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## Carlton voted on Facebook project while holding shares

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

In November 2016, Menlo Park City Councilwoman Catherine Carlton gave her stamp of approval to two major projects that granted Facebook massive development rights, giving the social media company permission to build more than a million square feet of office space with a hotel and rezoning over 50 acres of the company's property, thereby paving the way for Facebook to later propose its "Willow Village," the city's largest-ever development.

Those votes may also represent serious political ethics violations, public documents reveal.

On Sept. 14 of that same year, two months before Carlton bestowed the ayes that bolstered Facebook's interests — and, she says, unbeknownst to her — an independent financial adviser purchased between \$10,001 and \$100,000 in Facebook stock for Catherine Carlton's husband's investment portfolio.

She says she didn't know she owned the shares until the following spring, around the end

of March, when she went to complete her Form 700, a document mandated by the state Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) that requires elected officials to disclose their assets and economic interests in order to flag possible conflicts of interest.

"Neither my husband nor I knew that his independent financial adviser purchased (Facebook) stock for his investment portfolio until I got the report for my form 700," she said in a written statement.

When she found out about it, she said, she informed the city attorney and sold the stock.

"It's not a big deal," she told The Almanac.

Carlton did not immediately respond to a request for more specificity about when the shares were sold, indicating only that they were sold "sometime in 2017." The form doesn't provide that information.

The FPPC form requires elected officials to check a box indicating the range of the investment value. Carlton checked the box indicating that the value of the Facebook shares her

husband owned was between \$10,001 and \$100,000, the second-lowest of four categories of investment values officials must report.

Carlton also did not immediately provide specific information about how much money her husband's adviser had invested in Facebook.

"It wasn't that much," she said, estimating it was closer to the lower side of the reported range, but noting, "I have no idea."

In the roughly seven months between the time the stocks were purchased and the reported date Carlton's Form 700 was filed with the city, April 3, 2017, Facebook shares rose in value by 11.3 percent.

After initially reporting that her husband had lost money on the stock, she later corrected her statement: Her husband made \$5,500 on his Facebook stock, she said.

Carlton told The Almanac she sent a letter to the FPPC about the conflict in addition to filing her Form 700 report.

At the time The Almanac interviewed her, Carlton was dealing with a family medical



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

**Catherine Carlton**

emergency and had limited availability to respond to questions.

### A violation?

City Attorney Bill McClure said in an interview that Carlton approached him when she said she became aware that she owned Facebook shares. At that time, he says, he told her that she would be disqualified from voting on any matters relating to Facebook.

"In theory, if Cat knew that she owned shares in Facebook at

a time when there was a decision involving Facebook — or let's say the general plan, affecting Facebook — if she knew that, she would have to disqualify or recuse herself," he said.

A lot of people have independent advisers who purchase and sell shares in an investment account, he said. Unless they look at a monthly statement, it can be hard for people to track the shares they own.

"I'm not making any excuses," he said. "I don't know how the FPPC treats it if a person doesn't know they own — or that their husband owns — shares in Facebook."

More recently, he says, he advised Carlton to recuse herself from all Facebook decisions and deliberations on the council for a year, after she told him she learned that a company she worked for was doing consulting work with Facebook. She told The Almanac she quit the position in October, a couple of weeks after learning about the conflict, and has not voted on any Facebook-related matters since then. She

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## Top fire district compensation for 2017 totaled \$378,703

By **Barbara Wood**  
Almanac Staff Writer

Deputy Fire Chief Donald Long had the highest total compensation in the Menlo Park Fire Protection District in 2017, a report recently released by the fire district shows, with 23 other district employees making more than \$300,000 that year in salary, benefits and district-paid retirement contributions.

The fire district had the highest average wages of any state or local government agency in California in 2016, according to the state controller's website (publicpay.ca.gov). That year, 12 district employees topped \$300,000 in total compensation.

The report was part of the fire board's consent calendar agenda, approved in a batch with other consent calendar items with no discussion at the April 17 board meeting. It had earlier been reviewed by the district's Finance Committee, but the committee did not make a report on its discussion.

The compensation report includes information the district

is required to give to the state controller's office, and this year also included how much of each employee's salary was reimbursed by the state or federal government.

This year 11 employees made more in total compensation than Chief Harold Schapelhouman, whose total compensation was \$325,585. Two of the 11 were firefighter engineer/medics while the others were at the level of captain or above.

Long had \$306,645 in total payroll earnings before taxes, including \$12,000 in other pay. With his district-paid retirement and benefits he made \$378,703, with \$31,366 of that reimbursed to the district.

A division chief was the number two in total compensation with \$305,826 in total pre-tax payroll earnings, including lump sum pay of \$66,901 and \$12,000 in other pay. His total compensation was \$375,730, none of it reimbursable.

Number three in total compensation was a firefighter engineer/medic whose \$314,786 in total payroll earnings included \$148,335 in overtime, lump sum

pay of \$1,468 and other pay of \$12,537. His total compensation was \$370,663, with \$8,291 of it reimbursable.

The other highest overtime earners in the district were also firefighter engineer/medics. One had \$136,367 overtime, with \$18,879 of it reimbursable. The third had \$114,892 overtime with \$14,319 of it reimbursable.

Of the 24 employees with total compensation of \$300,000 or more, 18 were of captain rank or higher, and six were firefighter engineer/medics.

The district had 57 employees with total compensation of \$250,000 or more, with 26 of those firefighter engineer/medics.

Four employees had payroll earnings, before district-paid retirement and benefits, of \$300,000 or more. One of them was a firefighter engineer/medic.

There were 24 employees with payroll earnings of \$250,000 or more, six of them firefighter engineer/medics (who made \$66,000 to \$148,335 in overtime).

The district had 54 employees with payroll earnings of



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

**Firefighters** demonstrate their skills at the district's training facility near the Dumbarton Bridge.

\$200,000 or more.

Four employees had more than \$100,000 in overtime, and 24 employees had overtime of \$50,000 or more. Half of them were firefighter captain/medics and half were firefighter engineer/medics.

Other pay was between \$20,000 to \$59,000 for 18 district employees. District Administrative Services Manager Kathleen Jackson said other pay includes a long list of items including extra

pay for being bilingual, having a bachelor's degree, living close to the fire district or being a notary, training and deployment stipends, filling in on a job at a higher pay level, and uniform allowances.

A total of 19 district employees had pay reimbursable by the state or federal government of between \$20,000 to \$68,516. The total that was reimbursable

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# Injured cyclist sues Woodside over conditions on Old La Honda Road

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

Traversing the 3.4 miles of Old La Honda Road in Woodside is not for the faint of heart. It's narrow, it's steep, it's one curve after another, and as the primary route to and from home for at least 75 households, it is not a road less traveled.

The attorney representing Menlo Park resident and cyclist Claudio Casarotti would add two more adjectives: defective and dangerous. While riding his bike downhill on a clear dry day in April 2017, Casarotti collided with the driver's side door of a truck heading uphill, his attorney said. He is suing the driver, the town, San Mateo County and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), according to records from the San Mateo County Superior Court.

Casarotti, through his attorney Joseph A. Androvich of the Sacramento firm Poswall White & Brelsford, claims in a February 2018 complaint that the roadway was in a "defective and dangerous condition," and that "there is simply not enough room for a bicycle and car to share the road and safely negotiate the curves with out colliding with one another."

Old La Honda Road is likely a town-owned road, Androvich said. The complaint names the county and Caltrans as defendants, he said, because it's "almost impossible" to determine what agency controls a road without putting in a claim against them.

Both Caltrans and Ofer Doitel, the driver of the truck, responded to the complaint with detailed answers, court records show.

Doitel, represented by Jerome

P. Bellotti of the San Jose firm Hartsuyker, Stratman & Williams-Abregci, claims that Casarotti freely accepted the risks of the activity; that he was negligent and careless; and that other defendants were the proximate cause of losses, damages, injuries and harm.

Caltrans' defense, by four agency attorneys, included that Casarotti was negligent, that he appreciated and voluntarily assumed the risks, and that Caltrans is immune from liability.

John Beiers, chief counsel for San Mateo County, said the accident location seems outside the county's jurisdiction and that his office is working with Androvich to get dismissed from the case.

Kevin Bryant, Woodside's town manager, cited the town's practice of not commenting on pending litigation.

The crux of the case is simple, Androvich said. "There are very low-cost preventive measures that can ... prevent this type of accident," he said. "If the town had been proactive in trying to create a safe path of travel ... Claudio wouldn't have been injured."

One low-cost measure: laser beams placed ahead of curves that, when broken by the passage of a vehicle, flash warning lights to vehicles approaching the curves from the other side.

## Once a triathlete

The complaint claims Casarotti's medical bills are about \$100,000, with injuries that include a broken neck, a broken nose, disfiguring facial lacerations, a fractured clavicle and arthritis in his neck and clavicle. Casarotti is a marathoner and was a triathlete, Androvich said, but the clavicle injury has left

him unable to swim.

Casarotti is seeking remedies that include general damages (commonly called pain and suffering), and payment for medical expenses, loss of earnings and attorney fees.

Asked if Casarotti was familiar with the road, Androvich said he was, enough to know the best line and speed through a curve.

The area where the accident happened "constituted a trap to the unwary," the complaint says, noting the absence of warnings regarding the possibility of oncoming traffic. As a result, cyclists use the road "as is," but even with due care, they face a "substantial risk" of injury, the complaint says.

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announced the recusal publicly in November 2017.

McClure pointed to the Political Reform Act, part of the state government code and enforced by the FPPC, that dictates how elected officials should behave when it comes to financial conflicts.

California Government Code 87100 states:

"No public official at any level of state or local government shall make, participate in making or in any way attempt to use his official position to influence a governmental decision in which he knows or has reason to know he has a financial interest."

In other words, the question of whether Carlton's participation on the council to vote on Facebook matters constitutes a violation of the law, he said, comes down to whether or not she knew she owned the shares — or had a reason to know.

He added that the law further says that officials whose financial conflict is tied to their source of income are directed to be recused from related matters for a year, but officials whose conflict is tied to shares they might own are recused from the matter for only as long as they hold related shares. So Carlton was eligible to again participate in voting on Facebook-related matters immediately after she sold the shares.

McClure also noted that Carlton's votes and actions on the council would not be invalidated if she had committed an ethics violation. If found to be in violation, it's more likely she would be subject to administrative or civil

penalties from the FPPC, he said.

## Consequences

Jay Wierenga, FPPC communications director, told The Almanac he couldn't definitively say whether Carlton's incident, as described, was a violation of the law.

"I can only point to the statute," he said.

"Public officials should always be cognizant of their responsibilities, including knowing about potential conflicts of interests," he said.

Generally, the FPPC launches investigations of an elected official after someone files a complaint against him or her, or based on referrals from local filing officers, he said. Fines, he noted, can reach \$5,000 per violation.

According to FPPC reports, an incident similar to Carlton's occurred elsewhere in California a couple of years ago. Gregory Cox, a member of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors and the Coastal Commission, had reportedly been unaware that his wife had purchased 500 SeaWorld shares in January 2015. In October of that year, he voted as a member of the Coastal Commission to approve an amended SeaWorld permit application to replace and expand an existing orca facility.

