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## Ladera couple's cross-country bike trip focuses on stroke and aphasia awareness

By Kate Daly

Special to the Almanac

What Steve Zuckerman calls a “wacky cross-country trip” and a “bucket list item” for him and his wife Debra Meyerson, may also be a first — the first bike ride across America to increase awareness for stroke and aphasia, and the emotional journey survivors take when rebuilding their lives and identity.

The couple's 4,300-mile Stroke Across America journey takes off from Astoria, Oregon on May 19 and is set to arrive in Boston on August 26. Meyerson will be in front in a recumbent position of an electricity-assisted tandem bike, with Zuckerman sitting upright in the back pedaling and steering. Their customized set-up could serve as a metaphor for what's happened ever since a very severe stroke in 2010 changed their lives.

The couple was raising three kids in Ladera. Meyerson was a tenured professor at Stanford where she had earned her doctorate in organizational behavior and Zuckerman worked at Self-Help Federal Credit Union.

When his wife had a stroke, Zuckerman says, “she was 53, healthy and fit, other than living a stressful full life of career and family.”

The stroke affected the right side of her body and damaged the speech center of her brain. At first Meyerson was paralyzed and couldn't talk. Hospitalized for months, she received a lot of therapy and was eventually able to walk with help and utter some sounds. Then she had a second stroke, followed by surgery and some complications.

When she could drive again, she shuttled back and forth from home to undergo “pretty intensive outpatient therapy at Stanford ... and was lucky to have no real cognitive, executive, balance or eyesight effects,” Zuckerman says.

After three years of “rehab, rehab, rehab,” as Zuckerman describes it, she could walk slowly with a limp, and regained some movement in her right arm and hand.

According to The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly 800,000 Americans have strokes each year, and about a third of the survivors experience aphasia, a condition



Magali Gauthier

Debra Meyerson and her husband Steve Zuckerman ride their tandem bike together in Portola Valley on May 11, in preparation for a cross-country “Stroke Across America” ride.

caused by damage to the part of the brain that coordinates communication.

Meyerson has aphasia and speaks haltingly, searching for the right words to express

herself, yet in an interview she says in a clear voice, “Eleven years since my stroke, I'm still doing therapy and still getting better.”

Three years into her recovery

when her medical leave ended, she lost her tenure at Stanford. Zuckerman says that was a “triggering event,” that left

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## In county sheriff's race, incumbent faces challenger from within department

By Leah Worthington

In the June 7 primary, the race for San Mateo County Sheriff doesn't decide the top two who will move on to the November general election. It will determine who heads the law enforcement agency for the next four years. With just two candidates, incumbent Sheriff Carlos Bolanos and Sheriff's Capt. Christina Corpus, it's winner takes all.

### VOTER GUIDE 2022

Carlos Bolanos: Incumbent says he's the ‘most qualified person’

Growing up a first-generation American in San Francisco, Carlos Bolanos knew he would have to carve his own path.

“My parents immigrated from Nicaragua,” he said. “They didn't know anything about SATs or anything of that sort. So I kind of had to figure it out on my own.”

Only in his senior year of high school, when he started feeling the pressure and expectations of adulthood, did Bolanos consider a career in law enforcement. He liked the idea of working in the field, and the excitement of the job appealed to him. And,

as he said, “I thought law enforcement would be an honorable profession where I can make a difference.”

Now, more than 40 years later, he's in the midst of his first reelection campaign for San Mateo County sheriff, a position he's held for almost six years. In



Carlos Bolanos

a contentious race against Sheriff's Capt. Christina Corpus, Bolanos is running a campaign that emphasizes his extensive law enforcement experience and his accomplishments as the incumbent sheriff.

Yet, when given the opportunity, Bolanos has taken jabs at his opponent.

When a news article outed Corpus' husband for having

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Woodside-Atherton Garden Club member Barbara Seipp, left, and event co-chair Alyson Illich, right, price plants the day before the club's plant sale at the Woodside Library Native Plant Garden on May 13.

## Six years later, garden club's plant sale returns

By Angela Swartz

About 100 people gathered to purchase hundreds of native and drought-tolerant plants — lavender, tomatoes, purple cauliflower, catalpa trees and more — at the Woodside-Atherton Garden Club's plant sale in

Woodside on sunny day Saturday, May 14. It's the first time it's been held since 2016. The nonprofit usually hosts the sale every two years in the town's Native Garden, located behind the Woodside Library. Organizers planned to host one in spring 2020, but the COVID-19 pandemic derailed

the event.

"We were excited to have the sale this year and offer our unique and member propagated plants to the community," said Leslie Quist, who co-chaired the plant sale with Alyson Illich. "It was a special

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## Menlo Park's housing plan outlines ambitious push for more affordable housing

By Lloyd Lee

Menlo Park released a first draft of its roadmap to build 3,830 housing units for households of all income levels.

The detailed 2023-31 Housing Element document, released May 11, lists 73 potential housing development sites and more than 100 policies and programs Menlo Park can implement to help the city reach its target — a number that was calculated through the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process.

Though the housing element addresses the creation of market rate homes, the overarching goal of the 700-page plan revolves around affordable housing, and

it paints a stark, data-driven picture of why it's needed in the first place.

