

like ours that have motivated this evaluation. If that's the case, I would appreciate the opportunity to engage in a discussion as soon as possible.

There are only three months left in the fiscal year, and about a thousand students who could benefit from your work. It would be ideal if the City developed a plan before the fall season starts in August (assuming it is too late for the spring season in March).

If there have been delays due to guidance from city staff, I want to highlight some challenges we have faced that may be relevant to your evaluation. Our initiative has faced challenges in working with city staff, including actions that are not in the best interest of student athletes. I have also taken legal action regarding one such incident. I hope these issues are not negatively impacting your committee's evaluation.

I would appreciate the opportunity to learn about your evaluation process, discuss our nonprofit, and answer any questions that may assist in your evaluation.

Thank you again for your time and service to this important effort. I look forward to your response.

Best regards,  
Tom Haxton

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Hello,

It's April 1. Interesting to note "April Fool's Day".

I am not entirely sure if CB has negated his Senate responsibility and has been silent and obedient during his marathon speech on the floor of the US Senate.

My son just asked Chat GBT. Its answer. No. CB record speech on the Senate Floor has not had any reference to the ongoing Genocide in Gaza and Israel's bombing, killing and maiming of civilian Palestinians in Gaza and The West Bank, Lebanon..

Yet and in fact I heard and saw on C-Span live feed. He did read a letter a loud last night from a constituent in NJ who was fired from USAID by DOGE. In their letter they specifically stated their call to humanity and their work with USAID. They were called and sent to GAZA and their work with the plight of Palestinians.

My son's verbal search with Chat GBT did not pick up on this reference in a letter read by Booker last night on the Senate Floor. Censorship is infiltrated Chat GBT as well.

However there must be a transcript of Sen. Booker's ongoing speech on the Floor of the US Senate and the letter he read which highlights this American's work in Palestine.

The Censorship is real. The silence and obedience instilled on America by APAIC is real, Israel's yoke around the will of American's First Amendment rights is real.

The silence on the Senate Floor is defining. Sen., Adam Schiff alludes to US University being silenced, penalized, and jailing of those speaking out in defense of the loss life in GAZA and our US involvement in these War Crimes in the wake of the Hamas October 7th massacre.

Yet. When we have elected leaders, school districts, high school teachers prestigious university's and city council chamber members who are complacent by their silence to the suffering and are kneeling as an obedient servant to Israel's heinous ongoing crimes, we no longer have a Democracy but are a demon of silence

Liz Gardner  
Palo Alto

On Tue, Apr 1, 2025 at 2:13 PM Aram James <[abjpd1@gmail.com](mailto:abjpd1@gmail.com)> wrote:

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Dear Chairman Freeman; Dear Park and Recreation Commissioners:

Thank you for allowing me and other members of the community to address you last Tuesday evening regarding the proposal to construct a restroom in Eleanor Pardee Park. I appreciated the opportunity to express my concerns about the proposal and to attempt to explain why I am opposed to it. However, two minutes is hardly enough time to properly address such an important, sensitive, and controversial topic. So please allow me to expand upon and further clarify my views.

First, as I mentioned, having grown up in Palo Alto I have had the opportunity to enjoy the amazing parks and recreational facilities the early leaders of our city had the foresight to envision, fund, and create. As a child I spent innumerable hours in Bowden Park, Peers Park, Rinconada Park (where I learned to swim), Foothills Park (where I learned to paddle a canoe and appreciate nature outside a suburban setting), the Junior Museum, and the Children's Theatre, which without question was the single most important venue of my youth. As I said at your meeting, ***our parks are Palo Alto's crown jewels, and great care must be taken to do no harm to them or the neighborhoods they enliven.***

***BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT - Why I oppose constructing restrooms at Eleanor Pardee Park:***

- ***History*** - 100+ years without one. Why now?
- ***Impact on Park*** - Restrooms will change this neighborhood park into a regional park.
- ***Impact on Neighborhood*** - Increased traffic, parking, noise, trash.
- ***Cost*** - \$600,000 to install?! And how much to maintain on a daily basis?
- ***Public Safety*** - I used to be a police officer in this town. Unsupervised public restrooms result in vandalism, attract the unhoused, and worse.
- ***Process*** - The park's neighbors have not been adequately consulted. The so-called "survey" was flawed.

- **Current History** - *Current park restrooms are often a mess to the point of being unusable.*
- **Recent Past History** - *I'd like to know what became of the JDDecaux restrooms downtown. Why are they gone? Could it be due to the cost and public safety issues mentioned above?*
- **Not needed** - *Rinconada Park, only four short blocks away, has TWO restrooms, plus the following public city-owned restrooms within yards: Junior Museum, Children's Library, Children's Theatre, Lucie Stern Community Center, Rinconada Pool, Art Center, Main Library.*

## **A Bit of History**

I think it is important to start this discussion with the recognition that Eleanor Pardee Park has existed in our community for over 100 years without a restroom. Even when it was modernized in 1957 and took the form we know it in today, restrooms were not added. That is because Eleanor Park (as it was known years ago) was designed and meant to be a neighborhood park, where people who lived nearby could bike or walk to enjoy its amenities. This was in contrast to the larger parks, like Rinconada, Mitchell Park, El Camino Park, and even Peers Park, and later Greer Park, which all included restroom facilities and parking areas. This is because they were considered to be more "regional" in nature and were designed to encourage longer use by people drawn from a wider radius. All these parks had facilities to attract wider use: pools, ballparks, basketball courts, tennis courts, parking, co-located with community centers or libraries, etc. These parks also all had small recreation buildings staffed by a city employee (especially during the summer) who would supervise activities in the larger parks. If you visited these parks, particularly during the weekends, they were (and still are) surrounded by parked cars and full of groups barbecuing, picnicking, and pretty much outfitted to stay the whole day.

## **My Concerns**

**Impact on the park:** I believe that the addition of restrooms at Eleanor Pardee Park could very well change the nature of the park from a neighborhood park to a more regionally focused park that will attract users from further afield who will stay for longer periods. This will make it more difficult for local residents and families to fully enjoy the park and may lead to additional costs for maintenance and upkeep due to increased usage of the fields and playground facilities, not to mention the costs to maintain the restrooms (see below).

