



**CITY OF PALO ALTO
CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting
Monday, January 29, 2024
Council Chambers & Hybrid
5:30 PM**

Agenda Item

- 2B. Discuss Key Inputs for Priority Setting: Community and Councilmember Feedback
(6:00 – 6:20 PM)



City Council Staff Report

Report Type: 2024 ANNUAL COUNCIL RETREAT PROGRAM

Lead Department: City Manager

Meeting Date: January 29, 2024

Report #:2401-2537

TITLE

2B. Discuss Key Inputs for Priority Setting: Community and Councilmember Feedback

RECOMMENDATION

Receive key inputs for 2024 Council Priority Setting including Community and Councilmember feedback.

BACKGROUND

The City Council Procedures and Protocols Handbook¹ outlines the Annual Council Priorities setting process, and states that “in advance of the annual Council retreat, that staff solicit input from the Council on the priorities to be reviewed and considered for the following year.” The process also directs “the City Manager and the City Clerk to solicit for the public to share proposed priorities prior to the Council retreat,” and that the “Policy and Services Committee shall recommend to the Council which suggestions if any shall be considered at the retreat.”

Alongside the outlined community and Council feedback through engagement opportunities outlined above, the annual Palo Alto Community Survey, an important source of community input reflecting residents' perspectives on the community, is incorporated to assist the Council in gaining insights into community feedback regarding city priorities.

ANALYSIS

Councilmember Feedback

In December 2023 staff solicited Councilmembers through email communication for feedback on recommendations for 2024 Council Priorities. Two Councilmembers responded with a request to keep the existing four priorities in 2024.

At its December 12, 2023 meeting², the Policy and Services (P&S) Committee discussed the 2023 Council Priorities and proposed 2024 priority setting process for reviewing and selecting Council priorities and the

¹ City Council Procedures and Protocols Handbook: <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/files/assets/public/v/1/city-clerk/city-charterprocedures/2023-adopted-council-protocols-and-procedures-manual-5.2023.pdf>

² Policy & Services Committee meeting December 12, 2023:
<https://cityofpaloalto.primegov.com/Portal/Meeting?meetingTemplateId=12186>

Council affirmed this recommendation at its January 16, 2024 meeting³. The P&S Committee recommended that the Council reselect the 2023 Priorities and have a deeper discussion on the strategies required to advance each priority area. The P&S Committee also recommended that the Council consider the retreat focus on a two-year cycle, with progress indicators, which would allow more time to achieve Council goals. The existing four Council Priorities are:

- Economic Recovery and Transition
- Climate Change and Natural Environment: Protection and Adaptation
- Housing for Social and Economic Balance
- Community Health and Safety

Between both forms of Council engagement, the email solicitation and Council representation at the Policy and Services Committee, the majority of Council support keeping the existing four Priorities.

Community Feedback

Community survey on Council Priorities via Open Town Hall online platform

The City released an online survey seeking community input on Council priorities for 2024. The survey was conducted in December 2023 through January 2, 2024 and collected a total of 396 specific community responses. The areas with most comments included:

- Airplane noise
- Bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure
- Community building
- Crime and safety
- Electrification
- Flood control
- Housing and affordable housing

A full report on the survey results can be found in Attachment A.

Palo Alto Community Survey conducted by Polco/National Research Center (NRC)

Conducted mostly annually, the community survey is used to gain insights into residents' perspectives about the community, including local amenities, services, public trust, resident civic participation, and other aspects of living in Palo Alto. A Council study session on the survey results was held on December 4, 2023⁴. Palo Alto residents continue to rate their quality of life highly. Areas contributing to resident satisfaction were City parks and open spaces, which rated higher than national benchmark. City programs and services also rated high in areas of emergency services, public library services and facilities, recreation centers, and reliability of utility services to name a few. Areas of concern included the affordability of

³ Council Meeting January 16, 2024:

<https://cityofpaloalto.primegov.com/Portal/viewer?id=0&type=7&uid=9abf0ff0-a6b0-4bb3-956c-591fc8f3f03e>

⁴ Council meeting December 4, 2023:

<https://cityofpaloalto.primegov.com/Portal/Meeting?meetingTemplateId=13062>

housing and housing options, affordability of utility services, and overall cost of living. The full report is linked for reference:

<https://cityofpaloalto.primegov.com/Portal/viewer?id=0&type=7&uid=2d3c6223-90d6-4e16-a141-8657e7a25191>

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The community and the City Council have been solicited for their input and suggestions regarding the priorities. The community was engaged through the Open City Hall survey platform as well as email communication to City Council directly through city.council@cityofpaloalto.org.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Council action on this item is not a project as defined by CEQA because the Council Retreat and discussion on the 2024 Priorities is a continuing administrative or maintenance activity (general policy and procedure making. CEQA Guidelines section 15378 (b)(2).

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Community Survey on 2024 Council Priorities

APPROVED BY:

Ed Shikada

Attachment A:

OpenGov's Open Town Hall Survey Results on 2024 Council Priorities

To inform the City Council's discussion at their annual retreat on January 29, 2023, the City released an online survey seeking community input on priorities for 2024. This online survey is one data point to complement other feedback received throughout the year such as:

- The annual 2023 Community Satisfaction Survey
- Neighborhood Town Hall meeting input and other community engagement efforts
- Direct input to the Council via email
- Feedback through participation at City Council and Boards, Commissions and Committee meetings.

Staff released an Open Town Hall survey through OpenGov in December 2023, which closed on January 2, 2024. The survey forum had 483 visitors and gained 396 specific community responses, compared with 270 visitors and 136 responses in 2023.

Different from previous years, a optional question was included for participants to share in which neighborhood they live.

Summary of Specific Feedback for 2024 City Council Priorities Discussion

A summary of input received through the online survey is noted in this cover report and the full report including individual responses is attached in its entirety.

Generally, the areas garnering the most comments, include (listed in alphabetical order):

- Airplane noise
- Bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure
- Community building
- Crime and safety
- Electrification
- Flood control
- Housing and affordable housing

The following summary shares feedback themes (listed by alphabetical order organized by 2023 Council Priority) and "Other":

Climate Change Adaptation & Natural Environment

- Continued focus on this topic area
- Mitigate climate change
- Reduce dependence on automobiles for transportation, reduce traffic
- Support natural environment – street trees and canopy

- Home electrification: sunset gas supply, incentives to electrify, neighborhood solar,
- Flood preparation and prevention/flood control
- Conserve natural resources
- Reduce carbon emissions
- Air quality and air pollution reduction

Community Health & Safety

- Airplane noise
- Community wellness, mental health preventative services for adults and youth
- Infrastructure repairs and maintenance such as roads (El Camino Real), utilities (undergrounding)
- Caltrain rail grade separation
- Bike and pedestrian safety
- Flood mitigation efforts to repair Newell Road and Pope/Chaucer, San Francisquito Creek Reach 2 projects
- Build, sustain, and support inclusive spaces and programs
- Prioritize crime and safety
- Reduce traffic and support transportation infrastructure
- Recreation resources such as arts, parks, events, camps/classes, and sports
- Use of Cubberley

Economic Recovery & Transition

- Reduce downtown retail vacancy
- Improve retail options/diversity
- Encourage development and vibrancy of commercial areas everywhere in Palo Alto
- Be more friendly to small businesses and make it easier for businesses to thrive
- University Ave. specific input included both sentiments to revitalize and keep as is
- Long-term fiscal responsibility

Housing for Social & Economic Balance

- Prioritize housing, specifically affordable housing
- Allow the construction of more homes, especially near the train stations and other transit
- Build more housing, and more high-density housing and alternative perspectives included limiting building higher/more dense housing
- Services/housing for unhoused
- Tenant protections, rent control
- Support for senior housing
- Focus on multi-family housing

Other Identified Themes

- City beautification/aesthetics, functionality navigating around town
- Some comments suggested to de-prioritize social justice, climate change, economic development
- Sentiments for removing homelessness in the city
- Local government management improvements and streamlining processes including permitting
- Fiber to the home support, plus a suggestion to abandon this priority/effort

2024 City Council Priorities Input

January 3, 2024, 9:11 AM

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2024 City Council Priorities Input

What are the priorities you would like to see the City Council adopt for 2024?

Summary Of Responses

As of January 3, 2024, 9:11 AM, this forum had:		Topic Start	Topic End
Attendees:	483	December 14, 2023, 3:31 PM	January 2, 2024, 11:59 PM
Responses:	396		
Hours of Public Comment:	19.8		

QUESTION 1

What are the priorities you would like to see the City Council adopt for 2024?

Answered	374
Skipped	22

- 12 affordable all alto ave bike building change climate community council do especially from health high housing
like make more need noise other out palo parking people residents s safety see SO streets t they traffic work















QUESTION 2

In which neighborhood area do you live? [Optional]

		%	Count
Adobe Meadow		3.4%	13
Barron Park		7.7%	29
Barron Square		0.5%	2
Charleston Garden/Greenhouse		0.5%	2
Charleston Meadow		1.3%	5
Charleston Village		0.3%	1












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What are the priorities you would like to see the City Council adopt for 2024?

		%	Count
College Terrace		8.2%	31
Community Center		1.9%	7
Crescent Park		7.7%	29
Downtown North		3.7%	14
Duveneck/St. Francis		5.8%	22
Esther Park		0.3%	1
Evergreen		3.7%	14
Fairmeadow		0.8%	3
Greenacres I		1.1%	4
Greenacres II		0.5%	2
Greendell		0.5%	2
Greenmeadow		2.4%	9
Leland Manor		3.2%	12
Mayfield		1.1%	4
Meadow Park		0.5%	2
Midtown		14.9%	56
Miranda		0.5%	2
Monroe Park		1.3%	5
Old Palo Alto		6.1%	23

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		%	Count
Palo Alto Central		0.8%	3
Palo Alto Hills		0.3%	1
Palo Alto Orchards/Monroe Park		0.3%	1
Palo Verde		6.1%	23
San Alma HOA		0.3%	1
Sand Hill Corridor		0.5%	2
Southgate		1.6%	6
Triple El		1.1%	4
University South (Plus Professorville)		7.7%	29
Ventura		3.2%	12
Walnut Grove		0.3%	1

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Survey Questions

QUESTION 1

• Walnut Grove

What are the priorities you would like to see the City Council adopt for 2024?

QUESTION 2

In which neighborhood area do you live? [Optional]

- Adobe Meadow
- Barron Park
- Barron Square
- Charleston Garden/Greenhouse
- Charleston Meadow
- Charleston Village
- College Terrace
- Community Center
- Crescent Park
- Downtown North
- Duveneck/St. Francis
- Esther Park
- Evergreen
- Fairmeadow
- Greenacres I
- Greenacres II
- Greendell
- Greenmeadow
- Leland Manor
- Mayfield
- Meadow Park
- Midtown
- Miranda
- Monroe Park
- Old Palo Alto
- Palo Alto Central
- Palo Alto Hills
- Palo Alto Orchards/Monroe Park
- Palo Verde
- San Alma HOA
- Sand Hill Corridor
- Southgate
- Triple El
- University South (Plus Professorville)
- Ventura

2024 City Council Priorities Input

What are the priorities you would like to see the City Council adopt for 2024?

Individual Responses

Name not shown

in Research Park

December 14, 2023, 7:36 PM

Question 1

Allow for the building of more housing. Change zoning rule to allow for more market-rate housing to be built at greater density. The small steps that have been taken are insufficient. The Council should move much more aggressively to allow housing to be built near transit (downtown, Cal Ave, and along El Camino) in particular. Doing this will unlock so many benefits for our city: increased tax revenue, increased customers for our businesses. The City should loosen the discretionary review process to allow housing projects to move through the permitting process much quicker.

Question 2

- College Terrace

Name not available

December 14, 2023, 7:37 PM

Question 1

Affordable Housing

Question 2

- Ventura

Name not available

December 14, 2023, 7:42 PM

Question 1

Do whatever you can to preserve the beauty of our town, including relocating the homeless, planting trees, keeping apartment buildings low, offer senior lunches to others in the area than just the Asians.

Question 2

- Evergreen

Name not available

December 14, 2023, 7:46 PM

Question 1

Academic excellence and greater rigor in palo alto public schools. Many families are leaving public schools due to this.

Eliminate teaching on critical race theory and gender in elementary and middle schools.

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not available

December 14, 2023, 7:51 PM

Question 1

Community Health and Safety

Question 2

- Barron Park

Name not shown

in Downtown North

December 14, 2023, 7:56 PM

Question 1

Find ways to bring charm and joy to University Ave. HUGE mistake to think of adding high-rise apartments to downtown parking lots. There are no grocery stores other than Whole Foods which nobody can afford. There will be no place for these people to park. Traffic is still a huge problem in downtown north. We have to pay to park in front of our house.

Question 2

- Downtown North

Name not available

December 14, 2023, 7:58 PM

Question 1

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Adhere to current per property foot print and planning restrictions

Question 2

- Crescent Park

Name not available

December 14, 2023, 8:05 PM

Question 1

Reinvigorate retail downtown, Cal Ave, Midtown. Traffic can be awful. Homelessness. (These are separate priorities.)

Question 2

- Adobe Meadow

Name not available

December 14, 2023, 8:11 PM

Question 1

Housing! Library protections, and climate change mitigation.

Question 2

- Greenmeadow

Name not available

December 14, 2023, 8:17 PM

Question 1

Housing - focus on adding units north of Page Mill vs pushing all to south. I like downtown parking lot conversion idea. Also near Caltrain as well as South Palo Alto.

Climate Change- continued focus

Question 2

- Barron Park

Name not shown

in Old Palo Alto

December 14, 2023, 8:36 PM

Question 1

Reduce carbon emissions:

- Stronger incentives for business and residents to install heat pump HVAC, induction cooktop, electric dryers, etc.
- Leverage utility pricing incentives to convert gas consumption into electricity consumption.
- Only half of PA electricity has a clean source, let's increase this.

Question 2

- Old Palo Alto

Name not available

December 14, 2023, 8:42 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Name not shown

in Leland Manor/ Garland

December 14, 2023, 8:45 PM

Question 1

1. Below-market rate housing
2. Collaborate with other cities to develop regional transportation plan that reduces auto-dependence for people with all income levels
3. Promote vitality in California and University Ave areas

Question 2

- Triple El

Name not available

December 14, 2023, 9:09 PM

Question 1

Services/housing for unhoused people
Safe bike routes
Safe railway crossings

Question 2

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• Ventura

Name not available

December 14, 2023, 9:09 PM

Question 1

A 39 year resident of this community, I don't see Palo Alto "keeping up with the Joneses" (Boulder, Eugene, Ann Arbor, Ellicott City, etc.). Look outside the box to create new bike paths/commuting, improved community centers (aka libraries), add new classes and clubs (movie clubs, sports clubs - Pickleball is a super example).

EMPHASIZE the many charming elements that make Palo Alto special by featuring them in the PA Weekly. Maybe even work WITH Stanford in this regard (arts, music, housing, transportation).

Why do Palo Alto and Stanford have to fight on every subject? So many of us have a relationship to Stanford - how about some peaceful co-existence?

Help FUND the new non-profit PA Weekly!

INSTALL Fiber to this community!

COMPLETE the undergrounding of utilities. At the rate we're going, I'll be dead before there's any progress on this.

COMMIT to making Cal Ave a desirable destination for day and night time activities. Look at the walking malls of Boulder! Eugene! More!

CATCH the thieves who rob in our neighborhoods. Make Palo Alto a place the crooks avoid. Maybe use this thing called technology to do so - and help me feel safe walking solo outside at night again.

INVITE/INCLUDE local youth in arts installations around town. Rather than paying for professional artists, go the route of Andy Goldsworthy: some art is meant to be temporary. Better yet, invite Goldsworthy to mentor local teens.

BUILD affordable housing adjacent to ALL schools, not just near transportation. We already own/control the land schools inhabit.

STOP irresponsible housing ideas like 17 stories near the current Mollie Stone market. Again, I'll be dead before the related lawsuits get resolved, but why spend money on such an ill-conceived idea?

City Council Members, Please STOP saying no. Please START finding consensus. Please FIND yeses.

PUBLICLY THANK all the librarians, and feature such city employees in

the Weekly.

Thank the cops and other first responders too - but librarians first (then the teachers, THEN the first responders).

CONNECT community gardens to every Palo Alto city park/building. Even the space of ONE car parking spot will make a difference.

ENCOURAGE/REQUIRE companies (micro/small/mammoth) to plant native flowers/flowering plants/food crops around their parking lots.

Reasonable people accept that the 5 areas affecting quality of life/longevity are Sleep, Nutrition, Movement, Purpose in life, and Connection with others. In this regard, I encourage Palo Alto's elected leadership to prioritize liveability, community connectivity, professional/personal respect, and safety.

Question 2

• Evergreen

Name not available

December 14, 2023, 9:15 PM

Question 1

Safety, including any kind of break-ins or theft (home, car, parcels, etc.)

Question 2

• Barron Park

Name not available

December 14, 2023, 9:30 PM

Question 1

Housing for the underprivileged. Climate change: easier electrification. Fiber to the home.

Question 2

• Crescent Park

Name not available

December 14, 2023, 9:31 PM

Question 1

Park improvements. While some parks have received necessary

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upgrades, such as PORTIONS of Rinconada, many parks are substandard compared with our neighboring cities, and not worthy of a city that is supposed to be as prestigious as Palo Alto. I take my grandkids to many of our city parks, and am always disappointed in their lack of upgrade and mediocre maintenance. I could give a detailed list of specific items, but frankly, any responsible official who makes a tour of the can easily see for themselves that many need to be upgraded, and maintenance crews need to have foremen making certain they are thoroughly maintained (like how about drinking fountains that actually work, or aren't clogged with leaves, as at Rinconada, Pardee, and Briones). How about replacing shut down water features at the parks with something kids can use and enjoy (as at Mitchell and Briones)? How about upgrading or at least brightly repainting the 50 yr old train feature at Briones? How about SMOOTH asphalt walkways that aren't rutted by tree roots all over Rinconada? How about a reliable pool heater that doesn't break down as often as Rinconada does? This is just a small sampling of my observations. Our Parks people really need to get out and see these for themselves, and ask if they are worthy of the City. I am so disappointed that year after year, these same defects go unnoticed or untreated. The City Parks department has much to do!