Citing surveys and data from the state, the U.S. Census Bureau and Zillow, among other sources, the draft housing element portrays a city that has seen, in the past decade, some of the highest population increases in the Bay Area and skyrocketing home values and rents at levels higher than the rest of the region. At the same time, the city's housing stock has not kept up with the increase in high-wage jobs, and a chunk of the population is cost-burdened by home payments.

The American Community Survey, covering 2015 to 2019, found for example that 35% of all households in Menlo Park are

cost-burdened by housing payments, which means these residents are using more than 30% of their household income to pay for rent or their mortgage. About 41% of renters and about 31% of homeowners overpaid for housing, the survey found.

"Particularly for lower-income households, having housing costs that exceed 30% of household income often means that households are unable to afford housing while also meeting other basic needs such as food and healthcare," the housing element states.

This occurs against the backdrop of skyrocketing home prices. Using Zillow's home value index, the city saw an 89% increase in

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## Looking for a more palatable housing plan, Woodside picks councilmen's counterproposal

By Angela Swartz

Almanac Staff Writer

With Woodsiders up in arms about potential upzoning of parcels of land, and the town chasing a deadline to submit its housing plans to the state, council members Brian Dombkowski and Chris Shaw teamed up last month to craft what they consider a better plan.

The two attended the April 25 Planning Commission meeting where a draft housing element was passed, without consensus, that included increases in housing density to 20 units per acre. Residents wrote the town voicing their concerns that the plan could pose fire and earthquake risks and there were infrastructure constraints like lack of access to sewage systems.

Each councilman spent about 30 hours over a six-day span gathering feedback from staff and residents about how to improve the draft element. The pair then drafted a counterproposal, which Councilwoman Jenn Wall dubbed the "Shawkowski" proposal (much to the amusement of her colleagues and residents). After five hours of discussion and public comment on May 10, the Woodside Town Council voted 7-0 to send the Shawkowski plan to the state, rather than the commission's housing element.

"We needed a workable plan we could debate at council," Shaw said. "If we didn't, it would have been a 10-hour meeting and people would have been yelling and screaming."

The planning is all part of the state's 2023-31 Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process. The town is assigned 328 units, compared to just 62 in the last cycle eight-year. The proposal also includes a 20% buffer, so, in total 394 units are included. The town's plan, called a housing element, must show where all those units could be built, and have it accepted by the state.

"The plan can't just be B.S.," Shaw said. "You can't say, 'We're going to build 500 ADUs because HCD (the state Department of Housing and Community Development) will throw it back in your face.'"

The Shawkowski proposal calls for more accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and fewer units in Woodside's commercial corridor than in the commission's plan. It also only considers town-owned properties for higher density zoning.

"We have heard the public ask that our final proposal spread the density burden throughout the town, and to do so in a manner that respects our rural character, to the degree that may be possible," Dombkowski and Shaw wrote in a May 5 memo to the council, calling the commission's proposal "unacceptable." "We offer this as a compromise despite our general discomfort with the exercise. We believe our choices range somewhere between bad and less bad but also understand Woodside's need to be part of the solution, and do our part, under the assumption that significant challenges to this legislation will not emerge over the coming cycle."

The Town Council made some modifications to the Shawkowski proposal, opting to increase accessory dwelling units (ADUs) projections to 200 units.

On five sites identified for developing multi-family housing, three of which are town-owned, the council opted to decrease density to 10 units per acre instead of 20. It also acknowledged that the sites in the commercial corridor, at 10 units per acre, would not be able to qualify as affordable housing.

The plan also includes 80 units of multi-family housing at Cañada College. The town previously thought it'd only be able to designate 40 units of housing, but the community college let the town know on Monday, May

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## TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of the Town of Portola Valley will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom**, on the following:

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY AMENDING SECTION 18.04.515 [SUPPORTIVE HOUSING] AND SECTION 18.04.523 [TRANSITIONAL HOUSING] OF CHAPTER 18.04 [DEFINITIONS]; SECTION 18.12.020 [PRINCIPAL USES PERMITTED] OF CHAPTER 18.12 [R-E (RESIDENTIAL ESTATE) DISTRICT REGULATIONS]; SECTION 18.14.020 [PRINCIPAL USES PERMITTED] OF CHAPTER 18.14 [R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) DISTRICT REGULATIONS]; SECTION 18.16.020 [PRINCIPAL USES PERMITTED] OF CHAPTER 18.16 [M-R (MOUNTAINOUS RESIDENTIAL) DISTRICT REGULATIONS]; SECTION 18.22.020 [PRINCIPAL USES PERMITTED] OF CHAPTER 18.22 [A-P (ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL) DISTRICT REGULATIONS]; SECTION 18.28.060 [PERMITTED USES] OF CHAPTER 18.28 [P-C (PLANNED COMMUNITY) DISTRICT REGULATIONS]; AND SECTION 18.44.060 [RESIDENTIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT — REQUIREMENTS] OF CHAPTER 18.44 [PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT] OF TITLE 18 [ZONING] OF THE PORTOLA VALLEY MUNICIPAL CODE; AND A FINDING THAT THE ACTION IS EXEMPT UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA).