**Impact on the neighborhood:** With increased usage by visitors coming from farther afield there will be an increase in traffic, noise, and trash. As pointed out by another neighbor at last week's meeting, there are no dedicated parking facilities at Eleanor Pardee Park, unlike at larger parks including Rinconada, Mitchell, Greer, El Camino, and others. Parking on Channing Avenue which borders the south side of the park is already restricted to one side of the street to facilitate bike lanes, meaning the people who visit must park their cars across the street from the fields and playgrounds. Several times I have witnessed near tragedies as children have rushed from their

cars to the park. On the Center Drive side of the park, residents are already required to endure traffic coming and going all day long and late into the evening, and parking directly in front of their homes. Adding restrooms will potentially attract even more traffic, which will spill onto neighboring streets as visitors search for parking spaces.

Further with regard to neighborhood impact, I lately visited Ramos Park to examine the restroom which was recently installed there. It is front and center, right off the sidewalk at the entrance of the park. In fact, the restroom is now the park's most prominent feature. I wonder how the residents who live across the street on East Meadow Drive feel about this. They used to look out their front windows and see a lovely park. Now they look out and see a bathroom. Will the same fate befall the neighbors of Eleanor Pardee Park, who live on Channing or Center?

**Cost:** Nowhere in any of the documents I have seen about the Eleanor Pardee Park restroom proposal is the cost of installing restrooms mentioned. I note that the estimate for the Ramos Park restroom was **\$350,000**. I also read in an article in the *Palo Alto Weekly* dated May 13, 2024, that the cost to construct a restroom and connect to utilities is **\$600,000!** So I assume the ones proposed for Eleanor Pardee Park would be about the same. This is not an unsubstantial sum for the taxpayers of Palo Alto to spend, particularly during tightening economic times. But the cost does not end there. Someone needs to visit, check on, clean, and repair these facilities on a daily basis. Who does this? A city employee? A contractor? And how much does this continue to cost Palo Alto taxpayer each and every day? And who pays to repair damage done by those who misuse or vandalize these facilities? Palo Alto taxpayers.

I raise this last point because, sadly, I must report to you that in my recent visits to examine other park restrooms at Seale, Ramos, Greer, and Rinconada parks I have found the facilities in many cases to be in a disgraceful and unusable condition.

Toilets full of waste and toilet paper; paper and garbage strewn through the restroom; at the old mens room at Rinconada Park, the urinal and one sink have been torn off the wall. (See the email and photos I sent to you on March 28, 2025, taken at Rinconada Park.) I really can honestly say I wouldn't allow my child or grandchild to use these restrooms, especially without adult supervision. How much is the city spending on a daily basis to maintain and repair these facilities? The concept of installing restrooms is admirable, but what good do these facilities do anyone if they are unusable due to the actions of those who don't respect them or use them properly.

**Public Safety:** For a number of years I had the distinct honor of serving our city as an officer of the Palo Alto Police Department. It was my experience that restrooms at some of our public parks, especially those that were unattended like the one at El Camino Park, attracted problems that required law enforcement attention. I am very concerned, based on my experiences, that the addition of unsupervised restroom facilities at Eleanor Pardee Park will lead to incidents of loitering, vandalism, possible narcotics use and sales, and in the worst case scenario incidents of assault or other serious crimes. I also believe restrooms are likely to attract homeless individuals who will take advantage of the park's more secluded and sheltered areas to leave their

belongings or to set up camp. I have in the recent past seen incidents of unhoused people taking up temporary residence in the courtyard of the Lucie Stern Community Center, literally on the benches at the front door of the Children's Theatre. It is not a stretch to imagine the same thing happening at Eleanor Pardee Park.

**Process:** Finally, I am very concerned about the process the City is following to move forward with this project. It seems to me that the City wishes everyone to believe that this is a fait accompli. I wrote to the City Council May 19, 2024, and to you on February 17, 2025 - with a copy to the City Council and staff - to express my concerns and to request notification of any future hearings or outreach sessions. For the record, I have yet to receive a single response from any member of the Council or this Commission. As I pointed out in my letters, I get notifications in the mail when a neighbor a block away wants to cut down a tree, but I receive NOTHING about a significant proposed action by the City on property that directly abuts mine. In addition, I am unaware that the City has conducted any organized outreach to the residents of our neighborhood. The City's parks restroom website has no information on the Eleanor Pardee Park proposal and no evidence of outreach to gauge neighborhood support. In contrast, the City's parks restroom website contains YouTube videos of outreach sessions conducted with neighbors of Ramos Park before that restroom was installed. I am unaware of any similar efforts to contact or consult with the neighbors of Eleanor Pardee Park.

The supposed "survey" the City recently conducted that the local media seems to incorrectly believe sealed the deal and proved that support for the restrooms is overwhelming was terribly flawed. The City representative at last week's meeting admitted as much, noting that the survey was not scientific and that there is no way to tell whether people completed it multiple times. One speaker correctly pointed out that the wording of the survey was incredibly biased and one-sided, clearly inviting a positive response without mentioning or discussing any of the potential downsides of placing a restroom in the park. Another speaker who lives nearby the park testified that most of her neighbors, who oppose the installation of a restroom, were completely unaware of the survey.

During the meeting I submitted to the Clerk a quickly and loosely organized petition signed by a number of neighbors who oppose the restrooms. Another neighbor submitted additional names electronically. These are real people, with real names and addresses, who live near the park, and who do not want restrooms installed. At a minimum, before any future action is taken on this matter, the City must make a good faith effort to contact people on that list and all others who live within a several block radius of the park to solicit their views. These are the people who pay their taxes to maintain the park and the streets around it. They are the ones who will be most directly impacted by any significant changes that will lead to increased usage of the park. And they are the ones who vote for the leaders of our community who, one would hope, would care to hear their views before making decisions that could directly impact quality of life conditions in their neighborhood.

**Some final observations/questions:** Is it really necessary to change the nature of Eleanor Pardee Park in a way that could very well have tangible negative impacts on

our neighborhood? I think not. For parents who would like to take their kids to a park in this area of town with restrooms there is one located only four short blocks away!

Rinconada Park now has two restrooms (although as noted above they often seem to be unusable due to vandalism and misuse, despite the costs the city has and continues to incur.) In addition to those two restrooms at the Rinconada playground, there are also clean, well-maintained, supervised city restrooms only steps away to the west at the Junior Museum, the Children's Library, the Children's Theatre, and Lucie Stern. To the east across the street are the Arts Center and Main Library, also with clean, well-maintained city-owned public restrooms.