Question 2

- Leland Manor

Name not available

December 14, 2023, 9:40 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not available

December 14, 2023, 9:42 PM

Question 1

(1) housing & homelessness; (2) climate-friendly utility services, and incentives for individual residents and companies in Palo Alto to make climate-friendly choices; (3) supporting diverse initiatives and cultural opportunities; (4) revising (removing most restrictions) on the "No e-bike" policy approved in 2023 for the Baylands and Arastradero Preserve... that policy was based on lots of factually incorrect arguments. -- Steve Branz & Emily Young, Midtown, South Palo Alto

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not available

December 14, 2023, 10:00 PM

Question 1

Flood prevention (creek maintenance) and Electrification and sustainable energy

Question 2

- Adobe Meadow

Name not available

December 14, 2023, 10:31 PM

Question 1

Fix the potholes that are all over town. Get rid of the roundabout on East Meadow and Ross Rd.(people ignore the stop sign and it's a disaster waiting to happen). Get rid of the speed bumps on Ross rd between Loma Verde and Ross because they are a menace for bike riders and defeats the purpose of making that road bike friendly. Try to figure out some kind of solution to the trash collection problem that is occurring on Fabian Way where many RV's are parked and occupied, because it is often piled up on the grass next to the sidewalk.

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not shown

in Midtown/ Midtown West

December 14, 2023, 11:02 PM

Question 1

Infrastructure and education to support bicycle and pedestrian safety

Question 2

- Palo Verde

Name not shown

in Evergreen Park

December 14, 2023, 11:52 PM

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What are the priorities you would like to see the City Council adopt for 2024?

Question 1

Slow down traffic —Ticket drivers for speeding and rolling through stop signs.

Question 2

- Mayfield

Name not available

December 15, 2023, 3:27 AM

Question 1

Continue to support & reward city workers-they are valued & appreciated.

Get unhoused off the streets & out of our neighborhoods.

Question 2

- Triple El

Name not shown

in University Park

December 15, 2023, 6:09 AM

Question 1

#1 More designated bike lanes! Safer streets for pedestrians (walkers) and cyclists of all ages... if more children could safely walk and bike to school, this would decrease road traffic. Better, safer bike lanes so adults could cycle to work, etc.

#2 Building community through opportunities to connect with each other; maybe concentrating on encouraging neighborhood events/activities.

#3 Mental Health --- education, awareness, support for everyone, all ages. People are stressed, lonely, unhappy

#4 Education in public schools -- better administrators, teachers, better curriculum, LESS pressure on kids to excel and compete, more emphasis on empathy and understanding.

Question 2

- University South (Plus Professorville)

Name not available

December 15, 2023, 7:13 AM

Question 1

Fix the roads! El camino is an embarrassment to drive on.

Question 2

No response

Name not shown

in University South

December 15, 2023, 7:29 AM

Question 1

Affordable Housing and embracing that all labor is skilled labor needed to create a healthy community. We are short staffed in hospitals (Doctors, CNAs, etc) schools, EMT's, mental health care, janitors and childcare workers and many other areas due to unaffordable housing and long expensive environmentally unfriendly commutes because they cannot find housing anywhere near by. Without finding a way to be more inclusive, we will eventually have a community that cannot meet the needs of its residents.

Question 2

- Downtown North

Name not available

December 15, 2023, 7:32 AM

Question 1

Keep Cal Ave closed to cars

No more parking garages

Close part of University Ave to cars and keep side streets currently closed to cars closed to allow outdoor dining

Keep music Thursdays on Cal Ave and farmers market

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not available

December 15, 2023, 8:08 AM

Question 1

Safety and cleanness

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Question 2

- Midtown

Name not shown

in Crescent Park

December 15, 2023, 8:51 AM

Question 1

(1) Fix Chaucer Street Bridge flooding problem

(2) Address noise (eliminate remaining non-compliant leaf blowers, deal with remaining Shoreline Amphitheater noise violations, work with FAA to redirect at least some overflights of *commercial* airplanes)

(3) Revise Foothills park policy or at least mitigate problems that have become worse since it was opened. At the very least, enforce noise restrictions, e.g. boom boxes that can be heard throughout the park.

Question 2

- Crescent Park

Barry Wolf

in Duveneck/ St Francis

December 15, 2023, 9:23 AM

Question 1

Finalize Caltrain grade separation plans and begin construction.

Question 2

- Duveneck/St. Francis

Sharon Oliver

in Charleston Terrace

December 15, 2023, 9:31 AM

Question 1

Complete the housing element for the state. I don't want to see buildings that don't meet zoning, density, and height limits come into neighborhoods.

When looking at traffic calming and biking consider separating bikes from cars instead for forcing bikes into driving lanes such as on Ross Road at the traffic circle and the street that is call a bike boulevard but is too scary

to ride there.

Reduce climate impact where possible.

Make sure city facilities and equipment is well maintained.

Take good care of city employees. They are an important asset to the city.

Don't out source jobs. Workers outside of the city don't care about the city or those that live here.

Question 2

- Meadow Park

Name not available

December 15, 2023, 9:55 AM

Question 1

Great academic rigor and renewal at PAUSD schools

Question 2

- Fairmeadow

Name not available

December 15, 2023, 10:32 AM

Question 1

Expanded housing development and transit

Question 2

- Barron Square

Name not available

December 15, 2023, 10:37 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

- Leland Manor

Name not available

December 15, 2023, 10:40 AM

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Question 1

STOP pushing to phase out gas given all the power outages! Stop spending money on consultants with no local knowledge. It's a bad joke. Start holding city staff and management accountable and stop giving them automatic raises. Pay us interest on the Miriam Green settlement that's been stalled for almost 10 years. FINALLY open the libraries 7 days a week. Leave University Ave alone. Fire the idiotic retail consultants with no local knowledge. Get rid of that UGLY miniature golf course and Cal Ave. WHERE ARE THE SIGNS for Cal Ave? Did you need 4 consultants before you put up signs?

Question 2

- Leland Manor

Name not available

December 15, 2023, 12:17 PM

Question 1

Housing, with trees, less traffic, wider sidewalks, safer biking lanes, mandatory helmet laws. Maybe a central parking lot that people can walk to and fro, as is being considered in some European cities. SLOWER SPEED ZONES.

Question 2

- College Terrace

Name not available

December 15, 2023, 6:43 PM

Question 1

Protecting the environment

Question 2

- Palo Verde

Name not available

December 15, 2023, 10:13 PM

Question 1

Bike safety
Affordable housing
Climate

Question 2

- Duveneck/St. Francis

Name not available

December 16, 2023, 12:06 AM

Question 1

Working with neighboring cities on housing for unhoused members of our communities.
Caltrain grade separation.

Question 2

- Barron Park

Ken Horowitz

in University Park

December 16, 2023, 9:01 AM

Question 1

Have a comprehensive plan on Cubberley. Don't depend on the PAUSD Board, they have no direction. We have waited over 25 years for the site to become a first class community center. Go it alone!

Question 2

- University South (Plus Professorville)

Name not available

December 16, 2023, 9:37 AM

Question 1

Building more housing - as much new housing as possible

Question 2

- Old Palo Alto

Name not shown

in Leland Manor/ Garland

December 16, 2023, 9:43 AM

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What are the priorities you would like to see the City Council adopt for 2024?

Question 1

Community safety

Question 2

- Triple E

Name not shown

in Palo Verde

December 16, 2023, 11:23 AM

Question 1

housing and economic balance. community health. econ development is not at all a priority.

Question 2

- Palo Verde

Glenn Fisher

in Charleston Terrace

December 16, 2023, 6:02 PM

Question 1

Housing
Quality of life
Infrastructure
Climate/sustainability

Question 2

- Adobe Meadow

Name not available

December 16, 2023, 6:42 PM

Question 1

A work from home ordinance to mandate companies to ensure all employees that can work from home do work from home, in order to reduce traffic and CO2 emissions. Any city staff who can work from home, should also work from home. The City organization needs to set the example. Work from home save the environment through lower CO2 and fuel consumption.

Question 2

No response

Andy Poggio

in Midtown/ Midtown West

December 17, 2023, 11:35 AM

Question 1

A critical priority for the city is electrification. Two things need to be done:

1. Update the city's electrical infrastructure to handle the increased load that electrification will bring.
2. Incentivize residents to electrify their home and transportation. Right now, the incentive is Against electrification: adding an electric car or heat pump water heater will cause the resident to pay the highest marginal electrical rates -- this needs to be fixed.

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not available

December 17, 2023, 4:52 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not available

December 18, 2023, 8:20 AM

Question 1

*Re housing: AirB&B homes that are allowed to continue in Palo Alto and which operate under the 31 day rule which is easy to get around. Houses are advertised as long term rentals 31 days and over but do not follow the rules. Vacant homes that are held for investment which pligh neighborhoods. Perhaps consider an extra tax on these homes as other cities are considering. Houses that have been converted into multiple sleeping units as the one in Midtown which has been allowed to operate just for meeting some code violations. These are basically hotels. All these allowances are changing our neighborhoods for the worst.

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*Trash on the on ramps and off ramps leading into and out of Palo Alto. It is disgusting and embarrassing when inviting people to our city.

*Advertise more in our utility bills that fallen house leaves are the homeowners' responsibilities and have them inform their gardeners not to blow all the leaves into the street.

*Stop allowing all these huge office buildings to stand vacant. Look into converting them into housing. With so much of the workforce now able to work from home, it only make sense to work out some cooperation between commercial and residential.

* Keep the standard height allowance for building which has been able to maintain the "small town" look.

Question 2

No response

Name not available

December 18, 2023, 10:22 AM

Question 1

Increased housing
Improving the permit process

Question 2

- Evergreen

Name not shown

in University South

December 18, 2023, 7:16 PM

Question 1

1. Reduce property crime
2. Reducing speeding on roads and increase pedestrian and bicycle safety
3. Airplane noise reduction
4. Move homeless people in our residential neighborhood and downtown

Question 2

- University South (Plus Professorville)

Name not available

December 18, 2023, 7:29 PM

Question 1

parks, aircraft noise, reduce taxes and utilities cost

Question 2

- Downtown North

Name not shown

in Midtown/ Midtown West

December 18, 2023, 7:33 PM

Question 1

- Protect our health by ensuring that 5G towers and small cells stay out of our neighborhoods, and limit them as much as possible within the city.
- Do whatever is possible to control the noise and pollution caused by flights over our city.
- Focus on flood control, including streams and sea level rise.

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not shown

in Barron Park

December 18, 2023, 7:34 PM

Question 1

Community Health and Safety, and Airplane Noise
Bike-able Palo Alto, but not on El Camino

Question 2

- Barron Park

Scott Kilner

in Leland Manor/ Garland

December 18, 2023, 8:10 PM

Question 1

My top priority for 2024 is addressing AIRPLANE OVERFLIGHT NOISE, which has plagued our city for nearly a decade now.

Question 2

- Leland Manor

2024 City Council Priorities Input

What are the priorities you would like to see the City Council adopt for 2024?

Name not shown

in Southgate

December 18, 2023, 8:12 PM

Question 1

Airplane noise

Train crossings

Question 2

- Southgate

Name not shown

in Crescent Park

December 18, 2023, 9:07 PM

Question 1

The airplane noise in Crescent Park continues to be horrendous. Extremely loud planes at all hours, which constantly disrupt sleep. This is a health hazard! Also, constant planes above my head all day long have decreased my quality of life in Palo Alto

Question 2

- Crescent Park

Name not available

December 18, 2023, 9:50 PM

Question 1

Palo Alto local airport noise. The propeller aircraft are noisier than a gas mower 10 feet from me. I can't have a conversation in my backyard when these planes fly overhead. I checked the parking fees at the airport and they are ridiculously low. Similar to getting a car parking permit. For what? Flying is an ultra luxury hobby. Parking an airplane should commensurately be expensive, on the order of many thousands of dollars a year, at a minimum.

Question 2

- University South (Plus Professorville)

Name not available

December 18, 2023, 9:55 PM

Question 1

Lincoln Ave has become a cut through for every Uber and Lyft driver. People are driving 45 miles an hour on the street, aggressively cutting off kids biking to school, I there are lines sometimes 10 cars deep looking to turn left onto Alma St. At an absolute minimum there should be no left turn allowed from Lincoln onto Alma, it is very dangerous since Alma and Embarcadero merge right before Lincoln. I've witnessed several accidents and many near misses on a regular basis

Question 2

- University South (Plus Professorville)

Name not available

December 18, 2023, 10:27 PM

Question 1

Airplane Noise !!

We've been working on this for almost 10 years with little to no outcomes.

Please appoint someone to help !!

Question 2

- Crescent Park

Mark Samson

in Palo Verde

December 19, 2023, 5:39 AM

Question 1

Jet Noise is a horrendous disturbance to work performance, sleep and overall quality of life in PA. Either tackle it or start to see the slow decline of talent coming to this area, slumping property values and decreasing tax revenues. Don't think it can happen—think Tesla, "X" Space X for starters...

Question 2

- Palo Verde

Name not shown

in Crescent Park

December 19, 2023, 7:26 AM

2024 City Council Priorities Input

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Question 1

I would like to see more effort toward curbing airplane noise from the jumbo jets arriving at SFO and, perhaps SJC. Also I would like restrictions on the small planes going in and out of the Palo Alto airport. All the planes are flying way too low and making too much noise that is ruining the quality of life here. As is the traffic. Embarcadero is practically impassible at certain hours as is Sand Hill Road and El Camino. There have to be better ways to encourage people to use alternate modes of transportation. In addition, more enforcement of neighborhood traffic. I must see 8-10 cars every week just fly through four-way stops. It's dangerous.

Question 2

- Crescent Park

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 7:31 AM

Question 1

Aircraft noise is still a concern. Late night and early morning flights wake me up and low-flying aircraft make so much noise during the day that we have to stop speaking and wait until it is quiet enough to hear. I understand that we live near airports but the low level flights are just too noisy.

Question 2

- Leland Manor

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 7:38 AM

Question 1

keep Community Health and Safety, and Airplane Noise as a City priority in 2024 - I'm listening to a plane that is flying too low overhead as I type this

Question 2

- College Terrace

ron hall

in Community Center

December 19, 2023, 7:47 AM

Question 1

Affordable Housing. Adjust zoning to allow more affordable housing, density and heights. Let's prioritize important issues, affordable housing!

Question 2

- Community Center

Nathaniel Sterling

in Research Park

December 19, 2023, 8:22 AM

Question 1

Abate jet airplane overflight noise into SFO.

Question 2

- Esther Park

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 9:01 AM

Question 1

FYI: It is Greenacres II NOT creenacres II
Priority - Building a Stronger more connected community

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 9:06 AM

Question 1

Safety and community.

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not shown

in Community Center

December 19, 2023, 9:08 AM

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Question 1

Please, please - continue to work with other cities and at the state and federal levels to combat jet noise and pollution.

Question 2

- Community Center

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 9:08 AM

Question 1

Housing.

Question 2

- College Terrace

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 9:09 AM

Question 1

infrastructure maintenance (fixing roads, ensuring electrical system is resilient etc.), traffic (a lot of what has been done recently seems to have made traffic worse. need strategies that do not rely on traffic jams to make roads safe)

Question 2

- Greenacres II

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 9:10 AM

Question 1

Flood control; pedestrian and bike safety - traffic calming; Make California Avenue more attractive so it doesn't just look like a blocked off street; Make University project a part of the Planning because Public Works doesn't do a good job integrating various interests.

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 9:10 AM

Question 1

Vastly more housing and vastly more affordable housing.

Dense housing near transit corridors.

I would like to see the City Council stop fighting state housing legislation - the City is going to lose and those fights just throw my tax dollars down the drain. The writing is on the wall and Palo Alto needs to adapt.

Improvements to bike infrastructure. I would also like to see the City Council de-emphasize parking concerns when evaluating bike infrastructure proposals. There's plenty of street parking in Palo Alto.

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not shown

in Greenmeadow

December 19, 2023, 9:12 AM

Question 1

Traffic and transportation

Question 2

- Greenmeadow

Jeffrey Miller

in Green Acres

December 19, 2023, 9:12 AM

Question 1

Get more housing built.

Question 2

- Miranda

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 9:13 AM

2024 City Council Priorities Input

What are the priorities you would like to see the City Council adopt for 2024?

Question 1

Housing, more housing, fewer restrictions
Overhaul the planning department. It has been for decades and continues today to be a complete disaster.
Fiber
Make decisions MUCH faster (i.e. railroad crossings)
Add Professorville to the neighborhoods list

Question 2

- Old Palo Alto

Name not shown

in Charleston Meadows
December 19, 2023, 9:14 AM

Question 1

Separated rail crossings, plans for at least one separated bike/pedestrian crossing under the train tracks and Alma, additional separated bike/ped crossings at East Meadow/Alma and Charleston/Alma.

Question 2

- Charleston Meadow

Name not shown

in Duveneck/ St Francis
December 19, 2023, 9:15 AM

Question 1

Work with other agencies to fix potholes along embarcadero, el camino, and oregon expressway
Improve transit options to Paly and Stanford (traffic at start/end of school is crazy)
More housing options

Question 2

- Duveneck/St. Francis

Name not shown

in Community Center
December 19, 2023, 9:20 AM

Question 1

Reduce the City's carbon footprint. Hedge natural gas so you are not caught with your pants down. Fire the idiots that can't seem to plant street trees in a timely fashion. We have been waiting more than 3 years. Redevelop El Camino Real. Move forward with reimagining University Avenue downtown. Wider sidewalks and bike lanes s/b a priority. Quit punting on the grade separation projects and make some decisions. Take charge of San Francisquito Creek and demand 100 year flood improvements.

Question 2

- Duveneck/St. Francis

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 9:20 AM

Question 1

The betterment of quality of life for its residents. A great place to raise children, build friendships, live, and retire. It should not be a great place to do startups or to headquarter a venture capital, private equity or hedge fund office -- those belong elsewhere, such as on Sand Hill Road.

Question 2

- Southgate

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 9:27 AM

Question 1

Safety

Question 2

- Barron Park

Name not shown

in Southgate
December 19, 2023, 9:30 AM

Question 1

Sustainability
Affordable housing

Question 2

2024 City Council Priorities Input

What are the priorities you would like to see the City Council adopt for 2024?

• Southgate

December 19, 2023, 9:36 AM

Yi-Ting Chen

in Palo Verde

December 19, 2023, 9:34 AM

Question 1

Climate Change & Natural Environment - Protection & Adaptation
Housing for Social & Economic Balance
Community Health & Safety
Economic Recovery & Transition

Question 2

• Palo Verde

Question 1

Decrease obstacles to building tall dense market rate housing.

