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Subject: More Trees Please Webinar on June 12, 2025
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Development for Trust for Public Land

Milan Ninkovic, Facility & Construction Executive, Bridge Way

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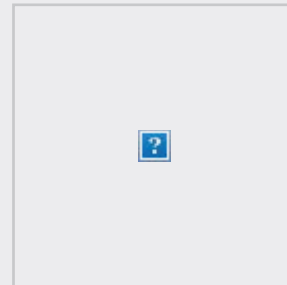
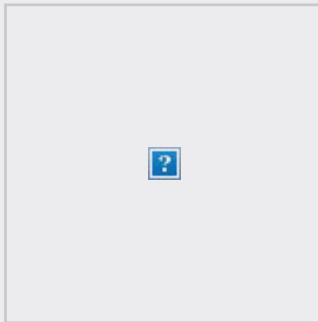
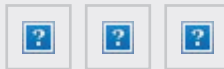
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Friends' Spring Breakfast

May 20, 2025

Hello Friends,

On May 9, we hosted our second annual Friends' Spring Breakfast. We were glad to see many new faces and returning supporters join us for a morning focused on the importance of early access to science education and the impact that JMZ science programs have throughout our community.

Over the past year, both [JMZ Science Outreach](#) in underserved schools and [Science with a Twist](#) at the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula have expanded in response to student and site demand. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we raised more than \$80,000 at this year's event to help bring hands-on, engaging science lessons to even more elementary school students in underserved communities.

We're especially grateful to the speakers, educators, and ambassadors who helped bring

the JMZ's work to life during the event. If you missed it, we've included a few highlights and photos below.

This Saturday, May 24, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., join the Friends and the [Joy Culture Foundation](#) for a Dragon Boat Festival storytime and craft. This event is free with admission; advanced [ticket purchase](#) to the JMZ is required.

Thank you for being part of our community, helping us ignite a passion for science for over 3,000 students across East Palo Alto, Eastern Menlo Park, and Redwood City.

With gratitude,

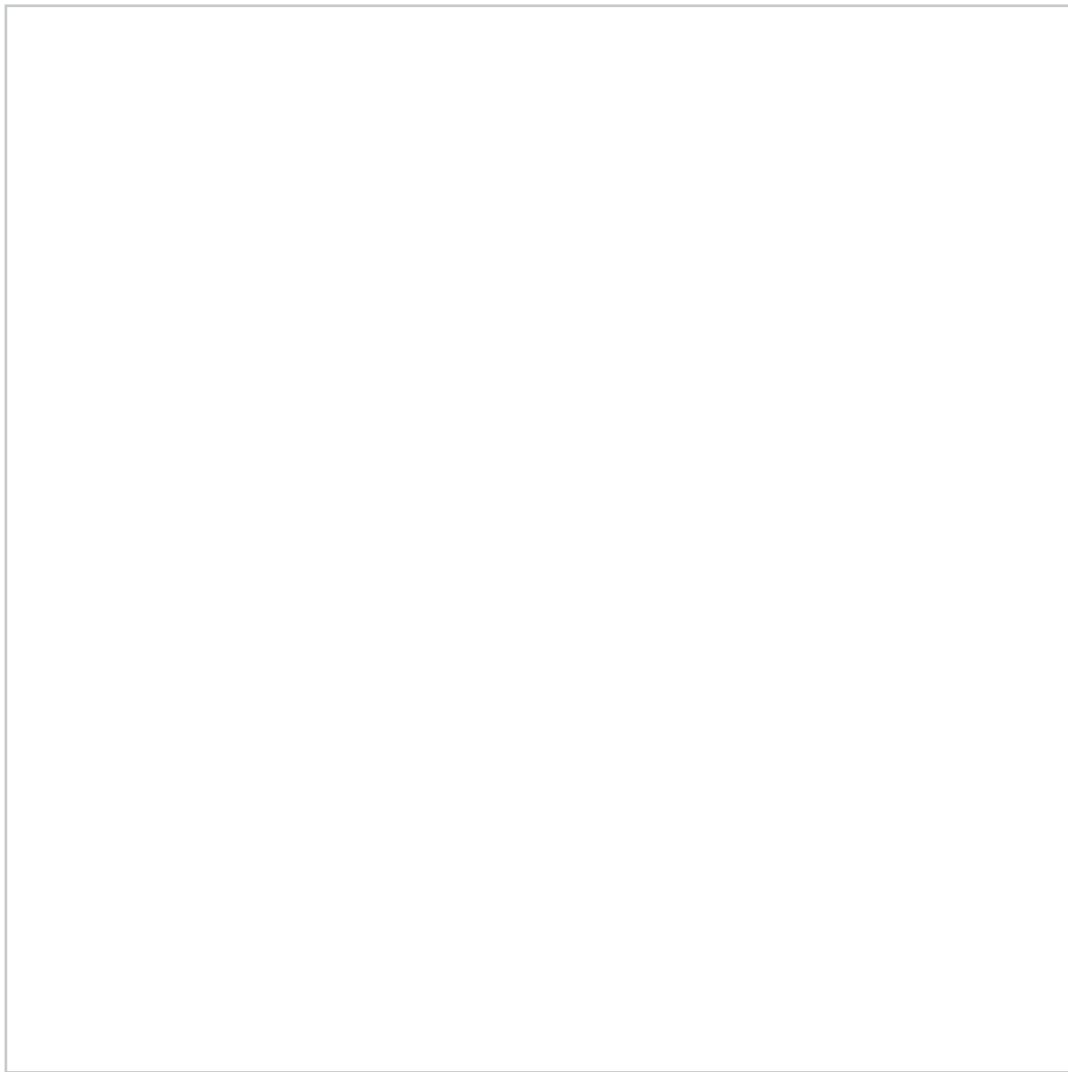
Lauren Angelo
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Thank you to our Spring Breakfast guests and donors for supporting science programs across our community!

Friends' Ambassadors, Lee Harper, Kat Burton, and Anoek Grosmann, welcomed guests alongside a few animals that visit JMZ Science Outreach classes in schools and *Science with a Twist* lessons at the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula (BGCP). As panelist Jenny Obiaya shared, animal visits are powerful and encourage children to open up, engage, and connect to the natural world.



JMZ Educators, Alex Hamilton and Heather Schultz, brought hands-on science activities to the event, offering guests a glimpse at the interactive lessons students experience at schools and at BGCP.



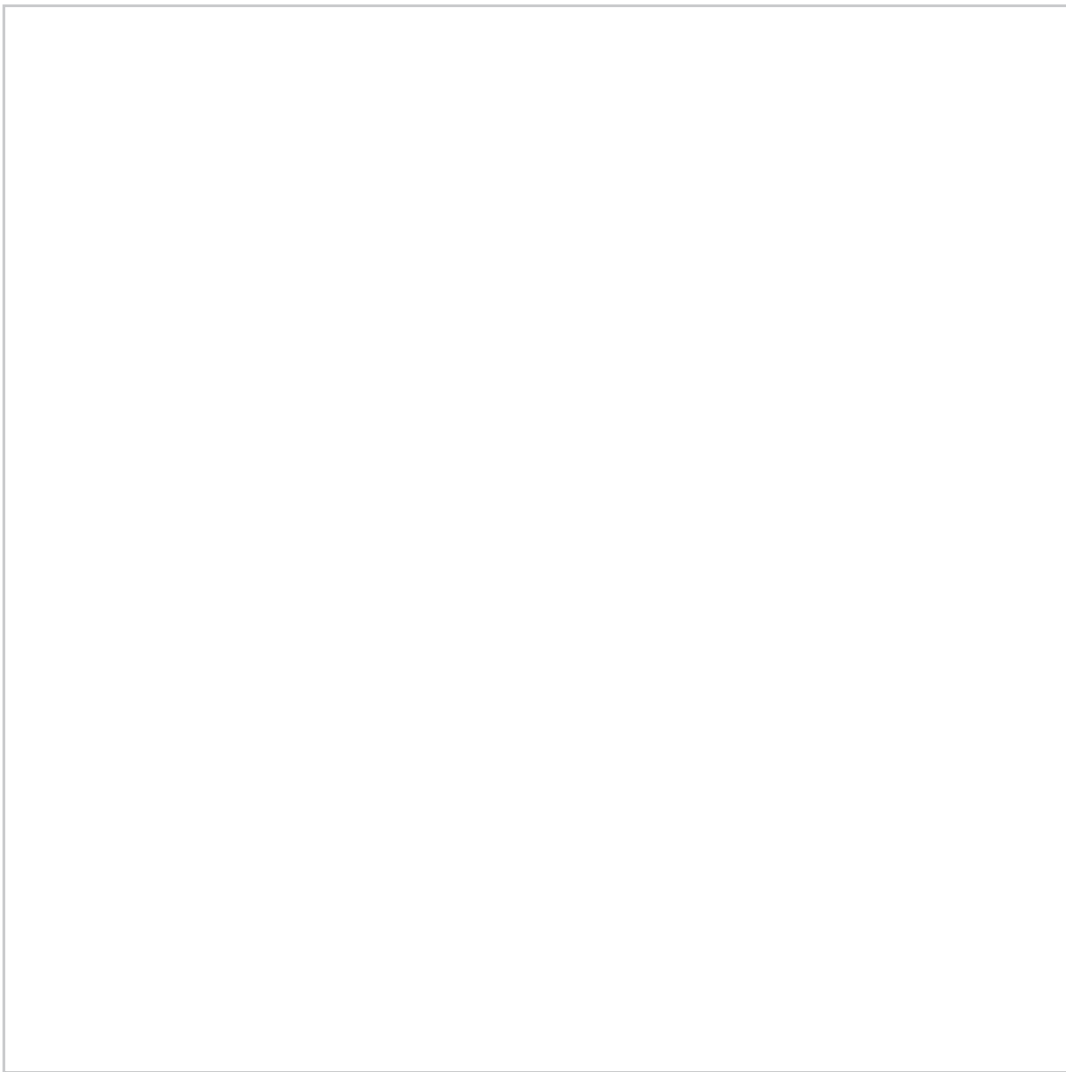
Sally Loverro, Friends' Board Member, opened the event by sharing more about why she joined the Friends. As she became more involved with her own children's school district foundation, Sally was inspired to expand her impact beyond her community and support students who might not have access to the same resources. Initially thinking the Friends focused solely on capital projects, she quickly discovered the depth of the Friends' outreach work and found the meaningful connection she had been seeking.



We were fortunate to be joined by a panel of three science and education experts featuring [Jenny Obiaya](#), CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula; [Dr. Hyowon Gweon](#), Associate Professor in the Stanford's Department of Psychology; and Dr. [Nicole Ardoin](#), Associate Professor of Environmental Behavioral Sciences in the Environmental Social Sciences Department of the Stanford Doerr School of Sustainability. Panelists highlighted the importance of early, hands-on science education and how it fuels curiosity, confidence, and critical thinking in young learners.



Development Committee Co-chairs, Meredith Tan and Jill Hartnett, closed the morning with a thank you to our guests. We're so grateful to our incredible community of donors, educators, and partners who attended. Thanks to the support of our community, we raised over \$80,000 to fund science education across East Palo Alto, Eastern Menlo Park, and Redwood City. Your commitment to our programs helps lay the foundation for future success, ensuring every child has access to engaging, high-quality science education.



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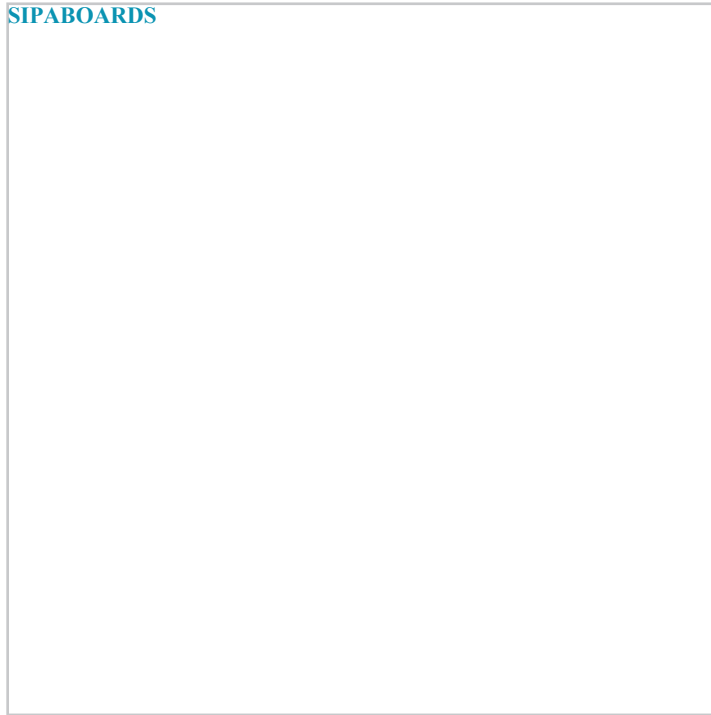
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Eurovision crew members were also hit with paint during the incident at the grand final in Basel

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Dear Palo Alto Community Services Department,

I am writing to formally report an incident that occurred on May 17th at approximately 1:30 PM at the artificial turf soccer field in El Camino Park.

While I was exercising and organizing my belongings, a youth soccer team wearing blue uniforms arrived and forcibly took over the area where I was working out. During this time, a player from the team kicked a soccer ball directly at me, posing a serious safety risk.

I request a formal apology from the coach or responsible adult supervising the team regarding this dangerous behavior. Furthermore, I strongly urge the City of Palo Alto to consider restricting this youth team's access to El Camino Park until proper behavior and respect for other park users can be ensured.

If prompt and appropriate action is not taken, I will have no choice but to escalate this complaint to higher city authorities and the city council.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your swift response and appropriate action.

From: [Robustelli, Sarah](#)
To: [Evan Reade](#)
Cc: [City Mgr](#); [ParkRec Commission](#); [Council, City](#)
Subject: RE: Budget realities vs. Eleanor Pardee Park restroom proposal
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Hi Evan,

Thank you for your continued engagement regarding the proposed restroom at Eleanor Pardee Park, and for sharing your concerns with the City Council, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and City staff. We appreciate your participation in this process and the time you have taken to voice your perspective.

As you referenced, the City's FY 2026 Proposed Capital Improvement Program includes funding for a new restroom at Eleanor Pardee Park. This recommendation is based in part on the results of a community survey, which received 1,171 responses. Of these, 82% supported the project, including 75% of respondents who live within walking distance of the park. Among supporters in the neighborhood, nearly half (48%) strongly agreed that the restroom is necessary. We also acknowledge that 18% of total respondents expressed opposition, and we understand that some nearby residents remain concerned.

No final decisions have been made. A Park Improvement Ordinance will be required to move the project forward. This ordinance will be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission at a future public meeting, offering an opportunity for additional input and discussion before the project is considered by the City Council. Should the project proceed, further community engagement will occur during the design phase.