With regard to the gardeners who have plots at the Eleanor Pardee Park community garden, they are permitted to use city owned land with access to water and compost for an extremely nominal fee, and they agreed to take advantage of this generous offer knowing full well that there were no restroom facilities nearby. And now they want the City to build them a restroom that may cost over half a million dollars just to begin with? Really?

### **Conclusion**

As I mentioned in my opening, **while the idea of installing restrooms in all parks is a commendable one, care must be taken to avoid undesired or unforeseen negative consequences.** I thank the members of the Community Services team for their work on this proposal, but this isn't just about parks. It is about our neighborhood. I have seen no evidence that anyone has studied the possible impacts on traffic. I have seen nothing from the Police Department about incidents of crimes or calls for service (if any) in the vicinity of park restrooms. I have seen nothing from Public Works about the costs to maintain these facilities on a daily basis or to repair them when damaged, or of how many days they have been out of service. I think all of these issues, at a minimum, must be addressed by city staff moving forward.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns. I look forward to hearing back from you, from Council members, and from city staff if the proposal for the installation of restrooms at Eleanor Pardee Park continues to move forward.

Sincerely,

Evan G. Reade

cc: City Council  
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Dear Mr. Castile, Ms. Robustelli, and Council Member Lythcott-Haims:

Following up on last Tuesday evening's meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission where we discussed the proposal to install restrooms at Eleanor Pardee Park.

I just rode my bike over to Rinconada Park to take a look at the new restrooms there. Here are photos of what they looked like at about 4:00 PM. Let me ask you: would you want your children or grandchildren to use these facilities? It is a very nice concept to provide these types of facilities to the public, but what's the point if there is no one there to monitor their use or to clean up after those who don't respect them or use them properly? And of course, the old, existing restrooms in the park - located only about 100 yards away - are still a mess with a urinal and sink ripped off the walls. (Question: Why was it even necessary to build the new restrooms at considerable cost when there are already public restroom facilities located so nearby in the same park? Not to mention the City of Palo Alto public restrooms at the Junior Museum, Children's Library, Lucie Stern Center, and city-owned swimming pool all located only steps away?)

I would be grateful if you could share this communication with the members of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Sincerely,

Evan G. Reade

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On Tuesday evening, plainclothes-masked Department of Homeland Security agents arrested Tufts University graduate student Rumeysa Ozturk, a Turkish national with a valid student visa, as she was on her way to break her Ramadan fast, according to her attorney and video footage of the arrest.



**Video credit:** Daniel Boguslaw

Ozturk's attorney, Mahsa Khanbabai, says her team is unaware of her whereabouts, has been unable to contact her, and that no charges have been filed against Ozturk that they are aware of. The ICE locator database on Wednesday afternoon listed Ozturk as being held in the "South Louisiana Processing Center" in Basile, Louisiana – more than 1,400 miles away from Somerville, Massachusetts, where Ozturk was detained. ICE and the White House did not respond to requests for comment.

A DHS spokesperson claimed without evidence that "DHS and ICE investigations found Ozturk engaged in activities in support of Hamas." The spokesperson added, "A visa is a privilege not a right...This is commonsense security."

Ozturk, a doctoral student at Tufts University, was targeted after the McCarthyite organization Canary Mission accused her on its website of "anti-Israel activism." The proof was scant, involving an op-ed she co-wrote calling on Tufts to follow democratic outcomes.

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Exactly one year ago, on March 26, 2024, Ozturk co-authored an **op-ed** in the student newspaper, in which she and three other students urged Tufts to heed **resolutions** that were overwhelmingly passed by the student senate, including one resolution that called on university leadership to acknowledge the Palestinian genocide and divest from companies with ties to Israel.

"This arrest is the latest in an alarming pattern to stifle civil liberties," Massachusetts Democratic Senator Elizabeth Warren said in an emailed statement. "The Trump administration is targeting students with legal status and ripping people out of their communities without due process. This is an attack on our Constitution and basic freedoms — and we will push back."

Democratic Rep. Ayanna Pressley, who represents the district where Ozturk was detained, echoed Warren, **saying**: "This is a horrifying violation of Rumeysa's constitutional rights to due process and free speech. She must be immediately released. And we won't stand by while the Trump Administration continues to abduct students with legal status and attack our fundamental freedoms."

On Tuesday night, Tufts president Sunil Kumar wrote in an email to university affiliates that the school had no prior knowledge of the arrest, nor did they share information with federal authorities. Kumar said university officials were told that Ozturk's visa had been terminated. He added that they were seeking to confirm whether that was true, and would assist in connecting Ozturk to external legal resources if they requested it.

Late Tuesday, a federal judge granted her lawyer's request that Ozturk not be moved out of the state without advanced notice to the court from the government. It's unclear whether Ozturk was taken to Louisiana after the judge's order.

### **State-Sanctioned 'Kidnapping'**

A source who witnessed the arrest said that what stuck with them was that the incident was "clearly premeditated" with "overwhelming force."

They told **Zeteo** that at least one officer was carrying a firearm, and that one of the agents' vehicles had been parked on the street since 4:00 AM, according to a neighbor's camera. They saw the vehicle when they left for the morning and returned in the evening.

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As Ozturk walked down the sidewalk, three people got out of the vehicle and began crossing the street, one pulling up his hood, according to the video of her arrest. They confronted Ozturk, who appeared confused. They then grabbed her and pulled her phone out of her hand, as the other officers began pulling up ski masks to cover their faces.

Amid the confusion, several other people emerged, pulling masks over their faces. According to the witness, the masked individuals insisted they were either police or with the police. The witness never heard them identify the agency they were from. The masked individuals continued to tug at her backpack, eventually taking it from her.

The detainment – with no apparent charges or clear grounds – appeared less like a legal arrest and more like a “kidnapping,” said the source.

"They did not start very well by identifying themselves or anything like that. And then when, like, questioned, they said either we are the police, or we're with the police, I think they say both. And it's all sort of like, yeah, fucking right man, you're with the police. Like, I can say that, and I can buy that badge from a fucking costume store."