Question 2

• Midtown

Gary Gechlik

outside Palo Alto

December 19, 2023, 9:42 AM

Question 1

Open Space Fire Safety. This has to be a top priority beginning with an action plan. It is affecting private home insurance and now the state insurance plans. There needs to be 360 degree approach, multi agency communication to improving defensible space, lowering costs to residents, and a focus on protecting the general public as part of the city mission.

Question 2

• Palo Alto Hills

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 9:35 AM

Question 1

Downtown retail vacancy makes the city look blighted

Question 2

• Downtown North

Bill Fitch

in Evergreen Park

December 19, 2023, 9:45 AM

Question 1

Allow housing development along transportation corridors

Question 2

• Evergreen

Marc Najork

in Duveneck/ St Francis

December 19, 2023, 9:35 AM

Question 1

- Road Maintenance. Palo Alto roads are in rater poor repair.
- Public safety. There has been a rash of residential burglaries over the past several years.
- Better service. I recently visited City Hall and was unable to contact anyone through the kiosk in the lobby.

Question 2

• Duveneck/St. Francis

Name not shown

in Palo Verde

December 19, 2023, 9:52 AM

Question 1

keep Community Health and Safety, and Airplane Noise as a City priority

Question 2

Name not shown

in Midtown/ Midtown West

2024 City Council Priorities Input

What are the priorities you would like to see the City Council adopt for 2024?

• Palo Verde

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 10:00 AM

Question 1

Address the chronic garbage/overgrowth/graffiti along so many car & walking thoroughfares, in particular Alma and Embarcadero--especially that blighted embarrassing underpass. Prioritize residents' quality of life (how about an enclosed parklet in place of that neglected grass triangle at Kingsley & Alma?) instead of rewarding developers and elite-serving entitlements like Castilleja.

Question 2

• Old Palo Alto

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 10:01 AM

Question 1

Reduce the burden imposed on residential building and remodeling by city regulations and bureaucracy....

Question 2

• Barron Park

Name not shown

in College Terrace

December 19, 2023, 10:07 AM

Question 1

1) implement zoning restricting Stanford and other entities from buying up residential properties en masse, inflating our already out of reach housing market and ruining our community ecology—a limit like no more than 4 residences per owner is needed. (2) create zoning easing for long-time residents in small lots (which the city's policies discriminate against, allowing standard lots to get away with murder) to build a second story so their house can accommodate growing family needs and families with deep roots in the community aren't forced out by necessity. (3) no big box stores in Palo Alto. (4) pass population density balancing low income housing state certifiable plan equalizing density neighborhood by neighborhood so the need for this housing is responsibly addressed and so developers don't destroy long protected community environment with

high rise towers.

Question 2

• College Terrace

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 10:08 AM

Question 1

The path to housing ownership is impossible for anyone making median income, and current property owners have a significant interest in maintaining property values through blocking development of housing. Can we come up with a solution that encourages development and lowers the cost of housing?

Question 2

• Midtown

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 10:10 AM

Question 1

More housing now! Market rate or affordable - every bit helps!

Question 2

• Barron Park

Garry Wyndham

in Midtown/ Midtown West

December 19, 2023, 10:14 AM

Question 1

Beautification. Underground utilities, care for trees and continue to support bike paths and pedestrianization and sidewalk eating in Cal Ave and university Ave

Question 2

• Midtown

Gayle McDowell

2024 City Council Priorities Input

What are the priorities you would like to see the City Council adopt for 2024?

in University South
December 19, 2023, 10:20 AM

Question 1

I would like to see Palo Alto invest in more things to do, especially for families. We lack the liveliness that we see in other towns. It was wonderful when University Ave was closed to cars -- it made it so much more lively... but then that went away. We have no festivals for kids (the Palo Alto Art & Wine Festival has very little for kids; the May Fete Parade is just this small parade, with essentially no activities at the end -- just booths for advertising clubs). We don't really have much in terms of family-friendly activities (no bowling, laser tag, mini golf, etc) -- the only thing we have is Winter Lodge, but that's really only in the winter.

Question 2

- Downtown North

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 10:24 AM

Question 1

A dark sky ordinance. Bike lanes on El Camino. Higher density housing near transit.

Question 2

No response

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 10:25 AM

Question 1

Please create a Airport Noise Committee

Question 2

- Triple El

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 10:27 AM

Question 1

Building more housing, at any and all affordability levels. Between the

Fry's site and all the unused or underutilized lots along El Camino there is tons of opportunity for higher-density housing long before we begin to impact "the character of our neighborhoods".

Close University Ave to car traffic for several blocks in the core shopping/restaurant district, e.g. from High St to Waverly St. The extra traffic volume can be handled by Hamilton Ave and Lytton Ave, or adjust their traffic control as needed. This would make University Ave a significantly more attractive destination -- today it's much more pleasant to go to California Ave or Castro St when I want to visit restaurants and shops, because both are much more pedestrian-friendly. It was quite nice when University Ave was closed to car traffic in 2020/2021.

Question 2

- Monroe Park

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 10:28 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

- Crescent Park

Name not shown

in Community Center

December 19, 2023, 10:28 AM

Question 1

City government cost/headcount management. Get more in line with other cities.
Thanks!

Question 2

- Duveneck/St. Francis

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 10:39 AM

Question 1

The top priorities for City Council should be:

2024 City Council Priorities Input

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1. Cost reduction. Palo Alto spends way more than it needs to for the services provided. Average salary + benefits of Palo Alto city employees is \$273,596 per 2024 budget. Average salary + benefits of Mountain View city employees is \$137,449 per 2023-2024 adopted budget. Palo Alto has approximately 15 city staff per 1,000 residents, whereas Mountain View has roughly 8 city staff per 1,000 residents. The city staff of Palo Alto is bloated and grossly overpaid compared to nearby cities.

2. Public safety.
3. Flood control.

The following should be non-goals:

1. Social justice.
2. Climate change.

Question 2

- Midtown

Helen Gracon

in Palo Verde

December 19, 2023, 10:56 AM

Question 1

To reroute the airplanes going into SFO.

Question 2

- Palo Verde

Name not shown

in Midtown/ Midtown West

December 19, 2023, 11:06 AM

Question 1

Relaxation of zoning laws to allow more affordable housing opportunities to underrepresented populations.

Question 2

- Palo Verde

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 11:06 AM

Question 1

Put all utilities underground. When I purchased my house 20+ years ago, I was told the city has masterplan to have all utilities underground and no more having the old fashion poles with overhead lines to residences, also this will eliminate for the need to trim the trees around the power lines.

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not shown

in Evergreen Park

December 19, 2023, 11:06 AM

Question 1

building more affordable housing, ensuring bike and pedestrian safety, supporting public transport access, sustainability

Question 2

- Evergreen

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 11:12 AM

Question 1

Infrastructure reliability, housing units in high density development areas.

Question 2

- College Terrace

Beau Leyvand

in Greenmeadow

December 19, 2023, 11:19 AM

Question 1

Community Safety
Maintain single family zoning
Economic recovery

Question 2

- Greendell

2024 City Council Priorities Input

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Name not available

December 19, 2023, 11:34 AM

Question 1

Repair the streets.. Seale between Middlefield and Newell.
Make decisions quicker than spending years on one subject.
Flood control. CREEKS!!!!

Question 2

- Duveneck/St. Francis

Frank Flynn

in Ventura

December 19, 2023, 11:37 AM

Question 1

Housing, Housing and affordable housing.

Speed up the permitting process — why do these projects take years to even start? We have neighbors sleeping in vans.

Question 2

- Ventura

Name not shown

in Professorville

December 19, 2023, 11:42 AM

Question 1

- Make University avenue car free
- Enforce vagrancy laws (e.g. sleeping in vehicles or in the street)

Question 2

- University South (Plus Professorville)

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 11:51 AM

Question 1

Creek/flood issues at Chaucer/Pope, jet noise, city street potholes,

ADU's (get whatever plan done to stop poor developer proposals

Question 2

- Community Center

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 11:52 AM

Question 1

Would very much like to see the City focus on the multifamily housing and retail opportunities afforded by prospective redevelopment of California Avenue as a transportation oriented district.

Question 2

No response

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 11:52 AM

Question 1

- 1) Putting utilities underground.
- 2) Removing invasive trees (eg Tree of Heaven).

Question 2

- Monroe Park

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 11:54 AM

Question 1

affordable housing
street repair
tenant protections
help for elderly and disable (LINK is not sufficient.)
Refurbish Midtown area, including shopping area

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not shown

2024 City Council Priorities Input

What are the priorities you would like to see the City Council adopt for 2024?

in Green Acres

December 19, 2023, 11:56 AM

Question 1

Housing. Reduce height limits so more dense housing can be constructed. Require 20% be 'affordable.'

Do NOT spend money on trying to change revitalize University Ave. STOP paying consultants to come up with ideas that the council members and members of the public can/should generate. An expectation for anyone who wants to be on city council should be that they have their own ideas regarding any changes.

Question 2

- Creenacres II

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 12:05 PM

Question 1

Community Safety
Air Quality

Question 2

No response

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 12:05 PM

Question 1

1. City Infrastructure: specifically electric and water and planning for future with more people and fewer resources ahead.
2. Safety and reduction of crime - especially home break-ins and assaults.
3. Continuation of economic recovery.
4. Climate change and natural environment, especially bringing the Newell Bridge replacement to fruition and pressing for the Pope-Chaucer Bridge replacement.

Question 2

- Crescent Park

Name not shown

in Duveneck/ St Francis

December 19, 2023, 12:13 PM

Question 1

The City of Palo Alto is poorly managed. You are elected by the residents as our representatives to provide appropriate oversight of those responsible for providing City services. It rankles to read about salary increases and limited access as services decline. Reopen City Hall and increase public service. Require staff to work 5 eight hour work days with alternating workplace presence and allowed remote work. Address transportation issues: poor road conditions; increase traffic enforcement; improve utility nonemergency response rates - residents, myself included, are tired of reporting issues, being assured that they will be fixed, but they never are fixed; low cost housing to reduce the number of dilapidated RVs parked along roadsides. Rewrite tree policy guidelines (obviously written in response to the complete removal of landscaping when there is the scraping and redevelopment of houses) to take into account residents who merely need to manage aging/dying trees on their property. Some of us can ill afford what totals to thousands of dollars needed to meet the bureaucratic requirements to obtain an arborist's report, pay for the City's permit fee, pay to trim or remove the tree, and to purchase and plant an approved replacement tree. Last, but not least, we have waited too long for the San Francisquito Creek bridges to be replaced.

Question 2

No response

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 12:18 PM

Question 1

I endorse the 2023 priorities with greatest emphasis on housing (and the unhoused) and climate change and natural environment.

Question 2

- University South (Plus Professorville)

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 12:30 PM

Question 1

Affordable housing; paving replacement on heavily traveled streets like University Ave.

2024 City Council Priorities Input

What are the priorities you would like to see the City Council adopt for 2024?

Question 2

- Crescent Park

Name not shown

in Evergreen Park

December 19, 2023, 12:32 PM

Question 1

Building more housing - community members are being priced out and we are unable to support those who live and work here

Question 2

- Mayfield

Name not shown

in Palo Verde

December 19, 2023, 12:47 PM

Question 1

Electrification, specifically stopping the installation of gas water and space heating systems in all building types.

Carbon tax on CPAU natural gas sales to fund electrification.

Low cost multifamily housing high and low rise with no parking requirements.

Local car transportation alternatives.

Fees for public parking in commercial areas.

Pedestrian retail zone/gathering places on closed street blocks without vehicle (car OR bike) lanes.

Question 2

- Palo Verde

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 12:59 PM

Question 1

Keeping the feeling of Palo Alto by not building too high apartment buildings and by making all the longtime residents still feel welcome, not just the newcomers. How about offering senior nutrition to all of us, not just the Chinese?

Question 2

- Crescent Park

Name not shown

in Downtown North

December 19, 2023, 1:00 PM

Question 1

Housing, Housing, and Housing for the climate, our schools, and to support local retail

Amend restrictive commercial zoning to allow more uses so our business districts thrive

Housing solutions for RV dwellers and the unhoused

Bicycle and pedestrian improvements for health, community, and well-being

Question 2

- Downtown North

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 1:01 PM

Question 1

Build more housing units

Make downtown a better place to hang out

Question 2

- Ventura

Name not shown

in Old Palo Alto

December 19, 2023, 1:06 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

- Old Palo Alto

2024 City Council Priorities Input

What are the priorities you would like to see the City Council adopt for 2024?

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 1:21 PM

Question 1

Sustainability, mental health, and affordable housing

Question 2

- Ventura

Name not shown

in Midtown/ Midtown West

December 19, 2023, 1:28 PM

Question 1

Devoting more resources to midtown Palo Alto, which feels like a neglected stepchild in comparison with the resources lavished on commercial areas north of Oregon Expressway. As many others have noted, the landscaping is outdated, there doesn't seem to be much support for small businesses, and the corner of Loma Verde and Middlefield looks blighted almost a year after the fire at AJ's Cleaners. Surely there could be a more equitable distribution of city resources.

Question 2

- Palo Verde

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 1:57 PM

Question 1

Public safety
Traffic - Speeding - community parking enforcement
Housing (low income for employees who work in and around the peninsula)

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 2:03 PM

Question 1

More Housing near transportation.

Address CalTrain track siting/ tunnels / overpasses etc.

Establish natural gas sundown dates for residential, commercial & industrial use.

Electric tariffs that support residential electrification versus penalize it.

Pilot a program allowing nearby residents to camp in city parks on a 1-4 time per year celebration

Question 2

- Evergreen

Gary Lindgren

in University South

December 19, 2023, 2:15 PM

Question 1

I would like to see the electrical undergrounding program start up again. Let's make this happen.

In addition I would like see the ability to have new house design that would have a basement and have the home entrance higher than at the ground level. Most of the older homes in older part of town have their first floor 3 or 4 feet above ground. Keep the present height limit as is now.

Question 2

- University South (Plus Professorville)

stephen levy

in University Park

December 19, 2023, 2:19 PM

Question 1

1) Provide more incentives for new housing by a) extending the ECR focus area zoning changes to other areas like DTN and Cal Ave and b) ask residents to provide funding for low-income housing perhaps through a local bond

2) Pursue the economic development recommendations to a) add more housing to provide more customers for our local businesses and b) relax retail requirements so we can fill our vacant spaces with viable businesses like local services

3) Add more housing in DTN and around Cal Ave and elsewhere to provide environmental benefits by reducing the pollution, GHG emissions and congestion from long commutes and make more trips accessible by walking or biking

2024 City Council Priorities Input

What are the priorities you would like to see the City Council adopt for 2024?

Question 2

- University South (Plus Professorville)

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 2:26 PM

Question 1

- 1 Transportation - specifically safe bicycle travel
- 2 Affordable housing
- 3 Building and sustaining inclusive community spaces and activities for all: Cubberley, Cal Ave, Parks & Rec, libraries etc.

Question 2

- University South (Plus Professorville)

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 2:30 PM

Question 1

Improve the Palo Alto Link transportation.

Question 2

- Charleston Meadow

Name not shown

in Professorville

December 19, 2023, 2:32 PM

Question 1

- 1 Transportation-specifically safe bike routes
- 2 Affordable housing
- 3 Build, sustain and support inclusive community spaces and programs: Cubberley, Libraries, Parks & Rec

Question 2

- University South (Plus Professorville)

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 2:47 PM

Question 1

climate change resilience
affordable housing
natural resources protection
more equitable tree canopy improvement

Question 2

- Duveneck/St. Francis

Name not shown

in University Park

December 19, 2023, 3:07 PM

Question 1

Get rid of homeless people. Enforce the laws!
Open a gym in downtown Palo Alto

Question 2

- Old Palo Alto

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 3:10 PM

Question 1

Airplane flyovers. Including those at 12:30/1:30 AM.

ADUs that are built in backyards and are intrusive to their neighbors because they are too close, too high and block out light to the neighbors' backyards. It can uglify and lower the value of the neighbor's house. Shockingly ugly. There was a reason that the original 1950s setbacks were 15-20 feet and the daylight plane was an important consideration. Also. Some of the construction is sub-par.

Question 2

- Duveneck/St. Francis

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 3:24 PM

Question 1

More housing, especially the "missing middle".

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Question 2

- Greenmeadow

Charles Munger

in Crescent Park

December 19, 2023, 3:39 PM

Question 1

(1) (Hard) Replace the Chaucer street bridge over the San Francisquito creek to stop the repeated flooding (a problem now for over 25 years) of the Crescent Park Neighborhood. If we residents can't live in their homes, little else new the government of Palo Alto might achieve this year for us can matter, because we won't be residents any more. Yes, supposedly flood control is under another branch of the government, etc.; yes, flooding problems should not heedlessly be pushed to communities downstream; but if a city council won't even make it a priority even to fight to keep Palo Alto residents from being washed away, what use is it?

(2) (Easy) Abolish the Palo Alto Historic Resources Board. This *is* under the council's control. It vexes to be repeatedly threatened over the years with the HRB urging the adoption of onerous review and approval requirements on those of us seeking to maintain and repair our nice but hardly historic homes in Palo Alto, while over the preceding 25 years the government won't act---and I would consent to be taxed---to prevent those homes from being damaged or destroyed in floods. Are our homes worth preserving, or are they not?

It is also vexes to be threatened with those requirements only because we have chosen, without the advice, counsel, or assistance of the HRB, to preserve our 1930's home (despite floods) just as those who serve on the HRB would wish; while other residents who have knocked down such houses, or have modernized them beyond recognition, will for that very reason escape the HRB's attention. Are we to be punished for conduct the HRB considers virtuous?

If the city council chooses not to make a priority to prevent the recurrent floods, can it at least shut down this unnecessary board and leave us to cope with our problems in peace?

Question 2

- Crescent Park

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 3:48 PM

Question 1

Community Health and Safety

Question 2

- Barron Park

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 3:51 PM

Question 1

Roll back zoning laws and height limits that artificially inhibit housing supply. Legalize housing.

Question 2

- Barron Park

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 4:01 PM

Question 1

climate change, affordable housing, health

Question 2

No response

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 4:02 PM

Question 1

Economic recovery
Safety

Question 2

- Crescent Park

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 4:09 PM

Question 1

Reduce airplane noise, especially between 10:00 pm and 7:00 am. I have

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lived in College Terrace for 37 years and the past 5 years or so have been intolerable in regards to airplane noise that occurs all day long! It is hard to fall asleep when planes are flying over my house at all hours of the night and early morning and during the day there is rarely a break longer than 5 minutes when I don't hear planes overhead. Airplane noise over my house has ruined my quality of life.