The Planning Commission will consider a recommendation to the Town Council regarding amendments to the Portola Valley Municipal Code related to Supportive and Transitional Housing for compliance with State law. Proposed Municipal Code amendments include updates to be consistent with State law:

- To update the definitions of supportive and transitional housing.
- To remove the “six or fewer persons” occupancy limitation on supportive and transitional housing in its residential zones.
- Designates supportive housing as a permitted-by-right use in zones where multifamily and mixed-use development are permitted.

Information pertaining to the proposed ordinance may be viewed by contacting Jake Garcia, Consultant Planner at [planning@portolavalley.net](mailto:planning@portolavalley.net). The agenda and staff report will be published at <https://www.portolavalley.net/town-government/planning-commission/minutes-and-agendas> in advance of the meeting.

Public Hearings provide the general public and interested parties an opportunity to provide testimony on these items. All interested persons are invited to appear before the Planning Commission to be heard at the time and place mentioned above. If you challenge a proposed action(s) in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at a Public Hearing(s) described above, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the Public Hearing(s).

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### CRIME BRIEFS

#### East Palo Alto man sentenced for child abuse

A 34-year-old East Palo Alto man has been sentenced to four years in prison after being convicted last month of two counts of felony child abuse, San Mateo County prosecutors announced May 12.

Michael Junior Guevara shared custody of two children and was taking care of one of them in December 2019 when he allegedly beat the 3-year-old with a belt because he urinated in his pants while playing, according to the District Attorney's Office.

In July 2020, Guevara was dating another woman with a 3-year-old boy and she left the boy with him while she worked, then came back to find multiple bruises, scratch marks and finger marks on his body, prosecutors said.

Guevara denied hitting the child in the first case and denied any discipline other than a finger flick to the head in the second case.

A San Mateo County Superior Court jury on April 13 convicted him of the two counts of felony child abuse, and Judge Jeffrey Finigan on May 11 sentenced him to the four-year prison term with 468 days credit for time already served, prosecutors said.

Guevara's defense attorney was not immediately available to comment on the case.

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### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

#### Woodside Blood drive

Woodside Mounted Patrol will host a community blood drive with Stanford Blood Center on Tuesday, May 24, from 3 to 7 p.m. at 521 Kings Mountain Road in Woodside.

Organizers say that walk-in availability may be limited, and encourage donors to make an appointment online at [stanford.io/3sm2DAj](http://stanford.io/3sm2DAj) or by calling 888-723-7831. Donors are required to wear a mask.

Donors with all blood types are always welcomed and appreciated, but there's always a special need for type O blood.

Donors will receive a \$10 gift card to Peet's Coffee, Lowe's, Jamba Juice or Chipotle.

#### Atherton PAL grants \$20K in scholarships

The Atherton Police Activities League (PAL) has awarded four high school seniors each \$5,000 college scholarships for the fall 2022 term, according to a press release.

The winners, Isabella Eydelsteyn, Rhonin Faruqi, Sophia Sharif and Katie Spivakovsky, all attend Menlo-Atherton High School.

Eydelsteyn was the team captain of M-A's junior varsity and varsity cheerleading. She also played the flute as first chair for all four years, served as treasurer for the Girls Who Code club and worked as an intern for an investment research firm. She also was a chief petty officer and corpsman in the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps. She plans to attend the University of Michigan.

Faruqi, who participated in soccer, squash and down-hill skiing, was the vice president of the Young Men's Service League, a National Honor Society Member and won an AP Honors Award. He plans to study mechanical engineering at University of California at Santa Barbara.

Sharif, a volleyball player who was the president of M-A's physics club, was the co-president of the Step Up Club that partnered with the Boys and Girls Club to bring service opportunities to students at the high school. She was also the freshman transition leader to help new students acclimate to high school life. She plans to attend University of California at Los Angeles and aims to be a math professor with research focused on adaptive algorithms to optimize individualized learning.

Spivakovsky, a golf player, and president of the M-A biolympiad club to connect members and students struggling with biology. She has won numerous academic achievement awards at M-A. She plans to major in computational biology at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

To date, PAL has given \$240,000 in scholarships over the years through the generosity of donors. ■

—Angela Swartz

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# Kristen Gracia to head Menlo Park school district

By Angela Swartz

Kristen Gracia will be the Menlo Park City School District's next superintendent.

The board of trustees voted 5-0 May 12 to approve a contract for Gracia, a 20-plus-year veteran of the school district who currently serves as assistant superintendent of talent and technology. She will replace Erik Burmeister, who announced his departure last month to pursue other opportunities. He plans to step down by the end of 2022.



Kristen Gracia

in Kristen's ability to continue the world-class education MPCSD provides and to ensure MPCSD's focus on our whole child vision," Burmeister said in an email to district families. "I look forward to formally introducing you to Kristen if you don't already know her and partnering with her over the next several months to ensure a seamless transition."

Gracia's contract begins Jan. 1, but if Burmeister decides to leave sooner, that date would be adjusted, said Parke Treadway, the district's public information officer, in an email. Her annual salary will be \$250,000, according to the contract.

Gracia became a teacher in 2000. She taught Laurel School before transitioning into administrative work as Oak Knoll

School's assistant principal, according to a bio on the district website.

She served as interim co-principal of the school before becoming the permanent principal in 2015. She took on the district-wide role of assistant superintendent of talent and technology in 2021.