In regard to your question about environmental review, the City will follow all applicable requirements under CEQA as part of the standard approval process.

We understand your view that Pardee Park has served the neighborhood well without a restroom and appreciate your comments regarding budget priorities, potential neighborhood impacts, and community outreach. We also recognize the strong interest expressed by many residents in adding a restroom to better support park users, especially families with young children and older adults.

City Council will carefully weigh all input and competing priorities before making any decisions regarding funding allocations in the FY 2026 budget and Parks Improvement Ordinance. Thank you again for your continued engagement on this matter.

Sarah



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31, 2025.

On Monday, May 12, I observed your discussion of the city's proposed budget for FY2026. The Proposed Capital Budget mentions at pages 250-252 an intent to continue to install one new park restroom per year and notes that Eleanor Pardee Park is next on the list for FY2026. However, in your discussions it became clear that given current economic conditions and uncertainties it may well be necessary to cut \$6 million (out of a proposed \$12 million) from the Capital Improvements Plan in order to protect a needed reserve fund, particularly if the city wishes to continue to adequately fund the critically important work being done by a number of non-profit organizations which receive city dollars to implement programs with direct positive impacts upon various segments of our community.

The slides presented at last Monday's meeting indicated that to realize CIP reductions of 5, 10 and 15 percent it would be necessary to evaluate proposed project timing with a priority to delay or defer projects to manage funding availability and project prioritization. The slide also listed factors to be considered in making such determinations. Might I suggest that the city can save \$1 million right off the bat by foregoing construction of a restroom at Eleanor Pardee Park? Even if one concedes that this project is in the "nice to do" category (which I do not) rather than in the "must do" category, it is clear that those funds can be better spent on other more pressing and necessary priorities, some of which are ongoing and would be severely impacted if continued funding were to cease. Spend the money where it is needed the most. Consider "luxury" or "nice to have" projects later.

I would also like to know whether the city has complied with or is planning to comply with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") before proceeding with the Eleanor Pardee Park restroom project. It is my understanding that CEQA applies to projects requiring discretionary government approval, and this includes construction of new facilities like park restrooms. The city's decision to approve the construction of new park restrooms is clearly a discretionary action, as the city has control over the project's location, design, and construction methods. As I have asserted in my earlier letters, the construction and operation of a new restroom in Eleanor Pardee Park could have potential impacts on the environment in our neighborhood, such as increased traffic, increased waste generation, or changes to the park's and the neighborhood's aesthetics. If I am correct in assuming that CEQA applies, then the city must conduct an environmental review process, potentially including an Initial Study, an Environmental Impact Report, or a Negative Declaration. Has the city conducted or initiated such a process with regard to the proposed restroom at Eleanor Pardee Park? And if not, when is the city planning on doing so?

Finally, let me reiterate the points I've made in my earlier letters:

- Eleanor Pardee Park has served our community well for 100 years without a restroom.
- For those parents who want to take their kids to a park with a restroom, Rinconada Park - with two restrooms and with numerous other city maintained

restrooms within close walking distance - is less than half a mile away.

- A restroom will change the park from one designed to serve the neighborhood into a regional park.
- A restroom will be expensive - perhaps \$1 million to design and construct (according to a press report I have read), never mind the ongoing costs required for daily maintenance (estimated in the proposed budget at \$9,000 per year).
- A restroom could present public safety issues - vandalism, loitering, narcotics transactions - and attract the unhoused.
- The process of community outreach to date has been totally inadequate; the "survey" the city did was hopelessly flawed and, to my knowledge (and I live right next to the park) the city has not made any attempt to engage with those of us in the neighborhood who stand to be most directly impacted by the addition of restroom in the park.

Thank you again for your time and willingness to engage with me and to listen to my concerns, which I know are shared by a number of other residents.

Sincerely,

Evan G. Reade
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I would also like to know whether the city has complied with or is planning to comply with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") before proceeding with the Eleanor Pardee Park restroom project. It is my understanding that CEQA applies to projects requiring discretionary government approval, and this includes construction of new facilities like park restrooms. The city's decision to approve the construction of new park restrooms is clearly a discretionary action, as the city has control over the project's location, design, and construction methods. As I have asserted in my earlier letters, the construction and operation of a new restroom in Eleanor Pardee Park could have potential impacts on the environment in our neighborhood, such as increased traffic, increased waste generation, or changes to the park's and the neighborhood's aesthetics. If I am correct in assuming that CEQA applies, then the city must conduct an environmental review process, potentially including an Initial Study, an Environmental Impact Report, or a Negative Declaration. Has the city conducted or initiated such a process with regard to the proposed restroom at Eleanor Pardee Park? And if not, when is the city planning on doing so?

Finally, let me reiterate the points I've made in my earlier letters:

- Eleanor Pardee Park has served our community well for 100 years without a restroom.
- For those parents who want to take their kids to a park with a restroom, Rinconada Park - with two restrooms and with numerous other city maintained restrooms within close walking distance - is less than half a mile away.
- A restroom will change the park from one designed to serve the neighborhood into a regional park.
- A restroom will be expensive - perhaps \$1 million to design and construct (according to a press report I have read), never mind the ongoing costs required for daily maintenance (estimated in the proposed budget at \$9,000 per year).
- A restroom could present public safety issues - vandalism, loitering, narcotics transactions - and attract the unhoused.
- The process of community outreach to date has been totally inadequate; the "survey" the city did was hopelessly flawed and, to my knowledge (and I live right next to the park) the city has not made any attempt to engage with those of us in the neighborhood who stand to be most directly impacted by the addition of restroom in the park.

Thank you again for your time and willingness to engage with me and to listen to my concerns, which I know are shared by a number of other residents.

Sincerely,

Evan G. Reade
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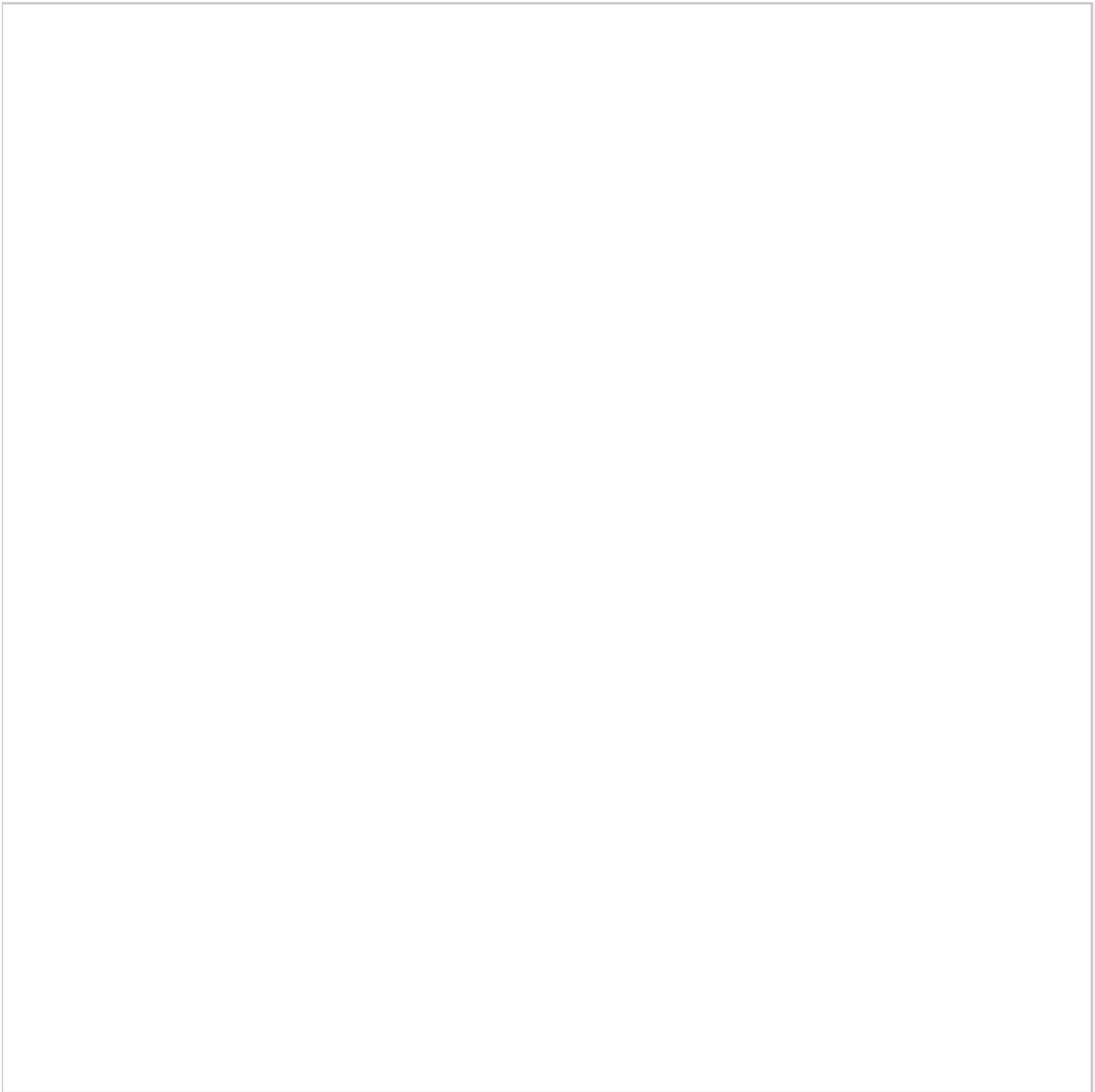
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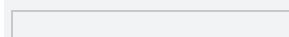
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This campaign aims to reaffirm our County's unwavering support for our entire community, including all of our immigrants, and connect anyone under threat by the current federal administration to information and resources. Launched yesterday, the

campaign features print, digital, TV, radio, and transit (VTA) advertising, and website [SCC.INFO/more](#) in five languages: [ENGLISH](#) - [ESPAÑOL](#) - [中文](#) - [Tiếng Việt](#) - [TAGALOG](#).

Santa Clara County is an incredibly diverse region in our state, let alone our nation, with a population that speaks over 100 languages and dialects. Further, immigrants comprise 2 out of 5 residents in our community, and own more than half (50.3%) of our businesses.



UPDATE: On Friday, May 9th, Judge Susan Illston of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, temporarily blocked the White House's sweeping overhaul of the federal government. Judge Illston shared that a restraining order -- pausing further implementation of the Feb. 11 executive order for major reorganizations within federal and directing government agencies - - was necessary "to protect the power of the legislative branch."

[Read the full report from NPR here](#)

We at Santa Clara County agree. Your government works for you, and we must ensure that any plans for restructuring within government agencies is done so lawfully and justly.

We thank Judge Illston for her work, and continue on our mission: to support you, and everything that

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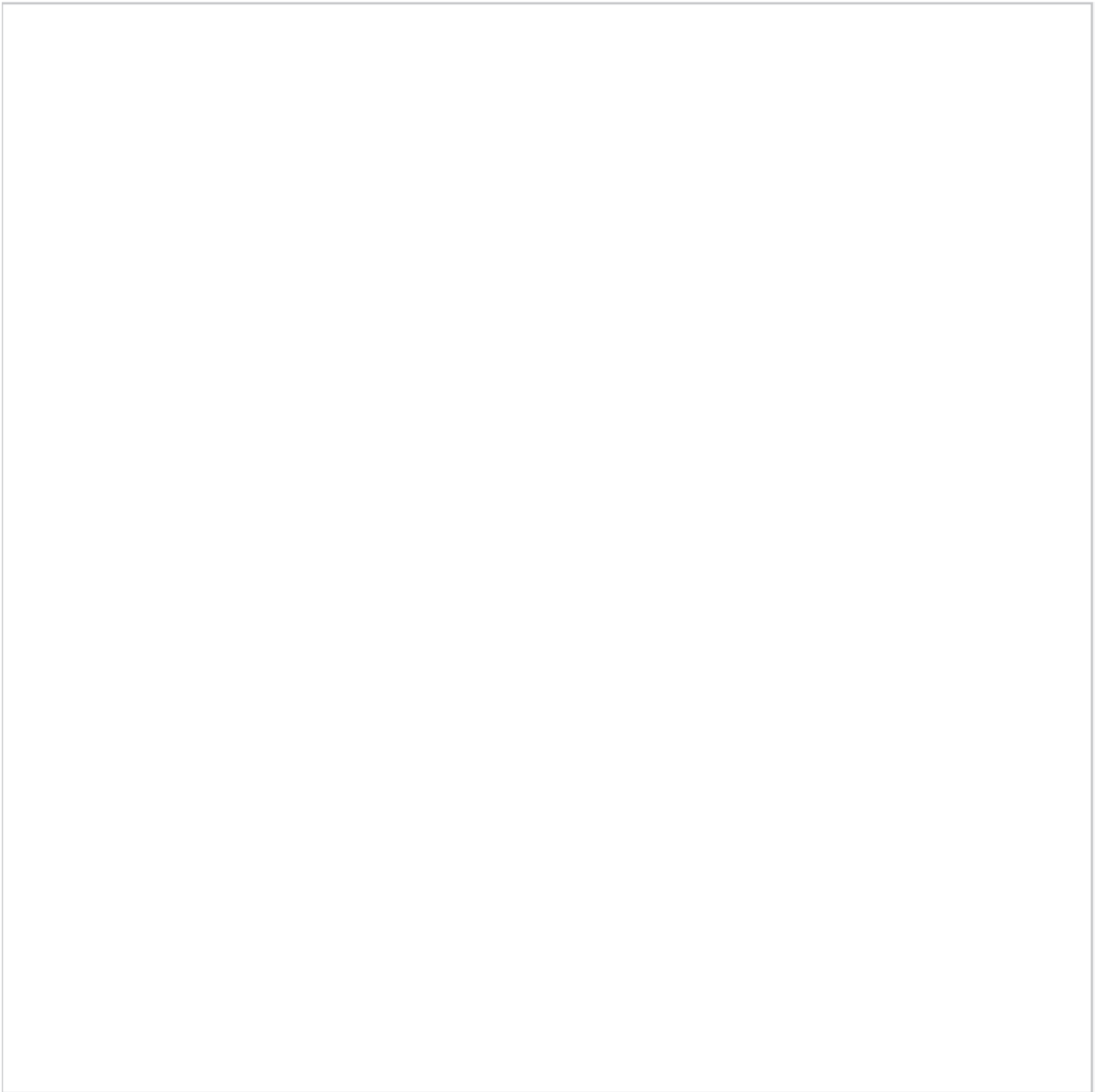