The FPPC reports that Cox said he discovered the violation the following January, when preparing his annual statement of economic interests and immediately asked his wife to sell the SeaWorld stock. He then self-reported the incident to the commission's Enforcement Division. Ultimately, he was fined \$3,000 for the violation. ■

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was \$1.28 million. Schapelhouman said district firefighters responded to 18 incidents outside the fire district in 2017, including wildfires, hurricanes and floods.

In an email statement, the chief said it is "important to understand that actual take home pay may look quite different after taxes" and the employees' share of pension costs, which is 9 to 12 percent of their regular pay. District employees do not pay into or receive Social Security from the federal government.

"Individual employees are not the highest paid in the State but the District as a whole does have

one of the highest average rates of pay," Schapelhouman wrote, adding that is because most of the district's employees are first-responders, with only a small support staff.

The lowest minimum (starting) base salary, before any overtime, extra or lump sum pay, listed for a district employee in 2017 is \$51,054 for an administrative assistant in human resources. The minimum salary for a firefighter in training is listed at \$103,302.

Schapelhouman also said "the communities the Fire District serves are also among the wealthiest and most expensive in the Country." The area has low unemployment, "heavily congested roadways and an ultra-expensive and a very limited

housing supply," he said.

Fire board President Chuck Bernstein said that as a member of the district's Finance Committee, he had "reviewed the (report's) data at length in our last meeting."

"I believe that District staff have done a good job breaking down some of the categories into component parts so that we can view all the elements of our compensation system," he said. "I am persuaded that the data, as presented, is accurate.

"What we do with it and how it affects our future labor agreements are issues that will be resolved through political and collective bargaining processes, but at least we can be reassured that we will be using accurate numbers." ■

## Three-term limit proposed for Menlo Park council

By Kate Bradshaw

Almanac Staff Writer

Rounding out his 12th year on the Menlo Park City Council, Councilman Rich Cline has seen it all — disputes over zoning, homeowner concerns and contracts, for instance — but he's ready to relinquish his seat and wants to make sure that others will too, following tenures as long as his.

He and Vice Mayor Ray Mueller have asked that the council consider passing citywide term limits of three consecutive four-year terms on the City Council.

City Manager Alex McIntyre confirmed the matter is scheduled to be discussed at the council's next meeting on Tuesday, May 8.

According to California government code, the matter would have to go before voters, and — if the council supports it — could appear on November's ballot.

If voters were to support term limits come November, the restrictions wouldn't apply retroactively, according to the government code. In other words, current incumbents would still be eligible for three more consecutive terms.

Menlo Park's neighboring cities are somewhat split on term limit policies. Mountain View and Palo Alto both have council term limits of two consecutive four-year terms while Atherton, Woodside and Portola Valley do not have council term limits.

### Turning over incumbents

Both Mueller and Cline said they believe term limits are important as the city transitions from an at-large to a district election system.

"Frankly, my concern is that with smaller districts, it could make it so that it is intimidating for someone to run against a council person who has been there for some time period," Mueller said.

He added that he further supports limits because he believes it will promote turnover on the council and encourage new people to serve.

Cline said that the district system will advantage incumbents' re-election.

"It's hard to run against someone you know quite well, who lives five blocks from you," he explained.

Relatively small districts throughout the city will make it harder to get diverse and qualified candidates in the coming years, he predicted. In his own experience, Cline said, he thinks both name recognition and his council record helped him get re-elected. When it came to his own re-elections, he said, he didn't "actively participate" in campaigning, opting out of using his professional marketing skills, aggressive fundraising and flashy websites.

Cline said he had planned to step down from the council at eight years, but ultimately ran



Photo courtesy city of Menlo Park

Rich Cline

for a third term in 2014 because he felt the project he'd spent years working on, the city's downtown plan, was under threat. (The same year, the voter initiative Measure M proposed major restrictions to the development allowed in the city's downtown specific plan.)

"I didn't want to be someone who never left the dais," he said. A two-term cutoff, he added, "is probably preferred," but he has seen scenarios where more experience can be beneficial to the council.

He says he stands by his decision to remain on the council.

"I've tried to stay as objective as I can to things," he said. "I think you have to stay in the moment: What is the data? What is the community feedback? What are peer cities doing?" ■

## Community development director retires

By Kate Bradshaw

Arlinda Heineck, Menlo Park's community development director has retired. In a proclamation offered by the council April 24, she was credited with creating the city's first below-market-rate housing ordinance; developing

guidelines to increase the city's affordable housing supply; overseeing major rezoning projects and two general plan updates; and reviewing a number of development projects citywide.

Heineck received a 2017 Menlo Park's Golden Acorn Award for

professional excellence. During that award ceremony, she said, "I'm proud to have served and built Menlo Park into a great community, but I also firmly believe that I am only a member of a larger community that works together to get things done." ■

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by Monica Corman



### Keeping a Property When You Move Away

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Mary E.

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# Guild Theatre renovation wins Planning Commission's OK

By Kate Bradshaw

Almanac Staff Writer

"I never thought we'd be talking about Willie Nelson's shower size," said Menlo Park Planning Commission Chair Drew Combs at one point during the livelier-than-usual Planning Commission discussion April 23 about a proposal by a local nonprofit, the Peninsula Arts Guild, to transform the El Camino Real Guild Theatre into a live music and community event venue.

Combs was responding to a comment by resident and self-described "strong downtown advocate" Marc Bryman, who urged the commission to ask that the project support the community in the "best possible way."

"Give Willie Nelson a bigger shower," he said, referring to just one theoretical performer who could come to Menlo Park.

Since the project was first proposed in January, the City Council has thrown its support behind it and asked city staff to prioritize it as a top-five project for the year.

Ultimately, the commission voted 6-0, with Susan Goodhue absent, in favor of recommending the project to the council, with a few additions: that the owners develop a parking plan for employees; that the allowances the city is making be deed-restricted; that there be efforts to ensure access to the venue by people from all areas of the city; and that there be more information about what days, at what cost, and when community groups might be permitted to

book the site, as requested by commissioner Andrew Barnes.

The new nonprofit, started by Drew Dunlevie, Pete Briger and Thomas Layton, was launched with a goal of creating an event venue on the Peninsula so that locals don't have to schlep out to San Francisco, San Jose and Oakland to see top-tier performers, Dunlevie said.

One way to attract top-tier acts without being a big city or a big venue, Dunlevie said, is to guarantee they'll be paid, and have a green room, or a comfortable area, with showers, where performers can spend time before the show. Typically, performers have to spend most of their time on tour in buses, he said.

Bryman was one of at least a dozen people to speak publicly about the project before the commission, including two City Council members, Ray Mueller and Catherine Carlton. They both expressed strong support for the project.

Many others from across the city — and not only the usual residents who weigh in on city projects — submitted emails to the council's inbox, voicing support for the "New Guild."

While the vast majority of comments were supportive of the project, the property and business owners near the Guild expressed some reservations.

Octopus restaurant owner Jeffrey Son said he is worried that it will be hard for customers to access his business during construction. Eugene Perez, who runs Menlo Flooring, said he was worried about disruptions during

the project's construction, and that the venue will make it harder for customers to find parking.

The owner of the properties on either side of the Guild said that he had not yet been approached about the project. "I'm here to say there should be some dialogue," he said.

Dunlevie assured the commissioners he would work with neighboring business owners to minimize impacts.

The proposal is asking for a lot, by Menlo Park standards: essentially, a waiver of the typical parking requirements and approval of a building with more square footage than is usually permitted in town, said Combs. While he characterized the requested permissions as "extraordinary," he added, "I do think this is an extraordinary project. ... It's not something you see being built in communities that often."

## The plan

The architectural plans for the new Guild are by Chris Wasney of CAW Architects, the firm behind the restorations of the Greek Theatre in Berkeley and the Allied Arts Guild restoration in Menlo Park.

Dunlevie said Wasney knows how to create "alchemy between the audience and performers so that they're both really happy to be there."

The venue would be flexible and could be used for events such as school plays, jazz shows, comedians, author talks, band or singer performances, speaker series, and movies. As a community benefit, whenever the facility



Image courtesy CAW Architects/Peninsula Arts Guild/city of Menlo Park.

A rendering of the proposed new Guild Theatre, planned to be remade as a live music and community events venue.

is not booked for a live show, or potentially private events, members of public could book it, he said.

According to a staff report, there would be a green room with showers and storage in the basement, a tiered audience area with a bar and stage on the ground floor, and an upper mezzanine with extra viewing space and another bar.

The new Guild would be about 11,000 square feet with a maximum height of 34 feet, and with a capacity for about 150 to 200 seats, or about 500 people at a standing-room-only show.

The renovations would be more extensive than originally planned, Dunlevie said. That's partly because the existing walls are about six inches over the property line and would have to be moved back to the original line, according to an evaluation by City Attorney Bill McClure, Dunlevie said.

Because the facility would be

operated as a nonprofit, all sales would go toward operating costs, including paying musicians and staff. Any extra money would go back into the program and could yield ticket discounts, Dunlevie said.

Movies will continue to be part of the Guild, though it's not yet clear how often. Dunlevie said he's working with Menlo Park's "Save the Guild" group, headed by city resident Judy Adams, to develop plans. She said she's hoping to line up film festivals. Dunlevie noted that the group plans to get movable theater-style seats that can be set up for film screenings and high-quality projection equipment.

## Next steps

The City Council is scheduled to review the project in May.

If approved, Wasney said, he expects the theater to take 16 months to rebuild.

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## Routes to school, EV charging and marijuana discussed at joint meeting

By Dave Boyce

Almanac Staff Writer

The governing board of the Woodside School District met for about an hour with the Woodside Town Council on April 17 at Woodside Elementary and discussed four topics: safe routes to school for kids, the gun buyback initiative in the county, solar panels and electric vehicle charging stations, and marijuana.

On the subject of routes to school, the state has the town's proposal for the third stage of a project to regularize the quarter-mile path between the school and Roberts Market. The town needs the California Department of Transportation's permission because Woodside Road is a state highway.

The four-year-old project has led to new and improved

crosswalks on Cañada Road; an improved crosswalk at the school; tighter traffic lanes at the school to slow vehicle speeds; a better path in front of the school; and less standing water.

Stage 3 of the plan would upgrade the rest of the path to Roberts and could include a crosswalk at the wooden fish sculpture just west of Buck's Restaurant. A path that would cross the property of the Woodside Fire Protection District and provide access to Cedar Lane (behind the main fire station) is another possibility.

As for the gun buyback program, the school board offered support for a program, perhaps one in which students in fifth through eighth grades would solicit donations from parents in anticipation of receiving up to

\$5,000 in matching funds from the town.

The campaign would take place on campus, probably over the three days immediately before a buyback event, Mayor Chris Shaw said.

On solar panels, the school district has a few, and the town has long planned them to supply Town and Independence halls, but the question is where should they go? The council appeared supportive of a plan to hire a consultant who could recommend locations on town-owned property.

The town is also looking into installing electric vehicle charging stations that public employees could use during the day. "We aren't able to give a lot," Councilwoman Deborah

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# Newcomer unseats Planning Commission's vice chair

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

In a surprise upset on what's considered one of Menlo Park's most influential commissions, Housing Commissioner Camille Kennedy unseated the Planning Commission's vice chair, Larry Kahle, by a vote of the City Council on April 24.