Gracia was the first person in her family to graduate from college, according to her bio. She holds a bachelor's degree in liberal studies from Sonoma State University and master's degrees in curriculum and instruction, and school administration from Notre Dame de Namur University. ■

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"I could not be more confident

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### Two injured after discharging firearm

Two teenagers were injured last week when one of them accidentally discharged a firearm while he was in his parked truck at the Stanford Shopping Center parking lot.

One of the male teens shot himself in the hand, and the round then struck another occupant of the vehicle in the leg, according to the Palo Alto Police Department.

Police responded to an area hospital on Thursday, May 12,

at 12:17 a.m. on a report of two people who had just arrived with gunshot wounds. The injuries were not considered life-threatening.

The teens initially reported they had been the victims of an armed robbery that had occurred about 30 minutes earlier at the Stanford Shopping Center parking lot, but police ultimately determined there had not been a robbery.

Police said the teens had been sitting in a truck smoking marijuana when one of them accidentally discharged a handgun.

They then drove themselves to the hospital for treatment.

Investigators located a bloodied handgun with no serial number under the driver's seat of the truck.

Police said the case will be forwarded to the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office for review and any applicable charges.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the department's 24-hour dispatch center at 650-329-2413. Anonymous tips can be emailed to [paloalto@tipnow.org](mailto:paloalto@tipnow.org) or sent by text message or voicemail to 650-383-8984.

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## Notice of Public Hearings

The Menlo Park City School District will hold two separate public hearings on the proposed Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP), with the Budget Overview for Parents cover page, and the proposed Budget for fiscal year 2022-23 on June 2, 2022, at 6:30 pm, at the Menlo Park City School District Office, TERC Building, 181 Encinal Avenue, Atherton, CA 94027 or virtually at <https://mpcsd.zoom.us/j/93757538047>. The meeting agenda will be posted on the District website, <https://district.mpcsd.org/MenloPark> on May 27, 2022. A copy of the LCAP, with the Budget Overview for Parents cover page, and the proposed budget will be available for public examination at the above location beginning at 12 noon on May 27 to June 2, 2022 between the hours of 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and posted on the District website, <https://district.mpcsd.org/MenloPark>. Contact Marites Fermin, (650) 321-7140 ext. 5614, [mfermin@mpcsd.org](mailto:mfermin@mpcsd.org) to request a printed or electronic copy. Public members or stakeholders may request to comment at the public hearing on the LCAP and proposed budget or any item therein, by following the instructions for public comment found on the District website.

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# One killed, three injured in park shooting believed to be ‘targeted attack’

Nearby residents say they heard several guns being fired at East Palo Alto’s Jack Farrell Park

By Sue Dremann

One person died and three others were injured in a shooting that investigators believe was a “targeted attack” in East Palo Alto on Tuesday evening, police said.

The shooting, which was reported around 6 p.m. on May 17, occurred at Jack Farrell Park in the 2500 block of Fordham Street, police said in

a press release. Officers were notified through ShotSpotter, an acoustic-detection system that provides alerts when gunshots are fired in an area.

One person who was located at the park was transferred to an ambulance where he died of his injuries en route to a hospital, according to police. The deceased man was Ralph Fields, 34, an East Palo Alto resident, according to the San Mateo

County Coroner’s Office.

Two more people took themselves to the Menlo Park Fire Protection District station nearby on University Avenue where fire personnel aided them before they were taken to a hospital. A fourth person was found at a home on Fordham Street and didn’t seek treatment.

One of the victims was shot in the right chest, a second was shot in the left chest and a third had lower extremity wounds, according to dispatchers. Police closed Fordham Street at Michigan Avenue to traffic and cordoned off the park on Tuesday night.

Based on the initial investigation, police believe the shooting was a “targeted attack” and not random.

Nearby residents said they heard at least three to five different guns firing multiple rounds.

Resident Francisco Carlos, said he was at home in bed when he heard what first sounded like firecrackers. “Then there was a different sound, and I thought they were gunshots,” he said.

He ran outside and saw a man lying on the grass near the park

with a chest wound.

“These things happen so fast,” he said.

Carlos said he didn’t see the shooter or shooters. Everyone was running away on foot or by car to get out of the way, he added.

Carlos said the park is a popular place, where many people gather daily.

Gina Sudaria, superintendent of the Ravenswood City School District, said in a statement to the school community on Tuesday night that the district learned of the shooting through videos shared by families.

“Families and children practicing softball and playing on the playground structures found themselves caught in the crossfires, now traumatized,” she said. “In response, Ravenswood central office staff, mental health supports, school-based counselors and psychologists will be deployed to each site first thing in the morning.”

The district planned to prioritize its resources after assessing Wednesday morning where they find the greatest need, she added.

“Our Board of Trustee President Mele K. Latu, would like for me to emphasize that our district remains committed to providing the support and services needed during this difficult time,” she said.

Police are investigating the shooting with assistance from the Menlo Park Police Department, San Mateo County District Attorney’s Office and San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office

Anyone with information about the shooting is asked to call acting Cmdr. Angel Sanchez at 650-853-3154. Anonymous tips can be sent by email to epa@tipnow.org or by text or voice-mail to 650-409-6792. ■

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a tattoo of a confederate flag, Bolanos criticized her in an Instagram post.