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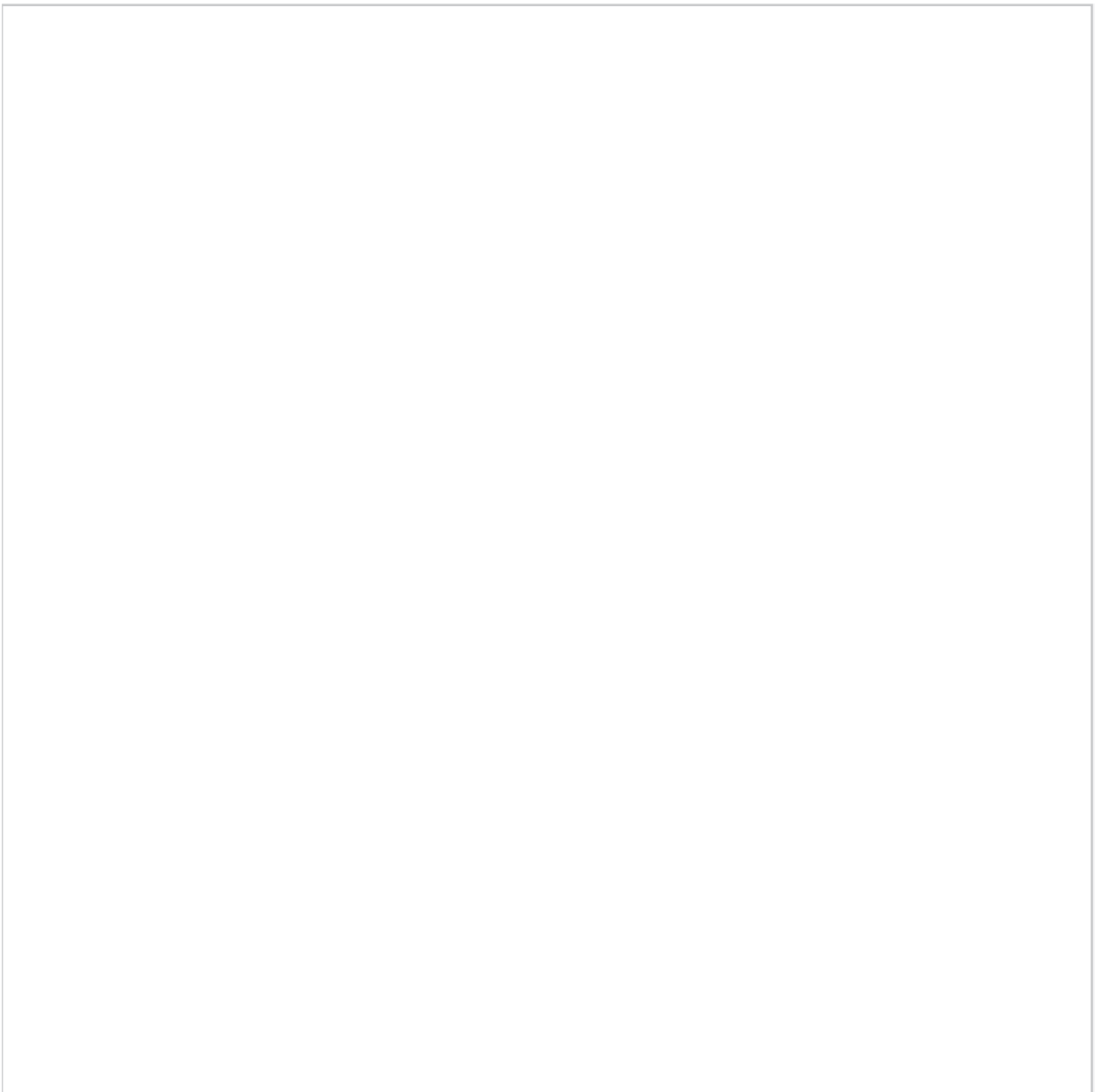
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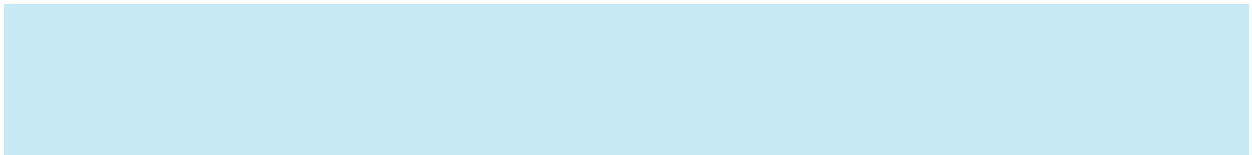
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Hamas and the United States announced an agreement today that will lead to the freeing of Israeli soldier Edan Alexander, a dual American citizen, ahead of President Donald Trump's trip to the region. Israel was reportedly not involved in the discussions, but informed about the deal afterward. Israeli airstrikes [have intensified throughout the day](#). "I think we'll have to detox from US security assistance," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu [concluded today](#).

This is a developing story, [follow our Twitter account](#) for up-to-the-minute details.

Jeremy Scahill will appear on Breaking Points tomorrow morning to discuss the latest developments. (BP [subscribers get an email early](#) when the show goes live; or watch for free when it's posted to [YouTube](#) or [Spotify](#).)

Our colleague Abubaker Abed, who is now in Ireland, will appear tomorrow morning on Democracy Now!

In case you missed our email earlier today, Hamza M. Salha reports for us from north Gaza on the recent airstrike on an UNRWA building in the middle of Jabaliya refugee camp, severely damaging a food distribution center, warehouse, and health center run by the UN refugee agency. [His story with Sharif Abdel Kouddous is here](#).

Below is a story I reported out with journalist Tom Perkins, digging into a claim made by Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel, namely that the impetus for her failed investigations into University of Michigan student protesters came from Rep. Debbie Dingell.

Dingell says that is false. ([This video is worth a watch](#).)

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Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel in 2022. Photo by Bill Pugliano/Getty Images

By Ryan Grim and [Tom Perkins](#)

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel continues to do damage control in the wake of her failed prosecution of student protesters at the University of Michigan. Nessel was forced to drop charges against students who had been arrested at a pro-Palestinian encampment last year after the judge overseeing the case indicated he was sympathetic to the defense's argument that Nessel had been improperly biased against the defendants.

This week, in public remarks on the prosecution, she claimed without evidence that Democratic Rep. Debbie Dingell of Michigan had been the one who urged her to charge students involved in protests over Gaza. Pinning the pressure for the prosecutions on Dingell was Nessel's way of arguing that the bias claims made against her were inaccurate—that she was not in fact [pushed to take the cases](#) by donors to her campaign who serve as senior officials at the university, but rather by the local congresswoman, Dingell.

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University of Michigan Board of Regents—"they forced me to take these cases," Nessel said at an event this week called a "Town Hall on Hate Crimes & Extremism" in [West Bloomfield Township](#). "I heard it was from the [Michigan Legislative] Jewish Caucus because of the money I get from them. I heard it was from Jewish donors. You know how those cases came to my office? Debbie Dingell. Debbie Dingell, I don't know if you know this: Not Jewish. But it had to be some sort of Jewish influence."

In a statement to Drop Site, Dingell spokesperson Michaela Johnson suggested the congresswoman was not behind the investigations, pointing to a May 2024 letter from Nessel's office to the university in which Nessel offered to take over any investigations. The letter, [which has not previously been reported](#), makes no reference to Dingell, but instead suggests that protests outside the homes of Board of Regents members triggered Nessel to launch an effort targeting student protesters.

"Nessel did not write the letter at our request, and Rep. Dingell had not seen that letter until today," Johnson said. Dingell represents Ann Arbor, but previously represented Dearborn until redistricting in 2014, and she still has strong ties to the Arab-American community there. But she has remained largely silent with regard to the protests.

Amir Makled, an attorney for some of the students, said he called Dingell's office on Friday to ask about Nessel's allegations. He said a Dingell staffer denied the congresswoman had pushed for the investigation.

Makled said he didn't think it was done at Dingell's behest, but he said Dingell has been involved with the discussions because the incident occurred in her district, and she "has been giving lip service to all sides."

But, he added, "Nessel is trying to do anything to deflect blame for her office's misdeeds – that much seems clear to me."

Nessel's office didn't respond to a request for comment over the weekend.

The university, its regents and Nessel have denied that the school recruited the

attorney general..

This was not the first time Nessel had pointed the finger at Dingell. She [told a local reporter](#) several weeks ago that “the congresswoman from the 6th Congressional District” – Dingell – had put her up to it. “I stand behind the evidence and I stand behind the charges, and I appreciate the fact that this matter was referred by the congresswoman from the 6th Congressional District, who asked the state to intervene because they were concerned about what was happening on campus,” [she said](#). “I believe what we did was the right thing, and that will be borne out in court.”

Following that report, supporters of the students who’d been charged approached [Dingell at an event](#) on March 3 to ask if Nessel’s allegation was true. According to an audio recording provided to Drop Site, it was not. “She’s told a lot of people a lot of stuff,” Dingell told the students. She was then asked directly by Jared Eno, a grad student at Michigan, if that was true: “No!” [Dingell said](#). “[She called the university and offered.](#)” [The letter supports that claim.](#)

Nessel, in her remarks at the town hall, again claimed Rep. Rashida Tlaib of Michigan had accused her of bias linked to her Jewish background, but Tlaib’s public statements have never referenced this. “I think people at the University of Michigan put pressure on her to do this, and she fell for it,” [Tlaib had said](#). “I think President Ono and Board of Regent members were very much heavy-handed in this.” UMich President Santa Ono, the only person Tlaib named as having applied pressure to Nessel, is not Jewish.

The AG letter was sent to Timothy G. Lynch, vice president and general counsel at the University of Michigan, and signed by Danielle Hagaman-Clark, a prosecutor in Nessel’s office. “I write today to offer the DAG’s assistance with investigating and prosecuting any cases that arise from the recent demonstrations on UM’s campus,” she wrote. “It has been widely reported that the demonstrators have not limited their protests to the campus but have also appeared at the homes of the Board of Regents. My understanding is that the Regents are not required to live in Washtenaw County, the location of UM, but that they reside in several different counties. Because the DAG has state-wide criminal authority to bring charges, we are ideally situated to review any potential cases.”

The reference to the protests outside the homes of Regents matches reporting that suggested those demonstrations, even more than the encampments, enraged the board members, who urged Nessel to prosecute.

Nessel's prosecutor added her office was well suited to determine whether any of the speech from the protesters was illegal. "I would also note that our Department has specialized expertise in the intersection of First Amendment free speech rights in the context of a criminal prosecution. We are fluent in the law around what speech is protected and what speech is not protected," said Hagaman-Clark, making the pitch to Michigan. The letter was sent shortly after local prosecutor Eli Savit (who is also Jewish) declined to prosecute 36 of 40 protesters arrested in connection with the occupation of an administration building, and recommended four others for diversion. "General Nessel has discussed the potential jurisdictional issues that might arise with Washtenaw County Prosecutor Eli Savit. Prosecutor Savit recognizes that his authority is confined to Washtenaw County. He is comfortable with the DAG overseeing these cases based on his jurisdiction being limited to only Washtenaw County."

In her effort at damage control this week, Nessel claimed Dingell's supposed request was common. "Now it's not unusual for a congressional representative to call up the department of the attorney general and to call the attorney general herself and say 'I'm really worried about what I see to be criminal activity occurring and either the local prosecutor is not doing anything about it,' or 'they're not equipped to do anything about it. But I am scared about what I am seeing. And I think the AG's office has to take action.'"

Nessel also told the town hall audience that she dropped the charges because the judge had ordered an evidentiary hearing into the defense's charge that Nessel was biased against the defendants. Defense attorneys, in their recent motion to disqualify Nessel's office over bias, pointed to a previous analysis that found she had prosecuted protesters at a much higher rate than other prosecutors in the state.

They also pointed to Nessel recusing herself from an investigation into alleged election fraud by Muslim-American city council members in nearby Hamtramck.

Nessel said she wanted to avoid the appearance of bias because she was Jewish and the suspects were of Arab descent. She also noted that she had previously been critical of the Hamtramck City Council. In their motion to disqualify Nessel's office, defense attorneys questioned how she could consider herself biased in Hamtramck but unbiased in Ann Arbor under similar circumstances.

A letter sent by the Jewish Federation of Ann Arbor to the judge urging him to allow her to remain on the case, she said, put improper pressure on the judge and should not have been sent. And the cases against the students were becoming a distraction to staff, she added, who couldn't even attend a job fair without being "shut down by protesters."

"We elected that rather than me being put on trial for being a Jewish prosecutor, and rather than having the federation be put on trial for an email they should not have sent—but the kind that gets sent all the time—that we would dismiss the charges against those particular defendants," she said. An evidentiary hearing would have opened her office to discovery and made public communications about how the cases came together. Defense attorneys say she wanted to avoid that.

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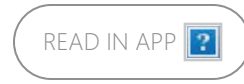
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Hamas and the United States announced an agreement today that will lead to the freeing of Israeli soldier Edan Alexander, a dual American citizen, ahead of President Donald Trump's trip to the region. Israel was reportedly not involved in the discussions, but informed about the deal afterward. Israeli airstrikes [have intensified throughout the day](#). "I think we'll have to detox from US security assistance," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu [concluded today](#).

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Jeremy Scahill will appear on Breaking Points tomorrow morning to discuss the latest developments. (BP [subscribers get an email early](#) when the show goes live; or watch for free when it's posted to [YouTube](#) or [Spotify](#).)

Our colleague Abubaker Abed, who is now in Ireland, will appear tomorrow morning on Democracy Now!

In case you missed our email earlier today, Hamza M. Salha reports for us from north Gaza on the recent airstrike on an UNRWA building in the middle of Jabaliya refugee camp, severely damaging a food distribution center, warehouse, and health center run by the UN refugee agency. [His story with Sharif Abdel Kouddous is here](#).

Below is a story I reported out with journalist Tom Perkins, digging into a claim made by Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel, namely that the impetus for her failed investigations into University of Michigan student protesters came from Rep. Debbie Dingell.

Dingell says that is false. ([This video is worth a watch](#).)

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Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel in 2022. Photo by Bill Pugliano/Getty Images

By Ryan Grim and [Tom Perkins](#)

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel continues to do damage control in the wake of her failed prosecution of student protesters at the University of Michigan. Nessel was forced to drop charges against students who had been arrested at a pro-Palestinian encampment last year after the judge overseeing the case indicated he was sympathetic to the defense's argument that Nessel had been improperly biased against the defendants.

This week, in public remarks on the prosecution, she claimed without evidence that Democratic Rep. Debbie Dingell of Michigan had been the one who urged her to charge students involved in protests over Gaza. Pinning the pressure for the prosecutions on Dingell was Nessel's way of arguing that the bias claims made against her were inaccurate—that she was not in fact [pushed to take the cases](#) by donors to her campaign who serve as senior officials at the university, but rather by the local congresswoman, Dingell.

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In a statement to Drop Site, Dingell spokesperson Michaela Johnson suggested the congresswoman was not behind the investigations, pointing to a May 2024 letter from Nessel’s office to the university in which Nessel offered to take over any investigations. The letter, [which has not previously been reported](#), makes no reference to Dingell, but instead suggests that protests outside the homes of Board of Regents members triggered Nessel to launch an effort targeting student protesters.