Generally, incumbents seeking second terms are favored; however, the council made a marked departure from that trend, choosing Kennedy over Kahle.

Incumbent Drew Combs was reappointed, despite appearing to be a more controversial pick: He works for Facebook and is one of two commissioners, along with Susan Goodhue, who must recuse themselves from Facebook-related planning discussions and decisions — of which there are a growing number in Menlo Park.

Councilwoman Kirsten Keith had expressed reservations about reappointing Combs. “My concern is that in the next few years, with the Facebook Village proposal going forward ... I'm interested in making sure

we get as much input as we can. (This) conflict concerns me,” she said.

Vice Mayor Ray Mueller noted that the city already has one council member and two planning commissioners recused from Facebook matters. “Conflicts will happen with Facebook in our city. That is for certain. It is growing larger every day. I don't think that should preclude people from public service,” he said.

He also pointed out that Combs is only one of two African American commissioners in the entire city. “If we decided not to appoint him, the commission would be all Caucasian,” he said.

In an interview, Combs said he looks forward to being apart of the Planning Commission's future debates and playing a role in the topics of planning and development in the city.

He noted: “Separate from my specific appointment, there is value in having people of racial and ethnic diversity represented in all aspects of life and society. The extent to which there's not representation ... I think lessens those debates.”

He said it was bittersweet and

surprising for him that Kahle wasn't reappointed.

“I've valued his attention to detail and his ability to really scrutinize projects,” Combs said. “I think we probably disagreed more than we agreed, but I definitely think that his very detailed review of projects had a real value to the commission.”

Kahle said in an email after the vote that he was mildly shocked by the outcome. “I don't know why the vote went that way tonight because I did take it seriously and thought I would be reappointed. I've served one 3-year term (no controversial decisions) and was looking forward to a 4-year term,” he said.

Council member Rich Cline said he knows Kennedy and wanted to show support, but also had assumed Kahle would get the majority vote. He said he would reconsider the vote if it had been 3-2.

The vote to appoint Kennedy was 4-1, with Mueller casting his vote for Kahle.

Mueller later explained his vote: “He worked hard, and his colleagues thought enough of his service to make him

vice chair of the commission. He would have more than likely become chair upon his reappointment.”

Mayor Peter Ohtaki said his vote was less about Kahle's performance on the Planning Commission and more a vote for Kennedy because, he said, she has applied several times for the commission and lives closer to downtown and El Camino Real than Kahle. Also, he said, he had been “impressed with her during our interview.”

“I think Camille will bring new energy and views to the Planning Commission,” he said.

Kennedy, in an email, said she believed it would be a long shot, but pointed to her credentials — a master's degree in urban planning from the Harvard Graduate School of Design — and time spent serving on the Housing Commission. Kennedy is also a major gifts officer at Palo Alto-based Avenidas, and is on the steering committee of Imagine Menlo, a group of Menlo Park residents that supports vibrancy downtown and across the city. She was appointed to the Housing Commission in July 2017.

“I am looking forward to helping (the) City Council solve some pretty tenacious and complex issues facing our community and helping create a Menlo Park that has diversity (in population and purpose), uniqueness and is a fun place to live,” she wrote.

The other council appointments are:

■ Complete Streets Commission: Lydia Lee, Adina Levin, Philip Mazarra and Betsy Nash.

■ Environmental Quality Commission: Tom Kabat, James Payne and Ryann Price. The commission has one two-year term vacant and two four-year terms vacant. They will draw straws to determine whose term will end in 2020 and whose will end in 2022.

■ Library Commission: Alan Cohen, Ashley Chambers, Noopur Pandey and Katie Hadrovic.

■ Housing Commission: Rachel Horst to the four-year term and Wendy McPherson to the two-year term.

■ Finance and Audit Committee: Soody Tronson and Roger Royse.

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# SV Community Foundation faces calls for new leadership

CEO of \$13 billion Silicon Valley Community Foundation placed on leave, accused of allowing 'toxic' culture

**Mark Noack**

Mountain View Voice Staff Writer

The Silicon Valley Community Foundation is reeling from a crisis of leadership following allegations that the organization had allowed a toxic workplace culture to fester for years.

Two weeks ago, more than a dozen former employees of the Mountain View-based nonprofit went public with complaints against Mari Ellen Reynolds Loijens, the foundation's No. 2 executive and star fundraiser, alleging that she was an abusive manager who frequently berated her subordinates and made sexually inappropriate remarks.

Loijens tendered her resignation on April 19; however, the influential nonprofit is still facing criticism that its top leadership had essentially condoned her behavior for years. Many current and former employees are calling for CEO Emmett D. Carson to step down, saying he was complicit in the oppressive workplace. (For a story on the resignation, go to [tinyurl.com/svcf0419](http://tinyurl.com/svcf0419))

On April 26, the SVCF board of directors announced they were placing Carson on paid administrative leave while they investigate the charges. The action came roughly one week after allegations of abuse first surfaced.

"Emmett Carson needs to go; they have to bring in a new CEO with a different style of management," said Sarah Lorraine Goodman, the nonprofit's former digital marketing lead. "The longer he stays, the more damage it'll do to SVCF as a brand."

The foundation wields a great deal of clout. SVCF's 150-person staff is headquartered in a Latham Street office building, but its role is global. Considered the largest organization of its kind, the community foundation has grown to be a vital funding source for hundreds of nonprofits, NGOs and other organizations.

In roughly a decade, SVCF has seen meteoric growth, most recently reporting more than \$13 billion in assets, much of it coming from donors from the tech sector.

Goodman joined SVCF in March 2014 with the task of redesigning the organization's social media strategy, a job that put her a couple of levels beneath Loijens.

Drafts of her work proposals came back from Loijens' desk

covered in disparaging comments, like "this is a waste of my time." Loijens never seemed to hold back in giving her a verbal dressing-down, almost always doing it publicly, to maximize the embarrassment, Goodman said.

Goodman remembers the big day, after a few months on the job, when she was supposed to present her marketing plan to some of the foundation's executives. She didn't get through the first presentation slide before Loijens cut her off and called it a failure. She then berated Goodman for botching simple instructions.

Other directors at the meeting rose to Goodman's defense, saying she had explicitly followed Loijens's own directions, she said. They even pointed to her

own emails as proof.

In the end, it didn't matter, Goodman said, adding that Loijens was undeterred and her harassment continued. That's when it was clear that her days were numbered at SVCF.

Soon after, she was meeting weekly with human resources staff to figure out some way to continue her job, Goodman said. It was clear that staying at the nonprofit meant she was supposed to adjust to Loijens's behavior.

"One HR person told me: 'You need to realize that Mari Ellen isn't going anywhere; she's staying here. Either you figure out how to work with her, or you have to leave,'" she said.

After nine months, Goodman

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**Emmett Carson**, pictured in his office at the Silicon Valley Community Foundation in Mountain View in 2017, was placed on administrative leave last week amid accusations that he ignored years of complaints that his No. 2 at the foundation created a hostile work environment.

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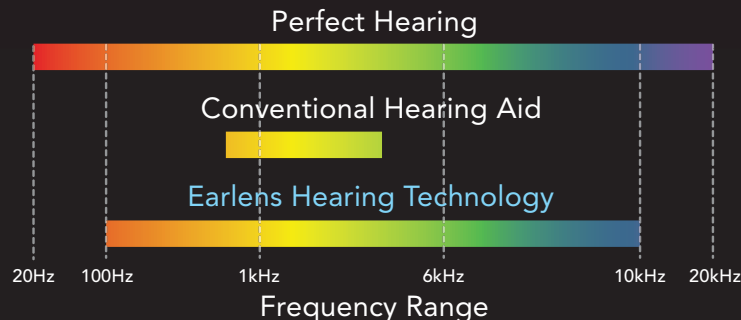
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# Woodside Day of Giving event celebrates philanthropy

By **Kate Daly**  
Special to the Almanac

The Woodside Community Foundation is celebrating philanthropy, awarding grants and honoring one of its own — longtime board member Rob Flint — at the nonprofit's Woodside Day of Giving event on Saturday, May 12.

The organization is hosting a free reception with refreshments at Woodside Town Hall from 5 to 7 p.m. The awards part of the

program will start at 5:30 p.m., when three recipients of WCF's new grants of up to \$5,000 each will be announced.

The foundation received 16 applications for community benefit projects ranging from planting California live oaks along Interstate 280, to providing music, art and theater to underserved youth in the Bay Area. Some applications focused on locals getting involved in international aid.

The foundation was formed in

1952 as a pass-through agent for funds to benefit the community, with endeavors such as building the outdoor amphitheater at Woodside Elementary or maintaining what was Scout Hall and is now called Independence Hall.

At WCF's event, a Woodside Town Council member will present Flint with a proclamation recognizing his 40-plus years of service and contributions, which include volunteering on the town's Open Space and Environment and Conservation

Committees, and helping create the Woodside Environment Fest and Heritage Tree Award.

The proclamation notes that as treasurer of the Woodside Community Foundation, Flint collected funds for projects such as the Folger Stable renovation, the Woodside Community Museum, Barkley Field, Kiely Equestrian Center, Woodside Community Theatre productions, and lighting for Woodside School operettas and the Christmas tree across from Roberts Market.

A former board member of the Sierra Club Foundation, Woodside School Foundation and Woodside Elementary School District, Flint is now board member emeritus of WCF.

His biography on the foundation's website, woodsidegiving.org, describes the Woodside resident as an investor and venture capitalist who spent the winter working as an exchange scientist at the Soviet Vostok Station, the coldest place on Earth. ■

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# Sheriff wants to continue efforts to help county's at-risk populations

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

San Mateo County Sheriff Carlos G. Bolanos is running in the June 5 primary election to be elected to the office to which he was appointed in July 2016. The Almanac spoke with Bolanos, asking about him the issues that matter most and giving him and his opponent in the race — Deputy Mark D. Melville — a chance to have some back-and-forth exchanges about the issues.

Bolanos said his primary

concerns, should he be elected, are: keeping the county and the communities within it safe, helping jail inmates prepare for a successful transition back to society, and maintaining the cooperative relationships with other first-responder agencies in the county, he said.

Those cooperative relationships are extraordinary, Bolanos said. Agencies in other counties do cooperate, “but not to the same degree that we do,” he said. “It’s the culture of our county and our law enforcement

agencies. ... People immediately look to help each other.”

A good example, he said, was the response to the April 3 shooting attack at YouTube headquarters in San Bruno. “Every agency (in the county) sent someone to the incident,” Bolanos said. “In San Mateo County, it’s the norm.”

After school programs are a key community relations component, he said. One example he pointed to is the county’s Sheriffs Activities League, which provides activities for students when they are most vulnerable to drugs, crime and the influence of gangs: in the interval between the end of the school day and the arrival of their parents from work.

Bolanos said he wants to continue the county’s efforts to provide released inmates with “progressive” programs designed to help their transition back into society. The jail is a partner with the nonprofit JobTrain in Menlo Park, for example, a relationship that has had “many success stories,” lately by finding inmates jobs during the boom in construction in the Bay Area, he said.