“It is frankly shocking that Christina Corpus would try to pretend that the Confederate flag has another meaning than exactly what it is — a sign of racism and white supremacy,” Bolanos said in his post. “It’s less surprising that she would try to cast blame on others in light of this revelation.”

Corpus dismissed the claim and described it as “mudslinging” and a distraction from the larger issues.

“It’s a smear campaign,” she said. “Why aren’t people asking the sheriff about things that have happened under his leadership?”

Bolanos’s platform is centered around what he calls “public safety first for all,” which he hopes to achieve by strengthening community relationships and transparency, upgrading policing technology, reducing recidivism and prioritizing officer wellness.

Describing himself as “the most qualified person to continue to lead the sheriff’s office,” Bolanos said that he has “extensive experience not only in

leading law enforcement agencies and keeping our communities safe, but also in building relationships with the communities that we serve.

“I am running for reelection because I want to continue the outstanding work my people are doing,” he said.

**Path to policing**

Becoming sheriff was never a goal of Bolanos’s.

After setting his sights on law enforcement, he completed a two-year degree in criminology at City College, before going on to earn his bachelor’s in economics from the University of San Francisco and ultimately his master’s in public administration from California State University, East Bay.

Then, in the late ‘70s, as a green patrol officer with the Palo Alto Police Department, he began to dream of rising to the ranks of police chief. At the department, he served as a detective, sergeant and lieutenant, before accepting the role of police captain for the City of Salinas in 1991.

Three years later, at the age of 35, he fulfilled his ambition when he was appointed police chief for the Redwood City Police Department. As

chief, a position that he held for 12 years until becoming San Mateo County undersheriff in 2007, Bolanos established the local Police Athletic League (now Police Activities League or PAL) as a way to keep kids out of trouble by engaging them in sports instead. What started as a small operation in a downtown storefront soon grew to include summer camps, field trips and cultural events. Redwood City’s PAL, which turned 25 in 2019 and will officially mark the occasion in May, has

then-Undersheriff Bolanos or by opening the process to other candidates through election or appointment. In a letter to the board, representatives Anna Eshoo and Jackie Speier advocated for the latter, recommending “a decision making process that is absent a perception of a pre-ordained outcome.”

Ultimately Bolanos was appointed in a 3-2 vote, with Supervisors Dave Pine and Carole Groom dissenting. He was officially elected in 2018 with just over 60% of the vote.

Street Correctional Center Family Reunification Unit to help reconnect inmates with their loved ones and implementing video services for remote visitation.

“One of the differences between a sheriff’s office and a police department is, of course, we run the correctional facilities,” Bolanos said. “And I think it’s critical that we do everything we can for the people that are in our care and custody, to make them better when they come out than when they came in.”

Bolanos also champions a community policing philosophy, which he said is best demonstrated through the department’s engagement efforts, including hosting “coffee with a deputy,” “shop with a cop,” food and clothing drives, as well as continuing the Community Alliance to Revitalize Our Neighborhoods (CARON) program to serve residents of North Fair Oaks and unincorporated coastal regions. He also launched the Asian American Pacific Islander Liaison Program with Millbrae Deputy Jimmy Chung to address safety concerns and prevent hate crimes against the AAPI community.

One of his main goals, he said, is “working in partnership and collaboration with

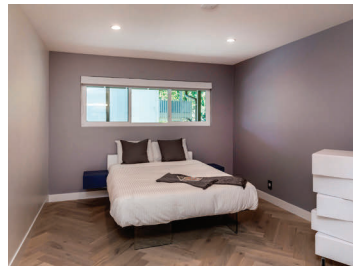
**‘I don’t really like the term oversight because I think it’s misleading for everybody. I don’t see a model where a group of residents is going to tell me necessarily what to do.’**

SHERIFF CARLOS BOLANOS

served a total of 15,000 children and youth so far, mainly in the Latino community, according to the organization’s website.

In 2016, then-Sheriff Greg Munks announced his early retirement, cutting his four-year term short by two years. Facing an imminently vacant sheriff’s position, the county Board of Supervisors was tasked with deciding how to proceed, either by appointing

Since then, Bolanos has helped expand the Sheriff’s Activities League (SAL), most notably in the opening of a new 2,000-square foot space in Half Moon Bay in December 2021. He has also created new programming for inmates of county correctional facilities, including launching an Acute Stabilization Unit for those experiencing severe mental health issues, opening a Maple



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the community that we serve to make sure that their needs are getting met and that we're listening to them."

One of the best examples of this approach, he added, was his decision to end release transfer requests to the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Until November 2021, Bolanos collaborated with ICE by voluntarily transferring former inmates to immigration custody, a practice permitted but not required by Senate Bill 54, the California Values Act, and highly criticized by local advocates. In 2020, the Sheriff's Office reported they released 15 immigrants to ICE, which accounted for 62% of all Bay Area transfers and more than any other individual county.

"One of the things I have done to increase trust between my office and the community is end all cooperation with ICE. I listened to the community, I heard their concerns and I acted," Bolanos said.

Opponents have noted that Bolanos could, at any time, reverse his decision. When asked if that's something he would consider, he said that he doesn't intend to cooperate with ICE in the future.