“Nessel did not write the letter at our request, and Rep. Dingell had not seen that letter until today,” Johnson said. Dingell represents Ann Arbor, but previously represented Dearborn until redistricting in 2014, and she still has strong ties to the Arab-American community there. But she has remained largely silent with regard to the protests.

Amir Makled, an attorney for some of the students, said he called Dingell’s office on Friday to ask about Nessel’s allegations. He said a Dingell staffer denied the congresswoman had pushed for the investigation.

Makled said he didn’t think it was done at Dingell’s behest, but he said Dingell has been involved with the discussions because the incident occurred in her district, and she “has been giving lip service to all sides.”

But, he added, “Nessel is trying to do anything to deflect blame for her office’s misdeeds – that much seems clear to me.”

Nessel’s office didn’t respond to a request for comment over the weekend.

The university, its regents and Nessel have denied that the school recruited the attorney general..

This was not the first time Nessel had pointed the finger at Dingell. She [told a local reporter](#) several weeks ago that “the congresswoman from the 6th Congressional District” – Dingell – had put her up to it. “I stand behind the evidence and I stand behind the charges, and I appreciate the fact that this matter was referred by the congresswoman from the 6th Congressional District, who asked the state to intervene because they were concerned about what was happening on campus,” [she said](#). “I believe what we did was the right thing, and that will be borne out in court.”

Following that report, supporters of the students who’d been charged approached [Dingell at an event](#) on March 3 to ask if Nessel’s allegation was true. According to an audio recording provided to Drop Site, it was not. “She’s told a lot of people a lot of stuff,” Dingell told the students. She was then asked directly by Jared Eno, a grad student at Michigan, if that was true: “No!” [Dingell said](#). “She [called the university and offered](#).” [The letter supports that claim](#).

Nessel, in her remarks at the town hall, again claimed Rep. Rashida Tlaib of Michigan had accused her of bias linked to her Jewish background, but Tlaib’s public statements have never referenced this. “I think people at the University of Michigan put pressure on her to do this, and she fell for it,” [Tlaib had said](#). “I think President Ono and Board of Regent members were very much heavy-handed in this.” UMich President Santa Ono, the only person Tlaib named as having applied pressure to Nessel, is not Jewish.

The AG letter was sent to Timothy G. Lynch, vice president and general counsel at the University of Michigan, and signed by Danielle Hagaman-Clark, a prosecutor in Nessel’s office. “I write today to offer the DAG’s assistance with investigating and prosecuting any cases that arise from the recent demonstrations on UM’s campus,” she wrote. “It has been widely reported that the demonstrators have not limited their protests to the campus but have also appeared at the homes of the Board of Regents. My understanding is that the Regents are not required to live in Washtenaw County, the location of UM, but that they reside in several different counties. Because the DAG has state-wide criminal authority to bring charges, we are ideally situated to review any potential cases.”

The reference to the protests outside the homes of Regents matches reporting

that suggested those demonstrations, even more than the encampments, enraged the board members, who urged Nessel to prosecute.

Nessel's prosecutor added her office was well suited to determine whether any of the speech from the protesters was illegal. "I would also note that our Department has specialized expertise in the intersection of First Amendment free speech rights in the context of a criminal prosecution. We are fluent in the law around what speech is protected and what speech is not protected," said Hagaman-Clark, making the pitch to Michigan. The letter was sent shortly after local prosecutor Eli Savit (who is also Jewish) declined to prosecute 36 of 40 protesters arrested in connection with the occupation of an administration building, and recommended four others for diversion. "General Nessel has discussed the potential jurisdictional issues that might arise with Washtenaw County Prosecutor Eli Savit. Prosecutor Savit recognizes that his authority is confined to Washtenaw County. He is comfortable with the DAG overseeing these cases based on his jurisdiction being limited to only Washtenaw County."

In her effort at damage control this week, Nessel claimed Dingell's supposed request was common. "Now it's not unusual for a congressional representative to call up the department of the attorney general and to call the attorney general herself and say 'I'm really worried about what I see to be criminal activity occurring and either the local prosecutor is not doing anything about it,' or 'they're not equipped to do anything about it. But I am scared about what I am seeing. And I think the AG's office has to take action.'"

Nessel also told the town hall audience that she dropped the charges because the judge had ordered an evidentiary hearing into the defense's charge that Nessel was biased against the defendants. Defense attorneys, in their recent motion to disqualify Nessel's office over bias, pointed to a previous analysis that found she had prosecuted protesters at a much higher rate than other prosecutors in the state.

They also pointed to Nessel recusing herself from an investigation into alleged election fraud by Muslim-American city council members in nearby Hamtramck. Nessel said she wanted to avoid the appearance of bias because she was Jewish and the suspects were of Arab descent. She also noted that she had previously

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Park to Park Ride:
Tomorrow, Saturday May 10
Celebrate Bike Month with a



Bike to Work/Wherever
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Bike to your destination and stop
by one of Palo Alto's Energizer
Stations for free snacks, coffee,
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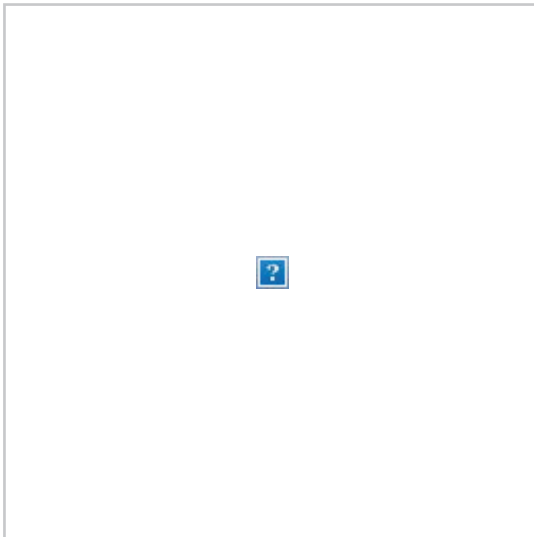
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The **Rail Committee** will meet Tuesday, May 20 at 6 p.m. and discuss **proposed plans** to conduct outreach and engagement throughout the preliminary engineering and environmental phase for the City of Palo Alto Project for Grade Separation at Churchill Ave., Meadow Dr., and Charleston Rd. A **Draft Public Outreach and Engagement Plan** was developed with the ultimate goal of fostering involvement from the community, Rail Committee, City Council, and interested parties at key project milestones, and help inform decision-making. The anticipated Project timeline to complete a 35% conceptual design and environmental clearance is anticipated to culminate in late 2027.



Upcoming Meetings & Events

Park to Park

Saturday, May 10 | 1 p.m.
Mitchell Park to Juana Biones Park

Planning & Transportation Commission

Wednesday, May 14 | 6 p.m.
Council Chambers & Hybrid

Bike to Work Day/Wherever Days

Thursday, May 15-May 17

Rail Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 20 | 6 p.m.
Community Meeting Room & Hybrid

Joint Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee and City/School Transportation Safety Committee Meeting

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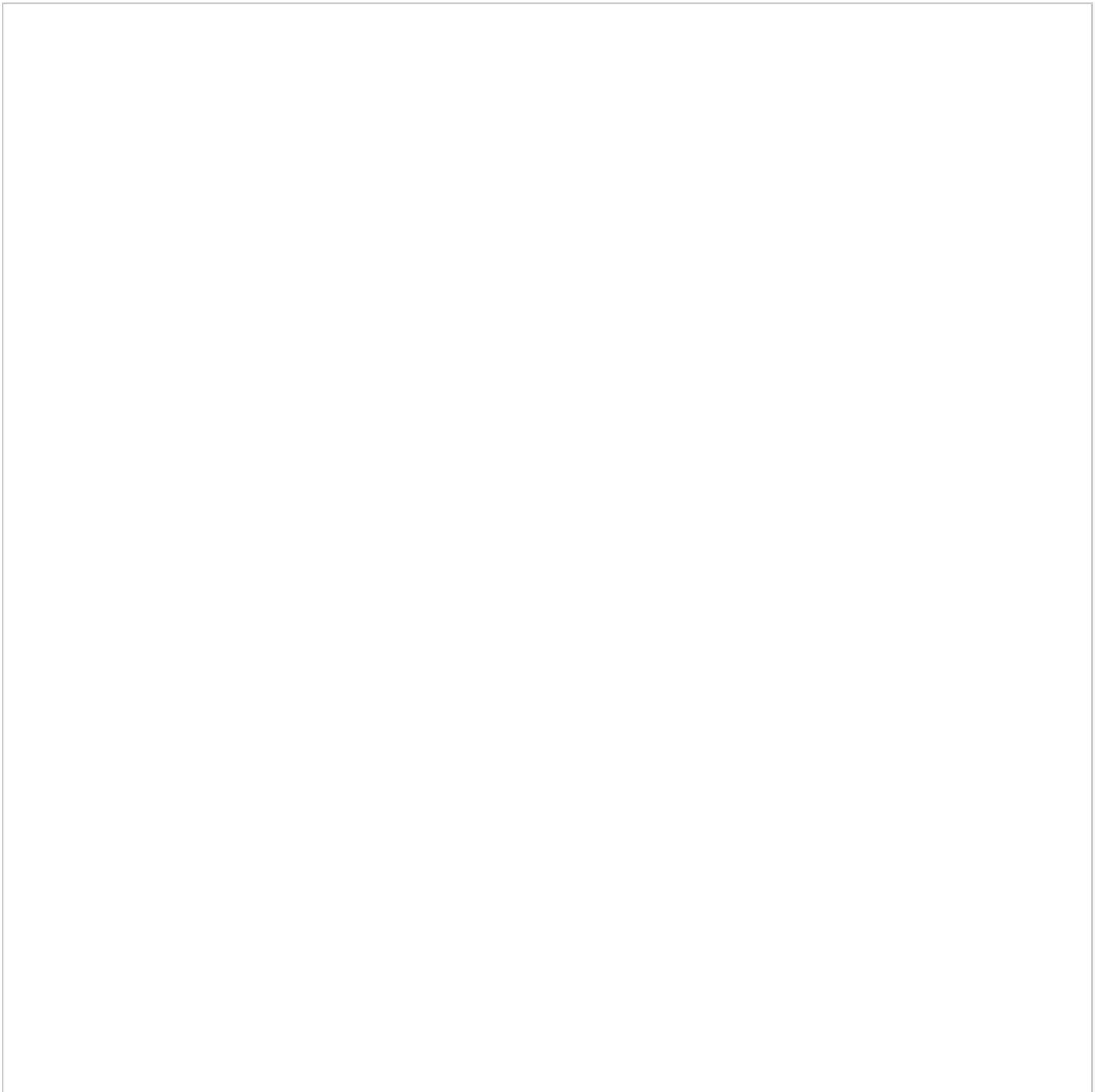
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To: [Francisco Valenzuela](#)
Subject: San Andreas Regional Center's Superhero Summer Festivals
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:04:11 AM
Attachments: [Salinas Festival June 28th.pdf](#)
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Dear Friends,

Once again, San Andreas Regional Center will be hosting our 9th Annual Superhero Summer Festival in Salinas, Santa Cruz, and San Jose. This year for the first time, we are hosting a Superhero Summer Festival at Santana Ranch Park in Hollister. At each festival kids and young adults with intellectual developmental disabilities, service provider staff, and others will dress up in their favorite superhero costume to enjoy our event.

Service providers / Organizations who would like to "Table" to share information about your office / organization during the Resource Fair Register Here:

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Thank you for your continued friendship and looking forward to having our community partners join us once again at one of our up-coming Superhero Summer Festivals.

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Award-winning director joins Mehdi to talk about the release of 'The Teacher' in the US and self-distributing it in the UK.

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When the ugliness of Israel's crimes in occupied Gaza overshadows the ugliness of its crimes in the occupied West Bank, films like **Farah Nabulsi's** latest release, 'The Teacher,' become all the more important.

The BAFTA-winning, Oscar-nominated Palestinian Director joins Mehdi to discuss her latest film, which centers around the struggle of Palestinians living in the occupied West Bank through the lens of a school teacher there.

"The film is set in this sort of brutal, oppressive reality of militarily occupied Palestine, a place of apartheid that has been suffered by Palestinians for decades," says Nabulsi, adding that highlighting that reality is not an easy task. *"You really do have this reality unfolding around you that you're trying to do justice to in your film. So a lot of pressure."*

The movie, which was entirely shot in the occupied West Bank prior to October 7, 2023, was a complicated one to film, according to Nabulsi, *"One evening we finished at two in the morning shooting a scene in the heart of Nablus only to wake up four hours later and receive messages that the Israeli military entered Nablus and blown up a house about two kilometers from where we were shooting."*

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After crossing the hurdles of filming under heavy militarization in the occupied territories, Nabulsi still faced the hurdles of distributing a film that centers around the Palestinian struggle for liberation. *"What's crazy is this is a British-Palestinian film, and I am a British-Palestinian filmmaker, and you would think that we would have got distribution in the UK, considering this film has won now 20 international awards... it ticked all the boxes, and yet we didn't have distribution."*

Nabulsi went on to self-distribute the film, which was released in the US just last month. Head to theteacher.film to find a screening near you.

Paid subscribers can watch the full interview above to hear some of Farah's horrifying stories while filming in the occupied West Bank, and to see what she has in store for her next film.

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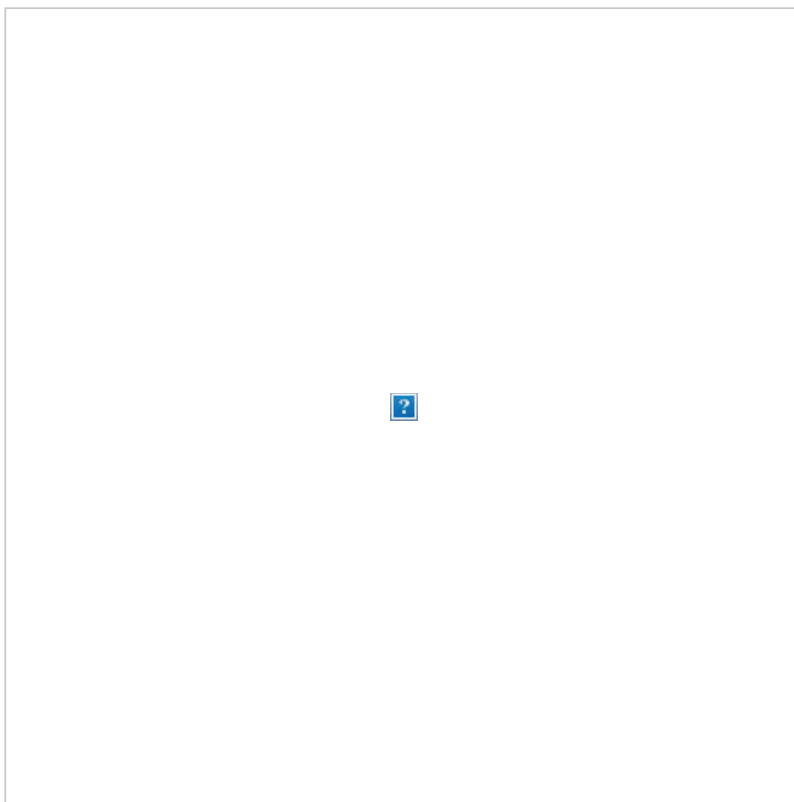
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All of us doing the hard work of climate action know it can be difficult to be optimistic about the current challenges and what new generations will face. However, I am a true believer in the power of collective action, and if there was ever a time for our community to come together to continue this fight, it is now. Even though Acterra has been a major player in this space for the last **55 years**, there is still room for us to grow.