Question 2

- College Terrace

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 4:29 PM

Question 1

Health and safety. For example, better lighting on streets and in parking lots, pedestrian/cyclist/driver regulation and enforcement. Periodic street closures with neighborhood activities. Safety and accommodations, e.g. showers, toilets and daytime congregating facilities for people loving on the streets.

Question 2

- Old Palo Alto

Name not shown

in Downtown North

December 19, 2023, 4:36 PM

Question 1

1. Protect the environment.
-The most effective way to do this is to limit population since a growing population always uses more resources and creates more pollution.
-Also you can pass a law that all new buildings and development need to be net zero energy, allow no gas hook ups and make sure that all electricity is provided on site via solar panels or some other methodology. If they can't meet the requirements, then they can't build it. Also force builders to account for and buy offset credits for all of the carbon produced for the products that they use during construction - from the the cement and rebar to make the building, to the carpet and glass they use to finish the insides. If this were required it would truly help the environment and not just be an empty priority.

2. Stop allowing builders to build giant buildings that are out of character for the city. Take the housing commission and the RHNA requirements to court. Sue them to find out why we they claim we have to let builders build when the state commission will not return our housing element in a timely manner. Are they in league with builders and holding up approval

so that builders can come in here and claim that they can build anything they want to because the city is not in compliance?

3. The city council should pass a law that they should not comment on national or international events that are not related to Palo Alto business.

4. Get the homeless off of the streets and sidewalks, make it illegal for them to squat in city buildings, stop feeding and caring for them. Send them to rehab or some other state.

Question 2

- Downtown North

Name not shown

in Midtown/ Midtown West

December 19, 2023, 4:40 PM

Question 1

Economic recovery for University Avenue, California Avenue, and Midtown (definitely included Midtown). Housing remains a must due to need and external pressures that will force action whether we are ready or not. Internal transportation needs of seniors and those trying to get away from single driver cars- Leaf is a good start.

Question 2

- Midtown

Russell Siegelman

in Old Palo Alto

December 19, 2023, 4:46 PM

Question 1

More housing, especially multi-family, and especially affordable housing, projects to be approved and built in Palo Alto.

Question 2

- Old Palo Alto

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 4:51 PM

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Question 1

Utilities costs
Spending
Traffic congestion

Question 2

No response

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 5:27 PM

Question 1

Control the budget, especially unfunded liabilities in the future. Maintain our streets, parks and utilities. Work with PAUSD and develop a plan for the Cubberly site. Identify realistic opportunities for housing without turning Palo Alto neighborhoods into San Antonio Road in Mountain View with high rise apartment buildings. Push back against State over reach on unrealistic housing quotas for Palo Alto. Please de-prioritize the long term virtue signaling on climate (removing natural gas!), human rights, and conflicts around the world - these are important issues but best addressed by other branches of the government.

Question 2

- Adobe Meadow

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 5:30 PM

Question 1

1. Affordable housing within 1/4 mile the city center under the "city of trees" canopy, near schools, transit, services. Housing near jobs, within biking walking bus.
2. Rent control,
3. Infrastructure : waste water, electric grid —
4. Housing department created who can synthesize and maintain wait lists and keep track of vacancies, bad landlords

Question 2

- Mayfield

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 6:45 PM

Question 1

Airplane noise

Question 2

- Greenmeadow

Name not shown

in Crescent Park

December 19, 2023, 6:47 PM

Question 1

In addition to the essential priorities of safety, traffic, railroad crossing management, affordable housing, responsible leadership please do not forget airplane noise to be continued on the priority list.
Thank you !

Question 2

- Crescent Park

Name not shown

in Midtown/ Midtown West

December 19, 2023, 6:57 PM

Question 1

1. Sustainability/Climate Action
2. Safety for vulnerable road users / Safe Systems
3. Housing provision

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 6:59 PM

Question 1

dramatic emission reduction (residents, business, government)

Question 2

- University South (Plus Professorville)

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Name not available

December 19, 2023, 7:52 PM

Question 1

- 1) affordable housing, affordable housing, affordable housing
- 2) railroad crossing decision
- 3) bike safety / safe routes to school
- 4) creative ways to embrace the cultural diversity of our community through community building events and activities

Question 2

- Downtown North

Zhenhua Fan

in Charleston Terrace

December 19, 2023, 8:01 PM

Question 1

Neighborhood safety
Education
Economy

Question 2

- Community Center

Name not shown

in Green Acres

December 19, 2023, 8:34 PM

Question 1

Airplane flight path noise

Question 2

- Greenacres I

Name not shown

in Midtown/ Midtown West

December 19, 2023, 8:37 PM

Question 1

Decrease obstacles to building tall dense market housing.

Question 2

- Palo Alto Central

Hilary Glann

in Barron Park

December 19, 2023, 8:42 PM

Question 1

1. Climate Change Mitigation
2. Housing for Social & Economic Balance
3. Making it easier for businesses to thrive in Palo Alto
4. Community Help.

Question 2

- Barron Park

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 8:49 PM

Question 1

Airplane noise and fine particle pollution from the planes headed for landing at SFO. Health and safety.

Question 2

- Barron Park

Tom Shannon

in Old Palo Alto

December 19, 2023, 9:33 PM

Question 1

1. Resolution on Caltrain crossings (especially Churchill and Palo Alto Avenue)
2. Resolution on high speed rail overpass/underpass designs.
3. Continue to lobby state to get El Camino repaved.
4. Quiet skies - Codify the night curfew 10 PM to 7 AM for SFO, San Carlos and Palo Alto airports. Raise jet landing altitudes above 6,000 ft. while flying over Palo Alto. Re-establish the Woodside VOR as the intercept for incoming traffic from the west. Move or eliminate SIDBY. Prohibit San Carlos jets and prop planes from flying directly over Bryant Street through Palo Alto at very low altitudes.
5. Improve Bicycle Safety throughout Palo Alto. Create safer bicycle crossings on El Camino. Currently very difficult to cross on bicycle

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eastbound from Galvez (Stanford) to Embarcadero Rd.

6. Resolve nightmare traffic congestion on Embarcadero Road at Town & Country Village Shopping Center. Suggestions - Rebuild Embarcadero to 4 - 5 lanes from railroad subway to El Camino incorporating turning lanes into Town & Country and Palo Alto HS. Consider a pedestrian/bike overpass/underpass from Palo Alto HS to Town & Country and eliminate the pedestrian traffic signal on Embarcadero Road.

Question 2

- Old Palo Alto

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 9:33 PM

Question 1

Protect environment
Birds, bee's & butterflies
Native plants

Question 2

- Duveneck/St. Francis

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 10:03 PM

Question 1

1. Airplane noise
2. Housing with social and economic equity
3. Health and safety
(I am submitting it through the non-OpenGov channel because even though you provide a lot of information about OpenGov and how it works YOU DO NOT PROVIDE A LINK HERE TO REGISTER WITH OPENGOV!
Rather serious survey flaw.)

Question 2

- Ventura

Name not shown

in Leland Manor/ Garland
December 19, 2023, 10:19 PM

Question 1

1. Reducing crime and improving public safety, including increased police presence and advocacy for holding criminals accountable
2. Getting our city budget under control, including pension obligations
3. Pushing back on state mandates, especially those leading to inappropriately large new housing developments

Question 2

- Leland Manor

Name not available

December 19, 2023, 10:31 PM

Question 1

Housing -- not just housing for social and economic balance. Let's say housing because we want to live in a city that values and welcomes everyone. Affordable housing generally refers to people in the low income bracket, or close to it. That should be a priority. But so many of the jobs that aren't High Tech engineers and executives pay modest incomes. You can be a 15 year, highly respected admin or coordinator at Stanford and make \$80K, which is well below the Santa Clara County median family income of \$180K. Those people make too much for affordable housing and yet they can't afford to live here either when rent for a one bedroom in Palo Alto is \$3400+. Palo Alto should be a place that welcomes those people generally referred to as middle class.

Economic Recovery & Transition - All this talk about taking away outdoor seating for restaurants is ridiculous. You can travel anywhere in the world, even places with weather that isn't nearly as nice as ours, and find an abundance of restaurants with outdoor seating. Palo Alto has perfect weather nearly year round and yet somehow this is something we can't manage. People clearly like to eat outside. It was the one blessing that came out of the pandemic. Why is this so difficult to make happen here? Mountain View, Los Altos, Sunnyvale all seem to have made it happen without too much of a problem. How have they managed any potential conflicts with the businesses, even with less parking? Why can't Palo Alto figure this out? Also, Palo Alto needs to find a way to attract more places like Mike's in midtown. This town doesn't need another place with white tablecloths and fancy meals. We need more casual places where locals can go hang out, eat good food and drinks (even if it's not transcendent or Michelin rated). We need to get Philz and Bills back in business. They served the same crowds I'm talking about, locals who want to go someplace down to earth and affordable. That should be a top priority. Palo Alto needs to prioritize bringing in businesses that want locals there, and not just locals from the North side of town, and not just places that cater to tourists.

Question 2

- Greenmeadow

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Name not shown

in College Terrace

December 19, 2023, 10:50 PM

Question 1

1. Streets/potholes
2. Train track/grade separation. We need this fixed. And "fixing" does NOT include closing off Churchill Ave, which would just exacerbate the impossible traffic situation on Embarcadero.
3. Restore local control on housing and density. I support affordable housing for teachers, service workers, etc., but I'd like us to push back on "builders remedy" and not kowtow to Sacramento.
4. I'm also concerned about Stanford's buying up residential property, especially in College Terrace. They tear down more affordable houses to build oversized ones, thus making our housing situation even worse. And— I'm not sure about this—I think there might be negative (property) tax implications for Palo Alto.

Question 2

- College Terrace

Name not available

December 20, 2023, 2:48 AM

Question 1

1. Denser housing near train stations -- can be expensive or cheap, and it can be 8 or 10 stories high.
2. Put the power lines underground both for aesthetics and for security.

Question 2

- University South (Plus Professorville)

Catharine Garber

in Old Palo Alto

December 20, 2023, 7:50 AM

Question 1

Actions to mitigate climate change

Question 2

- Old Palo Alto

Name not available

December 20, 2023, 8:59 AM

Question 1

Mental health preventative services for Palo Alto, specifically for youth.

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not available

December 20, 2023, 9:20 AM

Question 1

Economic development and a thriving retail economy in the local neighborhoods. Create vibrant community building activities and events similar to Redwood City and Mountain View.
Support for police to keep our community safe.

Question 2

- Crescent Park

Name not available

December 20, 2023, 10:28 AM

Question 1

The most important thing needed in Palo Alto is affordable housing. I have a daughter (23 years old) at home with me. She works full time and can not afford to move out on her own with what she makes at her job. The cost of EVERYTHING here in Palo Alto is unbelievable!! I am a teacher and am having trouble living on my income as well. I am also concerned about the traffic on Embarcadero! The increase enrollment at Castellja has made driving down Embarcadero impossible!!

Question 2

- Crescent Park

Name not shown

in Crescent Park

December 20, 2023, 11:06 AM

Question 1

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Improved infrastructure: streets, roads, creeks & bridges, RR crossings
Implement downtown streetscape & parking structure to: shore up retail, increase revenue. Stanford Shopping Center & neighboring cities are making us irrelevant.

Increase height limits on housing and commercial sites - mix low rent with market rent housing. All low rent housing segregates the community.
Council needs take action - deadly slow progress is the enemy of adjusting to the needs of the community.

Question 2

- Adobe Meadow

Name not available

December 20, 2023, 11:31 AM

Question 1

Get a housing element approved to escape from builder's remedy.
Move forward quickly with Newell Rd (and Chaucer) bridge replacement to reduce flooding risk.
Reach a decision about whether and how to alter railroad tracks.

Question 2

- Duveneck/St. Francis

Name not available

December 20, 2023, 12:03 PM

Question 1

Housing
Safety
Climate
Economic recovery

Question 2

- Duveneck/St. Francis

Name not available

December 20, 2023, 12:42 PM

Question 1

Please address the railroad crossings.

Question 2

- San Alma HOA

James F. Cook

in Evergreen Park

December 20, 2023, 4:01 PM

Question 1

Fixing housing / office imbalance; allow households to add electric appliances without penalizing them into higher rates due to high electricity usage; beautification of Cal Ave pedestrian segment; neighborhood signs to welcome folks into each different neighborhood - could be funded at a set rate by Council and let neighborhoods propose what they want; undergrounding remaining electrical distribution lines

Question 2

- College Terrace

Larry Klein

in Leland Manor/ Garland

December 20, 2023, 5:03 PM

Question 1

1. Climate change with particular emphasis on a sunset date for fossil gas service
2. Revision to rules for retail
3. Housing for all income levels

Question 2

- Leland Manor

Name not available

December 20, 2023, 5:34 PM

Question 1

1. Climate action and focus on sustainability.
2. Work to improve the building department so they are not so hostile to renewable energy and solar project in our city -- it's an embarrassment that a city with a demographic that is so favorable to solar is met by a building department that is actively hostile to solar projects.
3. Stop dithering and produce a workable housing plan that will be approved by the state.
4. Stop dithering and debating and produce a workable grade crossing

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plan so we can move forward with high-speed rail.

Question 2

- Barron Park

Name not available

December 20, 2023, 5:53 PM

Question 1

- Approve a permanent pedestrian/biking plan for California Ave (no cars between El Camino and Birch) AND invest in improving the pedestrian area.
- Approve more affordable housing near downtown transportation hub, California Avenue, El Camino, near 101 and San Antonio Blvd.
- Continue improving streets for alternatives for transportation other than cars (bikes, public transportation)
- Finalize a plan for the Caltrain electrification and crossings at East Meadow and Charleston without dividing the neighborhoods with high bridges for rail.
- Construction for new police station and East Meadow fire station

Question 2

- Adobe Meadow

Name not shown

outside Palo Alto

December 20, 2023, 6:13 PM

Question 1

Housing costs and climate change

Question 2

No response

Name not available

December 20, 2023, 7:39 PM

Question 1

- Toxic SFO/SJC airplane traffic noise
- Affordable housing

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not available

December 20, 2023, 7:56 PM

Question 1

Build LOTS more housing, electrify single family homes and phase out of commercial properties, make downtown a vibrant place for people (not cars).

Question 2

- University South (Plus Professorville)

Name not available

December 20, 2023, 8:47 PM

Question 1

complete Housing Element
affordable housing
senior housing
transportation / rides / shuttles within Palo Alto

Question 2

- Walnut Grove

Lawrence Garwin

in Community Center

December 21, 2023, 7:15 AM

Question 1

2024 Palo Alto City Council Priorities

(In no particular order, so please read the entire list. Thank you for your kind consideration of these suggested Council priorities.)

Continue focus on reducing climate change. (More detailed suggestions below.)

Roads:

Resurface dangerously bumpy bike lanes. Be sure they are kept free of obstructions, such as waste bins; the one by the high school that is

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eastbound on Churchill from Alma to Emerson is frequently blocked, forcing cyclists into the heavy vehicle lane.

Install and diligently maintain reflective paint, reflectors, and warning signs on all bulb-outs, medians, traffic circles, etc., that narrow biking and driving lanes throughout the city. (Car tire strikes have darkened or removed much of the reflective paint and reflectors, where there was any.) Currently, many of these create a huge hazard in that someone going straight down a street (particularly in the bike lane) can easily hit them without warning. Design future ones and possibly retrofit current ones to have a soft landing spot, such as a bush, for cyclists who hit these curbs and flip over their handle bars. (This is a serious suggestion.)

Review all roadway signs, starting with those along bikeways, that say, "Not a Through Street". Amend them, as appropriate, to say, "for motor vehicles" or "except for bicycles and pedestrians", as often there's a path out the other end. Make all signage throughout the city appropriate for bicyclists (and pedestrians, where appropriate), as they are legitimate road users and must be encouraged to reduce climate change, pollution, and the ills of sedentary living. Clarify, perhaps with CA DMV collaboration, whether bicycles are considered "vehicles" and have signage reflect this standard.

Air:

Enforce the existing gasoline leaf blower ban, expand it to be city-wide (not just for residential properties) and cover all landscaping tools. Make available a more effective downloadable flyer for folks to share with offending property owners and yard care workers. State the amount of the fine. Create a reporting tool for easy, anonymous, offense reporting. Have warnings sent out without the need for staff intervention.

Ban all indoor fireplace wood fires, as they destroy the air quality for blocks around the offender's home and are truly ineffective at heating the home.

Require all wood stoves to be low emission and fed with outdoor air; catalytic converters and pellet stoves allow relatively clean wood burning and outside air intakes substantially lower the emissions from burning wood in a well-sealed house and the air infiltration in a leaky house. Consider banning all indoor wood burning and further regulating outdoor fires.

Support building and transportation electrification to displace fossil fuel use, including evening peak-electric-load gas peaker plants.

Encourage the adoption of electric vehicles by people living in multi unit and rental housing by expanding and diligently maintaining publicly available level 1 and 2 EV chargers in the neighborhoods and DC Fast Chargers in retail areas. (Many municipalities very affordably install level 2 chargers on street light poles.) Require all remodels and new dwelling

units to be EV charger ready. Encourage/require work place charging (standard 120 VAC, 15 amp outlets are all that's needed for most commutes) to make use of the statewide surplus of solar energy during the day. Encourage/require solar photovoltaics near daytime chargers to reduce or eliminate the need for grid or building service upgrades to charge EVs.

Lobby the Federal government to incentivize maintaining, not just installing, DC Fast Chargers for long distance travel.

Install and encourage electric load shedding and power storage, including smart breaker panels and bidirectional electric vehicle chargers, whether behind the meter or municipally owned or contracted. Incentivize the former by providing rebates and introducing instantaneous two-way electricity pricing and a communication structure for customers' equipment to automatically respond to price fluctuations. (OhmConnect currently provides a limited incentives-for-load-shedding service to PGE and other utilities' customers; perhaps OhmConnect could be engaged to do the same for PA in at least the short term.) Educate local contractors and residents on how to install and use the aforementioned load shedding and grid storage equipment.

Aggressively encourage building electrification and natural-gas-free buildings by giving huge incentives to not pipe gas to new or remodeled buildings and large rebates to folks who do transition their appliances from gas to electricity. Progression: Increase the reliability of the electric supply to reduce resistance to giving up gas appliances such as stoves, water heaters, wall furnaces, and gas fireplaces that currently don't require electricity. Make no new gas connections. Ban installation of new gas appliances. Require existing gas appliances to be replaced by a certain date. Cap off older lines to prevent leakage. Cap off all unused lines. Stop supplying gas altogether or transition non-electrifiable needs to biogas, possibly supplied through the remaining gas pipeline network.