## City folks

Bolanos is an appointed incumbent — a majority on the Board

of Supervisors appointed him in July 2016 — and elections for sheriff in the Bay Area are essentially always won by incumbents, records show. The Almanac asked Bolanos for a comment.

“I guess people tend to feel comfortable with the sheriff that they have,” he said.

Asked to comment via email, Melville said that many people are unaware that the sheriff is elected. He said in conversations he’s had, “most city folks thought that only those who live in the unincorporated areas voted for the sheriff.” As for incumbents often running unopposed, potential challengers “feel the incumbent is entrenched and can’t be beat,” he said. “The blind endorsements of those in office is very evident of the ‘entrenched’ belief.”

“I disagree with Deputy Sheriff Melville that they are blind endorsements,” Bolanos said via email. “I believe that they are endorsing the person they feel is the most qualified and experienced to be sheriff.”

“I think that there are a lot of people who know that they can elect their sheriff,” he said. “I have raised over \$350,000 and received more than 300 endorsements from law enforcement

professionals, elected officials and community leaders.”

## Training an issue?

Reports from around the country document uses of excessive force by law enforcement officers. The Almanac asked the sheriff about whether such incidents have occurred in San Mateo County, and if so whether they are being addressed through training.

Bolanos said he could recall just one incident in recent years, by a corrections officer in the jail.

In response, Melville recalled another in which a deputy with a K-9 in Half Moon Bay allowed the dog to bite an elderly couple who had gone behind a fenced construction site looking for a cat. A court case found the deputy and the county liable. “More (and) better training” is the answer, Melville said.

Asked to comment, Bolanos said he did not agree with the court on that case. “My deputy sheriffs and correctional officers perform a dangerous and complex job on a daily basis,” he said. “In this case, deputies responded to an alarm company report of a commercial burglary, arrived on scene, and encountered individuals who did not comply with their verbal commands.”

“There was additional information that led the deputies to believe that there was a felony in progress,” he said. “The canine was deployed. I stand by the actions of my personnel.”

As for training to handle such incidents without excessive force, “everyone knows the sensitivity of that topic,” Bolanos said and noted the widespread use of cameras in jail common areas. “We’re in a business in which force sometimes must be used, but we look at all uses of force very seriously and I think that our people know that.”

While everyone is taking Critical Incident Training (CIT), Melville said in an email, “there needs to be more training, especially in the area of Active Shooters, like we just witnessed in San Bruno. Cross training needs to occur with every allied agency and our fire departments.”

In an emailed rebuttal, Bolanos noted that CIT “actually stands for Crisis Intervention Training which is designed to provide deputy sheriffs and police officers with the tools to deal with those individuals that we encounter who are experiencing a mental health crisis. We have also provided Active Shooter Training to all of our personnel and have also recently provided training to our community members in this area.”

## Joni Laraway Woodside

February 12, 1955 – April 4, 2018

Joni Laraway Woodside passed away peacefully at her home in Atherton on April 4th after a brief battle with cancer. Her beloved husband, Jack, and sister, Leslie, were by her side.

Born in San Jose on February 12, 1955, Joni grew up in Santa Clara and Menlo Park and graduated from Woodside High School in 1973. She went on to study dentistry at the Lawton School for Dental Assistants, graduating in 1974.



After working for over 20 years in the field of dentistry, she retired to pursue her passion for animals, especially dogs. Joni volunteered with two German Shepherd rescue groups. She also gave much of her time to helping the Silicon Valley Humane Society, nursing injured

dogs back to health in her home. She often cared for pregnant animals before and after delivery, raising their litters until they were old enough for adoption. Some of the dogs had previous behavioral problems, so she used her special touch for training them until they were ready for placement with the right family. Several of these dogs, both big and small, managed to find a permanent residence with Jack and Joni in their home.

In addition to her work with animals, Joni volunteered with Treasures Resale Shop in Menlo Park, which benefitted Hospice Pathways Foundation; she managed the shop for some time. For over 20 years, Joni was also an active and valued member of the Redwood City YMCA, regularly swimming laps, doing yoga and laughing with friends.

Joni will be missed for her joyful spirit and vibrant zest for life. She had a special gift for connecting with people with her wonderful sense of humor and huge, contagious laugh. She touched the lives of everyone she met with her thoughtfulness, generosity and genuine interest in helping others.

Joni is survived by her husband of 40 years, Jack Woodside, her sister, Leslie Pentecost (Rick) of Boring, Oregon and her brother, Brian Laraway (Eve) of Redwood City. She was predeceased by her parents, Chuck and Diana Laraway, of Menlo Park. In addition, Joni leaves behind 5 nephews: Eric Pentecost (Sarah) of San Diego, Ted Pentecost (Brandy) of Happy Valley, Oregon, Jason Clark (Melissa) of Santa Rosa, Jeremy Clark (Stephanie) of Redwood City, and Jay Bordeleau (Jake) of San Francisco, as well as 4 nieces: Beth Ann Foster (Arron) of Sandy, Oregon, Marie Bordeleau of San Rafael, Christine Vellani (Paul) of Blacklick, Ohio, and Kelley Capizano (Brian) of Discovery Bay, California.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 19th at 1 p.m., Allied Arts Guild, 75 Arbor Road at Cambridge, Menlo Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Hospice Pathways Foundation, Mid Peninsula or the American Cancer Society.

PAID OBITUARY

## Rita Chaput

May 16, 1921 – April 22, 2018

Rita W. Chaput, a longtime Menlo Park resident, passed away peacefully on April 22 with her children at her side. She was 96.

Rita, who was the 14th child to John and Theresa Ahern, was born on May 16, 1921. She was preceded in death by her loving husband John, and her eldest son John. She is survived by two daughters, Renee Zotter (Joe), Michele Korn (Steve) and two sons, Stephen and Nick Chaput. She was blessed with 8 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, with two more on the way, many nieces and nephews, and so many good friends.

A native of San Francisco, she graduated in 1939 from Mercy High School in Burlingame. She worked for Wells Fargo Bank in Menlo Park for over 20 years. She was active in the St. Raymond Parish, the St. Francis Auxiliary, Serra Club, and the Italian Catholic Federation. She volunteered at Allied Arts Guild and the Cancer Society’s Discovery Shop in Menlo Park. She loved cooking, gardening, traveling, sunset cruises on Lake Tahoe and entertaining guests from near and far.

Her devotion to family and home, her love and kindness to everyone she met, will be her lasting legacy.

A Celebration of Rita’s Life will be held on Friday, May 4 at 10:00 am at St. Raymond Church, 1100 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park. Internment will be private.

Memorial donations in Rita’s name may be made to Pathways Health ([pathwayshealth.org](http://pathwayshealth.org)) or the charity of your choice.



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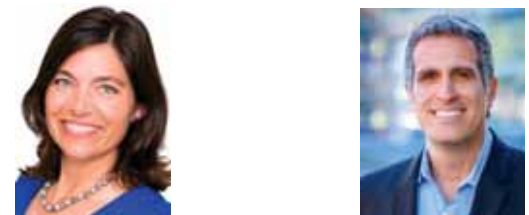
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# INVETERATE INVENTOR

*Woodside's Rodney Perkins can't stop pursuing patents*

BY KATE BRADSHAW | PHOTOS BY JAMES TENSUAN

**Rodney Perkins**, a Woodside resident now in his 80s, invented EarLens, a hearing aid that uses light to transmit sound. He now serves as chief medical officer and founder of the eponymous company based in Menlo Park.

**W**hat do collagen injections, surgical lasers, and now, a hearing aid that uses light to transmit sound, have in common?

All were pioneered by Dr. Rodney Perkins, an otologist-inventor and Woodside resident who has made hearing and entrepreneurship the twin pillars of his life's work.

Perkins, now in his 80s, grew up in Evansville, Illinois, receiving his medical degree from Indiana University and pursuing

a surgical residency at Stanford University School of Medicine. When choosing to specialize as a young physician in the 1960s, Perkins initially considered an ears, nose and throat specialty, but the nose and throat bits didn't particularly interest him — he didn't want to have to remove people's tonsils regularly.

He was more fascinated by ears, especially after observing an operation in which a microscope was used to remove a tiny bone in the ear. At that time, he

said, microsurgery wasn't really being done elsewhere.

After completing a residency program at Stanford, he spent a year traveling the country studying the work of various ear surgeons. He began building his own ears-only practice by traveling back and forth between Palo Alto, where he lived, and Los Angeles to do operations.

He would go on to help found the California Ear Institute at Stanford, specializing in ear surgery, working with doctors in training and developing new surgical procedures and techniques.

He also launched Project Hear, an ear tissue bank, and developed a process for transplanting ear drums.

In his research to find a way to make synthetic ear drums, he began working with collagen, and then learned it could also be used for injection into the skin to smooth wrinkles. The products he created, Zyderm and Zyplast, were born, and are now two of the leading collagen products used today. The discovery led him to found Collagen Corporation.

"There are a lot more wrinkles in the world than there are perforated eardrums," he said. "(It) became a cash cow."

When it comes to making money, Perkins said that when he started as a practicing physician, it was more frowned upon

in the medical community to make money from one's research and development projects than it is today.

"I never got into these things to make money," he said. He knew making a profit was possible, he said, but the driving force behind his inventions was a desire to solve problems that physicians face and give them effective tools to help their patients. He wanted to have a bigger impact, faster, than he could by treating patients one at a time.

He pointed to Jonas Salk, who discovered and developed the polio vaccine. Not everyone can have as widespread an impact as Salk did, he said, but developing tools to help doctors more effectively treat their patients helps multiply his impact.

The joint challenges of solving a medical problem and building a business have driven Perkins down a career of serial medical device entrepreneurship.

In a 2006 article in the "Medical Futures" magazine, he offered the following advice: "I tend to think of an entrepreneur like a sheep dog," he said. "They gather their flock, they herd them and keep them together and drive them through a gate at the same time. An entrepreneur herds resources, starting with an unfulfilled clinical need, and then puts other things around it."

*'I tend to think of an entrepreneur like a sheep dog. ... An entrepreneur herds resources, starting with an unfulfilled clinical need, and then puts other things around it.'*

DR. RODNEY PERKINS

A few of his other companies:

- In 1982, he founded LaserScope, Inc., which develops and manufactures medical lasers.

- In 1984, he founded ReSound Corporation, a hearing aid company that is considered a market leader in the hearing aid industry, he said. It was purchased by Great Nordic to become GN Resound.