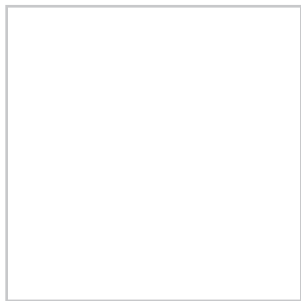
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With heartfelt gratitude,

Signature



Lauren Weston
Executive Director

P.S. I would also like to invite you to celebrate this work, our community and all that has been accomplished over the last 55 years at this year's Promise to Our Planet, on May 17, 2025 at Hidden Villa from 5 - 9 p.m.

The evening will reflect on Acterra's past while also highlighting what is yet to come. More details can be found here. I do hope you will join us.

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Staff Wendy Chou with board member Nancy Grove at an Earth Month event



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Saudi Arabian envoy asks ICJ to condemn Israel's 'hideous conduct' in Gaza

Meanwhile, Spain, Belgium and Latin American states highlight the illegality of Israel's ban on humanitarian aid as World Court hearings enter second day

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Greetings members of *Palo Alto Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee; Park and Rec Commissioners*:

Width of bike lanes: As discussions about bike routes have proceeded, I have not seen discussion about making the width of lanes large enough to accommodate 3-wheel cycles. As we encourage elderly drivers to abandon their cars, we must provide alternatives. Also, as kids on e-bikes or e-scooters go past our house, they often weave toward the middle of the street at a fast speed.

Personal experience: For medical reasons, my doctors advised me to stop riding my bicycle, an activity I love. So at age 86 I bought a 3-wheel cycle with an electric option and a large basket. I live on south Greer Rd. which does not have marked bike lanes and lanes on near-by streets are all too narrow for my cycle.

Large streets vs small streets: Please avoid using large streets for bike routes. I agree with those of you who take that position.

Thank you for your service and careful consideration.

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

April 2025 was FILLED with lots in bloom – and that’s not just because of **Sustainability Month and Earth Day!**

On the first day of April, we celebrated [the grand re-opening of Regional Medical Center](#), which officially joined Santa Clara Valley Healthcare’s family of public hospitals and high-quality care countywide. It was a great way to start a new month and helped us get rolling on a ton of other great events!

Take a look below at some other incredible events,

both in community and with the County itself, and join us in looking toward the next month of events that demonstrate just how diverse and joyful this community is.

As we face challenges from the federal government's policies affecting us here locally, it is imperative for us to stand in community together, and work for everyone in our County. We at the County of Santa Clara will continue to work together to support our community near and far, and protect one another for our collective growth and prosperity.

Now, let's connect on how great District 3 is, and all that our County has to offer! Some friendly reminders and events coming up:

- Remember to dump out standing water on or near your properties, due to recent finding of *aedes aegypti* mosquitoes in the area.
- We hope to see you at the **Berryessa Annual Art Festival!** [Check out more information here.](#)
- **Budget workshops** are May 12, 13 and 14. Your feedback is important to help the County guide the tough decisions we have ahead.

As always, please feel free contact our office anytime via email at Supervisor.Lee@bos.sccgov.org or visit us online at SupervisorLee.org.



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ICYMI: Town Hall with Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren



On Friday, April 4, the District 3 team welcomed [Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren \(CA D-18\)](#) to County chambers for a **Town Hall**, dedicated to her District 18 constituents regarding all of the challenges coming down from Washington D.C.

Congresswoman Lofgren -- no stranger to the County, as a previous Supervisor from 1981 to 1994 – spoke to over 400 attendees from the Chamber floor, addressing their questions and concerns on topics ranging from DOGE cuts, a ceasefire in Gaza, and threats against social security. The Congresswoman spoke to the crowd for nearly 90 minutes, and took additional questions back to her staff to address personally.

As she reminded the audience, **it’s time to “stand up, fight back, and I’ll do it with you.”**

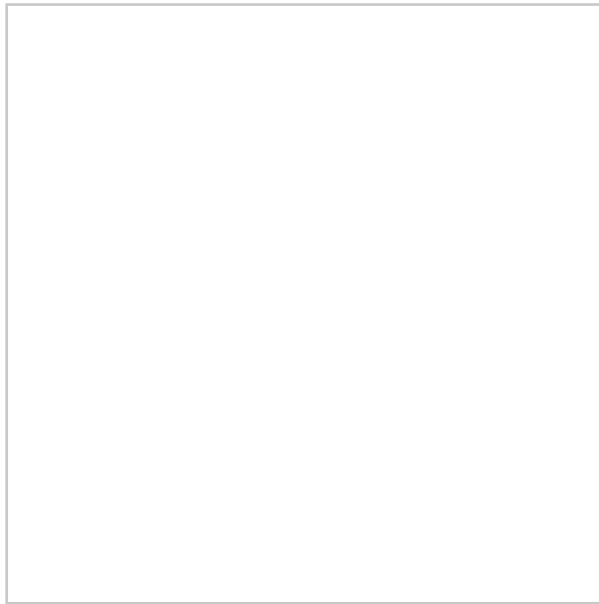
Many thanks to Congresswoman Lofgren for joining us at the County to address your constituents, and for encouraging further action both locally and federally.

Reach out to Congresswoman Lofgren here



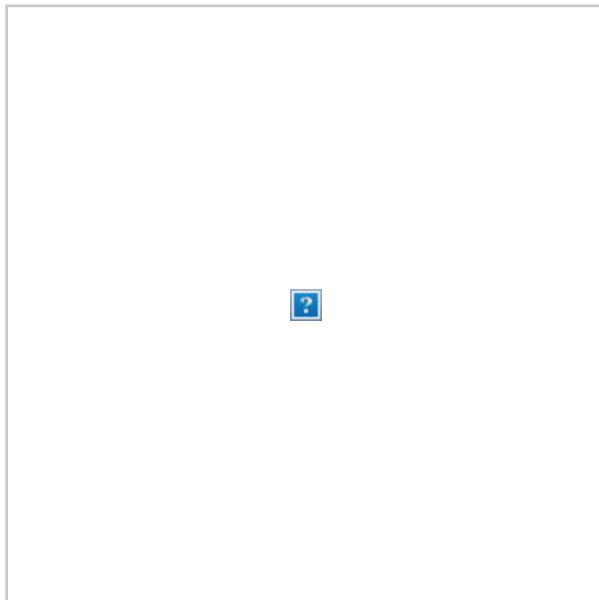
The D3 team was able to celebrate [Sustainability Month and Earth Day](#) in lots of amazing ways. Take a look below at just some of our favorite moments out in the community!

- Fremont Union High School District 2nd Annual Earth Day
- 10th Anniversary of Stanford Energy System Innovations
- Milpitas Community Education Foundation's STEAM Showcase
- City of Sunnyvale Earth Day
- San Jose Water-led tour of the Watershed + AI wildfire detection sensors



Photos by Grace Stetson, Emily Pachoud, and Wendy Ho

Many thanks to all of these organizations,
community members, and advocates in creating a
more sustainable and greener future for us all!



Black April: Remembering 50 Years Since the Fall of Saigon

On April 30, we are commemorating a historic
moment for Vietnamese and Vietnamese American

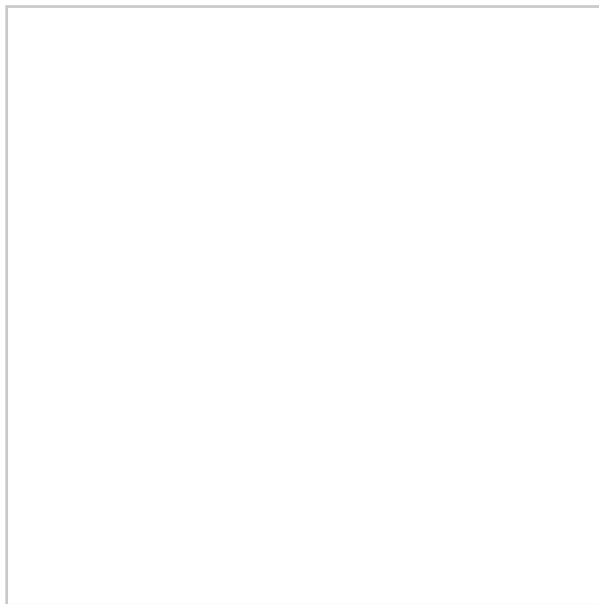
individuals -- [the 50th anniversary of Black April](#). This marks both a solemn and pivotal point in the history of Vietnam and its peoples.

On April 30, 1975, the fall of Saigon marked the end of the Vietnam War. While it was the end of the war, for millions of Vietnamese peoples, it was just the beginning of greater conflict – lives torn apart, peoples uprooted, and a great exodus from the country.

This day symbolizes loss and grief for many, but further demonstrates the pure resilience, courage, and spirit of the Vietnamese people

Here in Santa Clara County, we are proudly the home of over 140,000 Vietnamese Americans, the second-largest Vietnamese community in the United States. Vietnamese Americans are powerful advocates for freedom, democracy, and human rights, and we are so grateful to have so many amazing community members here to remind us of the importance of unity and strength.

On April 7th, the D3 office joined Supervisor Duong and the District 2 team in raising the Vietnamese flag, symbolizing our community's Vietnamese Americans and the importance of this history. Take a look at that event, and other memorable moments in which we commemorated this historic anniversary.



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Wildfire Preparedness Day

As wildfire season becomes more prolonged here in California, it is imperative that we prepare ourselves, our families and our properties appropriately

On Saturday, May 3, we're taking part in [Wildfire Community Preparedness Day](#), reminding people and organizations everywhere to take action in both raising awareness and reducing wildfire risks.

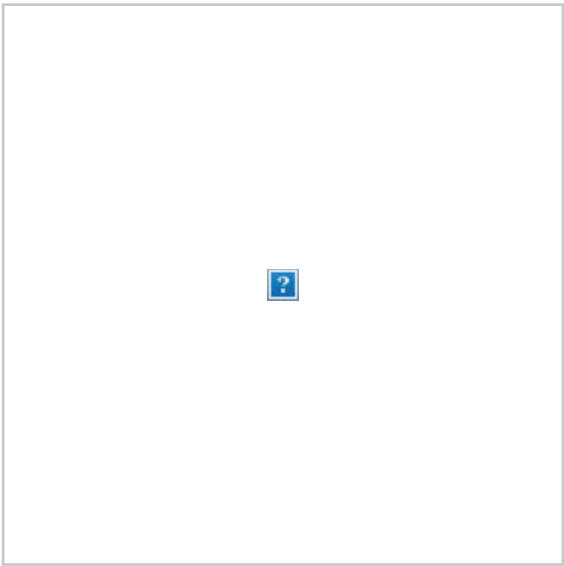
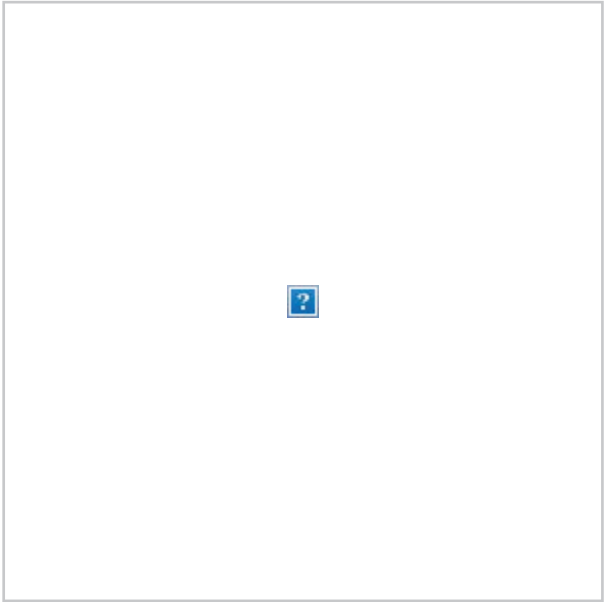
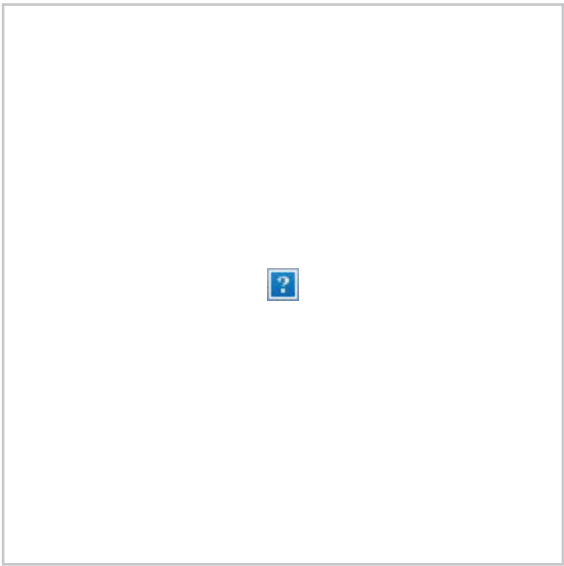
How can you prepare? Here are some action items that you can do at home:

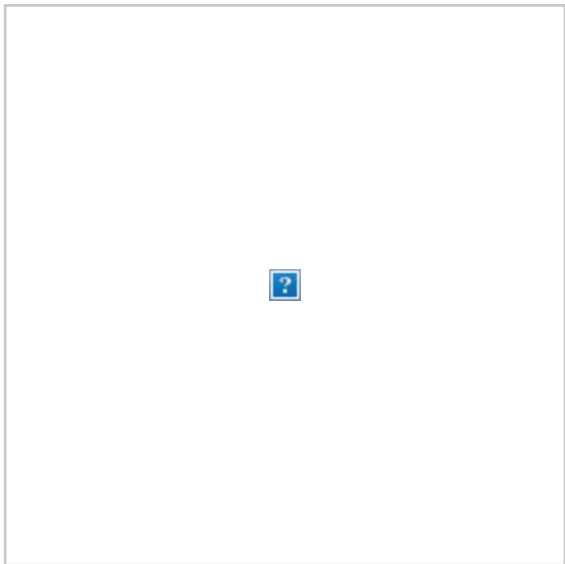
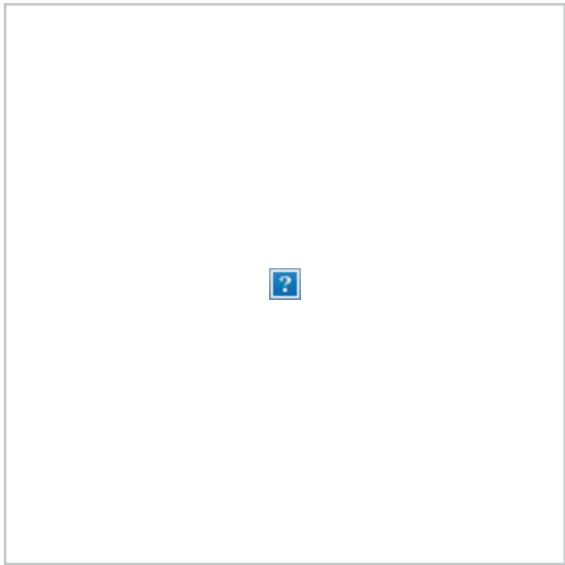
- Regularly clear debris from roofs, gutters, vents, and under decks.
- Store combustible items – such as firewood, propane tanks, and vehicles – at least 30 feet away from structures.
- Create a custom wildfire readiness plan, with the help of CAL Fire.