## **A String of Arrests**

Ozturk's arrest is the latest in a growing list of the Trump administration's crackdown on students who have spoken out against Israel's genocide in Gaza. Legal experts question the constitutionality of the crackdown, given its complete dismissal of First Amendment rights, as well as its attempts to retrofit and weaponize law to target individuals without any solid legal basis.

The case of Columbia student protest leader Mahmoud Khalil, a green card

holder, remains ongoing. Khalil was detained under an obscure provision that allows the secretary of state to deem noncitizens as a foreign policy risk and have them deported – a law that experts told Zeteo likely is unconstitutional.



*Mahmoud Khalil speaks to members of the media about the Revolt for Rafah encampment at Columbia University on June 1, 2024. Photo by Jeenah Moon/Reuters*

The Justice Department has subsequently tried to justify his arrest, claiming he did not state on his green card application that he previously worked for the Syria office of the British Embassy and was a member of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

One of Khalil's attorneys, Marc Van Der Hout, **called** the allegations "completely meritless" and said they show "that the government has no case whatsoever on this bogus charge that his presence in the U.S. would have adverse foreign policy consequences."

Van Der Hout says Khalil was not a "member" of UNRWA; he simply did one of his three Columbia-approved internships there. On Khalil's embassy work, Van Der Hout says Khalil's work there "ended in December 2022, as he stated in his residency application."

Khalil was similarly sent over a thousand miles away from his home to Louisiana. Just months ago, rights groups published a **report** on facilities in Louisiana titled "Inside the Black Hole: Systemic Human Rights Abuses Against Immigrants Detained & Disappeared in Louisiana."

Another Columbia student, 21-year-old Yunseo Chung, a South Korean national who has lived in the US since she was 8 – had her green card revoked by the Trump administration. Chung is suing the Trump administration to stop their targeting of her and other students. On Tuesday, a judge **issued** a temporary restraining order stopping the Trump administration from detaining her.

Badar Khan Suri, an Indian scholar at Georgetown University, was **arrested** by

masked agents last week. Suri has been taken through several detention centers and has now been placed a thousand miles away from his family, in a detention center in Texas.

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The Trump administration has **justified** the arrest on the grounds that Suri apparently has "close connections to a known or suspected terrorist, a senior adviser to Hamas." The charge is in reference to his father-in-law, who was a former Hamas government adviser, who left his position more than a decade ago and has since become a writer and commentator, who has been quoted in the *New York Times*.

Suri's attorney, Hassan Ahmad, told Mehdi Hasan that his client's father-in-law is "a person that, according to the information that we have, he [Suri] has met twice in his entire life, doesn't really know, and has not had any sort of meaningful relationship with."

A judge has **blocked** Suri's deportation for now.

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**Subject:** Additional Information for PAYC's Pancakes and Pickleball Event (3/29)  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 25, 2025 6:09:24 PM  
**Attachments:** [Screenshot 2025-03-25 at 6.01.08 PM.png](#)

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Dear Commissioner Wei and Commissioner Cribbs,

We are so excited to see you at PAYC's Pancake and Pickleball event this Saturday, 3/29! With the event approaching, I wanted to reach out with some additional information:

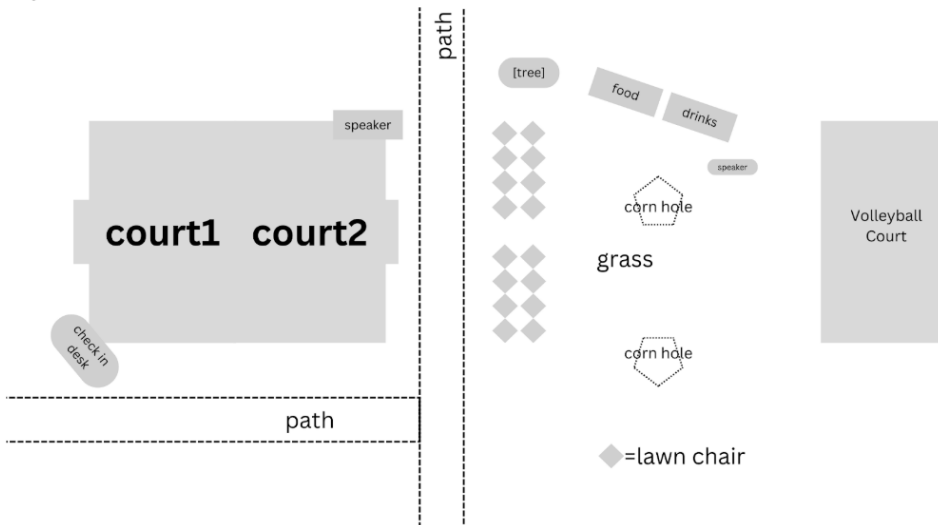
The main purpose of the event is to connect the Palo Alto community through activities and casual conversations. Special guests including yourself will not be speaking on a panel but will instead be encouraged to have informal conversations with community members while relaxing or playing pickleball, Volleyball, Cornhole, or Basketball. I attached a map with the layout of the event for reference.

The event begins at 10:30 a.m. and goes until 12:30 p.m. Please let us know if you are only able to attend for part of that time. If you have questions day-of, you can reach our advisor and your point of contact Chris Sanchez at (650) 444-3368.

Please respond with any questions you have. Thank you so much again for participating in our event!

Sincerely,  
Anika Raffle  
Palo Alto Youth Council Outreach Specialist

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**From:** [Heather Stewart-Bhardwaj](#)  
**To:** [ParkRec Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Pardee Park Bathroom  
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Dear Park and Rec Commission,

I live at the intersection of Channing and Newell and I am writing in strong support of adding a bathroom.

From my driveway, I see the playground and I can hear people playing soccer. Kids bike past my house to go to the park. Groups of grandparents walk together to do their daily exercise and parents push strollers. In spring and summer, elementary school kids play soccer and the UC garden center comes to life.

I've been at the park and had to race home to get my potty training toddler to the bathroom. Other families have their kids use the bushes or bring a "potette" for their kids while at the park and discard human waste in the trash. While I am sure people use the bathroom before they arrive, certainly people of all ages have to go unexpectedly and there is no **sanitary** option.