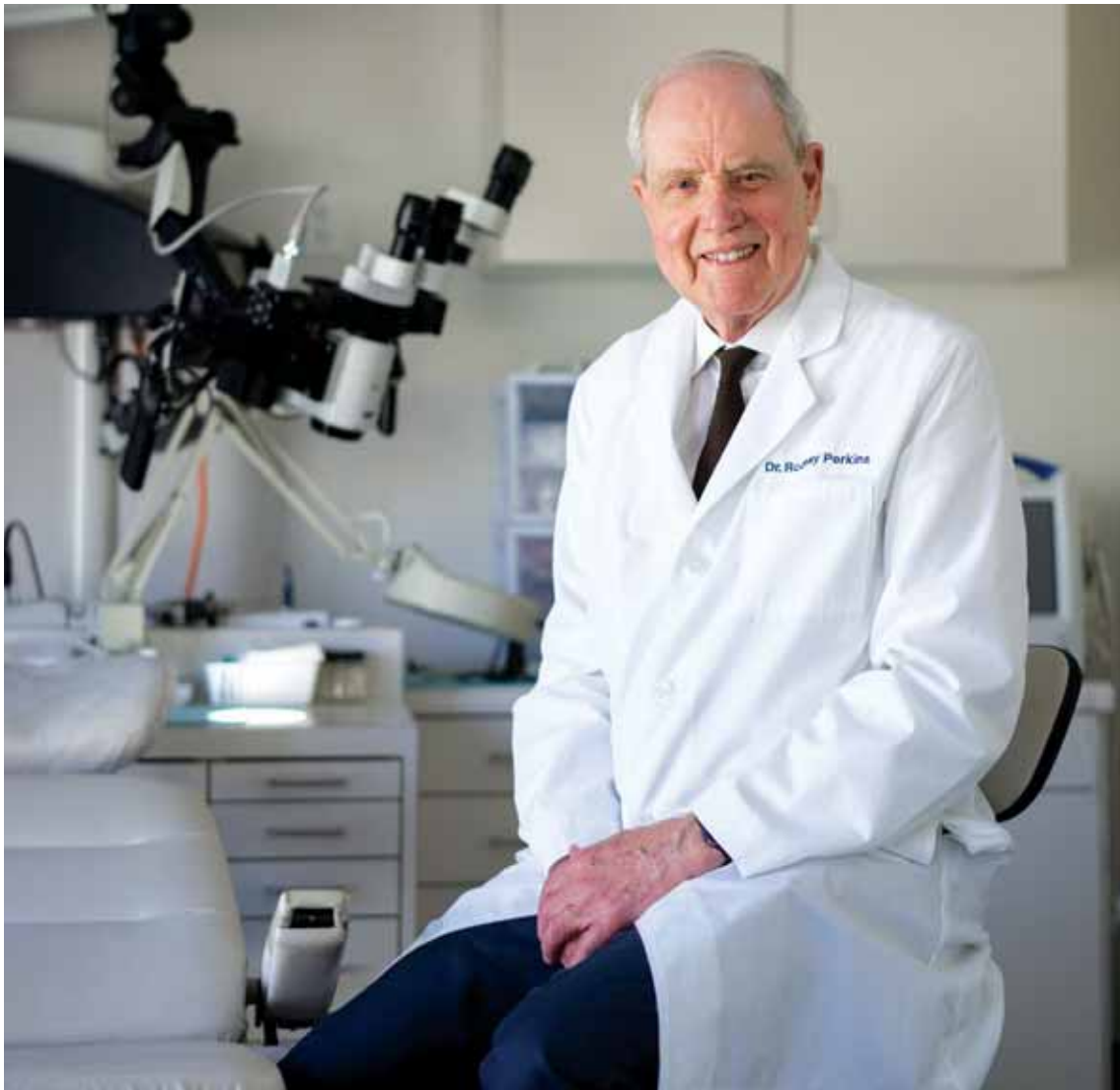
- In 1995, he founded Novacept, a company that makes a device that stops excess menstrual bleeding for women. That company was acquired by Cytoc in 2004 for \$325 million.

- He also reports launching Sound ID, SurgRx, Dfine, Pulmonx and Cohesion.

And, he can boast of at least one other Silicon Valley accomplishment: Perkins has an item named after him on the menu at Buck's of Woodside, The Dr. Perkins



**The tiny EarLens** sits on the ear drum and helps amplify a wider spectrum of sound frequencies for its wearers than other hearing aids, Perkins says.



**Hearing inventions** aren't Perkins' only specialty. In the 1980s, he developed a medical laser company and in 1987 contributed a chapter to a National Academy of Engineering book about the past and future applications of light and lasers in medicine.

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Most recently, he's been building a new business, EarLens, around an eponymous hearing aid he invented.

"Think of it like a contact lens for your eye, but it resides on your eardrum," he said.

As of October 2017, the EarLens blog reported that Perkins holds 18 issued patents, with 37 pending.

### EarLens

Recently, at a nondescript research and development building in eastern Menlo Park, Perkins allowed this reporter to sit in on a procedure to install an EarLens hearing device. He currently serves as the EarLens' founder and chief medical officer.

Using a microscope and precise, small tools, an ear, nose and throat physician first moistened the eardrum with some oil, and then placed the tiny device into the patient's ear. She then flashed a penlight into the ear to test whether it was working. The patient said she could hear music coming from the light. Next, the patient would have her hearing device calibrated to adjust to her particular hearing sensitivities.

Traditional hearing aids, including one variety he helped patent decades ago, aren't great at picking up the frequencies at which a lot of speech and noise

occur, he said. Most other hearing aids use a "very mini speaker" that, because of their size, can't amplify the high frequencies, he explained.

One problem with other hearing aids, he said, is that 80 to 90 percent of the sounds we rely on to make language intelligible — consonants like t, g, sh, s, and f — are particularly hard to hear with hearing-damaged ears because they occur at higher frequencies.

EarLens, he said, "more than doubles" the frequency range of other hearing aids.

A processor outside the ear converts incoming sound into electrical current, which goes down a wire in a small tube into a tip in the ear, which contains a laser diode. That diode transmits a form of invisible light that goes into the ear canal, where a tiny solar cell detects the light, which then generates a current and vibrates the ear drum.

The lens stays in place because of its custom shape, and because of surface tension, the device remains on the eardrum membrane, aided by oil drops that users apply a couple of times a week to keep the surface moist.

The reason the sound-to-light-to-sound method works, he said, is that very little energy is required to trigger what he called the "threshold of hearing." Moving the eardrum a

single micron creates the sound equivalent of standing next to a jet engine, he said.

The EarLens hearing aids, which can also operate as wireless headphones, are available to purchase and costs vary, according to EarLens spokesperson John White. Perkins said they cost about \$12,000 a pair.

"The market for this is huge worldwide," he said, noting that as people age, many develop hearing problems: About 20 percent of people in their 50s, 40 percent of people in their 60s, and 60 percent of people in their 70s report hearing problems. Currently, EarLens has clearance from the Food and Drug Administration for adults but not yet for children, so the devices are available only to people ages 18 and up.

One of the challenges of building up the company is figuring out how to train people to fit and install them the aids. They are customized to fit ear shape, which requires an initial appointment and a follow-up. "That's why they fit so well," he said.

The plan is to train physicians across the U.S. to insert the devices at the Menlo Park clinic.

"A doctor has to put (the device) in," he said. "It's not Harry's Hearing Aid Hut."

As of February, the company had about 170 employees. ■

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Town Council of the Town of Portola Valley will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Historic Schoolhouse, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, California on the following:

1. ADOPTION OF A NEW FEE TO THE PLANNING FEES & PERMITS SECTION OF THE FEE SCHEDULE OF THE TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) FOR A CANNABIS PERMIT.

Data substantiating the estimated cost of the fee for providing planning services associated with the new Cannabis Permit will be available to the public at the permit counter at Town Hall, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028, beginning 10 days prior to the meeting date above.

This fee is not associated with development projects and will go into effect immediately upon approval.

Information pertaining to the proposal may be viewed at Town Hall Building and Planning Department, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. All interested persons are invited to appear before the Town Council to be heard at the time and place mentioned above.

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Dated: May 2, 2018  
Arly Cassidy, Interim Planning Director

## SVCF

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was asked to resign. HR workers advised her to tell her co-workers she was going back to graduate school, rather than being terminated.

Goodman met with Carson for an exit interview, and she laid out all her troubles with Loijens' bullying, she said. Before shaking her hand, Carson told her he would look into it.

Four years later, following an expose about Loijens in the Chronicle of Philanthropy, Carson and SVCF are in damage-control mode as more stories of workplace abuse have emerged. On his Twitter feed, Carson emphasized a zero-tolerance policy toward inappropriate conduct, and he pledged to take "whatever actions are necessary" to move forward.

Carson and SVCF did not respond to questions submitted by this reporter. Loijens also did not respond to calls seeking comment.

As the allegations surfaced last week, foundation officials announced that an independent law firm would be retained to investigate employees' concerns.

Privately, in a letter to the SVCF donors, Carson disputed

some aspects of the complaints, saying they were focused on selective information. Most employees were content, he said, pointing to surveys showing that 85 percent of the SVCF staff felt respected by their supervisors. In 2017, the staff turnover rate was 26 percent, higher than average, he admitted.

**'Emmett Carson needs to go; they have to bring in a new CEO with a different style of management.'**

SARAH LORRAINE GOODMAN,  
FORMER FOUNDATION EMPLOYEE

"The allegations are serious and of great concern to me," he wrote. "We will continue to focus on improving our workplace and building the culture so we continue to make a positive impact in our communities."

Multiple employees told the Voice that annual turnover for Loijens's department was as high as 40 percent. They also disputed the survey statistics that Carson cited, pointing out that he declined to mention that the same report showed only 33 percent of staffers felt they could give honest feedback without

consequences.

The new revelations of staff disapproval have apparently sparked some concern that donors could revolt. Last Monday, Los Altos Hills entrepreneur Steve Kirsch wrote an open letter in the San Jose Mercury News expressing disbelief that workplace abuse had continued for 11 years with no knowledge by top leaders. He threatened to take his future donations elsewhere unless the "failure of leadership" was corrected.

After a board meeting last Monday, the nonprofit announced it was widening its investigation into the workplace abuse by hiring a second law firm to assist.

On April 25, an anonymous letter claiming to be from 65 current SVCF employees was sent to the nonprofit's board. The letter called for Carson and Vice President Daiva Natochy to be immediately suspended, and for the investigation to be expanded to include their role in the alleged abuse. Soon afterward, the board received a second letter signed by 25 former employees calling for Carson's immediate termination.

In a meeting on April 26, the foundation's 18-member board of directors voted to place Carson on paid administrative leave

until the investigation is completed. A former board member, Greg Avis, was appointed interim CEO.

Several former SVCF staffers told the Voice that they didn't find Carson to be credible, saying he seemed to allow Loijens' dysfunctional behavior as long as she continued to attract substantial donors.

Internally at the foundation, around 2013, Loijens was reportedly credited for landing two colossal donations of Facebook stock from Mark Zuckerberg and Priscilla Chan. Today, those stock donations are valued at about \$5.76 billion. In 2014, she also reportedly took credit for a \$500 million contribution from GoPro founder Nick Woodman.

With those immense deals attached to her name, Loijens seemed practically "untouchable" at the organization, Goodman said.

"Everybody was flabbergasted and amazed that she could score this huge fish," Goodman said. "As long as she was able to bring in that level of money, it was clear that Emmett Carson was never going to get rid of her."

But would those donations have come in without Loijens? Some former co-workers believe Loijens' golden touch was a

myth. As more tech companies began going public after the mid-2000s, there was a flood of newly minted tycoons looking to do something with their windfall.

SVCF's predecessor, the Community Foundation Silicon Valley, made it a practice to tailor its donor outreach for tech leaders, especially those who would be interested in a large tax write-off for a charitable cause. Many donors came forward without much coaxing, said Sue Covey, who served as Community Foundation Silicon Valley director of planned giving.