Reinstate a \$2300 or more rebate for DIY heat pump water heater installations.

Railway:

Follow the lead of other cities on the Peninsula by cost-effectively grade separating the railway crossings with a hybrid approach of raising the tracks and lowering the cross streets to go underneath. Be sure that there are low sound walls on the elevated tracks to protect the nearby homes from wheel noise. (The electrified locomotives will be much quieter than the current diesel ones, so tall sound walls are not needed.)

Question 2

- Community Center

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Name not shown

in Barron Park

December 21, 2023, 10:04 AM

Question 1

- 1) resolution of issue of Caltrain crossings at E. Meadow and Charleston
- 2) noise pollution from airplanes, especially between 11:00 pm and 6:00 am

Question 2

- Barron Park

Name not available

December 21, 2023, 4:02 PM

Question 1

Local shuttle service
Affordable housing
Senior housing

Question 2

- University South (Plus Professorville)

Name not available

December 21, 2023, 5:52 PM

Question 1

Downtown rejuvenation.
California Avenue auto use on a shared basis.
Grade Crossing Elimination
Airplane noise

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not available

December 21, 2023, 5:57 PM

Question 1

Climate issues
Crime & Safety

Question 2

- Crescent Park

Virginia Van Kuran

in Leland Manor/ Garland

December 21, 2023, 7:40 PM

Question 1

Climate Change & Natural Environment – Protection & Adaptation
Housing for Social & Economic Balance

Question 2

- Leland Manor

Name not available

December 21, 2023, 10:03 PM

Question 1

Focus on reducing crime and improving safety
Focus on increasing academic standards and promoting/rewarding/incentivizing excellence in public schools in addition to the usual equity agenda - equity is important, I think we can all recognize and agree on that, but I think the equity message has been hammered way too much down everyone's throats and what is completely lost is that we should be promoting and rewarding excellence and achievement - in the world of sports there are clear winners, and we celebrate them without shaming the others - can we do the same in our schooling and academics too please?

Question 2

- Greenmeadow

Name not available

December 21, 2023, 10:58 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

- Greendell

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Name not shown

in Evergreen Park

December 21, 2023, 11:08 PM

Question 1

I want city council to do whatever is necessary to stop "builders remedy" projects from happening. Please stop the Mollie Stone's 17-story tower project! I live 2 blocks away. We don't need more offices, and most of the tenants won't be able to go where they want by train. The traffic will be a mess and the construction endless.

I also would like to see fewer houses being bought by Stanford for faculty. This reduces housing availability, and Stanford doesn't want to pay properly tax. This will be a drain on our schools and community.

Can we stop Caltrans from dedicating one lane for buses only in Palo Alto? Buses passing along our section of Palo Alto are mostly empty. Can we get them to make emergencies patches to the pavement near PAMF?

Question 2

- Evergreen

Name not shown

in Midtown/ Midtown West

December 22, 2023, 12:17 AM

Question 1

Preserve the character of the city. Resist pressure to build higher and more densely with no provision for parking, insufficient taxes for schools and services.

Pave the streets, particularly those streets that have been torn up for fiber optic installation.

Enforce speed limits -- 25 MPH on Middlefield, 35 MPH on Alma & Oregon Expwy.

Enforce noise limits. Cite drivers with vehicles that exceed noise limits.

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not shown

in Old Palo Alto

December 22, 2023, 8:39 AM

Question 1

Reduce airplane noise

Question 2

- Old Palo Alto

Name not available

December 22, 2023, 12:21 PM

Question 1

Prioritize safe, alternative commutes for more people of all ages and abilities. Focus alternative transportation planning and community service spending on areas where housing growth is planned. This work must start immediately. Bureaucratically waiting for completion of the BPTP as housing projects move forward in the pipeline is unwise.

Prioritize big picture planning NOW to insure that appropriate facilities can be developed in areas where the housing element focuses growth. If future projects need bus transit on auto congested San Antonio, for instance, these housing projects will need to incorporate space for future bus duck-outs in their projects. If developers are counting on using San Antonio Road on-street parking for their tenants, then the city will need off-street multi-use paths to accommodate people who ride bicycles and walk to transit stops and other destinations (including school and the rest of town) safely. This all requires SPACE which means code changes are needed, associated with an area plan RIGHT NOW, before projects are approved, to ensure that the proposed projects incorporate space for future active transportation and transit facilities that they need. Once these buildings are built, we cannot pick them up and move them to make room for bus stops and bike/ped facilities. This comprehensive planning work must be done NOW. Middlefield and its San Antonio connectivity to MV and PA shopping, public schools and Cubberley Community Center (which also sorely needs improvement) should be part of this planning process. Further, East Meadow has seen some terrible injury collisions this year involving people who walk and bike at both ends of the age spectrum. This must addressed.

Prioritized restoration of the fire truck that serves this part of Palo Alto, the part of town with fire sensitive Eichlers was unwise--though politically easy, given how the City Manager quietly orchestrated the decision process as a budget choice. See article with comments from former Palo Alto Fire Chief about Eichler fire safety and consider that you eliminated fire service for the quadrant of the city with the most Eichlers. <https://www.eichlernetwork.com/blog/dave-weinstein/how-good-practices-prevent-eichler-home-fires#:~:text=In%20an%20interview%2C%20Palo%20Alto,Alto%20Fire%20Chief%20Eric%20Nickel>. With the recent engine removal, "water" now has to come from the other side of Embarcadero or cross El Camino Real AND the Caltrain tracks with potential major delays, depending on time of day. Staff will tell you that average response times are

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unchanged, but I challenge you to have them run tests to this quadrant of town at random peak traffic times of day to understand what delays might now be specific to this area. We need Council to elevate needs and solutions for areas of south PA that the city is densifying.

Question 2

- Greenmeadow

Name not shown

in Barron Park

December 22, 2023, 3:38 PM

Question 1

1. Climate Change & Natural Environment – Protection & Adaptation - this impacts our very survival as a city, as an ecosystem, and as human beings and should be our number 1 priority.

2. Community Health & Safety - this could include work on setting priorities and making decisions based on a common and long-term good.

3. Housing for Social & Economic Balance - obviously need for housing is urgent.

4. Economic Recovery & Transition

Question 2

- Downtown North

Name not available

December 23, 2023, 3:04 PM

Question 1

Airplane noise reduction.

Question 2

- College Terrace

Name not available

December 23, 2023, 7:47 PM

Question 1

1- Replace bridges on San Francisquito Creek without further delay

2- Design and build a bicycle & pedestrian underpass from Seale Avenue to Peers Park

3- Install more license plate readers on Alma, Oregon, Embarcadero and University.

Question 2

- Leland Manor

Mel Kronick

in Crescent Park

December 23, 2023, 10:08 PM

Question 1

I think almost all of the priorities from last year should still be priorities, although I would move housing and safety up to the top of the list after climate change which I would rank first.

Question 2

- Crescent Park

Name not available

December 24, 2023, 11:27 AM

Question 1

1. Fix the roads. Without roads people won't be able to enjoy what our lovely city has to offer.

2. Make it easier to start and run businesses in Palo Alto. Long, complex and expensive approvals and permits make it hard to want to start or continue business in Palo Alto. It leads to ever reducing quality of consumer oriented businesses like retail and restaurants.

3. Listen to your residents and small businesses. They know how to make Palo Alto a wonderful place to be in.

Question 2

No response

Name not shown

in College Terrace

December 26, 2023, 10:17 PM

2024 City Council Priorities Input

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Question 1

Community building after Covid
For all ages

Question 2

- College Terrace

Name not available

December 27, 2023, 5:30 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

- Southgate

Heidi Emberling

in Barron Park

December 27, 2023, 9:58 AM

Question 1

Family-friendly city policies
Entertainment for kids and teens (bowling, mini golf, etc)
A vibrant Cubberley Community center and school campus.
Full day high quality childcare and recreation preschool options.

Question 2

- Barron Park

Name not available

December 27, 2023, 11:28 AM

Question 1

Building more housing

Question 2

- University South (Plus Professorville)

Kirsten Flynn

in Ventura

December 27, 2023, 3:38 PM

Question 1

Lower the city's carbon footprint.
Dignified housing for economically diverse Palo Alto residents.
Preserve and expand green spaces.

Question 2

- Ventura

Name not shown

in University Park

December 27, 2023, 8:55 PM

Question 1

I would like to see improved safety and pedestrian and cyclist friendliness around University Ave, and particularly around the Palo Alto Caltrain station. There should be safe, well-lit routes to get to the Palo Alto Caltrain platform from University Ave that don't involve going in the underpass. Similarly, we need ways to connect from University Ave and the Embarcadero Bike Path to Palm Drive and Stanford by bike. Right now, getting over that intersection by bike is quite scary, involving negotiating with cars or pedestrians.

Question 2

- University South (Plus Professorville)

Zafarali Ahmed

in University Park

December 27, 2023, 8:58 PM

Question 1

- improvements for pedestrians around the university ave caltrain station.
right now walking through the underpasses is quite dark and requires walking through slip lanes
- traffic calming on the intersection of bryant and university ave similar to embarcadero road. this will make bryant the truly great bike blvd through to downtown.

Question 2

- University South (Plus Professorville)

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Name not available

December 27, 2023, 9:03 PM

Question 1

- i would like to see more pedestrian and bike friendly improvements into/out of the caltrain station

Question 2

- University South (Plus Professorville)

Name not available

December 28, 2023, 8:43 AM

Question 1

Road safety- particularly around speeding on Oregon and Embarcadero. The lights are timed horribly so people (particularly on Oregon) are rewarded by speeding. My kids cross it every day to get to Paly and it's terrifying!

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not available

December 28, 2023, 9:18 AM

Question 1

Better bike connections and bike lanes on El Camino Real and San Antonio Road to improve bike access to employer locations and new residences coming on those streets in both Palo Alto and Mountain View. Improve Wilkie Way bike boulevard by removing stop signs for bikes and improve traffic signal timing at Charleston so waits aren't so long for bikes to cross

Question 2

- Monroe Park

Mike Forster

in Evergreen Park

December 28, 2023, 11:19 AM

Question 1

Increase retail diversity (not just restaurants, nail salons, and fitness centers) - like Menlo Park

Streamline housing and remodel planning and permit approval processes

Allow and encourage neighborhood solar microgrids

Increase medium-density, medium-and-low-income housing along commercial corridors to help our homeless neighbors

Question 2

- Evergreen

Eric Nordman

in Old Palo Alto

December 28, 2023, 2:00 PM

Question 1

Start work on bike/ped grade crossings so alternate solutions are available before construction messes up existing routes.

Bicycle and pedestrian improvements for health, community, and well-being

Implement El Camino bike lanes, especially considering the significant volume of housing units coming that street.

Better bike connections and more bike parking at commercial centers and businesses

Question 2

- Old Palo Alto

Cherrill Spencer

in Barron Park

December 28, 2023, 4:13 PM

Question 1

Back in October 2018 the Palo Alto City Council passed this motion: Motion passed by Palo Alto City Council (9-0) on October 1st 2018 regarding an ordinance based on CEDAW:

Direct Staff to study and return to Policy and Services Committee with options for a City ordinance endorsing the United Nations' Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). Staff's work should include:

i. Affirming the City's commitment to the principals of the United Nations convention of the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women;

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ii. Discussion of the potential for a gender analysis, including potential focus, scope, and phasing of an analysis, and roles of City staff, the HRC, and Council;

iii. Policy and Services Committee should return to Council with a prioritization of one or two areas of focus;

iv. Priorities should be given to areas where the City can make the greatest positive impact on the lives of the women and girls in Palo Alto; and

v. Work generally within existing budgets, and City resources, and can accomplish goals within one to two years.

&&

That motion was passed over 5 years ago and still no ordinance has been produced by City staff. I and my fellow branch members of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom ask you to prioritize the drafting of this ordinance.

Below is a link to a United Nation's document that was signed by city mayors from all over the world. The commitment, launched under the banner of the Generation Equality and aligned with several blueprints of its Action Coalitions, highlights concrete action that cities can take in support of gender equality and ending violence against women. It calls for increasing women's and girls' meaningful participation, leadership, and decision-making power in cities and communities, and for the inclusion of women's voices throughout all processes.

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/feature-story/2023/12/city-mayors-make-commitments-to-advance-action-on-gender-equality-globally>

Question 2

- Barron Park

Name not shown

in Charleston Terrace

December 28, 2023, 5:59 PM

Question 1

TRAFFIC - This City's Streets are ----- INSANE! Unsafe, Unsightly, and intentionally inefficient.

Supposedly addressing "traffic calming" - Safe for pedestrians and bicycles? Really? Do you think you've achieved anything with this inability to design livable traffic 'control'?

I'm shocked that a city of intelligent citizens has the least Intelligent traffic flow of any of its neighbors.

What has been done to East Charleston Road should be a criminal offense. Truly horrid as well as inane.

Question 2

- Evergreen

Name not available

December 28, 2023, 7:38 PM

Question 1

Converting unused office space to housing to meet our required goal of number of units needed by deadline date.

Do not weaken building codes. No high-risers or increased density. Push for more ADUs.

Question 2

- Charleston Village

Arthur Keller

in Charleston Terrace

December 28, 2023, 10:12 PM

Question 1

Economic Recovery & Transition

-----Especially preserving local serving retail businesses throughout the City

Climate Change & Natural Environment - Protection & Adaptation

-----Focus on flood protection from San Francisquito Creek and the Bay that combined affect over 3000 homes in Palo Alto

Housing for Social & Economic Balance

-----Focus on adding affordable housing. Also when owners of affordable condos are faced with a request to vote on an assessment for their property, then invariably vote no; how about offering a loan from the City's affordable housing fund repaid with interest when the condo is sold for those who vote yes?

Community Health & Safety

-----Especially addressing crime (car break-in and catalytic converter theft), traffic safety, and mental health and wellness

Question 2

- Adobe Meadow

Name not available

December 29, 2023, 9:36 AM

Question 1

Prioritize fixing streets for bicycles.

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Overhaul the traffic light timings so cars do not have long stop/wait times with no traffic on the cross street.

Fix the street crossing buttons so that the response to a pressed button does not take such a long time.

Question 2

- Duveneck/St. Francis

Name not shown

in Midtown/ Midtown West
December 29, 2023, 1:05 PM

Question 1

Culture (Palo Alto Square movie theatre), bicycle/pedestrian safety, mass transit, population is aging, safe routes to school, small business, street tree canopy

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not shown

in Palo Verde
December 29, 2023, 1:24 PM

Question 1

Priorities: 1.) Build improved "complete streets" throughout the city, which are safe and comfortable for all users (autos, cyclists, pedestrians, micro-mobility users); 2.) Increase the housing stock to improve affordability and to help reduce the number of long-distance commuters in the Bay Area; 3.) Reduce the very high levels of automobile traffic during commute hours.

Question 2

- Palo Verde

Name not available

December 29, 2023, 2:46 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

- Palo Verde

Name not available

December 29, 2023, 4:46 PM

Question 1

Affordable Housing , traffic, health and safety. Police presence on our streets and parks.

Question 2

- Leland Manor

Name not available

December 29, 2023, 5:26 PM

Question 1

To keep what they have going on until they expand their priority span

Question 2

No response

Name not available

December 29, 2023, 5:33 PM

Question 1

More housing options

Question 2

- Ventura

Name not available

December 29, 2023, 7:30 PM

Question 1

High quality schools
Traffic and transportation
Transparency w govt and police
Affordable Housing for municipal workers
Infrastructure maintenance

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Question 2

- Crescent Park

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 9:10 AM

Question 1

1. Traffic safety: top priority - Pedestrians
2. Traffic rules enforcement
3. Neighborhood security

Question 2

- Crescent Park

Reid Kleckner

in Midtown/ Midtown West

December 30, 2023, 9:10 AM

Question 1

Legalize affordable housing: Eliminate regulatory barriers preventing housing developments across our city broadly.
Parking Reform: Join the parking reform movement by eliminating all municipal parking mandates, supporting our climate goals, reducing VMT, improving road safety, and shifting drivers to other modes.
Safe Streets For All: Prioritize staff time on designing and implementing safe streets systems that support active transportation and protect vulnerable road users. Design our streets for the micromobility revolution.

Question 2

- Midtown

Celia Boyle

in Barron Park

December 30, 2023, 9:11 AM

Question 1

Ban leaf blowers. I hear them all the time-the current reporting system Palo Alto has is ineffective. Please just hire a friendly person to patrol around Palo Alto to listen and then issue a warning for first timers and

ticket second/multiple infractions.

Question 2

- Barron Park

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 9:12 AM

Question 1

Deal with housing. I would say fight Sacramento and their stupid and unrealistic mandates for housing, but that's probably a lost cause. So focus on getting something done to get them off our back and yet not have any 15 story buildings, or 10, or 7 if possible. This should be #1 as it will have the most and longest effect and change to our city.

Question 2

- Palo Verde

Name not shown

in Palo Verde

December 30, 2023, 9:13 AM

Question 1

Warming Fabian and the intersection of East Meadow and East Meadow Circle to make the bike route and walking routes safer.

RV parking spaces for the otherwise unhoused so that streets like Fabian and East Meadow Circle are more appealing to businesses and citizens.

Question 2

- Adobe Meadow

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 9:15 AM

Question 1

1. Community Safety
2. Affordable Housing
3. Encourage development and vibrancy of commercial areas such as California Ave, Midtown, and Downtown
4. Easy access to mental health services for children and young adults

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5. Meeting places for young adults

Question 2

- Barron Park

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 9:17 AM

Question 1

I would like to see California Ave become a priority. Now that the decision is made to keep it closed, it needs to look more inviting and be easier to navigate. There are still a lot of empty storefronts. There should be an incentive to fill them with shops and restaurants. We could use a pharmacy in the neighborhood.

Question 2

- Evergreen

Name not shown

in College Terrace

December 30, 2023, 9:17 AM

Question 1

Train crossings, viability of our shopping districts, keep single family neighborhood single family

Question 2

- College Terrace

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 9:17 AM

Question 1

Health and safety, business development

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 9:17 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

- Downtown North

Name not shown

in College Terrace

December 30, 2023, 9:19 AM

Question 1

Affordable housing, climate change, public education

Question 2

- College Terrace

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 9:21 AM

Question 1

Long term financial responsibility, and keeping the character of Palo Alto neighborhoods

Question 2

- Palo Verde

Matthew Lennig

in Community Center

December 30, 2023, 9:22 AM

Question 1

Build a second public lap swimming pool. Since the pandemic there has been a sharp increase in the use of Rinconada pool. Let's build a second public swimming pool, preferably south of Oregon Expressway, to serve the southern half of Palo Alto and to absorb the increase in pool traffic.