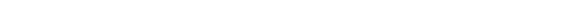
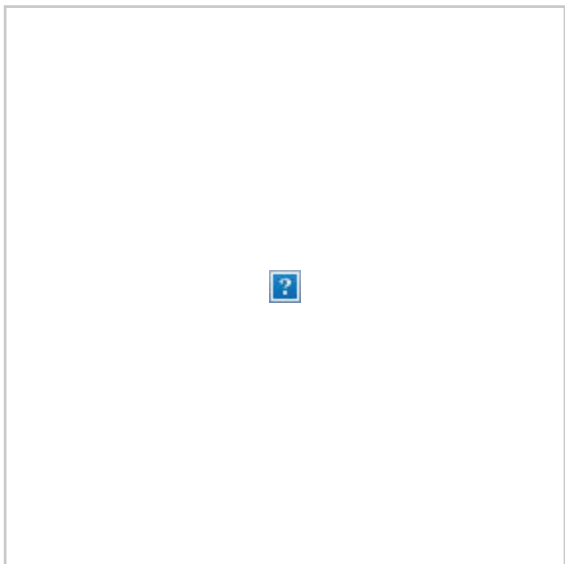
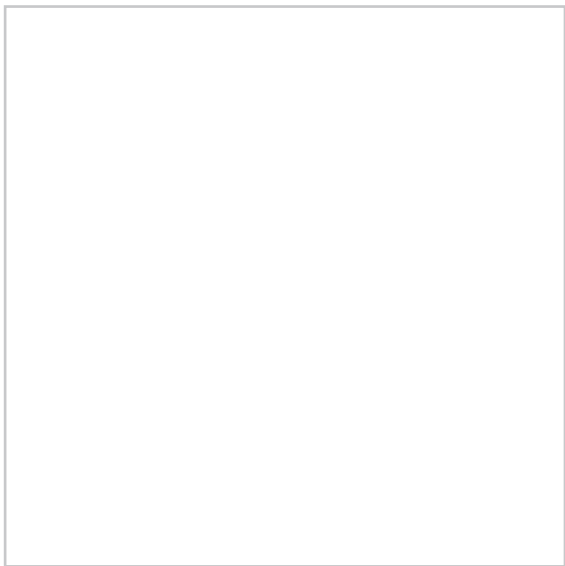
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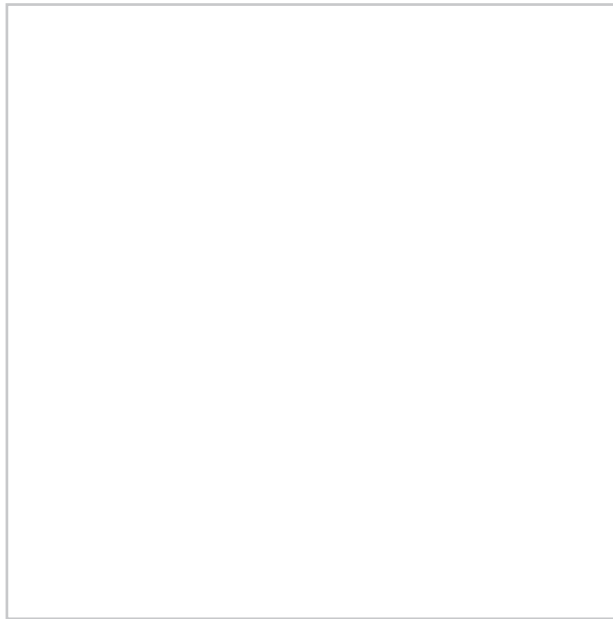
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"Deprivation by Design": Israel Intensifies Mass Killing Campaign in Gaza With Starvation and Daily Strikes

The scale of killing in Gaza is almost impossible to track as the Israeli military bombs and starves Palestinian civilians with impunity.

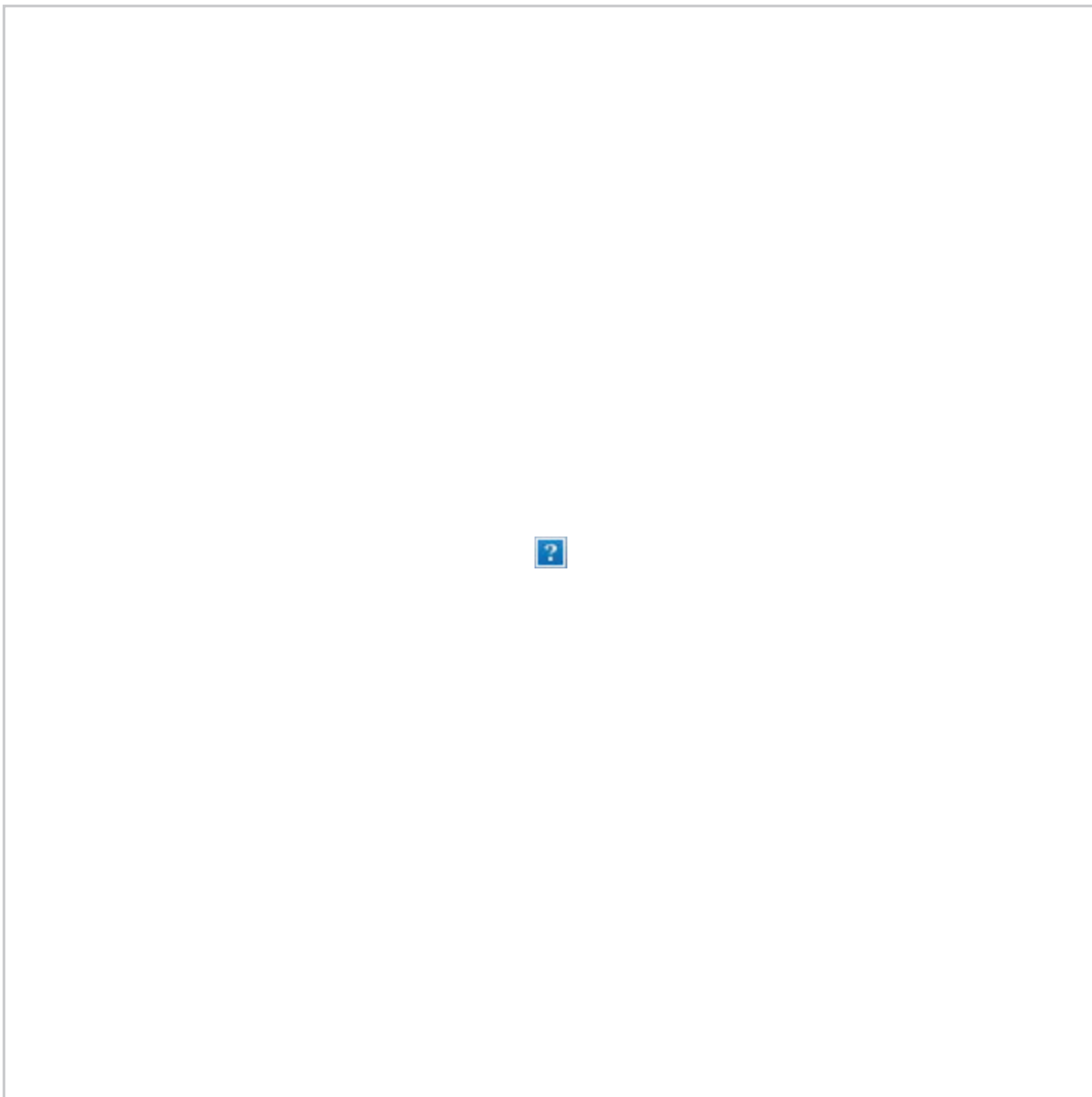
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Palestinians carrying the bodies of their family members killed in Israeli airstrikes for burial. April 28, 2025. (Photo by Ali Jadallah/Anadolu via Getty Images)

GAZA CITY—Three generations of the al-Khour family were wiped out when Israel bombed their family home in the al-Sabra neighborhood in central Gaza at dawn on April 26. The elderly patriarch of the family, Talal al-Khour, his wives, daughters, sons, and grandchildren were all killed in the attack. A total of twenty-two people—including twelve children—perished, their bodies blown apart and buried under the rubble.

"The airstrike occurred at dawn while we were asleep. Suddenly, we woke up to a blast that felt like an earthquake. We rushed into the street and found that the five-story home of the Al-Khour family had turned into a pile of rubble," Mohammad Al-Ajla, a 37-year-old neighbor who helped retrieve the bodies, told

Drop Site News. "As soon as the dust from the strike cleared, neighbors began trying to rescue members of the family. The recovery operation continued for eight straight hours. We saw bodies everywhere. There were children without heads."

With the help of residents in the area, Civil Defense teams were able to retrieve fifteen of the bodies, which were later buried together in a mass grave. The remaining bodies remain trapped under the debris. Emergency rescue crews were forced to dig through the wreckage with their bare hands as a result of Israel denying the entry of equipment into Gaza and deliberately targeting the little machinery available, according to the Civil Defense spokesperson, Mahmoud Bassal.

"We could hear the cries of the wounded trapped under the rubble, but we were helpless to reach them. Over time, the screaming faded, and we no longer knew whether they were still alive or had been killed," Bassal told Drop Site. "Many lives could have been saved, but the ongoing blockade and the denial of essential tools eliminated every possible chance for rescue."

Since Israel resumed its scorched earth bombing campaign on March 18, Gaza has been transformed into a desert of death, in which rubble and ruin form the backdrop for an unceasing campaign of mass killing. The Israeli military has carried out multiple airstrikes and shelling across the enclave on a daily basis, pounding homes, displacement camps, cafes, hospitals, charity kitchens, so-called "humanitarian zones," and other civilian sites.

The scale of the attacks is almost impossible to track. On Wednesday alone, three residential buildings in the Nuseirat refugee camp were bombed; one of the strikes killed six members of one family, including three siblings, all children. In a nearby building, eight people in a single home were killed. In Jabaliya, at least three people from the same family, including two young girls, were killed in Israeli artillery fire. On the coast, west of Gaza City, a fisherman was killed while pulling his boat ashore. In western Khan Younis, an overnight drone strike on a tent killed six people, including children. This is not a comprehensive list and does not even cover a 24-hour period.

Over two days last week, the Israeli military also targeted and bombed over 30 bulldozers and other pieces of heavy machinery. Some of them had been donated during the “ceasefire” to clear rubble, repair critical infrastructure, and rescue people after airstrikes, according to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

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The scenes emerging from across Gaza, from Rafah in the south to Beit Hanoun in the north, are staggering in their horror. Children blown apart across rooftops or while riding their bikes; dead bodies strewn across a cafe, some still seated, slumped in their chairs; corpses wrapped in white body bags lined up alongside one another; suicide drones crashing into tents housing sleeping families; screaming parents and wounded children scattered in the streets.

“The massacres do not stop. We are being slaughtered from vein to vein,” Al Jazeera correspondent Anas al-Sharif said in a social media post.

At least 2,300 Palestinians have been killed over the past six weeks alone—the equivalent of over fifty people killed every day. Over 740 of the dead are children, the Director of the Information Unit at the Ministry of Health in Gaza, Zaher Al-Wahidi, told Drop Site. Since the start of the war, more than 2,180 families have been entirely annihilated—with all members killed—while more than 5,070 families have lost all members except for one surviving individual, according to the Government Media Office.

The relentless assault comes as Israel has imposed a policy of forced starvation on Gaza’s two million residents, sealing off Gaza completely and denying the entry of all food, fuel, medicine and other humanitarian goods since March 2—by far the longest blockade since the beginning of the war. More than 65,000 children in Gaza have been hospitalized with severe malnutrition, according to a statement this week by the Government Media Office.

Israel has made it clear that the intensifying military assault and the ongoing blockade are explicitly aimed at bringing Hamas to its knees. Negotiations for a ceasefire appear deadlocked with Israel scrapping crucial elements of the original three-phase deal signed by Hamas and Israel in January, and now pushing for Hamas to formally surrender, disarm, and exile its leadership as a condition to end the genocide.

Israel's defense minister has reiterated that the denial of food, medicine, and other aid is being used to collectively punish the Palestinians of Gaza. "No humanitarian aid is about to enter Gaza," Israel Katz said, announcing that "preventing humanitarian aid from entering Gaza is one of the main pressure levers."

Using starvation as a weapon of war has had a devastating effect. Last week, the UN warned that Gaza "is now likely facing the worst humanitarian crisis in the 18 months since the escalation of hostilities in October 2023."

The World Food Program recently announced that it had run out of food. "The situation is at a breaking point," the organization said in a statement. Food prices have risen by 1,400 percent. With no remaining supplies of flour or fuel, Gaza's bakeries have stopped functioning and remaining stocks of food are being rapidly depleted. The flour that is available is often insect-infested. Families are increasingly resorting to mixing crushed macaroni with flour to make bread and allocating just one piece of bread per family member per day.

With shortages of cooking gas and firewood, families are forced to burn plastic and other waste to cook the little food they have. People are foraging for wild plants and eating sea turtles that have washed ashore in order to survive. The UN last week said it identified 3,700 children suffering from acute malnutrition in March—now up to 80% from the month before. A total of fifty-three children have died of malnutrition since the war began.

The heads of twelve major aid organizations issued a joint statement last week warning that "Famine is not just a risk, but likely rapidly unfolding in almost all parts of Gaza," and characterizing the situation in Gaza "one of the worst humanitarian failures of our generation."