"The big gifts that came into the organization had nothing to do with Loijens, but because of her position, she got the credit for it," Covey said. "She took credit for everything that came in, even though a lot of it didn't initiate with her."

Loijens joined the Community Foundation in 2004, making her Covey's direct supervisor. Even back then, she showed similar behavior to what is described in the new allegations, Covey said. To donors and her supervisors, Loijens could turn on the charm, but to anyone in a subordinate position, she held them "completely in disdain,"

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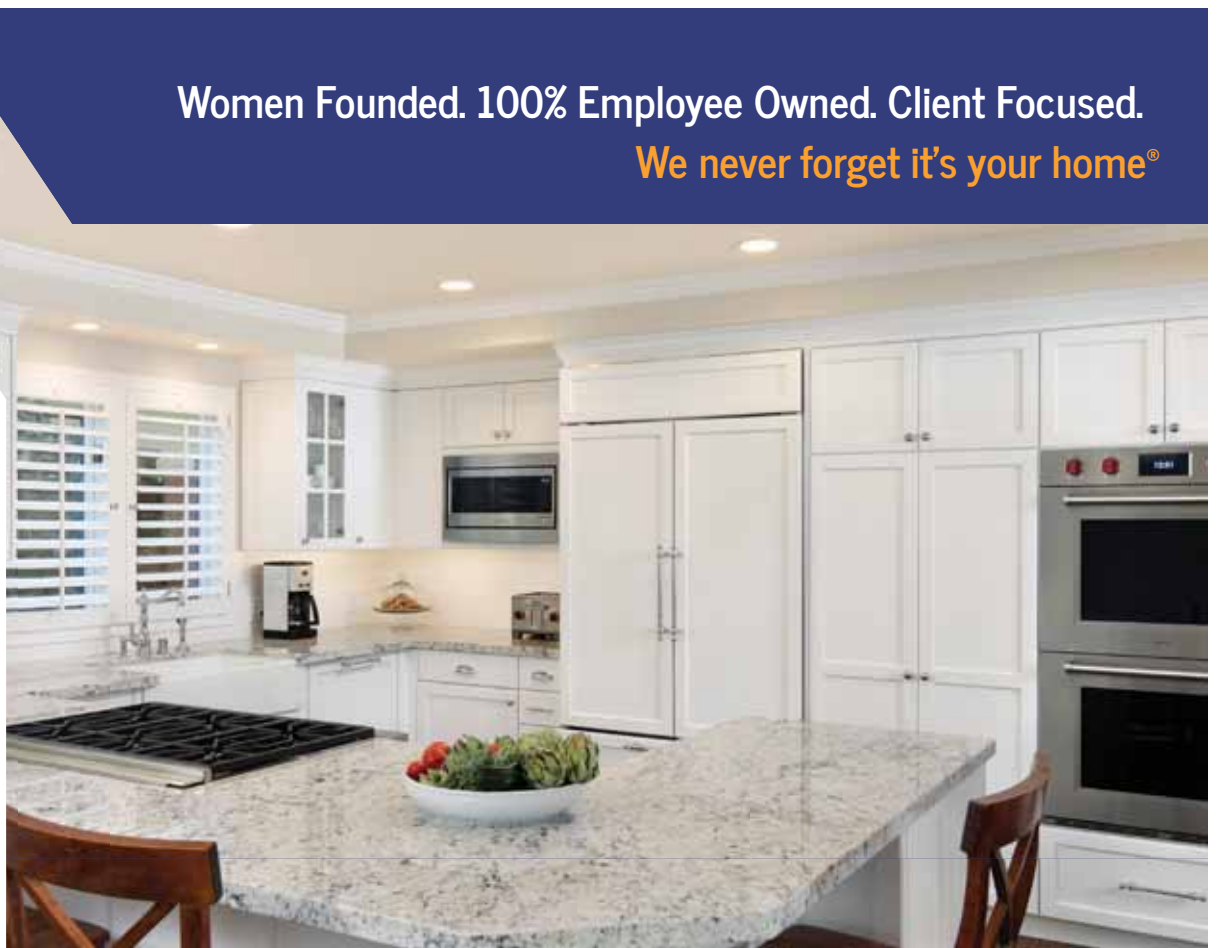


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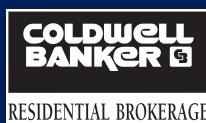
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## SVCF

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Covey said. Others described her erratic behavior as like Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

Covey resigned in 2005, a decision she attributes “100 percent” to Loijens’ behavior. Like other former employees who were interviewed, Covey said she began warning others in the nonprofit field against working with Loijens or SVCF.

## A difficult merger

In 2006, talks began for a merger between the San Jose-based Community Foundation Silicon Valley and the San Mateo Peninsula Community Foundation, a deal promoted as a way to expand philanthropic reach and donor base. Carson was picked to head the newly formed Silicon Valley Community Foundation, and even before the merger was finalized he chose Loijens as his No. 2, naming her his chief of staff. Some employees believe Carson found Loijens to be useful as an enforcer, the bad cop to his good cop.

It was a difficult transition, said Patti Pace, SVCF’s former corporate philanthropy manager. All the staff were stripped of their titles and had to reapply for their jobs. Many senior professionals were ousted and replaced with younger rookies.

Pace recalls an all-staff meeting at the Mountain View office that Carson called around 2007 to address the early complaints being leveled at Loijens. It was an uncomfortable meeting, and Carson signaled that Loijens was operating with his full support. Pace said she will never forget what he told the staff: “When Mari Ellen speaks, I speak.”

Former employees who had worked under Loijens, going back more than a decade, say that her bullying was an open secret among nonprofit professionals, but no one wanted to speak out because it seemed like career suicide.

“It was obvious she was abusing her power, but then everyone knew that you do not complain about Mari Ellen,” Pace said. “What resulted is the SVCF lost a lot of really forward-thinking, innovative people who could have made major contributions.”

At least one complaint did reverberate outside of SVCF’s walls. In 2014, Loijens’s former executive assistant, Rui Zhou, filed a lawsuit alleging she was unfairly terminated.

In her allegations, Zhou said she had years of “glowing” performance reviews from Loijens up until she went on maternity leave. Two days after returning to work, she received her first negative evaluation from Loijens. Two more bad reviews followed, each giving little explanation for the poor marks except for Zhou’s “calendar management” skills, according to court records.

SVCF later settled the lawsuit for an undisclosed sum. Zhou and her attorney did not respond to requests for comment.

Just weeks before the lawsuit, a complaint was made to the Department of Fair Employment and Housing, alleging Loijens had a pattern of discrimination against female employees who became mothers, and she had forced them out of their jobs.

Pace and other former employees say there were at least two other lawsuits against Loijens for harassment, but records of these cases could not be located in the Santa Clara County Court records system. Past records are available only three years back at the state Fair Employment and Housing Department.

Loijens’ division, the development department, reportedly became like a revolving door as people quickly burned out after working with her. Pace remembers a young administrator being brought to tears on her first day of work after being rebuked by Loijens.

Internally, much of the staff made it a practice to try to avoid

Loijens’ attention. A code word, “muskrat,” was used to signal when she was verging on sexually inappropriate comments, according to a source who declined to be named.

The development director position became particularly notorious, and new hires would routinely resign after less than a year in the job.

One recruiter told Pace that he could hire people only from out of town who didn’t know Loijens. Over the years, the nonprofit’s Glassdoor page filled with warnings to job seekers that SVCF wasn’t worth the

hardship.

Several employees who were interviewed for this story say they suffered physical and mental health issues as a result of their experience at SVCF. Goodman, who worked only nine months at the nonprofit, says she needed therapy and couldn’t work for more than two years afterward.

One former SVCF employee described having post-traumatic stress disorder for years after she left.

“It was a very toxic environment and the worst employment situation I’ve ever had in my

career,” she said. The former employee declined to be named because, she said, she had signed a nondisparagement agreement.

In the coming days, the law firms heading the investigation will set up an anonymous reporting system available to anyone not currently employed at SVCF. ■

*Editor’s note: Bill Johnson, CEO and President of Embarcadero Media, which publishes The Almanac, the Voice and the Palo Alto Weekly, served on the Silicon Valley Community Foundation Board of Directors from 2004 to 2011.*



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**'The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood'** Priory Theatre presents "The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood" by Mary Lynn Dobson, a Monty Python-esque retelling of the classic tale. Appropriate for all ages. May 3, 7-8:30 p.m. \$5-\$15. Woodside Priory School, 302 Portola Road, Portola Valley. [priory.ticketleap.com/robin-hood](http://priory.ticketleap.com/robin-hood)

**Western Ballet's Beauty & the Beast** Western Ballet will present "Beauty and the Beast," a full-length ballet telling the classic story of the bookish Belle and the mysterious Beast. May 5 and 6, 1 p.m. \$27, with discounts for seniors/students. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Search [facebook.com/events](http://facebook.com/events) for more info.

**Concerts**

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**47th Annual Stanford Powwow and Art Market** A celebration of Native American cultures including dance and music with more than 100 artist, food and information booth vendors. May 11, 5 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. Search [events.stanford.edu](http://events.stanford.edu) for more info.

**Springtide Comedic Medley** Nikki Borodi will perform an acrobatic storytelling experience. A Cappella group Business Casual and Un-scripted Theater Company will also perform. May 2, 6 p.m. \$10 or \$12 at door. Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. [menlopark.org](http://menlopark.org)

**Supernaut** Freewheel Brewing Company will host live music by Supernaut. Formed in 2013, the group consists of Oliver Niemann on guitar, Sean Niemann on drums and vocals and Will Iremini on bass and vocals. May 5, 7-9 p.m. Free. Freewheel Brewing Company, 3736 Florence St., Redwood City. Search [facebook.com/events](http://facebook.com/events) for more info.

**Talks & Lectures**

**Free Speech Online: Social Media Platforms and the Future of Democracy** A discussion featuring Juniper Downs, global head of Public Policy and Government Relations, YouTube; Nathaniel Persily, James B. McClatchy professor of law, Stanford Law School; Jeffrey Rosen, president and CEO, National Constitution Center; and Larry Kramer, president, William and Flora Hewlett

Foundation. May 3, 5:30 p.m. Free. Stanford Law School Room 190, 559 Nathan Abbott Way, Stanford.

**The Sierra Club's Environmental Stewardship Program** Learn about critical environmental issues while developing activism skills. Dinner will be included. May 7, 6-8:30 p.m. \$150-\$175. Redwood City Main Library, 1044 Middlefield Road, Redwood City. [sierraclub.org/loma-prieta](http://sierraclub.org/loma-prieta)

**Museums & Exhibits**

**Portola Art Gallery Presents Larry Calof's 'Sunrise, Sunset'** The Portola Art Gallery presents "Sunrise, Sunset," a collection of photographic images of sunrises and sunsets, primarily around the West and Southwest, by Larry Calof of Atherton. The exhibit features images printed on aluminum, as well as pieces printed on traditional archival paper. May 1-31, Mondays-Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. [performance-ballet-fantastique](http://performance-ballet-fantastique)

**Dance**

**Western Ballet's Ballet Fantastique** Western Ballet's annual mixed repertoire program features neoclassical masterpieces by Venezuela's world-renowned choreographer Vicente Nebrada as well as works by Alexi Zurbira. May 4 and 5, 7 p.m. \$20-\$45. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. [westernballet.org/performance-ballet-fantastique](http://westernballet.org/performance-ballet-fantastique)

**Food & Drink**

**Clay and Chardonnay** Participants will be taken through a step-by-step lesson on creating a clay masterpiece while drinking wine. Supplies, aprons and wine are all included. May 8, 6-8 p.m. \$25-\$30. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. [penvol.org/littlehouse](http://penvol.org/littlehouse)

**JOINT MEETING**

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Gordon said. "Here's one (benefit) that we could (give)."