"It's a final decision unless

something dramatically changes," he said. However, he added that he agreed with the nature of the law and was "still concerned about serious and violent criminals being released back to the community."

**Keeping the county safe**

The past few years have marked a significant shift in public perception of law enforcement, and Bolanos is well aware of it.

In light of heightened awareness of police brutality as well as growing movements to defund the police, law enforcement officers nationwide are being forced to reckon with their role and image in the public.

Bolanos said he intends to "address that shift by responding to the community's needs and being as transparent as possible." To that end, he said he has updated the department's Use of Force policy, created a Transparency Portal and hosted community events.

"I am also open to creating a community oversight committee that will be able to provide input on how my office can continue to build positive relationships with the communities we serve," he said.

The sheriff's office amended

its use of force policy in the wake of public outcry surrounding three fatal incidents during the year prior.

Following the October 2018 killing of Chinedu Valentine Okobi, a 36-year-old Black man who was stopped by sheriff's deputies while walking in Millbrae and died after being Tasered, beaten and pepper sprayed, the sheriff's office — at the request of the Board of Supervisors — participated in a study session on Tasers and use of

officials that some aspects of the policy didn't go far enough, adding that the policy includes language that could soon be outdated, permitting deadly force when a deputy "reasonably believes the suspect poses an imminent threat."

"There is never any room for excessive force," said Bolanos, adding that he was always taught to use the least force possible. Still, he added, "It is the job, where, unfortunately, sometimes force must be used. It's not a pleasant thing for a law enforcement officer. You know, we're human beings too, and it can be quite scary and stressful."

Bolanos acknowledged that public trust in law enforcement has been shaken in recent years and said that part of his responsibility as sheriff is to rebuild those relationships.

"As a law enforcement professional, I have to be open and willing to have those discussions with the various groups and members of the community," he said. Bolanos said he looked forward to sitting down with Fixin' San Mateo County, a local organization working to create civilian oversight of the sheriff's office and establish a county inspector general, to discuss ways of increasing transparency and bringing in new

perspectives.

Though he welcomed their input, he added, "I don't really like the term oversight because I think it's misleading for everybody. I don't see a model where a group of residents is going to tell me necessarily what to do."

Touting San Mateo County as "one of the safest counties in the state," Bolanos said that ultimately his No. 1 priority is to coordinate with all of the county's police and criminal justice departments to keep the residents and the peace officers safe.

The pandemic, in concert with rising housing costs in the county, non-competitive salaries/benefits and growing social justice movements, have resulted in more people leaving than entering law enforcement, he said. To address officer fatigue and turnover, Bolanos wants to look into better child-care options, more housing assistance and programs that divert public mental health calls to specialists instead of officers. He also plans to implement the third cycle of what he called "an improved mental health/emotional well-being system" focused specifically on helping officers cope with the stress of

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force. The sheriff's office presented a revised policy, which incorporated recommendations from the American Civil Liberties Union and emphasized communication and deescalation, implicit bias training and expansion of the Psychiatric Emergency Response Team. The ACLU, which reviewed the draft policy, wrote in a letter to county



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“the pandemic, civil unrest, low staffing levels,” among other things.

“I’m hoping that people realize that law enforcement is absolutely an honorable profession,” he said. “And that we get those candidates coming through the door again.”

**Christina Corpus:  
Aiming to change  
culture through  
community policing  
and transparency**

**F**or Christina Corpus, being a woman in law enforcement has been a challenge since the beginning.

During one of her first shifts as a newly minted correctional officer, a veteran deputy pulled her aside. According to Corpus, he asked her what she was doing there, adding, “You should be barefoot and pregnant in the kitchen.”

She was shocked. But she kept her frustration to herself.

“I didn’t say anything. I didn’t go to HR. I was brand new,” she said. Had she spoken up, she

believes there would have been repercussions. “I would have probably had to leave the organization. We have to break that — that stigma of ‘you better not say anything.’”

In retrospect, that interaction set the tone for much of what was to come throughout her career.

“I knew that I wasn’t going to have it easy,” she said.

Now a sheriff’s captain and

**‘I’m running because we definitely need change.’**

CAPT. CHRISTINA CORPUS

chief of police for the city of Millbrae, Corpus has launched a contentious bid to unseat her boss, Sheriff Carlos Bolanos who was elected in 2018.

Championing transparency, community engagement and inclusivity, Corpus hopes to redefine policing in the county — both for the residents and for the officers themselves.

“I’m running because we definitely need change,” she said. “I’m the first female candidate



Christina Corpus

in San Mateo County history to run for sheriff. And if I’m elected, I would be the first Latina sheriff of the whole state of California.”

**‘Actions speak louder than buzzwords’**

Corpus knew that, as for any candidate, running for office would be risky. But campaigning against her current boss, Bolanos, who has been sheriff since 2017, has presented its own unique challenges, she said — especially because much of her platform is a direct challenge to his leadership.

Though reluctant to criticize him directly, Corpus said she would like to see more efforts towards increasing transparency and facilitating relationships between the sheriff’s office and the communities it serves. Referring to the Sheriff’s Office Police Transparency Portal published earlier this year, Corpus said that she finds it to be more of a data aggregator that lacks detail and doesn’t tell the full story.