Question 2

- Duveneck/St. Francis

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Osborne Hardison

in Greenmeadow

December 30, 2023, 9:22 AM

Question 1

1. I feel like a broken record here, but jet noise and low overflights. The city council has done ZERO about this since it first started to be a problem in 2016 when the FAA changed routes to go over Palo Alto on the way to SFO. The noise is crushing sometimes with large jets rumbling over the neighborhood here in south PA well below 3000 ft. Jets also spew out many toxic chemicals that float into our air and cause health issues to adults and children - how can we afford to sit idle on this? If you could deign to do ANYTHING tangible about this, it would be appreciated.

2. Mid-town small businesses are in poor shape. Mikes Cafe was almost lost to poor property management practices, and the the sad storefronts on Middlefield and Palo Verde are still boarded up with no plan in sight. Where is the leadership? The city council should stand for citizens and their places of business.

In summary, the council seems to be governed by those that are happy to be reactive but not proactive to looming issues and trends. Also the fact that there has been no progress on jet noise and pollution is tragic neglect.

Question 2

• Greenmeadow

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 9:22 AM

Question 1

I'm not that informed, but personally I would like to see Palo Alto be more family friendly (better multi-family housing, more emphasis on walking streets, like Bryant, and safer biking) and pet/walker friendly (fewer speeding cars that run lights and roll through stop signs, provide grassy areas for dogs to run in and more receptacles for poop, and benches for sitting on so older people can walk and sit).

We also to take care of the homeless and mentally ill, but also share this burden proportionately, not disproportionately, for our population size. I don't know how we are doing on this front, but I feel like we should be on a Peninsula coalition of Santa Clara and San Mateo County. I don't feel that I am living as a person of integrity when I live in my house and people are on the street. But I work and I count on elected officials to handle this.

I think we need more oversight over our school district. We have one

school board for elementary, middle, and high school, and frankly they seem to be causing a second school shift by continuing to "de-stress" high school, but it's causing huge problems b/c it doesn't recognize the issue of college admission. You should do a survey re how many kids take classes outside of the District or do programs outside of the District. Let's use our resources better and support the families that are here. This board may be OK for elementary, but it's not for high school and middle. You could also do a survey on how many families wish they could go to a school like Bullis or private middle. There aren't enough spots to make that happen.

Palo Alto is declining as a top district and this will impact us in time at the city level.

Lastly, Foothill is a gem of this area, and I don't think enough families take advantage of it. Can we afford a Palo Alto Adult School and Foothill? Maybe we can, but let's be sure all our resources are being put to their best use.

Question 2

• Duveneck/St. Francis

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 9:28 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

• Duveneck/St. Francis

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 9:30 AM

Question 1

Homelessness in downtown
Flood preparation and prevention
Crime and safety

Question 2

• Downtown North

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 9:32 AM

2024 City Council Priorities Input

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Question 1

1. Affordable housing.
2. Climate change mitigation response - e.g. flooding, extreme weather events
3. Manage down overhead costs

Question 2

- Sand Hill Corridor

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 9:37 AM

Question 1

SFO routed Jet nose 24/7/365 above our city is eviscerating our town's special atmosphere.

Question 2

- Palo Verde

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 9:37 AM

Question 1

Safety and traffic

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not shown

in Research Park

December 30, 2023, 9:40 AM

Question 1

- 1) encourage high density housing
- 2) fix roads, especially El Camino, which looks like a bombed road in Gaza at this point

Question 2

- College Terrace

Name not shown

in Crescent Park

December 30, 2023, 9:43 AM

Question 1

Top priority - CLIMATE CHANGE:

We are running out of time! The City Council needs to STOP PROCRASTINATING!

- additional financial incentives and mandates for converting homes to all-electric (we need a faster phase-out of natural gas)
- Require solar installations on all permitted home renovations
- financial support for low-income to assist with these conversions
- make the permitting process for all of this work more streamlined so contractors and solar installers will work in the City of Palo Alto (many solar companies won't)

Question 2

- Crescent Park

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 9:43 AM

Question 1

Airplane noise

Question 2

- Greenmeadow

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 9:45 AM

Question 1

A balance of amenities and recreation with housing. If Palo Alto wants to reduce the number of cars then the city needs to attract affordable retail, including grocery, and recreational centers. Since this only exists in surrounding cities or further away, cars are a necessity for life in Palo Alto.

Creating affordable housing without parking is discriminatory since many individuals in this class bracket need their cars for work, and there are many people with disabilities who can't ride a bicycle.

Creating housing without parking is anti-family. It is impossible to raise children in the Bay Area without a car.

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Question 2

- Midtown

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 9:53 AM

Question 1

Affordable housing. Especially affordable rentals for seniors who are not low income, but cannot afford the outrageous rents.

Question 2

No response

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 9:54 AM

Question 1

traffic congestion, noise, pollution, and huge trucks and construction noise in my neighborhood, more to come with office building currently going through approval process, too much in too small an area

Question 2

- Evergreen

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 9:56 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

- Midtown

Sally O'Neil

in Barron Park

December 30, 2023, 9:56 AM

Question 1

Low-income housing
Tree care and planting

Climate change adaptation

Question 2

- Barron Park

Name not shown

in Midtown/ Midtown West

December 30, 2023, 9:58 AM

Question 1

Unhoused
Low income housing
Housing
Crime

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 9:59 AM

Question 1

Reduce crime. Build safe community.

Question 2

- Palo Verde

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 10:01 AM

Question 1

Affordable housing and safety for bicyclists and pedestrians

Question 2

- College Terrace

Name not shown

in Charleston Meadows

December 30, 2023, 10:03 AM

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Question 1

Reduce crime. Build safe communities.

Question 2

- Palo Verde

Name not shown

in Midtown/ Midtown West

December 30, 2023, 10:05 AM

Question 1

Actions against climate change

Fiscal responsibility

Assist unhoused peoples

Food security

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not shown

in Research Park

December 30, 2023, 10:06 AM

Question 1

More high density affordable housing on transit corridors. More support for unhoused and underhoused members of our community.

Question 2

- College Terrace

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 10:06 AM

Question 1

Encouraging and approving more housing, especially high density housing.

Question 2

- College Terrace

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 10:10 AM

Question 1

Climate

Housing

Cubberley

Question 2

- Leland Manor

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 10:14 AM

Question 1

Support affordable and high density housing.

Combat bias in police force

Question 2

- College Terrace

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 10:16 AM

Question 1

Reduce pensions for city staff

Question 2

- Leland Manor

Name not shown

in Research Park

December 30, 2023, 10:17 AM

Question 1

We need more housing, especially more high density housing. The proposed development at Mollie Stone's is a terrific example of a project that should be greenlit.

Question 2

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- College Terrace

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 10:17 AM

Question 1

fix the roads! Old PA is supposedly one of the prestigious neighborhoods but all of the roads are in terrible shape. When will this be fixed?

Question 2

- Old Palo Alto

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 10:17 AM

Question 1

Increased housing density, more biking and walking infrastructure

Question 2

- University South (Plus Professorville)

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 10:18 AM

Question 1

Housing for low to middle income families.
Enforceable Housing Standards for Rental Units/Homes (standards around heating - not in wall gas heaters, rodents/pest control, roof leaks - not fixed with unsightly blue tarp for months, mold remediation, sewer line blockages/deferred maintenance) - requiring local property managers (within a 10 mile radius) and mediation for housing issues. I've rented 4 different homes in Palo Alto over 9 years - each built originally 1930-1950s and these homes need updates for livability to be compliant with State and Federal Rental Laws - too many times tenants are desperate to stay in Palo Alto for schools/kids/work and just move units to not cause a hassle that would reflect poorly on their rental reference. Landlords have gotten used to with high rental fees that don't reflect maintenance of the property.
Housing Construction Compliance - in every neighborhood that I've lived in people buy a house and retrofit the garage into living space without pulling permits. It is not compliant with fire code. It impacts the neighborhood with more cars parked on the street. They use construction vendors that use unmarked vehicles (not displaying their contractor license). It increases with square footage of the home without additional

taxes levied. The City needs to create a path for better construction compliance on these garage conversions.

City vision on High Rises - even Tokyo (another city prone to earthquakes) has areas of low rise only (under 5 stories) because they realize that High Rises are not the ideal design. The Molly Stone's construction proposal near the California Ave. train station is alarming. Pedestrian Safety - the pedestrian/bike tunnel under the train tracks at California Ave rarely has considerate bikers hopping off their bikes when pedestrians are present. Nearly everytime I walk in that tunnel, I have to listen carefully for the sound of bike tires behind me.

Safety - Town and Country/near Trader Joes and bike path - This area converges with homeless people - more security cameras are needed in this area for the safety of the Palo Alto High School students - which already had a campus lock down due to an armed person near the bike path (12/14/23).

Question 2

- Old Palo Alto

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 10:23 AM

Question 1

Housing and community wellness and safety

Question 2

No response

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 10:23 AM

Question 1

Economic recovery, especially California Avenue and Midtown
Limit size and density of new buildings
Pedestrian safety, especially danger from bicycles on sidewalks

Question 2

- Barron Square

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 10:29 AM

Question 1

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I would like to see city council support affordable housing for 2024. We have many individuals/families in our community that bring diversity and talent to the region who can't afford the large, exceedingly expensive single family homes in our area. Condos, smaller plots and other type of affordable housing are critical to making sure that our city retains what makes it so special. For example, Stanford University and other nearby colleges (e.g. Foothill, Palo Alto College) bring such a wonderful variety of people to our city - I'd hate to make it even more unaffordable for these individuals to live in the city.

Question 2

- College Terrace

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 10:29 AM

Question 1

Economic Recovery
Police/Safety
Improved civics education consistent with 19th and 20th century norms

Question 2

- College Terrace

Bob Hinden

in Palo Verde

December 30, 2023, 10:31 AM

Question 1

Come up with a practical plan to reduce carbon emissions, one that has a chance of being successful. The current focus on turning off the gas system won't work because it isn't practical for multiple dwelling buildings, commercial, houses with forced hot water systems, and will punish lower income residents. It would be much better to focus on transportation where emissions are higher and increasing local solar electrical production. The current policies discourage solar. The city could both require all multiple residence units to have EV chargers and create incentives for building owners to add them.⁶⁵

The city should move the majority of its Vehicles to EVs. I would like to see a real plan to do this including what the current state is. Similarly, how is the city doing to turn off gas to all city buildings? If it can't do this itself, it shouldn't be asking everyone else to do it.

Any plan to make the city more electric needs to first start with making the electric utility system more robust and reduce the number of outages

to close to zero. If anything it seems to be getting worse, especially as the weather gets works with climate change. Increasing local generated solar and battery storage would be very helpful in meeting this goal.

Accelerate the fiber to the home plan.

Question 2

- Palo Verde

Name not shown

in Old Palo Alto

December 30, 2023, 10:33 AM

Question 1

Revitalize University Avenue. It looks dirty, run down and unattractive. But the city always hires weirdo designers who design ugly plans for the downtown. No parallel parking. We could have been another Carmel. Instead we have some newer hideous structures.
Reopen California Ave. California Ave is ugly.
Pretty soon Palo Alto will have a rat infestation from all the dirty California Ave streets and restaurants. Boston had a rat infestation until they got rid of the outdoor seating areas overtaking the North End of Boston.

Question 2

- Old Palo Alto

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 10:36 AM

Question 1

Housing of all kinds

Question 2

- Crescent Park

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 10:46 AM

Question 1

Getting the homeless off the streets
Crime- home robberies, bike thefts, ability to walk the streets at night

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alone safely
General rundown state of El Camino Real- empty buildings, old vacant lots, slummy appearance
roads and streets in poor repair, especially El Camino
Water shortages, high prices for utilities
Dirt and garbage laying around the streets

Question 2

- Palo Alto Orchards/Monroe Park

Name not shown

in Midtown/ Midtown West
December 30, 2023, 10:48 AM

Question 1

These are brief comments after reading the progress reports on each of the 4 priorities:
Community and economic recovery- not sure what the financial benefits vs costs for fiber given already available services by commercial providers; support work on commercial cores and not sure if I saw update on this is the progress report

Sustainability and Climate action - on electrification, pls prioritize outage and blackout back up plans. Gas has been a back up for some but solar or other generator backup retrofits are very expensive

Housing for social and economic balance: fully support higher density, multi use designs such as those along El Camino and Cal Ave but am concerned about excessive projects submitted thru builders remedy such as the 17 story plan at Cal Ave and Alma

Community health and safety: curious as to whether uplift local and other weekly communications vehicles are being used to update on the priorities, or whether there is research on social media or focus groups conducted with the community regarding priorities. I see that this request has appeared to have responses from a hundred or so respondents which seems low

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 10:50 AM

Question 1

traffic safety

california ave and university ave
homeless issues

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not shown

in Community Center
December 30, 2023, 10:50 AM

Question 1

Housing, street repair, fix burned building on Middlefield Road in midtown. In other words, focus on real, everyday problems.

Question 2

- Community Center

Name not shown

in Ventura
December 30, 2023, 10:54 AM

Question 1

Thank you for asking. I am in agreement with most of the City's priorities for 2024 and have some ideas and questions to share.

1. Economic Recovery & Transition--How can we bridge the wealth gap?
2. Climate Change & Natural Environment – Protection & Adaptation--especially (a) planting of more native, drought resistant plants, (b) strongly recommended alternatives to lawns in residential and commercial properties, (c) more planting of "live and valley oak trees instead of sweet gum, maple, and other non-keystone or ornamental trees, restoration of creeks to their natural state that can be accessed by the community.
3. Housing for Social & Economic Balance--especially more (a) community engagement in each neighborhood via gardens, potlucks, (b) co-housing in existing single or multi-family residences, e.g. <https://radishoakland.com/> and <https://stfrancisrwc.org/services-programs/affordable-housing/>, (c) offer folks an option to have a fractional interest in the equity of their home for long term residents, (d) rent control?

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<https://www.investopedia.com/terms/r/rent-control.asp>
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/personalfinance/2023/09/05/federal-rent-control-laws-debate/70666376007/>
What is the Justice for Renters Act?

<https://justiceforrenters.org/>
The Justice for Renters Act proposes to eliminate the California statewide ban on rent control, empowering local governments to enact laws that could stabilize rents and prevent them from skyrocketing year after year. Additionally, the act aims to tackle one of the root causes of homelessness—unaffordable housing—by making it more accessible.

4. Community Health & Safety--especially earthquake preparedness, neighborhood emergency action plan with leaders, bicycle and ebike safety, reduced traffic via more ride sharing, more community health clinics and events, more American Red Cross water safety and professional rescuer classes at various pools, e.g. the Elks, the Eichler Club, the JCC, Greenmeadow, PAUSD middle and high school pools, easier access to quality healthcare for all.

5. Population Growth? How many people can Palo Alto, once a town, comfortably fit in its land area? The article at this link discusses the effects of population density.

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/hsc.13136>
(<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/hsc.13136>)

May the democracy in the US stay strong locally and globally in the centuries ahead.

I appreciate the City keeping residents informed about issues that impact us collectively and individually.

Question 2

- Ventura

Name not shown

in University Park

December 30, 2023, 10:54 AM

Question 1

Improve the health of our downtown area residents by replacing one of the gyms close to University. Reach gym and studio on High Street looks like it is now office space. The Zion Church (a historic landmark) that was a dance studio is now, in I believe a violation of code, office space and the two-story ADA-compliant building on Bryant and Lytton, which is owned by the City of Palo Alto and was previously Form Fitness stands vacant. Lease that building to a gym operator as there is no longer a general

purpose gym downtown and those residents must drive to workout.

Residential area parking continues to be a problem for downtown-area homes. Review the arbitrary round numbers of permits sold to non-residents in the downtown zones. For instance, in Zone 5 you have lost parking on Ramona for a block due to the restaurant "parklets" and Ramona by the Library only has parking on one side and that block has three huge density condos, with two or three cars per unit and only one space for off-street parking. On that subject, please reverse your decision to charge residents for a permit to park in front of their own homes.

Continue the social worker/ police officer team approach to dealing with people living on our streets and fully staff any vacant positions. There has been a noticeable decrease in the numbers sleeping and defecating on our downtown streets.

Review and change the proposed regulations regarding those residents who exercise their right to opt out of the new "smart meters", AKA time of use electric meters. The city will charge \$125 not to install a new meter and a charge of, as I remember, \$30 per month forever not to read your meter and require that you go outside each month and read and report your own meter readings. However, with PG&E there is a one-time charge of \$75 to opt-out and then a monthly rate of \$10 and that monthly fee expires after three years. The current proposal is clearly designed to punish anyone who does not want the steep increases in cost for using power during dinnertime on workdays. This will significantly impact retired residents and those who work at home. The city is requiring all electric homes as they transfer millions in profit each year from electric revenues to the general fund. Stop this "tax" that was never approved by the voters and reduce the electric rates for all-electric homes.

Question 2

- University South (Plus Professorville)

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 10:55 AM

Question 1

Lower property taxes and high density housing

Question 2

- College Terrace

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 11:00 AM

Question 1

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What are the priorities you would like to see the City Council adopt for 2024?

- 1) Maintaining and upgrading the infrastructure of the city.
- 2) Keeping the police and community service folks funded so they can keep the city safe.

Question 2

- Old Palo Alto

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 11:04 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

- Barron Park

Name not shown

in Research Park

December 30, 2023, 11:10 AM

Question 1

Please allow High density housing!

Question 2

- College Terrace

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 11:11 AM

Question 1

Homeless population especially in the old downtown area
Continue economic Recovery & Transition
Climate Change & Natural Environment – Protection & Adaptation
Housing for Social & Economic Balance
Community Health & Safety

Question 2

- Crescent Park

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 11:11 AM

Question 1

Housing- we need more multi family housing. This keeps Palo Alto a realistic place for families to live, not just the super rich or those who have inherited.

Road care - I have lost 4 tires in the last two years due to the poor quality of roads, especially el Camino. PLEASE address this! The quality of the road is horrendous.