School board members showed interest in using that same consultant to analyze installing charging stations on campus. Some staff at school are plugging in "in a very makeshift way," a school board member said.

The electric bill is a concern, said Superintendent Beth Polito. "We do want to potentially subsidize it for our staff, but not if it's going to be cost-prohibitive," she said.

Given the scarcity of parking in town, Shaw noted that they could generate profits during non-school hours.

Charging stations in commercial parking spaces might be an option. California law may allow fossil-fueled vehicles to use unoccupied EV-equipped spaces if one ADA parking space is equipped with a charging station, council members said.

Finally, the group discussed marijuana. The town's moratorium on commercial growth, distribution and sales ends in September, Town Manager Kevin

Bryant said. If the council does not establish regulations, state laws will apply.

Pacifica is allowing marijuana storefronts, Bryant said. Redwood City is considering that, too, and approved an area east of U.S. 101 for commercial purposes, he said. San Carlos is looking at its industrial zone as a possible venue. The Portola Valley council is likely to approve small-scale residential growth for commercial purposes, but by a 3-2 majority.

San Mateo County floated a proposal to the county's cities and towns, but recently passed an ordinance that applies only to unincorporated county land. "Cities are just kind of finding the way through this on their own," Bryant said.

After two council sessions — neither of which was well attended — the council will likely consider an ordinance at its second meeting in May, Bryant said.

"The edible thing is what I'm most concerned about," said school board member Claire Pollioni.

The school district might address the topic in the "Wildcat Weekly," Polito said.

Bryant said people can email the council on the matter. ■

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## POLICE CALLS

These reports are from the Menlo Park and Atherton police departments and the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. Under the law, people charged with offenses are considered innocent unless convicted. Police received the reports on the dates shown.

## MENLO PARK

**Residential burglary:** A thief entered a home on Waverley Street through an unlocked window and stole a video game console, a backpack and two designer colognes. Estimated loss: \$560. April 26.

**Commercial burglary:** Someone smashed a window and entered BD Biosciences in the 1300 block of El Camino Real and appears to have ransacked drawers, in that drawers were found open and items were found on the floor. A laptop computer was stolen. Estimated loss: \$1,200. April 23.

## Fraud:

■ A resident of the 3800 block of Bohannon Drive told police she'd received a phone call from someone claiming to be from the Internal Revenue Service saying she was "out of compliance" after a five-year audit, that she owed \$2,600 and that she would be arrested unless she paid via Google Play gift cards.

The resident complied, but the calls kept coming and she contacted police after the caller began asking her about her 401(k) retirement savings. April 25.

■ A resident of Westfield Drive did not buy three \$100 Apple gift cards as instructed by someone calling and claiming to represent technical support from McAfee, Inc., a vendor of anti-virus software. No losses. April 24.

■ A resident of the 2100 block of Sand Hill Road told police of an elderly man who has been making "unusual withdrawals" from his bank account and sending money orders to someone unknown on the promise that he was buying a luxury car. April 24.

## ATHERTON

**Theft:** While a resident of Polhemus Avenue was out of the country, someone stole jewelry from a bathroom drawer in the house. April 20.

## WOODSIDE

**Trespassing:** Deputies arrested and booked a man, allegedly for trying repeatedly to enter a home in the 600 block of Mountain Home Road. April 20.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED SEWER RATE INCREASES FOR THE TOWN CENTER SEWER ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

The Town Council will conduct a Public Hearing on proposed sewer rate increases at 7:30 P.M. on June 12, 2018 at Independence Hall, 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside, CA 94062.

An informational Public Information meeting on the proposed sewer rates has been scheduled for May 14, 2018 starting at 7:00 p.m. at Independence Hall to provide more information and answer questions about the sewer system and the proposed sewer rate increases. This meeting is being scheduled prior to the Town Council Public Hearing to provide an opportunity for additional information and public input.

TOWN CENTER SEWER ASSESSMENT DISTRICT PROPOSED SEWER RATES						
Current Proposed Sewer Rates Effective Fiscal Year						
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
<b>Residential</b>						
Fixed annual charge per residential dwelling unit						
Residential Parcels (Town Center Area)	\$1,450	\$1,750	\$1,900	\$2,050	\$2,200	\$2,300
Cañada Corridor Sewer Service Area	1,353	1,353	1,353	1,420	1,570	1,670
<b>Non-Residential</b>						
Usage-based rates applied per hundred cubic feet (hcf) of billable usage						
Retail Commercial, Institutions & Public	\$18.03	\$21.76	\$23.63	\$25.50	\$27.37	\$28.61
Restaurants & Bakeries	25.00	30.17	32.76	35.35	37.94	39.66
Food Markets	24.59	29.68	32.22	34.76	37.30	39.00
Grease Treatment (Rests/Bakeries/Food Mkts)	\$2.48	\$2.56	\$2.66	\$2.77	\$2.88	\$3.00
Minimum Annual Charge	\$1,160	\$1,313	\$1,425	\$1,538	\$1,650	\$1,725

Property owners wishing to protest the proposed sewer rate increases may mail or deliver written protests to the Town Clerk at P.O. Box 620005, Woodside, CA 94062. The proposed rates will not be adopted if written protests are received from more than 50% of affected parcels with one written protest counted per parcel. Pursuant to California law, protests must be submitted in writing and must a) identify the affected property or properties, such as by address or Assessor's Parcel Number; b) include the name and signature of the property owner submitting the protest; and c) indicate opposition to the proposed sewer rate increases. Protests submitted by e-mail, facsimile, or other electronic means will not be accepted. Written protests must be submitted prior to the close of the Public Hearing on June 12, 2018.

For additional information or questions, please contact Sean Rose, Town Engineer/Director of Public Works the Town at 650-851-6790. All interested parties are invited to submit written comments prior to the public hearing and to attend and give testimony.

Dora Wong Seamans, MPA, CMC  
Town Clerk

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## Atherton considering temporary housing for police

By Barbara Wood

Almanac Staff Writer

Should Atherton provide a place for its police officers to sleep between 12-hour shifts to avoid their long commutes?

The Atherton City Council will discuss that issue as well as the town's capital improvements budget and other town special funds in a study session on Wednesday, May 2, at 4 p.m. in the town's council chambers at 94 Ashfield Road.

In 2014, Atherton decided to let its police officers use an empty town-owned home in Holbrook-Palmer Park as temporary housing between the three or four consecutive 12-hour days a week they work.

As of May 1, however, Police Chief Steve McCulley and his wife are occupying the house. With the upcoming construction

of a new civic center, town-owned space is at a premium, a report from town Public Works Director Robert Ovadia says. But the town could squeeze one or two bedrooms and bathrooms into another existing park building. Meeting current building codes, including handicap accessibility, is a challenge, Ovadia said.

An anonymous Atherton resident might pay the \$100,000 to \$200,000 costs of adding the sleeping quarters, Ovadia's report says.

## Budget

The study session will be the second to look at the town's 2018-19 fiscal year budget. This session will focus on the town's five-year capital improvement program and on special funds with restrictions on their spending.

See the agenda and staff reports at [is.gd/acc\\_may2](http://is.gd/acc_may2). ■

## Portola Valley School District may have to borrow to pay repair bill

By Barbara Wood

Almanac Staff Writer

As Portola Valley School District officials prepare to ask voters for a bond measure that would pay for improvements in the district's two schools, Mother Nature seems determined to help prove the district needs the money.

At an April 25 board meeting, the board heard a report about the district's probable share of the bill for a series of emergency repairs in the past year.

During the current school year, the district has had to close eight classrooms, two bathrooms, the library, and the multiuse room at Corte Madera School for repairs due to mold and water damage.

Tom Ledda of the San Mateo County Schools Insurance Group told the board that even after insurance coverage, the district could be responsible for as much as \$450,000 toward the cost of the repairs, which totaled over \$1 million.

The district does not have the funds to pay its share and will likely have to take a loan out from the San Mateo County Office of Education, the district's Chief Business Official Connie Ngo said.

If a bond measure is passed in November, it could make the district eligible for matching funds from the state that could help repay the loan, Superintendent Eric Hartwig said.

School board members plan to decide in late June if they want to put a bond measure on the November ballot. They are

working on details of a facilities master plan showing what improvements are wanted and needed.

Hartwig said the school has maintained its facilities, but some were built with outdated construction methods and materials. "A lot of what failed was on (the facilities plan's) end of life list," Hartwig told the board. "The fact that they were failing didn't surprise us."

Corte Madera School has 15 classrooms built in 1958, 1960 and 1964 while Ormondale has 14 classrooms built in 1961 and 1976 plus two 30-year-old "temporary" portable classrooms.

The board also heard from Chris Hiatt of Keygent, the district's financing consultants. Under a state law allowing school bonds to be approved with 55 percent of the vote, an individual bond measure may not add up to more than \$300 per \$1 million in assessed valuation to property tax bills. That amount of debt would bring the district between \$42.3 and \$48.3 million, depending on the type of bonds issued, Hiatt said. The bonds that would bring more money to the district have a higher payback cost, she said.

Hiatt said property owners in the district currently pay the third-lowest amount in the county on school debt (based on the assessed value of property). Adding a new bond would bring the district to about mid-range in the county, but higher than neighboring districts.

The district will still be paying off earlier bonds until 2032, Hiatt said. ■

# Viewpoint

IDEAS, THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS ABOUT LOCAL ISSUES

## A test of Menlo Park City Council leadership

By Dana Hendrickson

Menlo Park is expected to finally decide this year — possibly as soon as this month — where and how it wants to separate city streets from Caltrain tracks. It will then begin a long process to apply for future state and county funding.

The Menlo Park City Council has narrowed its options down to two studied alternatives and is dissatisfied with both mainly because lowering streets has big negative construction impacts. Unfortunately, the alternative preferred by most council members raises tracks and lowers streets, a design that would cause great and irreversible harm to the commercial district near the train station and subject all residents and local businesses to severe traffic disruptions and negative environmental impacts during four to five years of heavy construction.

Since last October a small team of residents has been encouraging the council to conduct a short study of a third alternative that offers significantly more benefits and causes no significant negative impacts anywhere along the rail corridor. However, our proposal lacks the support of a council majority due to two unjustified fears.

First, some members believe a further delay in making a final selection might jeopardize future project funding. And, all are sensitive to the public pressure being exerted by residents who adamantly oppose a new study. They



Dana Hendrickson is a longtime Menlo Park resident and a member of a newly formed coalition of residents, local businesses, and property owners who advocate that Menlo Park carefully study fully elevated grade separations.