“Actions speak louder than buzzwords ... And accountability starts at the top,” she said

In addition to expanding the portal, Corpus said she wants to establish a Sheriff’s Office Community Advisory Board to

facilitate more community oversight of law enforcement activities. Emphasizing the importance of including a diversity of stakeholder perspectives, she has proposed bringing in representatives from the northern, southern and coastal regions of the county.

She’s responding, in part, to greater calls for transparency among the county’s residents. For instance, Fixin’ San Mateo County, a local organization working to create civilian oversight of the sheriff’s office and establish a county inspector general, launched its campaign on March 26. While Corpus said she understands the reasoning behind their work, she hopes her advisory board may be a way to collaborate directly with the residents.

One of Fixin’ San Mateo County’s main priorities is permanently ending the voluntary release of immigrants to United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) custody. In her official priorities, Corpus said she would “permanently end casual hand-overs of individuals to ICE.” However, in her platform she advocates for “reviewing immigration requests on a case-by-case basis” and says she would only turn people over to ICE if they “pose a

clear and imminent threat to our community’s safety.”


Corpus is also well-aware of the optics around law enforcement these days. She believes that insufficient mental health services — both for officers and for residents — is part of the problem.

Pointing to a lack of wellness services and a culture “where we have to be tough,” Corpus said she believes much of the turnover in the sheriff’s office is the result of people feeling underappreciated. And that mentality has an affect on their ability to engage and build trust with the community.

Building better relationships with the community also requires acknowledging that “our world has changed and law enforcement has changed,” she said. For Corpus, that means recruiting more people of color to the sheriff’s office, focusing on de-escalation and non-violent alternatives and better responding to mental health crises.

**‘From a warrior mentality to a guardian’**

Corpus knew she wanted to work in law enforcement since she was 16, when a harrowing experience changed her perspective of public safety — and the




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trajectory of her life.

She was picking up a friend after work in San Bruno when someone tapped on her window.

"I looked and it was the barrel of a gun," she said.

She managed to hold off her

**'I realized that there's a lack of community engagement, that there's a better way of executing our law enforcement.'**

CAPT. CHRISTINA CORPUS

attacker, who hit her with the gun and tried pushing her farther into the car.

"At 16, it was a very traumatic situation," she said. But even more so than the horror of the ordeal itself, Corpus was struck by the aftermath. "It was the way that those officers that responded and helped me navigate through the report ... really changed the way that I thought about law enforcement.

"I thought if I could do that, and I could give back to communities that are in need, that would be life-changing for me."

Corpus began her career as a caseworker with the county district attorney's office in 1995, going on to become an entry-level correctional officer at Maguire in 2002. It was a rocky start for a young woman in a predominantly male field. But Corpus didn't only have trouble with the male officers. She remembers being teased and harassed by other female correctional officers as well, something she attributes to a culture that denigrated women.

"There were times where I'd go home, and I would cry. And I would be like, 'Why am I doing this?'" she said. She wondered if it was worth it, if she'd ever be accepted. "I always walked into the jail with my head up high. And always put a brave face on. But it tested my faith. And it also tested my strength."

According to statistics from the Federal Bureau of Investigations' Uniform Crime Reporting Program, as of 2018 only 26.7% of all law enforcement employees and 12.6% of all officers were women, though women represented almost 51% of the population of the U.S. Currently, just under 30% of the 773 employees of the sheriff's office are women.

Driven by a desire to serve her community and fix what she believed was broken, Corpus stayed with the sheriff's office, going on to work in the Corrections Bureau and Professional Standards, where she first got involved in hiring processes.

It wasn't until she was

promoted to a deputy sheriff in 2005 that Corpus started to notice a shift in how her fellow officers treated her. A woman, and one of the only Spanish-speaking patrol deputies at the time, she was often assigned to work in North Fair Oaks, a predominantly Latino neighborhood.

"When you have a commonality with somebody, people feel more at ease with you. So, I looked like the people in North Fair Oaks. I was a Spanish-speaking deputy, and they resonated with me. So I was able to really gain their trust," she said.

"And that's kind of how I started to gain the respect of my peers, which were all men," she said.

Through her work as a deputy and later director of the Community Alliance to Revitalize Our Neighborhoods (CARON), Corpus got a window into community-based policing, which she described as "being more

involved in the communities" and "going away from that warrior mentality to a guardian." Through community events, such as basketball games, barbecues and other efforts, she said she was able to build relationships and trust with the local residents.

After completing a master's degree in law enforcement and public safety leadership at the University of San Diego, Corpus reached what she called a "crossroads" in her career.

"I realized that we need change. I realized that there's a lack of community engagement, that there's a better way of executing our law enforcement," she said. "If we're not asking people what is wrong in the specific communities, then how are we supposed to properly deliver those resources and our services to them?"

Knowing that doing so could threaten, and potentially end, her career, Corpus said she

decided to launch her campaign for sheriff last July.

"I think now is an opportunity for the voters of this county to have a voice and to really have a choice who they want as their next sheriff — and the values that align with them," she said.

### A tough road ahead

Corpus, who described her platform as one built on bringing modern ideas and practices to the sheriff's office, feels the strain of pushing against tradition — and campaigning against her current boss.