Question 2

- College Terrace

Name not shown

in Midtown/ Midtown West

December 30, 2023, 11:16 AM

Question 1

The arts: performing arts and visual arts. Please support West Bay Opera who have had to keep reducing the number of operas they offer and the number of performances per opera. It would also be wonderful to have a decent performance space with a standard size stage and seating with better sight lines and enough bathrooms and a larger lobby. Also the Art Center struggles to meet demand and is still below its pre-Covid city support. It needs a larger facility to support classes for a fuller range of skill levels particularly in painting and printmaking, and it needs a larger facility: both adult painting and printmaking are forced to share a studio so you can't offer both at the same time. Also please pay more attention to midtown. We need some decent amenities and better commercial space for neighborhood restaurants and coffee shops and small businesses.

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not shown

in Crescent Park

December 30, 2023, 11:16 AM

Question 1

The council should focus on improving Palo Alto for its citizens.
Safety - crime, roads, traffic, cyber security, flooding
Sensible housing that retains or even improves the balance between population and schools, open space, traffic, water availability, etc..

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Adaptation to climate should be a priority rather than virtue signalling to other cities. If Palo Altons ceased using any energy it would have no impact on a climate that is changing. Act on things where we can actually have an impact.

Question 2

- Crescent Park

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 11:23 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

- Ventura

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 11:23 AM

Question 1

Enforcement of existing laws and city codes. There are so many laws and codes regularly being broken in plain site, seems like there is almost zero enforcement these days. Start by doing something about all the long term illegally parked RVs around the city. Everyone knows where these are and they all are in gross violation of the 72 hour parking limit as well as other laws/codes. The police website to report such violations says violators will be towed but I don't think that ever happens. Why not?

Since there is not much major crime in Palo Alto I would like to see the police prioritize lower level crime (car thefts, car break ins, bike thefts, cat converter thefts, package lefts, etc) that still significantly affect city residents. Saying that there is "nothing we can do" should not be an acceptable/allowable response from city police.

I would like to see prioritizing needs & safety of current & LEGAL city residents vs those that are not legal residents or people who aspire to be residents.

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 11:23 AM

Question 1

bold policies for climate mitigation and adaptation, being a leader for other cities to follow, including not just transitioning to electric, but lifestyle changes, like having plant-based meals at schools and beyond, and less air travel per capita in the city

Question 2

- Barron Park

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 11:27 AM

Question 1

Housing affordability

Environmental climate

Help the vulnerable in our community: our homeless, seniors, youth
Build community through events like the Cal Ave live music nights

Question 2

- Barron Park

Millie Chethik

in Evergreen Park

December 30, 2023, 11:28 AM

Question 1

Rebates for replacing gas heaters with heat pumps for multi unit housing such as condominiums.

Question 2

- Evergreen

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 11:29 AM

Question 1

Finally deal with the excessive noise caused by SFO arrival traffic. The City is not taking the health implications of the severe concentration seriously. Particularly, the large Oceanic flights late at night and early morning and the documented excessive noise on SERFR.

Question 2

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- Old Palo Alto

Name not shown

in Palo Verde

December 30, 2023, 11:32 AM

Question 1

Improving retail options - a lot of retail is closed and more closing.

Scaling kids and other facilities - it's impossible to find camps as they get filled up in 1 min, tennis courts as they are always full or other such community facilities. This is getting worse as more housing gets built and population goes up.

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not shown

in Midtown/ Midtown West

December 30, 2023, 11:40 AM

Question 1

Living on a fixed income, I find your utility charges to be extremely high. Obviously having just had to pay millions of dollars due to your overcharging customers, I would venture to say that your oversight of this particular service needs a bit more attention. Your refund to your overcharged customers is almost laughable (\$156.00 :)). All is perfectly fine to prioritize climate change and other environmental problems, but this is a service that would help everyone who lives in Palo Alto and is affected by this particular problem. To me this is a priority that should be up for discussion. It is a subject that you should be able to discuss and see where you could help the people of Palo Alto. Climate change is a world-wide problem; it will not be solved by some resolution passed by the City Council.

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not shown

in Downtown North

December 30, 2023, 11:46 AM

Question 1

- Increased housing around transit
- Finalize Cal Ave closure to cars so that temporary traffic mitigation is made permanent
- Increased staffing for community events like camp, swimming, and classes

Question 2

- Crescent Park

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 11:55 AM

Question 1

Less expensive utilities. Utility bills are hard to understand. Have videos how to read your meters.
More business friendly. Keep businesses in Palo Alto for local character and tax revenue.

Keep up the recycling bins but do NOT waste money on climate change or traffic flow.

City Council is spending too much money on itself.

Palo Alto is landlord unfriendly, driving up rental costs.

Question 2

- Palo Verde

Patrick Devine

in Barron Park

December 30, 2023, 11:56 AM

Question 1

More cycling and walkability, particularly along El Camino Real. Finalizing plans for Caltrain. Increasing density around our transit centers.

Question 2

- Barron Park

Name not shown

in Ventura

December 30, 2023, 12:00 PM

Question 1

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Although I recognize that we face more pressing issues, I would like to see the City address long-term illegal RV parking in and around residential neighborhoods. It is easy to conflate this practice with homelessness, the general Bay Area housing shortage, or post-pandemic recovery, but it is a separate issue and non-enforcement of existing laws is not a solution to larger social issues of this sort. RV dwellers should be provided with safe, clean, reasonably-priced locations other than public streets where they create problems of safety (for pedestrians and cyclists), hygiene, and sanitation.

Question 2

• Ventura

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 12:17 PM

Question 1

Climate Change - environment & conservation. Infrastructure. Transportation. Safety and security.

Question 2

• Midtown

Bitew Tisase

in Ventura

December 30, 2023, 12:39 PM

Question 1

Rent control and economy recovery

Question 2

• Ventura

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 12:42 PM

Question 1

Sustainability
Housing

Question 2

• Charleston Meadow

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 12:44 PM

Question 1

- (1) rein-in city staff and improve accountability of to our elected City Council
- (2) focus on the needs of current constituents, rather than the entire planet and an imagined future
- (3) re-set to more sensible and cost-effective mandates for grid build-out and natural gas phase-out
- (4) remediate aircraft noise and pollution
- (5) manage on-street homeless parking

Question 2

• Barron Park

Name not shown

in Community Center

December 30, 2023, 12:45 PM

Question 1

My recommended priorities for 2024 are:

2. Climate Change & Natural Environment – Protection & Adaptation
3. Housing for Social & Economic Balance
1. Community Health & Safety

I put 'Community Health & Safety' first, because Council has fallen far short of resolving the police and policing issues which emerged prior to June 2020, but whose importance only became 'clear' to Council following the march and rally at City Hall associated with the George Floyd murder.

The Alvarez incident, in particular, is unresolved. The City Manager, City Attorney, County DA, and City Police Chief sought to delay and obfuscate, and to portray the incident as attributable to a single individual (the 'bad apple in a good barrel of apples' tactic). Yet, several other incidents occurred in the same timeframe; and, those officers present at the Alvarez incident never spoke up about it, never reported it, never took a stand. Moreover, Mr Alvarez's 'penalty' was meaningless, for all intents and purposes.

Add to that, the City Manager's dramatic under-reporting of the participation in the June 2020 rally; and, his autocratic imposition of a 14-day curfew; prove that facts and evidence and transparency do not lie at

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the heart of the thoughts and actions of these 'public servants'.

It is therefore clear the City still has a police and policing problem. The culture in the Department, the mores and morays, morals and ethics, are deeply suspect. The legal mechanisms -- limited liability, contracts outside the public eye, and more -- still shield officers from appropriate public oversight, and make this citizen more fearful, not less, for his safety in this City.

If our Police Officers do not feel safe in the execution of their duties upon our behalf, then it is incumbent on we citizens, through our City Council, to provide them with the technology and training, so that not only can they be safe in that execution, BUT ALSO they do so with the full trust of the community.

PAPD does not, however, enjoy that trust; they are unworthy of it, proven by their actions, and by the actions of City staff and Council to perpetuate the status quo; officers do not serve the community first; rather, they serve their union/fellow officers first.

And that state of affairs corrupts every other priority action which Council seeks to adopt and execute.

Question 2

- Duveneck/St. Francis

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 12:46 PM

Question 1

Climate Change and Natural Environment
Community Health and Safety

Question 2

- University South (Plus Professorville)

Name not shown

in Palo Verde

December 30, 2023, 12:47 PM

Question 1

Extremely low income housing
Abandon fiber optic effort
Smart traffic lights everywhere
Repave all streets
Rezone all R1 neighborhoods for more housing

Enforce regulations for leaf blowers and stop signs.

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 1:00 PM

Question 1

Aspects that we can control and distinguish P.A. from surrounding communities are 1) the number of street trees & parks, 2) unique houses in walkable neighborhoods, 4) Excellent downtowns, and 5) education.

I find the trend of larger apartment buildings very close to the street as an excellent way to ruin what makes P.A. a spectacular town to live in.

Question 2

- Old Palo Alto

Name not shown

in Green Acres

December 30, 2023, 1:02 PM

Question 1

Good government - get back to the basics:

-) Keep electric power reliable (what's with the blackouts in recent years?) and avoid price increases.
-) Stop trying to ban residential gas unless the City is prepared to pay for the many \$10s of thousands in building remodeling construction needed to accommodate heat pump systems in 1950s and older era residences.
-) Get rid of costly virtue signaling such as BOTH paying for carbon offsets in natural gas supply AND still counting the emissions as a current unmitigated concern.
-) Stop any plans to spend money on grade separation in south Palo Alto. Caltrain has already announced it will not be increasing train frequency now or in the foreseeable future, and high speed rail will never run here. Grade separation construction and eminent domain seizure is thus an unneeded disruption with insignificant benefits and real drawbacks to residents.
-) Learn from the best practices evident in Los Altos' management of retail development. Los Altos has a vibrant restaurant and retail scene - learn from them.
-) Deal with PA's unfunded pension overhang.

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Question 2

- Greenacres I

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 1:04 PM

Question 1

- 1/ complete Fiber Internet throughout the city (our street still doesn't have it)
- 2/ bury power lines
- 3/ improve bike lanes

Question 2

- Downtown North

Name not shown

in Research Park

December 30, 2023, 1:06 PM

Question 1

Major: Build more high density housing.

Minor: Fix potholes on El Camino. Improve intersection of Cal Ave & El Camino to account for fact that Cal Ave is now closed (lights do not make sense and barriers are hard to cross with bike). Continue to invest in pedestrian friendly infrastructure on Cal Ave.

Question 2

- College Terrace

Name not shown

in University South

December 30, 2023, 2:15 PM

Question 1

Airplane Noise and Impacts - this includes SFO, PAO, OAK and SJC, fiber to the home, allow owners to opt-in to historical home status, strengthen climate change and sustainability goals and transparency.

Question 2

- University South (Plus Professorville)

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 2:46 PM

Question 1

Investment in biking infrastructure and parks

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not shown

in Midtown/ Midtown West

December 30, 2023, 2:47 PM

Question 1

Complete Caltrain electrification
Offer generous heat pump space heater incentives (not water heater)
Enforce leaf blower ban with a door-to-door information campaign with non-compliance consequence.
Lower electric bill rate for every electric appliance installed in a residence.

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 3:01 PM

Question 1

We would like to see Safety elevated and not hidden behind health priorities. We live in a neighborhood and townhome community that has experienced a great deal of burglaries. There have also been gatherings and car racing on Fabian during the nights. We'd appreciate a conversation around how to increase security for our businesses as well.

Question 2

- Adobe Meadow

Name not shown

outside Palo Alto

December 30, 2023, 3:02 PM

Question 1

2024 City Council Priorities Input

What are the priorities you would like to see the City Council adopt for 2024?

Affordable and transit-centered housing.
Climate change and mitigation of emissions (electrify everything).
Bicycle-pedestrian-traffic safety (reducing the number of accidents caused by motor vehicles by promoting other forms of mobility).
Support teachers, students, and the emotional well-being of school communities.

Question 2

No response

Name not shown

outside Palo Alto

December 30, 2023, 3:10 PM

Question 1

Stronger climate initiatives around Electrification

Question 2

No response

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 3:12 PM

Question 1

Truly affordable housing. Homeless housing with support!!!!!!

Question 2

• Midtown

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 3:37 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

• College Terrace

Bob Moss

in Barron Park

December 30, 2023, 3:38 PM

Question 1

Environment and climate change
Traffic and parking by commercial areas
Affordable housing
Crime, such as auto burglaries and theft

Question 2

• Barron Park

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 4:12 PM

Question 1

I would like to see an urgent response to affordable housing projects. It takes time to secure funding. The Council needs to move projects forward so RFPs are issued and projects accepted asap. Not in months or years. Locations need to be near schools, transportation, work sites. I hope you will encourage innovative architecture when possible too. Think future not past.

Question 2

• Old Palo Alto

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 5:08 PM

Question 1

Lowering crime/theft in our neighborhoods, homes, and stores

Question 2

• Old Palo Alto

Name not shown

in Crescent Park

December 30, 2023, 5:51 PM

Question 1

Train track situation
Housing

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What are the priorities you would like to see the City Council adopt for 2024?

Keeping California Ave. Pedestrian and Ramona St. as it is
Continue electricity conversion
Underground wires!

Question 2

- Crescent Park

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 5:58 PM

Question 1

Streets replaced and trees trimmed. Basic things to make our city look decent!!

Question 2

- University South (Plus Professorville)

Name not shown

in Community Center

December 30, 2023, 5:59 PM

Question 1

Acquisition, preservation, and conservation of natural resources, including existing and new parklands, and continuing to steward limited energy and water resources, discourage overconsumption, and support sustainability, including re-use, recycling where markets exist, and reduction of waste and especially plastics.

Supporting, encouraging, and incentivizing Palo Alto residents, and those who work, study, and otherwise spend time in Palo Alto, to care for one another, and for the natural resources in our city, including parklands, and community facilities.

Emphasize wellness, aesthetics, safety, functionality, and inclusion in navigating our city (views, clean and easily navigable paths, sidewalks, bikeways, and roadways, and parklands).

Question 2

- Duveneck/St. Francis

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 6:26 PM

Question 1

Affordable and attractive housing.

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 6:38 PM

Question 1

Housing, bike lanes, pedestrian friendliness

Question 2

- Sand Hill Corridor

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 7:11 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

- Adobe Meadow

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 7:12 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

- Adobe Meadow

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 7:36 PM

Question 1

-approve tons more housing

-make the permitting and inspection process easier and faster, especially for homeowners who are making climate change-related upgrades

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(electrifying, adding A/C to protect human health, etc) or adding housing in the form of an ADU. The heat pump water heater subsidy is great, but it means little if permitting and inspection make the project painful and drawn out to homeowners.

-improve pedestrian and bike safety. In particular, direct staff to prioritize fixing dangerous areas near schools and on Safe Routes to School. Maybe the Council could even ask staff for regular updates on problems reported on Safe Routes to School and next to schools and how progress is coming along to fix these problems.

Question 2

- Crescent Park

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 8:19 PM

Question 1

Traffic congestion on San Antonio Rd

Question 2

- Monroe Park

Name not shown

in Barron Park

December 30, 2023, 8:21 PM

Question 1

More housing- market rate and affordable housing are all necessary!

Question 2

- Barron Park

Name not shown

in Old Palo Alto

December 30, 2023, 9:53 PM

Question 1

1. Rail Crossings
2. Historic Preservation - education and new incentives
3. Environmental noise and air-pollution reduction
4. Neighborhood safety

Question 2

- Old Palo Alto

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 10:00 PM

Question 1

1. Stop narrowing streets and creating road diets; keep four-lane streets four lanes instead of shrinking them to two.
2. Stop throwing money at the homeless problem.
3. Keep El Camino 6 lanes for cars instead of shrinking it to four for bus lanes or bike lanes.

Question 2

- Palo Verde

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 11:23 PM

Question 1

Affordable housing
Environmental actions

Question 2

- Downtown North

Name not available

December 30, 2023, 11:50 PM

Question 1

Protection of Ventura neighborhood

Question 2

- Fairmeadow

Name not available

December 31, 2023, 12:12 AM

Question 1

In the long-term, I would like the city to prioritize high density housing and

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development for small, independent businesses (as opposed to chain stores). In the shorter term, I would like the city to prioritize 1) filling in the craters/uneven pavement at the intersection of El Camino Real and California, and 2) building out better bike lanes and infrastructure (eg bike racks) on University in downtown Palo Alto. Currently, cyclists taking the underground pedestrian pass have to merge onto University near Alma from the sidewalk, and it is not an easy transition.

To anticipate the counter argument about how bike lanes would hurt the small independent businesses I'd like to see more of: I would go to downtown PA a lot more if there were bike lanes! I currently prefer going to Cal Ave because it is a car free zone, and it is easier for me to travel there on bike.

Question 2

- College Terrace

Name not available

December 31, 2023, 2:08 AM

Question 1

Please update the outdated parking lot at the Cubberley Community Center and put a rest room in the soccer complex.

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not shown

in Duveneck/ St Francis

December 31, 2023, 7:00 AM

Question 1

Increase density for housing on existing multifamily sites. Currently we have apartment complexes that are under zoned and it appears the council is failing to up zone these sites because Greer is afraid his rent may go up. These existing multi family sites could double or triple in size and serve our community an important housing type that we desperately need. The notion that we cannot add to supply in a meaningful way is not served if we allow ourselves to only review one of projects. We need to green light more development by paving the road in places we already are comfortable with multifamily developments.

Question 2

- Crescent Park

Name not available

December 31, 2023, 9:07 AM

Question 1

1) Do not remove driving lanes from El Camino Real for bikes or safety. There is a perfectly good bike boulevard one block away that parallels ECR. If you must add bike lanes to ECR (which I don't think you do) then take away curbside parking and use that space for the lanes.

2) Merge ALL Palo Alto City neighborhoods in the the Palo Alto School District

Question 2

- Monroe Park

Name not available

December 31, 2023, 10:12 AM

Question 1

consistent building codes that limit height and size of new apartment builds.... 18 stories in Palo Alto??? That's insane. Also spread high density housing throughout the city...don't just stack them on ECR which will overburden Baron Park and nearby neighborhoods.

Question 2

- Barron Park

Name not available

December 31, 2023, 10:25 AM

Question 1

Access to city hall with a person to answer questions and direct people to appropriate persons. Reign in the city manager and make him be democratic. He is manipulative and the council needs to oversee him. The city bureaucracy is too large and expensive. Staff positions need to be rationalized. This does not apply to police where it is hard to hire.