Over the past few weeks, the Israeli military has bombed the al-Ahli Hospital and the Al Durrah Paediatric Hospital, both in Gaza City; the Nasser hospital in Khan Younis and the Kuwaiti Field Hospital in Mawasi; and massacred fifteen emergency workers and first responders. The hospitals that are still standing are barely functioning, with severe shortages of medicine, equipment and doctors.

Meanwhile, the Israeli military continues to squeeze Palestinians onto smaller tracts of land within Gaza. About 70 percent of Gaza has been designated as “no-go” zones or placed under displacement orders. Over the past six weeks, roughly 420,000 Palestinians have been displaced yet again, with no safe place to go.

“This is deprivation by design,” the acting head of office for OCHA, Jonathan Whittall, said in a statement. “Land is being annexed from the north, from the east, from the south of the strip as forces advance...Gaza is being starved, it’s being bombed, it’s being strangled. This looks like the deliberate dismantling of Palestinian life.”

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Dear Friends,

San Andreas Regional Center will be hosting our 8th Annual Vietnamese / English Speaking conference on Saturday, May 17th. The conference will take place at the San Andreas Regional Center office in San Jose with the resource portion being held indoors. One Table & Two Chairs will be provided

- 10:00am - Set Up
- 11:00am - Resource Begins
- 2:00pm - Conference Ends

The Service provider / Community Based Organizations are invited to attend and be part of the Resource Fair. If you're organization is interested in sharing information about your organization to parents who will be attending the conference, use the following link to register.

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If you should have any questions, feel free to reach out to me at: 408-341-3809.

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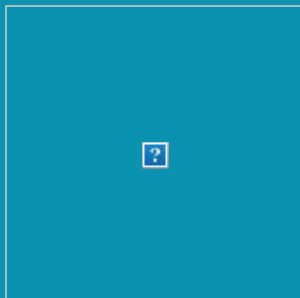
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To: [ParkRec Commission](#)
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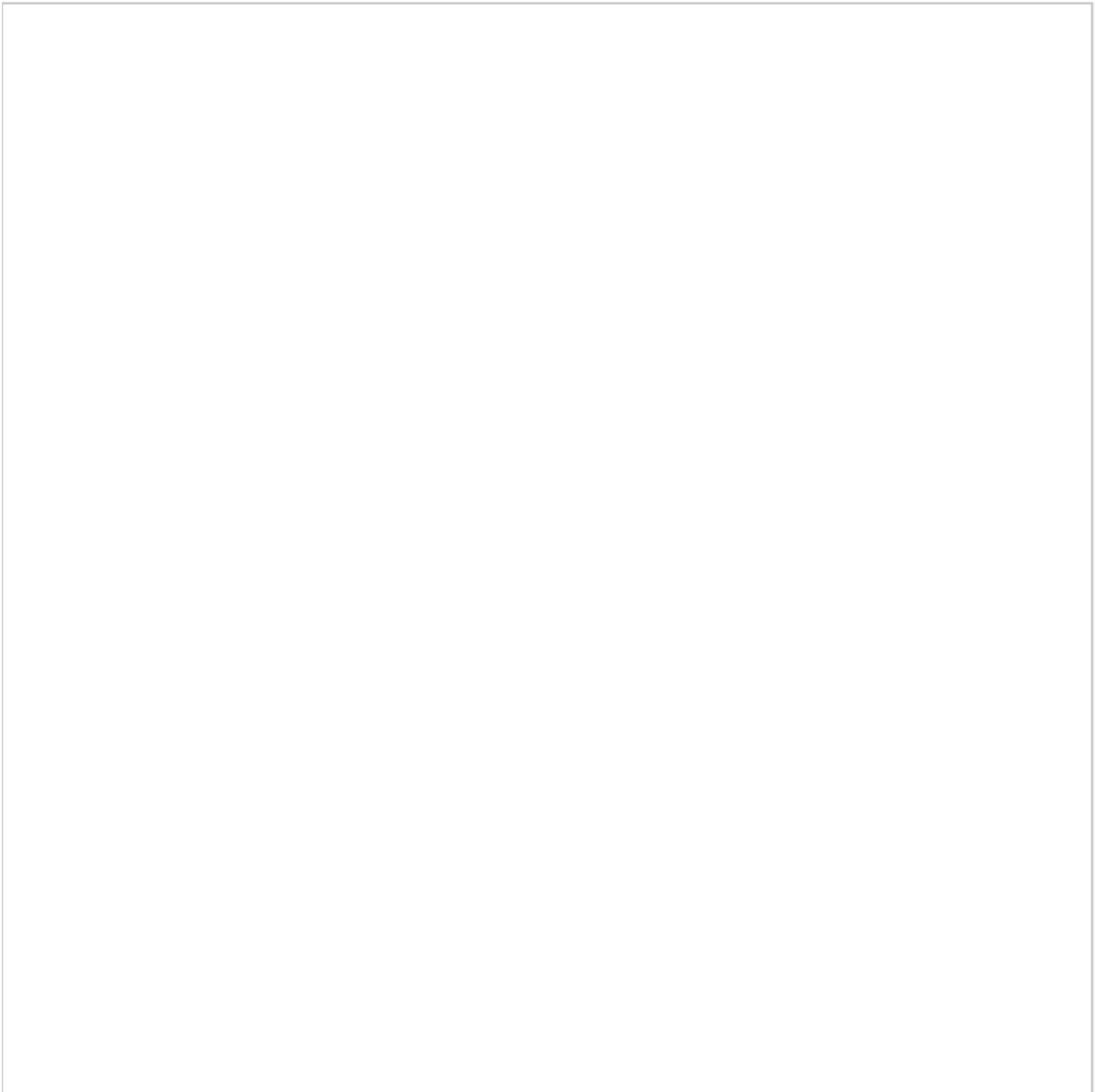
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To: [ParkRec Commission](#)
Cc: [O'Kane, Kristen](#); [Hartmann, Chase](#); [LeDrew, Lance](#); [Lythcott-Haims, Julie](#)
Subject: Re: May Fete Parade Invite
Date: Saturday, April 26, 2025 6:38:10 PM

Sadly I have an unmoveable conflict - giving a talk long scheduled. Julie

Julie Lythcott-Haims
Palo Alto City Council Member
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On Apr 24, 2025, at 5:10 PM, ParkRec Commission <parkrec.commission@paloalto.gov> wrote:

The below was included in your Public Comment packet this month, but also passing along this information directly. **If you plan to participate in the parade, please RSVP to me by Friday, April 25th at lance.ledrew@paloalto.gov copied here.**

Good morning Palo Alto Dignitaries,

We are excited to announce that the May Fete Children's Parade will return on Saturday, May 3rd for its 101st year!

This year's theme, "Celebrate Growth" celebrates individual growth, community spirit and nurturing of relationships! Once again, this year's event will have some of the many things the community has come to love about the May Fete: floats, pets, bands, classic cars, and the return of a horse team! And do not forget the wonderful May Fete Fair, sponsored by Kiwanis of Palo Alto and hosted in Heritage Park.

As a Palo Alto Dignitary, we would like to welcome you to walk in the parade to help celebrate our youth and to celebrate your great work in the community! The Parade will start at 10AM at the corner of University Avenue and Emerson St. If you would like to join us, we ask that you check in at that location by 9:30AM.

If you plan to participate in the parade, please RSVP to me by Friday, April 25th at lance.ledrew@paloalto.gov

We are excited to see you at this year's parade and please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Lance

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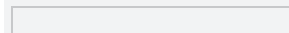
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To: [ParkRec Commission](#)
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Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 5:10:39 PM

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I'm out of the office this afternoon and on Fridays. I will respond to your email on Monday.
Please hold tight, as you are important to Julie and me.
Thank you for your patience.

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Jeanette Miller ([she/her](#))
[Executive Coordinator](#) | Julie Lythcott-Haims, Author/Speaker
[Cell](#) | 408-431-9375

From: [O'Kane, Kristen](#)
To: [ParkRec Commission](#)
Subject: Automatic reply: May Fete Parade Invite
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 5:10:24 PM

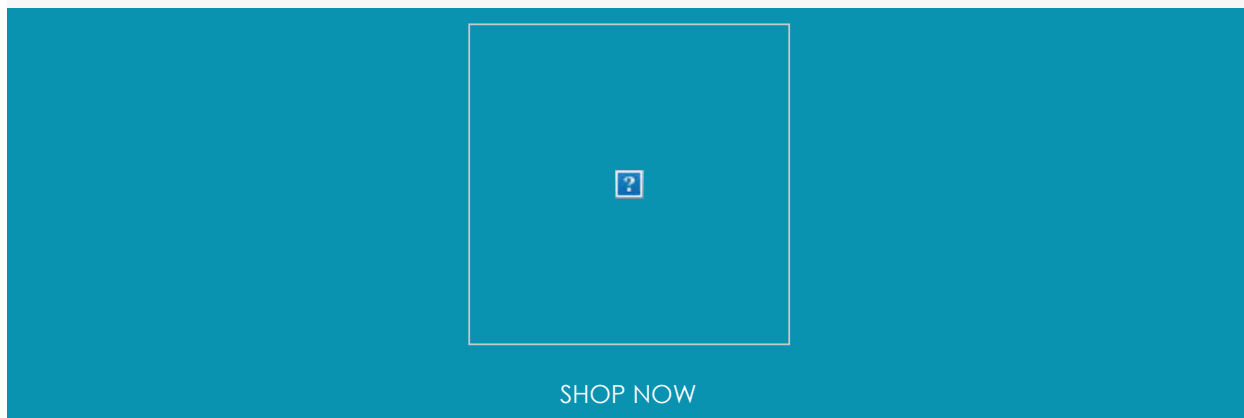
Hello, I am currently out of the office and will return on Tuesday, April 29th.

If you need assistance please contact Assistant Director Amanda Deml.

Thanks,
Kristen

From: [Light As Air Boats](#)
To: [ParkRec Commission](#)
Subject: We Are Pool Ready!
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 9:38:44 AM

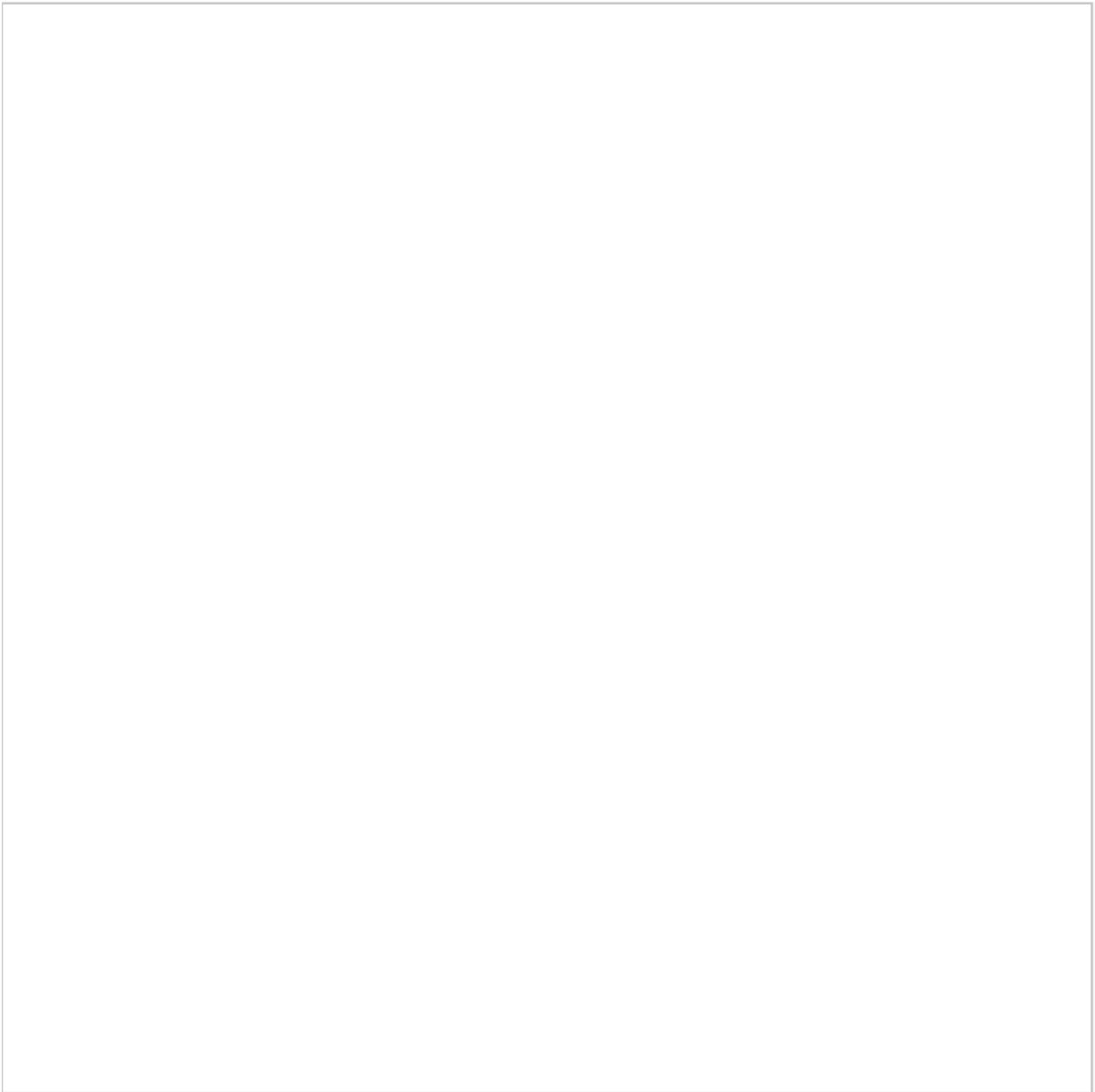
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From: [Hurjane Vongsachang](#)
To: [ParkRec Commission](#)
Subject: Veto pickleball in Palo Alto
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 12:17:47 AM

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Dear City of PA,

I am a PA resident and recently moved due to the quiet neighborhoods and abundance of tennis courts. The prestige that PA has is unmatched by other cities.

It has come to my attention that more tennis courts at Mitchell park and potentially other park centers, are in danger of being converted to pickleball courts. This should be completely vetoed. Those playing on the courts are majority, if not all, not even PA residents. PA residents taxes are paying these courts to be maintained, yet we are not receiving the service we need. Which is more tennis courts.

I am sending this message to cast my vote against pickleball, and to retain all tennis courts. There are plenty of other cities with facilities in neighboring towns that have plenty of pickleball courts and shops not be disrupting the quality and prestige of the tennis courts and neighborhoods in Palo Alto.

Best,
Hurjane Vongsachang

From: [George Maxe](#)
To: [Do, Lam](#)
Cc: [ParkRec Commission](#); [O"Kane, Kristen](#)
Subject: Re: FTSV - BAY - Timeline for Youth Area PPP?
Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 5:27:20 PM
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Thanks, Lam.