### GUEST OPINION

incorrectly believe this third alternative would severely damage the quality of life in Felton Gables.

It is extremely important that residents and local businesses understand what is happening, express their concerns and preferences to the council, and insist that the council base its grade separation decisions, not on fear, but instead on critical information and sound reasoning. A new study will not take long to complete, and if the solution costs less, the odds of our city receiving early funding might increase.

The proposed alternative would use fully elevated grade separations at Ravenswood, Oak Grove and Glenwood avenues — a strong preference of both residents and the council — and would *not* require that any streets be lowered. An elevated and open rail structure in the train station area would create usable space underneath, unobstructed views, and convenient paths for pedestrians and bicyclists. (Note: The currently preferred alternative divides the train station area

with a solid 10-foot-high rail embankment.) Encinal could be closed to vehicle traffic only, a change that would significantly improve the safety of Encinal School students who walk and bike. And finally, fully elevated grade separations would significantly shorten construction, greatly reduce street closures and constrictions, and minimize various negative impacts on local businesses.

No persuasive evidence supports the fear that the proposed new study would risk future funding for Menlo Park. First, San Mateo County does not have any uncommitted funds set aside for grade separations. Burlingame's Broadway project has long been "shovel-ready" and is at the front of the line for funding. And Redwood City still needs funding for a study of grade separation alternatives for Whipple and will likely remain far behind Menlo Park. And finally, Caltrain will continue to build new grade separations as funding becomes available, and Ravenswood remains a top state and Caltrain priority.

At a recent Rail Subcommittee meeting, a large number of Felton Gables residents expressed strong opposition to any track elevation north of Encinal and, in particular, to the use of a train viaduct near their neighborhood. They are naturally concerned about potential negative noise and aesthetic impacts.

In reality, their fears are factually unfounded. First, no viaduct has ever been proposed for this section of tracks.

Next, it is highly doubtful that mechanical train noise at ground-level would significantly increase materially over current levels even if the rail bed were raised a small amount. And finally, Caltrain can install thin, 30-foot electrification poles up to 180 feet apart so these and passing trains would rarely be seen from Felton Gables yards due to tree screens. Both of these claims can easily be verified during a study.

Finally, recently discovered information suggests the council's preferred grade separation alternative has a big obstacle to clear. A large Hetch Hetchy pipeline lies just below the surface of Garwood Way, Oak Grove and Glenwood, and possibly below Ravenswood, as well. Lowering these streets even a few feet would require the pipe to be relocated, an action that the California Public Utilities Commission will oppose, resist and possibly block. It's not even clear where and how the pipe could be rerouted. So any alternative that lowers streets has a big implementation and schedule risks.

The council should never forgo a study simply because a vocal group opposes one, especially when they lack reliable information. Nor should it fear a potential lack of future grade separation funding. Instead, the council needs a study so it can both fairly consider the interests of *all* Menlo Park residents and downtown businesses and fully justify its final decision. It's time to start one now!

### LETTERS

Our readers write

#### Water capture facility in park a bad idea

Editor:

The town of Atherton is on a single-minded course to build a nearly 9 acre-foot storm water capture facility in our jewel of Atherton — Holbrook-Palmer Park. Caltrans is offering \$13.6 million to the town to fulfill a Caltrans "requirement" to remove toxins from the rainwater that flows to the bay. This project aims to remove mercury and PCBs from the runoff as well as reduce possible flooding along Watkins Avenue and Marsh Road.

While this goal may be a commendable, environmental "green" proposal, the project has far too many potential negative consequences to be allowed to proceed.

The quantity of toxins from Atherton and the surrounding area are minuscule. Compared with that of other Peninsula cities, Atherton runoff is one of the

cleanest. We have no current or historic polluting industries, only residential and open space.

The flood control will likely be unnecessary or inadequate in most circumstances. A seven-year flood would not need this project, yet a 10-year flood would overwhelm the relatively small water capture capability.

The project will unquestionably result in substantial, ongoing expenses to the town to clean filters, maintain water valves and pumps and pay the 24/7 on-call staff needed to operate the water capture gates. The estimated \$70,000 annual expense is drastically understated.

A nine-acre storage reservoir will be placed under a park lawn. The overly optimistic 14-month construction estimate will be burdensome for park users and neighbors. Additionally, these "improvements" will forever change the natural beauty and tranquility of the park.

These are but a few of the issues and foreseeable problems. There are other options. The current Bayfront Store Water Project can

solve any substantial matter.

The adverse effects of this project significantly outweigh any minimal benefits it offers. We need to speak out now before it is too late.

Sandy Crittenden  
Heather Drive, Atherton

#### Thanks for donations to the Holiday Fund

Editor:

The adult learners, tutors, staff and board members of Project Read-Menlo Park and Literacy Partners give a huge thank-you to all of the thoughtful and generous donors who gave to The Almanac Holiday Fund. The money we received from you will make a positive impact in our community.

Although our programs are volunteer-driven, it takes funds to provide the programs and materials for the Belle Haven English classes, tutor recruitment and training, outreach and testing for learners, the computer lab, and the Wednesday conversation club.

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We are truly fortunate to live here. We are grateful to The Almanac, your readers and the community as partners in fostering our mutual vision to build literacy.

Visit [projectreadmenlopark.org](http://projectreadmenlopark.org) to learn more about Project Read and how you can help. We have 15 adults waiting for a tutor. Call us at 330-2525 or stop by the office in the Menlo Park Library for a tour.

Jason Sugimura  
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Letters should be no longer than 300 words.

You can also submit a longer piece of 450 to 600 words for consideration to publish as a guest opinion column.

Questions? Email Renee Batti at [rbatti@AlmanacNews.com](mailto:rbatti@AlmanacNews.com), or call 650-223-6528.

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**995 Fictitious Name Statement**

HYPATIA'S CUISINE  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 277258

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
Hypatia's Cuisine, located at 1714 El Camino Real, Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):  
MILENE HYPATIA HANNER  
655 Oak Grove Ave. #668  
Menlo Park, CA 94026  
This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on April 3, 2018.  
(ALM Apr. 11, 18, 25; May 2, 2018)

THE ADDICTIONS INSTITUTE  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 277161

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
The Addictions Institute, located at 445 Borgess Drive #150, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):  
STEPHANIE DIANE BROWN  
68 Yale Road  
Menlo Park, CA 94025  
This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on May 1989.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 23, 2018.  
(ALM Apr. 11, 18, 25; May 2, 2018)

MINDSHARE LEARNING SYSTEMS  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 277320

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
Mindshare Learning Systems, located at 2164 Ashton Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):  
LARRY WISEMAN  
2164 Ashton Ave.  
Menlo Park, CA 94025  
ELIZABETH WISEMAN  
2164 Ashton Ave.  
Menlo Park, CA 94025  
This business is conducted by: Married Couple.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/18.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on April 5, 2018.  
(ALM Apr. 11, 18, 25; May 2, 2018)

LECA CONSTRUCTION  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 277353

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
LECA Construction, located at 3933 O'Neill Dr., San Mateo, CA 94403, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):  
OSCAR O. LESCANO  
3933 O'Neill Dr.  
San Mateo, CA 94403  
This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on Sep. 19, 2005.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on April 9, 2018.  
(ALM Apr. 18, 25; May 2, 9, 2018)

PANADERIA MICHOCAN  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 277368

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Panaderia Michoacan, located at 2940 Middlefield Road, Redwood City CA 94063, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):  
CELIA BAEZ  
131 Wayne Ct East  
Redwood City, CA 94063  
This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1979.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on April 11, 2018.  
(ALM Apr. 18, 25; May 2, 9, 2018)

PINK SKIES  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 277386

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Pink Skies, located at 5001 Woodside Rd., Woodside, CA 94062, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):  
DREAM TEAM PAJAMAS, LLC  
5001 Woodside Road  
Woodside, CA 94062  
Delaware

This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on April 12, 2018.  
(ALM Apr. 18, 25; May 2, 9, 2018)

CANDY LAND HOME DAYCARE  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 277425

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Candy Land Home Daycare, located at 1909 Cooley Ave., East Palo Alto, CA 94303, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):  
EVELYN X. RENDÁ'N  
1909 Cooley Ave.  
East Palo Alto, CA 94303  
This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on March 8, 2018.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on April 17, 2018.  
(ALM Apr. 25; May 2, 9, 16, 2018)

TOP GLASS CO.  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 277325

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Top Glass Co., located at 316 N. Delaware St. #2, San Mateo, CA 94401, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):  
SHAHAB DAVARI  
316 N. Delaware St. #2  
San Mateo, CA 94401  
This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 08-19-2011.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on April 6, 2018.  
(ALM Apr. 25; May 2, 9, 16, 2018)

**997 All Other Legals**

APN: 060-142-020-1 TS No: CA08001052-17-1 TO No: 8712414 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED December 29, 2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On May 16, 2018 at 01:00 PM, Marshall St. Entrance, San Mateo County Courthouse, Southern Branch Hall of Justice & Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on January 29, 2007 as Instrument No. 2007-014088, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of San Mateo County, California, executed by LEVIE A. SPIGNER, AS TRUSTEE OF THE LEVIE A. SPIGNER 2006 REVOCABLE TRUST, as Trustor(s), in favor of WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, A FEDERAL ASSOCIATION as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: EXHIBIT "A" LOTS 9, 10 AND 11 IN BLOCK 36, AS DESIGNATED ON THE MAP ENTITLED "NORTH FAIR OAKS (SUBDIVISION NO. 3) SAN MATEO COUNTY", WHICH MAP WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA APRIL 20, 1988 IN BOOK 6 OF MAPS AT PAGE 7. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 667 18TH AVE, MENLO PARK, CA 94025-2015 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO  
Case No.: 18CIV01553

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner: BENJAMIN DALE KIRKENDOLL filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: BENJAMIN DALE KIRKENDOLL to BENJAMIN DALE KIRKENDOLL BEY. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
NOTICE OF HEARING: June 5, 2018, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.  
A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: THE ALMANAC  
Date: April 4, 2018  
/s/ Jonathan E. Karesh  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(ALM Apr. 18, 25; May 2, 9, 2018)

T.S. No. 053344-CA APN: 062-261-170-5 Space Above This Line For Recorder's Use NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 9/15/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER On 6/6/2018 at 12:30 PM, CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 10/21/2005, as Instrument No. 2005-184756, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of San Mateo County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: C. WARREN SATTLER AND ANILISE T. HYLLEMON, WHO ARE MARRIED TO EACH OTHER WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: AT THE MARSHALL ST. ENTRANCE TO THE HALL OF JUSTICE AND RECORDS, 400 COUNTY CENTER, REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 399 MENLO OAKS DRIVE MENLO PARK, CA 94025 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$556,116.21 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the

highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 053344-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP. 4375 Jutland Drive San Diego, California 92117 (ALM 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 2018)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO  
Case No.: 18CIV01916  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner: JAZMIN VASQUEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: DIEGO MANUEL LANDA-VASQUEZ to DIEGO MANUEL LANDA. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
NOTICE OF HEARING: June 6, 2018, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.  
A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: THE ALMANAC  
Date: April 19, 2018  
/s/ Susan Irene Etezadi  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(ALM May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018)

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