We are a wealthy city with some of the most expensive real estate in California, one of the most prestigious universities on the West Coast, premier employers, and beautiful neighborhoods. It is an embarrassment that we have a 9.6 acre park with no bathroom and there are not any other possible bathroom options nearby. The library or Rinconada park bathroom are a mile away.

A neighbor who lives on Sharon Court and whose backyard abuts the park put a letter in my mailbox urging me to oppose the bathroom because the park has been here 75 years without one. This is one example of a broader problem in Palo Alto. We have a badly-needed infrastructure item and a few voices can squash it or delay it because the city will acquiesce to the loud voices of a minority of people. I urge you to ignore and reject these arguments because it ignores a key word describing the park, it is a **public** park. Not an extension of someone's yard. It needs the infrastructure to serve the public.

I live very near the park, my family actually uses the park, polling data of the public shows overwhelming support, and it is completely unacceptable to me if the city decides to delay or does not add a bathroom in a timely manner due to a handful of people opposing. This is a **public resource** serving the neighbors like me who live steps from it but also those who walk from further away or drive to play soccer or take a gardening class. Let's keep our city progressing and not remain stuck in the past with inadequate infrastructure. Please expeditiously add a bathroom to Eleanor Pardee Park.

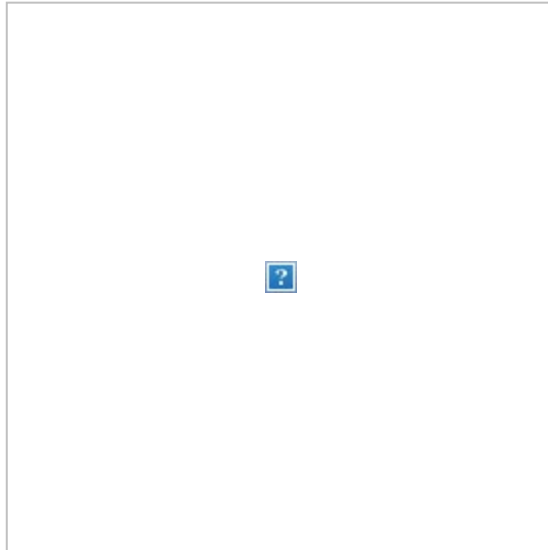
Thank you for your consideration,  
Heather Stewart

**From:** [Friends of the Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo](#)  
**To:** [ParkRec Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Meet the JMZ's Zoo Director: Sean Ramsdell  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 25, 2025 5:18:02 PM

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## **Meet the JMZ's Zoo Director: Sean Ramsdell**

March 25, 2025

Hello Friends,

It's spring at the Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo, and the plants in the *California Dinosaur Garden* are entering full bloom. I hope you'll come and visit the JMZ and see what's new soon.

Our second annual Spring Breakfast will be Friday, May 9 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Funds raised at this event will directly support programs that expand access to science education throughout our community. If you are interested in attending this event, please reach out to Stephanie Kerry, Advancement and Operations Manager at [stephanie@friendsjmz.org](mailto:stephanie@friendsjmz.org). If you would like to become an early supporter, please consider making a donation [online](#).

In this newsletter, we're excited to spotlight the JMZ's Zoo Director, Sean Ramsdell. Sean combines his passion for wildlife and strong organizational skills to provide the best care for the JMZ's critters and fun experiences for guests. Read on to learn more about what he enjoys most about the JMZ, and how his team works to enhance programming both at the JMZ and local schools served by JMZ Educators.

Warmly,

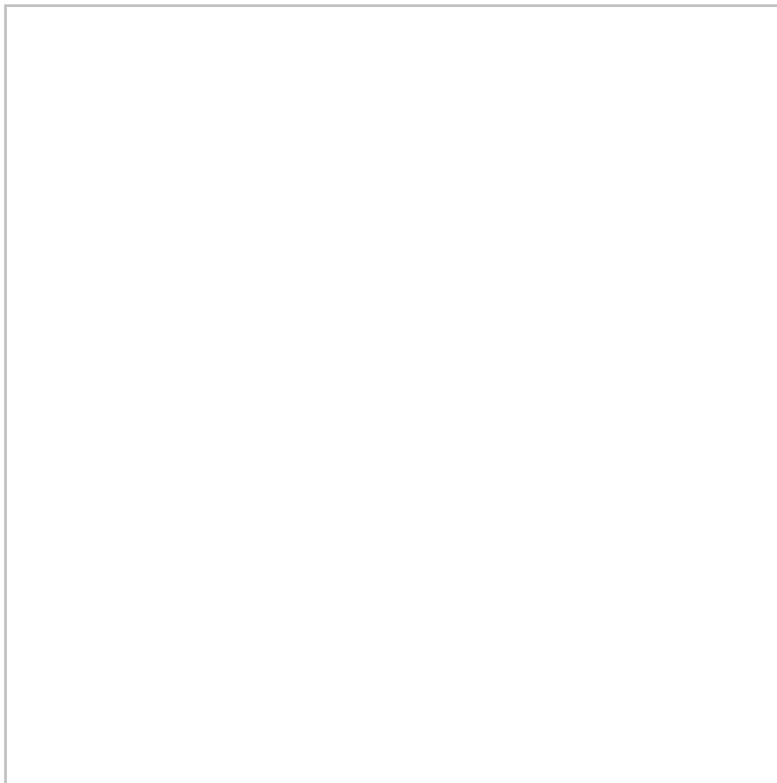
Lauren Angelo

## **Spotlight on Sean Ramsdell, JMZ Zoo Director: Exploring a Lifetime of Curiosity**

### **How did your early experiences shape your desire to pursue a career with animals?**

Although I don't have many clear childhood memories, I always remember loving animals. Growing up on the edge of a state forest, I was lucky to have nature right in my own backyard. I would spend hours outdoors, often looking for small critters like frogs and salamanders. One of my favorite toys was my Fisher Price zoo set with little monkeys and an elephant, which further piqued my curiosity about animals all over the world. Having early exposure to science and nature shaped my desire to pursue a career that involved working with animals. I love that I have the opportunity to introduce animals to young learners, which can then inspire them to become more curious about nature.