I believe that Sarah and I met when we provided an in-person update to the Parks & Recreation Commission on 8/27.

Our FTSV and Baylands tour on 9/17 included me, you, Steve and Kristen.

I look forward to hearing back from you meeting with you two sometime soon.

Best,
George

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On Apr 22, 2025, at 4:13 PM, Do, Lam <Lam.Do@paloalto.gov> wrote:

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From: George Maxe <george@ftsv.org>
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2025 4:13 PM
To: O'Kane, Kristen <Kristen.O'Kane@paloalto.gov>
Cc: Do, Lam <Lam.Do@paloalto.gov>; ParkRec Commission
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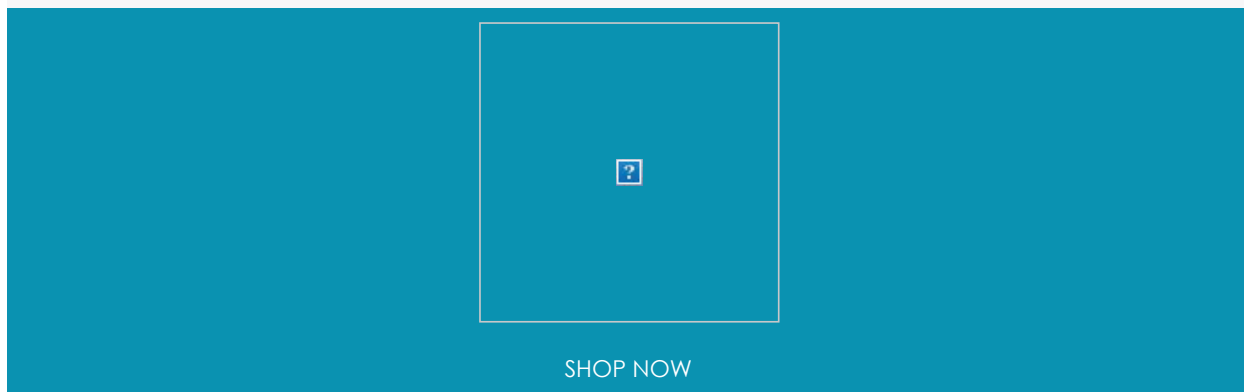
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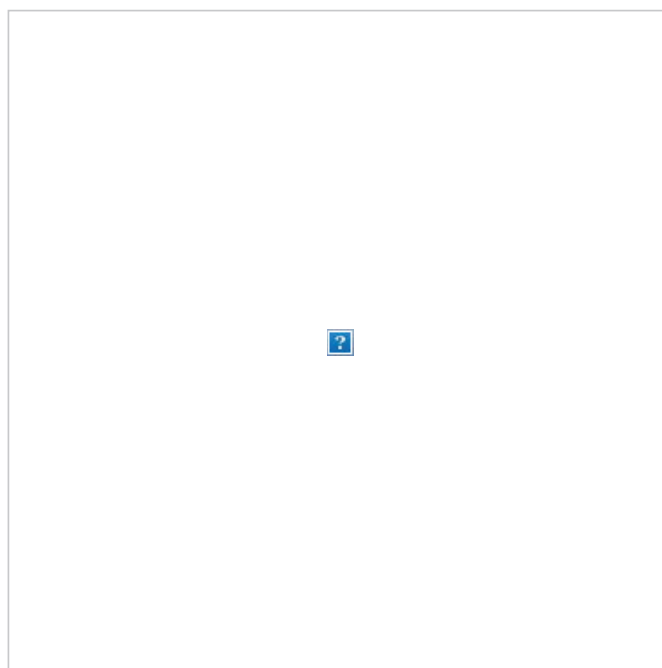
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To: [ParkRec Commission](#)
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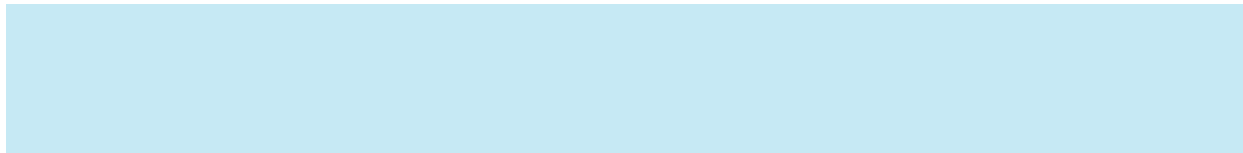
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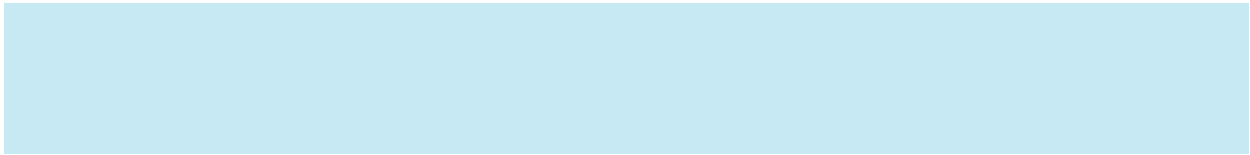
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To: [O'Kane, Kristen](#)
Cc: [Do, Lam](#); [ParkRec Commission](#)
Subject: FTSV - BAY - Timeline for Youth Area PPP?
Date: Monday, April 21, 2025 4:15:36 PM
Attachments: [FTSV 2025 BAY PACS Status Letter 04-21.pdf](#)

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Subject: Video: Black Oakland Chef Tased, Detained In Dallas, Says He Was Wrongfully Accused Of Drug Possession
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Source: SFist

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From: [Jose Carrasco](#)
To: [ParkRec Commission](#)
Subject: Mitchell park
Date: Friday, April 18, 2025 5:42:32 PM

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Jose and I'm a resident of Palo Alto. I wanted to inquire about providing and servicing a vending machine in Mitchell Park.

Thank you!

From: [Isabella Lee](#)
To: [ParkRec Commission](#)
Subject: FREE In-Person + Virtual: Wild & Scenic Film Festival 2025 May 17 hosted by POST
Date: Friday, April 18, 2025 2:14:47 PM
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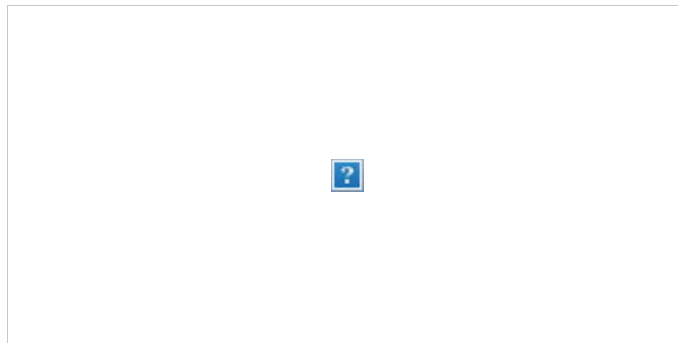
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Dear Friends and Families of the Palo Alto Department of Parks and Recreation,

My name is Isabella Lee, and I'm the Community Engagement Intern for [Peninsula Open Space Trust \(POST\)](#). I'm reaching out today to invite you and your community to attend our free in-person event and online broadcast of the [2025 Wild & Scenic Film Festival](#) on **Saturday, May 17th, from 5:30 PM - 9 PM** at the Smithwick Theatre in Los Altos.



Premiering live both in-person and online on Saturday, May 17th at 5:30 PM. Join POST for an unforgettable evening at the 2025 Wild & Scenic Film Festival, where inspiring environmental films, live music, and a lively Community Fair come together for a night of fun and connection!

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival is the largest film festival of its kind, showcasing the best and brightest in environmental and adventure films. Festival viewers can expect to see award-winning, environmentally inspired short films and learn more about POST and our partners' work here on the Peninsula and in the South Bay.

In-person activities will include:

- Live showing of 9 short films in the Smithwick Theatre at Foothill College, Los Altos
- Explore 20+ community booths
- Connect with local organizations and learn about environmental initiatives in your area
- Enjoy live music, free pizza, and the chance to win raffle prizes
- Chance to get up close with birds of prey thanks to our special guests—falconers!

[Register now](#) to reserve your spot, and don't miss your chance to win fantastic raffle prizes just by attending in person!

Thanks! I included a printable flyer. Please print it out and post it to your local bulletin board or forward it to any other listservs that might be interested in this event.

Hope to see you there, and please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Isabella Lee
POST Community Engagement Intern

From: [Giovanni Nunez](#)
To: [ParkRec Commission](#)
Cc: [Lucas Riphagen](#)
Subject: TriActive USA Outdoor Fitness Equipment - Palo Alto
Date: Thursday, April 17, 2025 3:08:20 PM
Attachments: [TriActive USA Park Catalog 2025.pdf](#)

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Hello,

I hope you are doing well! My name is Giovanni and I'm with TriActive USA, a leading manufacturer of outdoor fitness equipment made 100% in the USA.

I wanted to reach out to inquire if the city of Palo Alto is interested in enhancing its parks with durable, low-maintenance outdoor fitness equipment? Our products are designed to withstand all weather conditions and have been installed in hundreds of locations nationwide.

You can explore our offerings on our website: [TriActiveUSA.com](https://www.triactiveusa.com), and I've attached our catalog for your convenience.

To simplify our purchasing process, we have a contract with NPPGov cooperative, making procurement easier and eliminating the need for competitive bidding.

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or need assistance with any park projects.

Sincerely,



From: [Aram James](#)
To: [Vicki Veenker](#); [Veenker, Vicki](#)
Cc: [Josh Becker](#); assemblymember.berman@assembly.ca.gov; [Jessica Speiser](#), Educational Leader for California Democratic Delegate, Assembly District 23; [Jay Boyarsky](#); [Jeff Rosen](#); [Jeff Conrad](#); h.etzko@gmail.com; [Foley, Michael](#); michael.gennaco@oirgroup.com; [Binder, Andrew](#); [Reifschneider, James](#); [Perron, Zachary](#); board@pausd.org; board@valleywater.org; [BoardOperations](#); [Damon Silver](#); [Rodriguez, Miguel](#); [Sean Allen](#); [Pat M](#); [Sheree Roth](#); [Lotus Fong](#); [Lori Meyers](#); [Diana Diamond](#); [Dave Price](#); [Palo Alto Free Press](#); [Figueroa, Eric](#); cromero@cityofepa.org; rabrica@cityofepa.org; [Vara Ramakrishnan](#); [Gennady Sheyner](#); [Emily Mibach](#); editor@almanacnews.com; [Ed Lauing](#); [Reckdahl, Keith](#); [Daniel Kottke](#); [Angel, David](#); [ParkRec Commission](#); planning.commission@cityofpaloalto.org; city.council@menlopark.gov; [Nash, Betsy](#); [Wagner, April](#); [Zelkha, Mila](#); [Mickie Winkler](#)
Subject: Re: Another Columbia activist arrested — tell Schumer and Gillibrand to speak up
Date: Wednesday, April 16, 2025 12:34:29 PM

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On Wed, Apr 16, 2025 at 11:48 AM Gerry Gras <> wrote:

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Subject: Another Columbia activist arrested — tell Schumer and Gillibrand to speak up
Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2025 22:47:11 +0000
From: Stop AIPAC <team@citizensagainstaipac.com>
Reply-To: team@citizensagainstaipac.com
To:



Gerald,

Yesterday, Palestinian Columbia University student and legal permanent resident Mohsen Mahdawi was handcuffed and detained by immigration authorities.

He was attending his final citizenship interview after doing everything he was supposed to do and living in the United States for 10 years.



Mahdawi arrived at a Vermont immigration office on Monday morning, expecting to complete the last step toward becoming an American citizen.

Instead, he was met by officers who arrested him without explanation, refused to disclose where they were taking him, and carted him away in handcuffs.

Mahdawi's arrest follows Mahmoud Khalil's, also a Palestinian activist who attended Columbia and is now being held at a detention center in Louisiana.

Both students co-founded the Palestinian Student Union at Columbia in the fall of 2023. *These arrests are a pattern.*

Mahdawi's attorney, Luna Droubi, was unequivocal:

"Mohsen Mahdawi was detained by the Trump administration as a direct

response to his advocacy for Palestinian rights and his identity as a Palestinian. This detention is an effort to silence those who voice opposition to the atrocities occurring in Gaza. It also violates constitutional rights."

The Trump administration is trying to silence immigrants who dare to speak out against the complicity of the United States in genocide.

And they will NOT stop there. Every one of us is at risk.

Citizens Against AIPAC Corruption is calling on Senators Schumer and Gillibrand to IMMEDIATELY denounce this pattern of targeting Columbia anti-genocide students and activists. As representatives of New York, they have a responsibility to protect the constitutional rights of all students.

The shameful truth is that Schumer and Gillibrand have been among the top recipients of AIPAC and pro-Israel lobby money, taking millions of dollars combined.

That means they face intense pressure from AIPAC to remain silent.

And they haven't just remained "silent." Both have publicly condemned aspects of the protests, focusing on supposed lawlessness, antisemitism, and campus safety.

Neither has addressed concerns about the rights of pro-Palestinian students.

That's why we are building to become STRONGER than AIPAC. This is no time for cowardice.

[Please stand with us to demand immediate action. Your donation of \\$25, \\$50, \\$100, or any amount powers CAAC's work to mobilize public response and defend free speech and due process in the face of this dangerous assault.](#)

This is about more than one student. It's about the right to speak freely without fear of persecution, the promise of due process, and the principle that America welcomes those seeking a better life, regardless of where they were born.

While Mahdawi sits in detention for the "crime" of advocating for his people, we cannot and will not remain silent.

FREE PALESTINE.

For peace and justice,

The entire team at Citizens Against AIPAC Corruption

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Subject: A pro-Israel group says it gave US list of protesters to deport, drawing alarm from students' supporters
Date: Wednesday, April 16, 2025 9:55:56 AM

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From: [Jenny Lewis](#)
To: [ParkRec Commission](#)
Subject: An inclusive and scalable community fitness experience
Date: Wednesday, April 16, 2025 6:11:00 AM

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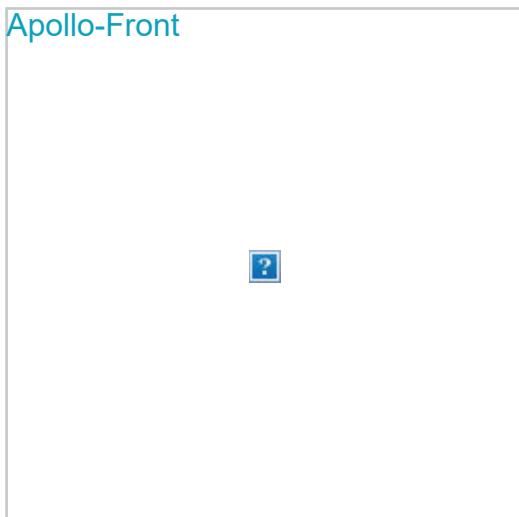
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