Question 2

- Palo Alto Central

Name not available

December 31, 2023, 10:28 AM

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Question 1

Renewed focus on pedestrian safety in 2024, to avoid injury and fatal accidents. We see very few speed-limit signs for 25 MPH (the limit on most residential streets in Palo Alto). [Example: Louis Road from Loma Verde to East Meadow -- a long path along Louis -- has very few posted speed signs for the 25 MPH limit]. Blinking-yellow lights could be installed at selected crossings, as seen on Fabian Way. Parks with many visits by small children, school-age bicyclists, and pedestrians of all ages need more road signage and speed-safety features. [Examples: Mitchell Park and Ramos Park]. Post-pandemic, many cars are moving above the speed limit -- which can be easily observed during the afternoons and at twilight, and we need to avoid pedestrian accidents !!

Question 2

No response

Name not shown

in Midtown/ Midtown West
December 31, 2023, 10:39 AM

Question 1

Please open City Hall as it was before Covid. We need access to our elected officials to get information easily and discuss and resolve issues. Right now, there is no access to get things accomplished!

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not available

December 31, 2023, 11:07 AM

Question 1

Economic Recovery & Transition
Housing for Social & Economic Balance
Community Health & Safety
Climate Change & Natural Environment – Protection & Adaptation

Question 2

- Palo Verde

Larry Cheng

in Palo Verde
December 31, 2023, 11:10 AM

Question 1

Revitalize South PA community / commercial spaces along Middlefield, like the Loma Verde corner center, and midtown shopping district.

Question 2

- Palo Verde

Name not available

December 31, 2023, 1:20 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

- Duveneck/St. Francis

Name not shown

in Community Center
December 31, 2023, 1:22 PM

Question 1

* Continue to accelerate, to a higher level than current outlook, climate action plans.
* Make lower-cost housing more available, especially to those who provide essential services here in our community
* Strengthen and focus on the importance of civics education, as well as the core ethic of compassion, for our youth and how to appreciate, improve and preserve core institutions on which our democracy depends. The intensity of this focus needs to be at least at the same level as our focus on science and technology.

Question 2

- Duveneck/St. Francis

Name not shown

in Charleston Meadows
December 31, 2023, 1:38 PM

Question 1

Keep the neighborhood fabric at all the shopping centers, with services and grocery stores - no high rises. grade separations decided and implemented Cubberley's improvements.

2024 City Council Priorities Input

What are the priorities you would like to see the City Council adopt for 2024?

Question 2

- Charleston Meadow

Name not shown

in Midtown/ Midtown West

December 31, 2023, 1:50 PM

Question 1

I'd like the City to prioritize pedestrian & cyclist safety, and designing roads for safety over speed. There are few things more important than making sure our kids are safe walking & biking to school.

So far, the Office of Transportation's response to community safety concerns has not been reassuring - it takes months and various escalations to get a response to 311 tickets and even then, the responses dismiss the suggestions without visiting the site or doing any investigation. It'd be great to see the Office of Transportation be more receptive to community input and to take action in response to those concerns.

Also, I'd like to commend City Council for its response to the Middle East conflict, focusing on supporting citizens here in the community and condemning both terrorism and Antisemitism/Islamophobia. I appreciate this support and the Council's focus on our local community, without getting involved in divisive resolutions on international affairs.

Thank you so much for your service to the City!

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not available

December 31, 2023, 2:04 PM

Question 1

- Revive businesses on El Camino in south Palo Alto
- Get going on permanent pedestrian only set-up of California Ave
- Get going on revitalization of Fry's complex in Ventura
- Get going on redevelopment of Cubberley community center

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not shown

in Downtown North

December 31, 2023, 2:13 PM

Question 1

Environment, schools improvement, taxation (increase taxes)

Question 2

- Downtown North

Name not available

December 31, 2023, 2:14 PM

Question 1

My #1 priority = build more homes in Palo Alto. I personally am at risk of being priced out of the city, where my wife and I have lived for nine years and raised two children. The city should change its zoning and other laws to remove barriers to building more homes. For example, the city should raise the limits on height and floor-area ratio, eliminate the limit on density, eliminate the requirement of parking, reduce impact and other fees, and streamline the approval process.

Question 2

- University South (Plus Professorville)

George Lu

in Evergreen Park

December 31, 2023, 2:16 PM

Question 1

1. Development office

We need a cohesive approach to development across city-owned parking lots, Cubberly, etc.. To get really high quality developments (with affordable housing, retail, open space, and parking), we should start exploring grants or private partnerships now.

2. South Palo Alto investment

We should acquire land for a park, and explore opportunities to maximize trees + improve air quality. We should plan for buses, bike lanes, school access, etc..

3. Road safety (for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers)

We should adopt an ambitious but feasible Vision Zero plan. There are two ongoing efforts (Safe Streets for All; Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan). We can focus these efforts with a concrete Vision

2024 City Council Priorities Input

What are the priorities you would like to see the City Council adopt for 2024?

Zero goal and accelerate investment in infrastructure, education, etc..

4. Climate change

Climate change is one of the few areas where the city has ambitious, metric-based goals with a deadline. We should stick with our commitments!

Question 2

- Mayfield

Name not available

December 31, 2023, 2:25 PM

Question 1

I would like to see the car-less revitalization of Cal Ave and the encouragement of high-density housing.

Question 2

- College Terrace

Thomas Rindfleisch

in Crescent Park

December 31, 2023, 2:37 PM

Question 1

I think the 2023 priorities continue to be important and relevant. Under Community Health and Safety, I strongly urge adding completion of the Reach 2 flood control plans for San Francisquito Creek (creek region from Hwy 101 to Pope-Chaucer bridge). We are 25 years out from the 1998 flood of record and 1 year out from the New Year's Eve flood of 2022 (second largest flood of record). Palo Alto has direct responsibility for upgrading the Newell Road bridge and joint responsibility with the SFC Joint Powers Authority, Santa Clara County, San Mateo County, Menlo Park, and East Palo Alto for the rest of Reach 2. Having so many agencies involved without a single responsible and technically capable lead and with so many changes in representative personnel from year to year means the loss of a sense of urgency. There is no perfect solution that will protect all creek-influenced residents from all future floods, especially in the face of increasing climate change effects. However, there are ways to reduce the risk for all creek residents substantially and, because over 1500 homes in Crescent Park, Menlo Park, and East Palo Alto are threatened during every winter rainy season, Palo Alto must prioritize working aggressively with neighboring agencies to solve the technical, financial, and political impediments to flood risk reduction.

Question 2

- Crescent Park

Name not available

December 31, 2023, 2:40 PM

Question 1

Equity in facilities among the schools, especially addressing the disparities between Gunn and Paly for sports.

Question 2

- Meadow Park

Name not shown

in Palo Verde

December 31, 2023, 2:43 PM

Question 1

Ped/bike improvements

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not available

December 31, 2023, 2:53 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

- Charleston Garden/Greenhouse

Name not available

December 31, 2023, 2:58 PM

Question 1

Road repair on El Camino.

Listen to input from citizens about road configuration changes.

Make all traffic lights intelligent to reduce emissions

2024 City Council Priorities Input

What are the priorities you would like to see the City Council adopt for 2024?

Balance the budget
Evenly distribute low income/high density house. Don't just put it in the south end of the city. There is enough traffic congestion as it is.
Charleston now one lane and San Antonio impacted by hotels and high density housing in Mt View.

Question 2

- Charleston Garden/Greenhouse

Name not shown

in Barron Park
December 31, 2023, 4:22 PM

Question 1

Please consider those of us who have lived in Barron Park forever. and moved here originally for the rural aspect... It's currently very difficult to even get out of Barren Park onto El Camino, without adding such a HUGE amount of apartment units. I would ask each of the counsel members how they would feel, having two HUGE apartment complexes next to their houses.

Question 2

- Barron Park

Name not available

December 31, 2023, 4:48 PM

Question 1

Repairing the roads and sidewalks. Being sure our schools are the best in the nation. Keeping a watch on anti-semitism. Making sure our "downtowns" are thriving. Affordable housing.

Question 2

- Miranda

Name not available

December 31, 2023, 7:09 PM

Question 1

1. Progress on grade separate rail crossings
2. Interim solutions of quiet zones and improved safety for bikes and peds

- (especially students) at rail crossings
3. Overall community health and safety
4. Investment in community benefits like parks and libraries

Question 2

- Old Palo Alto

Name not available

December 31, 2023, 9:13 PM

Question 1

Build 6,000 units of 80 percent low income hot NOW!

Question 2

- Old Palo Alto

Jeraldine Johnson

in University South
December 31, 2023, 9:28 PM

Question 1

Equitable Housing

Question 2

- University South (Plus Professorville)

Name not available

December 31, 2023, 10:20 PM

Question 1

Choose Railroad grade separation options and move forward, zone for denser housing, increase road safety for bikers and pedestrians

Question 2

- Duveneck/St. Francis

Name not available

January 1, 2024, 12:29 AM

Question 1

2024 City Council Priorities Input

What are the priorities you would like to see the City Council adopt for 2024?

More housing near transit and businesses
Safer streets for pedestrians and bicyclists
Grants/programs to encourage new small retail businesses + incentives for property owners to rent to them

Question 2

- College Terrace

Name not available

January 1, 2024, 5:39 AM

Question 1

Please make the heat pump water heater program successful. Palo Alto is a leader in converting a community to electric water heaters, and we will set an example for many other communities. Let's set a good example. Thanks!
Matt Schlegel

Question 2

- Duveneck/St. Francis

Name not available

January 1, 2024, 7:47 AM

Question 1

Housing, housing, housing. Affordable. Mixed-used.

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not available

January 1, 2024, 8:09 AM

Question 1

Traffic, Safety, Focus on new housing on El Camino (Page Mill Square?) not throughout neighborhoods, Fixing up Cal Ave (I'm ok making it pedestrian only, but make it nicer)

Question 2

- Adobe Meadow

Andrea Allais

in University South

January 1, 2024, 9:05 AM

Question 1

The first priority should be allowing the construction of more homes, especially near the train stations and other transit. At a minimum embracing state law, and ideally going beyond. We owe it to the people that have lost their home, those that have been displaced, and those that endure brutal commutes to service our community.

Question 2

- University South (Plus Professorville)

Name not shown

outside Palo Alto

January 1, 2024, 10:15 AM

Question 1

Reliable, free internet, wifi service. We do live in the heart of Silicon Valley, after all.

Question 2

- Evergreen

Name not shown

in Barron Park

January 1, 2024, 10:51 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

- Barron Park

Name not available

January 1, 2024, 12:20 PM

Question 1

No response

2024 City Council Priorities Input

What are the priorities you would like to see the City Council adopt for 2024?

Question 2

• Midtown

Jennifer Landesmann

in Crescent Park

January 1, 2024, 1:20 PM

Question 1

Thank you Council for your direction last year to pursue ways for the City's Annual Priority Setting Process to have a more strategic approach and process, and for adopting the set of values to help guide in decision making. Thank you also to staff for the recommendation at the December P&S Committee to focus on deeper discussion of strategies to advance each of the priority areas. Having key performance indicators will address the reality that some priority areas are multi-year issues that can also last longer than Council member terms.

I would like to see Airplane Noise and the SFCJPA San Francisquito Creek project (namely channel pinch point widening; top-of-bank integrity and flood wall improvements, and Newell and Pope-Chaucer bridge replacements) to have performance indicators and performance reports to residents. Outlining the specific objectives that have been agreed to at the SFCJPA, criteria, milestones, challenges and opportunities, and the time line for completion must be accelerated because we are 25 years out from the 1998 flood of record and are still waiting for a fix to Reach 2 (Hwy 101 to the P-C bridge). During the Dec P&S meeting, the City's lobbyist said that they can carry out forensic analysis for grant opportunities, and while staff noted that the creek project and funding is done via the SFCJPA, Councilmember Stone is the principal City representative to the SFCJPA board and Councilmember Kou is his backup. The Crescent Park and Duveneck/St. Francis neighborhoods are severely affected whenever there is a flood (1998 and latest New Year's Eve 2022). It is urgent that Palo Alto complete the upgrade of the Newell Road bridge and instill an ongoing sense of urgency through its membership on the SFCJPA board to complete other aspects of the Reach 2 project. It seems like a very good idea for the city's lobbyist to support Council representation on the issue with analysis in 2024 on the grant elements in parallel.

Airplane noise from SFO, OAK, and SJC is especially due for Council and Community Engagement. In particular the value of transparency has been missing because this priority topic has not made the PACC Action Agenda or a Council Committee in over three years (except as a study session in 2022 that explicitly is not meant for Council motions or action). Last year's priority setting process raised the idea of having a Council Ad Hoc Airplane Noise Committee which has not enjoyed further Council deliberation, direction or updates to the community since. Furthermore, there are some Council votes from past years that are not being fulfilled with the transparency that the community had intended they would have; these need your review to see if these Council directions from prior years

need to change or be amended so that the policies are clearer for residents, as to their purpose and how they are to be followed to better match community understanding or prior Council direction about these policies.

Where possible please consider using health and environmental hazards studies to complement the City's survey which cannot track this type of information. On airplane noise, the City is aware of the national survey of 10,000 residents near 20 representative airports (including SJC) that revealed that aircraft noise is the most bothersome of all transportation noise and the population affected is an order of magnitude greater than previously considered. This is for self-reported noise or annoyance. The World Health Organization has another body of data to support that health effects from cumulative aircraft noise and night time aircraft noise are the most deleterious. Residents have been awaiting City and regional follow up on a Select Committee and FAA recommendation for a program to address nighttime noise (for the MidPeninsula). Part of this program relies on having accurate data and analysis of the intrusive night flights affecting Palo Alto. Community Health and Safety, critical for protecting the youngest, elderly and most vulnerable relies on environmental data and analysis, to support managing these concerns, and to adequately report to the public. Thank you again for taking a strategic approach to achieve steps where the City can be proactive to address these concerns.

Question 2

• Crescent Park

Baq Haidri

in Southgate

January 1, 2024, 1:39 PM

Question 1

Adding more affordable housing to make it more vibrant and accessible to a diversity of people and reduce climate change from commuting.

Question 2

• Southgate

Name not available

January 1, 2024, 2:31 PM

Question 1

Putting a wall between the city and the 101 along west bayshore road. Be more friendly to small businesses

2024 City Council Priorities Input

What are the priorities you would like to see the City Council adopt for 2024?

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not available

January 1, 2024, 3:25 PM

Question 1

encourage high density housing

Question 2

- College Terrace

Name not available

January 1, 2024, 3:50 PM

Question 1

Traffic control (where are the cops along Alma, for examplr maintaining neighborhood character...stop overdevelopment

Question 2

- Charleston Meadow

Name not shown

in Research Park

January 1, 2024, 7:42 PM

Question 1

More housing (and especially more affordable housing) along transportation corridors.

Question 2

- College Terrace

Name not shown

in Charleston Terrace

January 1, 2024, 8:44 PM

Question 1

Rail crossing grade separation

Question 2

- Adobe Meadow

Name not available

January 2, 2024, 2:28 AM

Question 1

Removing homeless encampments

Question 2

- Greenacres I

Name not shown

in Green Acres

January 2, 2024, 2:53 AM

Question 1

Loosen up zoning restrictions to allow for more redevelopment, especially hight and density limits. Remove minimum parking requirements completely, let's build for people and not for cars. Invest in car-free transportation options: last mile solutions like rentable bicycles and scooters, etc. Subsidize affordable housing. Work with developers and not against them to become a more car-independent city that looks to the future, becomes more sustainable, and looks to undo/compensate some of the wrongs that have been done by pricing/keeping people out.

Question 2

- Greenacres I

Name not available

January 2, 2024, 8:32 AM

Question 1

The top priority must be to prevent and to address homelessness by swiftly creating more deeply affordable homes, including safe supportive homes with services for those in need. Creating more affordable homes soon for the local workforce with rent stabilization protections is also a very important priority. Addressing climate change by taking corrective actions and helping residents and businesses take corrective actions soon should also be prioritized.

Question 2

2024 City Council Priorities Input

What are the priorities you would like to see the City Council adopt for 2024?

- University South (Plus Professorville)

Name not available

January 2, 2024, 9:35 AM

Question 1

Bus shelters with lighting and good amenities are needed for more bus stops on Middlefield. There is only one at Midtown (Southbound at Colorado and Middlefield). Priority should be given to Loma Verde and Middlefield (both directions), Midtown (Northbound), Mitchell Park/CARR (Southbound), and Charleston/Middlefield (North and Southbound). Lots of riders are waiting in the hot sun or the pouring rain. If you're serious about people taking public transit, making it more pleasant to wait up to 30 minutes would be a good start.

Question 2

- Fairmeadow

Name not available

January 2, 2024, 10:35 AM

Question 1

I'd like University to be closed to traffic. Assuming that won't happen, please rethink the placement of the bike lanes. They should be protected from car traffic- bike lanes should be next to the sidewalks (paved differently to distinguish lanes/ped areas) with street parking next to car traffic. I don't agree with the proposed traffic lanes abutting the bike lanes with cars crossing the bike lane to get to street parking. Thanks!!

Question 2

- Palo Verde

Name not shown

in Southgate

January 2, 2024, 10:51 AM

Question 1

Grade separation for rail crossings
Improved bike safety and separation of bikes from cars
Rejuvenation of ailing street trees
Increased incentives for sustainability actions (energy efficiency, electrification, grass replacement, reduced waste)

Question 2

- Southgate

Name not available

January 2, 2024, 11:38 AM

Question 1

More housing and real estate density near transit, jobs, and businesses. Safer, more usable, and more connected bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure

Question 2

- Evergreen

Name not shown

in Midtown/ Midtown West

January 2, 2024, 3:27 PM

Question 1

Allow dramatically more housing to be built by removing barriers to development (height requirements, density requirements, long review processes, and zoning restrictions)

Question 2

- Midtown

Name not shown

in Palo Verde

January 2, 2024, 3:31 PM

Question 1

Housing, especially in areas around transit nodes. Retain rental "courts" with 4 to 6 houses clustered together that were built in the 20th century. Also, climate change, with rising water levels in creeks and the bay. I like the Link shuttle.

Question 2

- Palo Alto Central

Avroh Shah

2024 City Council Priorities Input

What are the priorities you would like to see the City Council adopt for 2024?

in Community Center
January 2, 2024, 6:56 PM

Question 1

I would like the City Council to prioritize s/cap goals, working towards a sustainable future. Establish a sunset date for natural gas and continue work on housing projects.

Question 2

- Community Center

Name not shown

in Duveneck/ St Francis
January 2, 2024, 9:13 PM

Question 1

Protect community health and the environment by significantly reducing lead emissions and noise pollution from planes using Palo Alto Airport.

Question 2

No response

Meredith Slaughter

in University Park
January 2, 2024, 10:19 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

- University South (Plus Professorville)