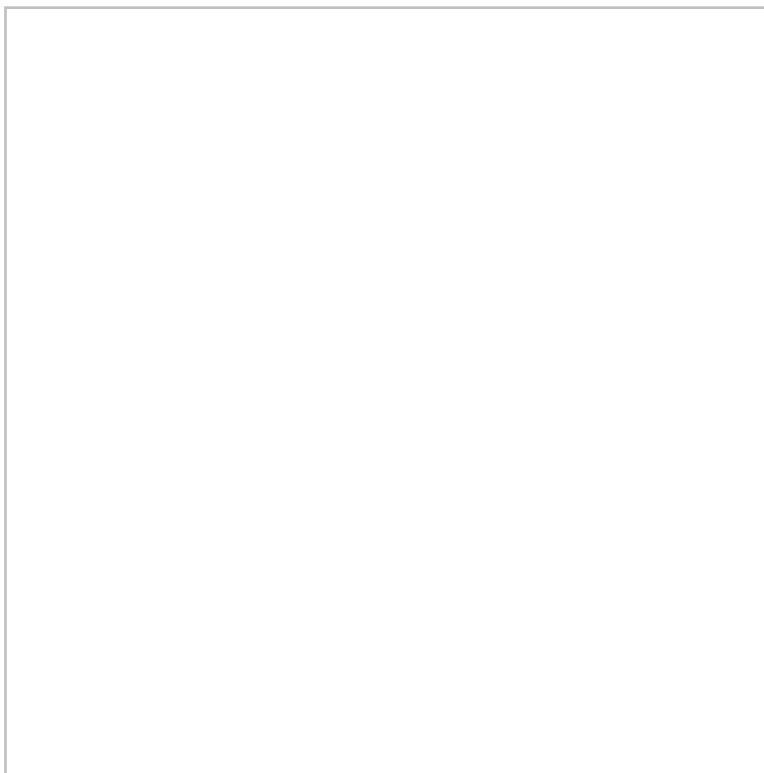
I studied biology in college, but I wasn't quite sure what my path should be. I later secured an internship at the Fossil Rim Wildlife Center in Glen Rose, Texas, where I had the opportunity to work with rhinos. Soon after, I started working at the Houston Zoo before relocating to Busch Gardens in Tampa. When I first visited the JMZ, I knew this place had something special. I was really drawn to the warm, collaborative environment of the museum and zoo. I knew that the JMZ would give me the opportunity to both work with animals and engage with guests.



**Sean poses with a reindeer.**

**What do you enjoy most about working at the JMZ?**

One of the things I love most about working here is the relationships I get to build with the animals. Some of them are elusive, but have their own unique personalities—like Bruce, the Bruce’s green pigeon, who can be a bit challenging to find when it’s time for bed. I made a shirt that says, “Ask me about Bruce” to prompt conversations with guests about her. Beyond that, I’m passionate about creating a positive environment for my team. I want them to feel supported and valued in their work. Working with such a dedicated group of people, and knowing we’re all here for the same purpose—providing the best care for the animals and creating meaningful experiences for our guests—is incredibly rewarding.



**Sean's favorite work shirt features a photo of a Bruce's green pigeon.**

### **How do the education and zoo teams collaborate to improve programs?**

The high-quality lessons that JMZ Educators deliver at local schools are a huge part of what makes the JMZ so unique. We're lucky to have a team of passionate educators who want to share the wonder of nature with students across our community. Collaboration between our zoo staff and the education team is key to our success: educators share knowledge with the zoo team on how to best stimulate learning, and we work with the educators on animal handling and behaviors. Both educators and zoo team members actively incorporate a Socratic teaching style, which encourages collaborative learning with guests. Instead of simply telling guests about an animal, we encourage them to think critically about why an animal might behave a certain way or how it adapts to its environment. I'm proud to be part of a team that's dedicated to making our programs educational for everyone involved.

We're always looking for ways to expand and improve our programming, both at schools and at the JMZ. One area we're really focused on right now is animal training, which will benefit both JMZ Science Outreach lessons and the Friends' Animal Encounters Program. Creating quality experiences with science and nature lays a foundation for success in the lives of many young children. Expanding access to our programs is important to the Friends and the JMZ. I'm excited to continue to reach more young learners and their families through working with our educators and introducing guests to our animals.

**From:** [Nanci L Howe](#)  
**To:** [ParkRec Commission](#)  
**Subject:** A Time to Speak at Today's Commission  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 25, 2025 4:21:29 PM

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Hi. I wish to speak at the Commission meeting tonight about the Pardee Park restroom. It looks like this will be on the agenda about 7:30 and I assume that I would have a chance to speak at about this time. I ask because I am also babysitting grandchildren and want to manage my time as best as I can.

Thank you.  
Nanci Howe  
1094 Moffett Circle

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**From:** [TRACE DEVAI](#)  
**To:** [ParkRec Commission](#)  
**Subject:** MICHAEL JACKSON Tribute band for hire  
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Greetings. MJ ROXTAR [mjrox.com](http://mjrox.com) is fronted by an award winning vocalist with Alice Cooper and Lenny Kravitz. Please consider us for your upcoming events.  
[mjroxmusic@gmail.com](mailto:mjroxmusic@gmail.com) 747-241-0725. Thank you.

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**To:** [ParkRec Commission](#)  
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**Subject:** . It found that American support for Israel is at its lowest point in 25 years, while sympathy for Palestinians has reached its highest level. Having 46% of Americans supporting Israel and 33% supporting Palestinians would have seemed inconceivable in ...  
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***. It found that American support for Israel is at its lowest point in 25 years, while sympathy for Palestinians has reached its highest level. Having 46% of Americans supporting Israel and 33% supporting Palestinians would have seemed inconceivable in the past, when the plight of Palestine and its people was largely overlooked by the general public.***

<https://www.commondreams.org/opinion/u-s-opinion-shift-palestine>

**From:** [Cindy](#)  
**To:** [ParkRec Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Petition Against Public Restroom Placement in Pardee Park - Meeting tomorrow evening  
**Date:** Monday, March 24, 2025 7:48:50 PM  
**Attachments:** [Signed Petition Combined.pdf](#)  
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To Whom It May Concern:

We are a group of Crescent Park neighbors who are all adjacent to the Pardee Park. We have collected 11 signatures from neighbors with properties adjacent to Pardee Park that would be heavily impacted with the placement of the bathrooms at the park. Enclosed please find the petition the group of neighbors have signed that are passionately against installation of the bathrooms at the park. In addition, a neighbor have surveyed parks that have bathrooms and found the maintenance lacking.

We will be at the meeting tomorrow to further clarify our points in the petition.

Respectfully yours,  
Cynthia Yu

**From:** [Chris Cummings](#)  
**To:** [ParkRec Commission](#); [Castile, Steve](#)  
**Subject:** Media Submission for March 25th meeting  
**Date:** Friday, March 21, 2025 8:36:29 PM  
**Attachments:** [Cummings Letter to Parks and Rec Commission March 25th Meeting, 2025.pdf](#)

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Attached is my letter stating the reason for my opposition to the proposal of bathrooms at Eleanor Pardee Park.

While I will be unable to attend, due to work travel, I would ask that you read the letter and please view the photos of the current state of the restrooms at nearby Rinconada Park. The condition, which has gone unaddressed now for months and months, concerns -- if we cannot maintain what we already have adequately, why should we believe that new facilities will be any different.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing all of you in April.

Best,  
Chris Cummings  
Neighbor to Eleanor Pardee Park  
870 Sharon Ct, Palo Alto, CA 94301

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Columbia's refusal to divest from, and even doubling down on, the genocide of the Palestinian people these past 17 months has made its expected response to the Trump Administration's ransom note incredibly clear,"

Columbia University agrees to Trump demands in effort to restore federal funding

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/columbia-university-trump-demands-funding-rcna197261>

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Unarmed black man shot killed by Kern County Deputy

Deputy shot California man 5 times, including in the back. Family is awarded \$30.5 million  
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**To:** [ParkRec Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Pardee Park Restroom  
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**From:** [Nancy Kawakita](#)  
**To:** [ParkRec Commission](#)  
**Subject:** 2028 Park restroom plan and asking for Outreach funding in the 2026 CIP  
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To: Parks and Recreation Commissioners and City Parks liaisons,

Looking beyond Pardee Park's 2026 restroom install, we urge you to request funding for the **outreach budget** for selecting the **2028 restroom in this FY2026 budget**. This is important due to the known 2-3-year cycle time to install a Palo Alto pre-fab restroom. We started requesting the Pardee Park restroom in January 2024 and we got an outreach budget with a survey in January 2025, install is hopefully in 2026/2027.

The two leading candidates based on the 2017 Park restroom plan, which uses size, park usage and closest public restroom are:

- 1) **Bol Park** at ~14 acres, playground, popular native plant garden featured on an annual public garden tour, trails, donkey stables and the closest public restroom at Mitchell Park Library at 2.4 miles or a 29 minute walk to El Camino Real. OR
  - 2) **Terman Park** at ~8 acres with soccer, softball fields, basketball and tennis courts and the closest public restroom at Mitchell Park at 1.1 miles or a 5 minute walk to El Camino Real.
- Other smaller parks on the City Park Restroom Installation list are Robles, Johnson, Bowden Park.

Thank you for your commitment to adding restrooms to Palo Alto Parks and providing joy in our parks and open spaces.

Nancy Kawakita  
Palo Alto resident and park user

**From:** [Francisco Valenzuela](#)  
**To:** [Francisco Valenzuela](#)  
**Subject:** Register to Attend San Andreas Regional Center's 28th Annual Legislative Luncheon  
**Date:** Thursday, March 20, 2025 12:20:07 PM  
**Attachments:** [Legislative Luncheon Flyer.pdf](#)

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## San Andreas Regional Center's 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Luncheon

Dear Friends,

I am following up on your invitation to San Andreas Regional Center's 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Luncheon being held on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. It would be an honor if you could join us at our luncheon. Space is limited so register soon before the luncheon sells out.

If you haven't already registered, please use the following link to join us:

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Santa Clara County Board President Ott Lee Representing District 3  
City of San Jose Vice Mayor Pam Foley Representing District 9  
City of San Jose Council member Bien Doan Representing District 7

Invited guests will also include Federal, State, and Local Legislators & they're staff, Individuals with Differing Abilities and they're families, Service Providers and they're staff, School Board Members, Educators, Direct Care Workers, Advocates, County and City Programs, Non-Profit Organizations, and the Community at Large from the counties of Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Bento, and Monterey.

We will also hear from Martin Slyngstad, author, college student, Special Olympics athlete, and adult on the Autism spectrum. Anna Wang, mom and Co-Founder of Friends of Children with Special Needs. Kris McCann, mom and Co-Founder of Housing Developments for individuals with disabilities. Olenka Villarreal, mom and Co-Founder of Magical Bridge Inclusive Playgrounds. Gowri Kuthanur, mom and Co-Founder of Inclusive World. Deanna Pursai, sister and Co-Founder of College of Adaptive Arts. And Keynote Speaker Marty Omoto, founder of CDCAN and sibling to an individual once served by a regional center.

As you may already know, San Andreas Regional Center is a community-based, private nonprofit corporation that is funded under a contract with the State of California, through the Department of Developmental Services, to serve people with developmental disabilities as required by the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Act. The Lanterman Act is part of California law that sets out the rights and responsibilities of persons with developmental disabilities.

Thank you once again for your friendship, and we hope to see you on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

*Francisco Valenzuela  
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**Subject:** Interested in outdoor gym equipment that works?  
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Best Wishes,

Rajni Rajpoot

**From:** [Manuel Minzer](#)  
**To:** [ParkRec Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Youth enrichment programs  
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## **RE: Youth enrichment programs**

Please allow me to introduce myself, my name is Manuel Minzer and we provide Basketball, Gymnastics, Chess, and Volleyball youth recreational programs for children from 2 to 14 years old. These activities are an excellent extracurricular program in order to teach educational values and to emphasize participant's development of emotional, physical, intellectual, and social life skills.

Since Fall 2008 we are running programs in partnership with Preschools, Schools, After Schools, Cities' Parks and Recreation Divisions, and School Districts.

The reason that I am writing to you is in order to offer programs at City of Palo Alto, and please let me know if you need additional information.

Best to you,

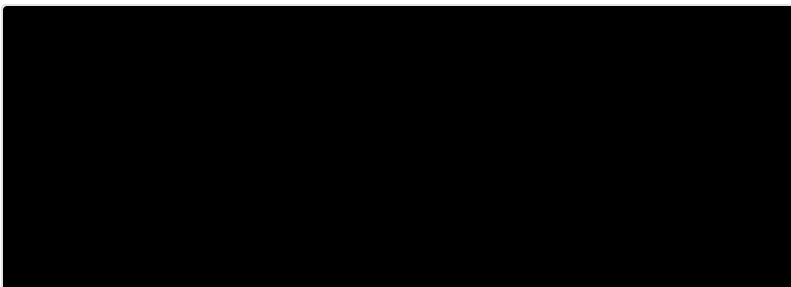
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By [David Cole](#)

March 18, 2025

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**From:** [Nancy Kawakita](#)  
**To:** [ParkRec Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Eleanor Pardee Park restroom urgent funding for the May Finance CIP review  
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To: Parks and Recreation Commissioners and City Parks liaisons,

Thank you for installing restrooms at NINE Palo Alto Parks/fields.

Thank you for completing the City survey for the Eleanor Pardee Park restroom in mid-February. We look forward to hearing the survey results on March 25, the proposed restroom location within the park, and immediate next steps.

We request the "outreach" process be on track to confirm that Eleanor Pardee Park is named as the FY2026-27 restroom funded in the Park Restroom Installation (PG-19000) 2026-27 CIP. We request that Pardee Park secure this funding and be approved by the Finance committee in May 2025 and City Council in June 2025. Hopefully, you do not need to have the City Council step in to fund Pardee Park's restroom again, in order to support public health and the public good. In June 2024 City Council agreed Pardee Park's restroom was prioritized with urgency.

Like the City did for Cuberley's restroom process in 2023, you could offer a follow-on online survey to ask for feedback on a reasonable location of the Pardee restroom (away from the fence line shared by residents) in April. Then you could review the results in the April Parks Commission meeting for final approval to add Pardee to the May CIP review in the City Council Finance Committee meeting. Or ideally to streamline the process, since there is a 9 month wait time for a pre-fab restroom, you could order it now in 2025 based on the survey results and install it in 2026.

We strongly urge you to listen to ALL the Eleanor Pardee Park users regardless of where they live as we are talking about a PUBLIC park. There are over 90 community garden plots that the City offers to ALL Palo Alto residents, fields used by AYSO youth ages 5-10 years old and other athletic groups, 2 children's playgrounds, summer youth camps and dog walkers, runners and a tai-chi class. At the Community Garden, there is a UC Extension Waterwise and Edible Demonstration Garden that offers adult classes with volunteers who spend 2000 hours per year with 400+ class attendees and visitors from Santa Clara County per year. Where do all these park users go when nature calls as normal human beings? There is ugly evidence in the Park's tanbark and shrubs!

Not having a restroom in a popular large park is a public health issue and this is why it is an urgent need. A restroom cannot be canceled because of some residents' fears. There are NINE Palo Alto Parks/fields with restrooms. No Palo Alto Park restroom has been removed due to issues raised by restroom dissenters.

Thank you for keeping the Pardee restroom on track for funding this year.

Nancy Kawakita

Crescent Park resident and part of the Eleanor Pardee Park community garden

**From:** [Francisco Valenzuela](#)  
**To:** [Francisco Valenzuela](#)  
**Subject:** Register & Please Share - "Legislative Advocacy 101: Understanding Public Policy and How to Interact with Legislators" on April 3rd  
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I will be presenting my "Legislative Advocacy 101: Understanding Public Policy and How to Interact with Legislators" on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> during TASH's 2025 Webinar Series.

I am inviting advocates of all platforms, disability advocates, families, service providers, non-profit organizations, stakeholders, individuals with disabilities, and others to be part of my Webinar on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

My presentation will apply to any group or issue because Legislative Advocacy applies the same way when meeting with an elected official. I will share some key points on "How to Build Relationships with Elected Officials and their Staff", "Managing a Legislative Meeting", the Do's and Don'ts when Meeting with Elected Officials, and How to Maximize your time in a meeting. These along with other Key Points will be shared during the webinar. The presentation will also include a few testimonies from individuals who have participated in meetings with elected officials.

These are some trying times impacting our local communities and country where interaction with legislators is key to understanding their point of views and the concerns of their constituents. Understanding legislators' views on issues while asking for their support on key policy matters can have a positive impact if those meetings have positive outcomes.

For additional information about my TASH Webinar Presentation, Go Here:  
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## TASH's 2025 Webinar Series

TASH's [2025 Webinar Series](#) gets underway in three short weeks.

We will be starting off with Francisco Valenzuela's timely presentation, "Legislative Advocacy 101: Understanding Public Policy and How to Interact with Legislators" on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, then moving on to the complex and critical issue of "Supporting Students with Aggressive Behaviors" with Kayla Coburn one week later. Weekly episodes through June will address AI, ridesharing technology, IEPs, teacher preparedness and more.

Check out the full schedule of sessions and presenters, and instructions for participation, at the [2025 TASH Webinar Series main page](#).

### Schedule of Presentations

- Legislative Advocacy 101: Understanding Public Policy and How to Interact with Legislators

Francisco Valenzuela [2025 TASH Webinar Series main page](#).

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# I Am a Jewish Student at Columbia. Mahmoud Khalil Is One of the Most Upstanding People I Have Ever Met

We cannot allow fascists to use the pretext of Jewish safety to attack our communities.

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*Protesters rally in Foley Square in Lower Manhattan on March 10, 2025, to demand the release of Mahmoud Khalil. Photo by Michael Nigro/Pacific Press/LightRocket via Getty Images*

As a Jewish student at Columbia University, I was disgusted by the White House's cynical, smirking **claim** that it is acting in the interests of Jewish safety in detaining my Palestinian comrade, **Mahmoud Khalil**, last weekend. To announce Mahmoud's abduction, the White House pushed social media posts reading "SHALOM, MAHMOUD." The Christian fascists are gleefully, wickedly invoking the Hebrew goodbye as they terrorize us.

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Mahmoud is one of the most upstanding people I have ever met. Alongside other Jewish student activists, I only ever felt Mahmoud's respect, solidarity, and strength. As Mahmoud **told CNN** last spring, "I believe that the liberation of the Palestinian people and the Jewish people are intertwined and go hand-by-hand, and you cannot achieve one without the other." Anyone who has met Mahmoud knows that the White House's smear campaign is just a shallow pretext to unleash state violence against student activists and further divide already traumatized communities.

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