"It's been very uncomfortable for me. And it's not been an easy road at all," she said.

Responding to a recent article that outed her husband for having a tattoo of a confederate flag, Corpus described it as "mud-slinging" and a distraction from the larger issues.

"Everybody's focused on a tattoo that my husband got when

he was 16. He learned that it was hurtful and he covered it up," she said. "It's a smear campaign. Why aren't people asking the sheriff about things that have happened under his leadership?"

She also denied being a life-long Republican, saying, "I had a difference of opinion for a few years, but I always aligned myself as a Democrat."

Touting endorsements from the San Mateo County Democratic Party, as well as State Sen. Josh Becker, D-Menlo Park, and Assembly member Kevin Mullin, Corpus said she hopes ultimately her reputation will speak for itself. But, with only weeks left before the primary, she knows she has a tough rough ahead.

"I will either continue being an employee here and will become sheriff in January or, if I am not successful, I will have to retire."

Additional information is on her campaign website, [christinacorpus.com](http://christinacorpus.com). ■

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Beautiful Mitchell Park and top-ranked schools including Fairmeadow Elementary and JLS Middle are just steps away from this inviting and modernized Eichler gem. Located on a corner lot, this 4-bedroom, 2-bathroom home enjoys a lovely garden entrance leading inside, where stylish appointments such as refinished Brazilian wood floors blend seamlessly with timeless details to create an unmatched ambiance. The open floorplan embraces the Eichler concept of bringing the outside in as numerous windows fill each room with natural light, including the spacious living room, and the remodeled kitchen with stainless-steel appliances. A backyard oasis awaits outside, with a large patio, built-in seating, and peaceful, vibrant foliage and fruit trees. Plus, additional features include solar panels, and a carport with driveway parking. Conveniently located just minutes to great shopping and dining along California Avenue, as well as Caltrain and US 101 for Bay Area commuting, this home is an excellent choice for Silicon Valley living.

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MENLO PARK



## LARGE CORNER LOT WITH ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

On an expansive corner lot of nearly a half-acre in sought-after Central Menlo rests this beautiful home offering 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, and seemingly endless possibilities. Spectacular Spanish-style architecture makes an immediate visual impact and gives this home a timeless ambiance from the moment you step inside, where numerous windows fill over 2,300 square feet of living space with abundant natural light. Expansive formal rooms offer great space for both entertaining and everyday living, comfortable bedrooms include the primary suite with 2 walk-in closets, and multiple points throughout the home open to the sprawling backyard with ample patio space. This great location is just a half-mile from downtown Menlo Park, a 10-minute drive to the shops and restaurants of Palo Alto's University Avenue, convenient to Stanford University, just moments from Sand Hill Road, and offers access to top-ranked Menlo Park schools (buyer to verify eligibility). This is truly an opportunity not to be missed.

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## Scott Lappe

March 26, 1987 – April 9, 2022

Scott Lappe, loving son, brother, nephew, cousin and grandson, passed away peacefully on April 9, 2022.

Born March 26, 1987, Scott grew up in Portola Valley and moved to Los Altos in 2000 where he attended Los Altos High School and Foothill College.

In his short time on this earth, Scott's journey was defined by his ever-present smile and instantaneous wit, generosity of spirit and constant concern for all those around him.

Scott's random-good-deed-doer stories included always stopping to rescue stranded cyclists with roadside mechanical assistance, providing anonymous lawn mowing service to neighbors in-need and always offering help and support to those who needed it.

Scott's interests reflected his adventurous spirit including many sports. During his childhood he excelled at baseball, basketball, soccer, and lacrosse.

In high school Scott enjoyed playing on the varsity golf team resulting in a lifelong love of the game. Over the last several years, he enjoyed playing as a member of the Los Altos "Flatlanders" softball team.

Scott worked for many years as a skilled bicycle mechanic, and he loved all kinds of bicycling including mountain biking with family and friends and competing in cyclocross events across California.

"I love life, as long as it's on two wheels". Backing up his claim he was a skilled motorcycle stunt rider, rode dirt bikes and was a member of local motorcycle clubs.

Always the social guy, Scott enjoyed a wide group of friends he had bonded with over the years.

Working for several years at Squaw Valley, he celebrated snowboarding and skiing in the beautiful mountains that he loved and shared it all with amazing companions, cohorts and colleagues.

As a self-professed legendary fisherman, Scott spent many, many hours with his special fishing buddies at beautiful locations all over California, often with meager results. It was there that he fully understood and championed his favorite phrase, "There is a reason why they call it fishing and not catching".

Most recently Scott found a new passion for disc golf and meeting fellow enthusiasts. Often playing at Villa Maria, Scott would meet up with strangers at the first tee box who had become his friends by the 9th hole. As a member of the Silicon Valley Disc Golf association, Scott embraced the game, reaching #117 on Silicon Valley players list last year. Immersing himself in artistic disc design, Scott and his girlfriend spent many hours creating incredible disc art pieces.

A natural born entertainer, accomplished storyteller (BS'er), acclaimed tapas maker, and fabled Jeopardy player, Scott was happiest when in his canoe or in the company of family, friends, and laughter.

Scott is survived by his sister, Jessica Lappe, his mother Katherine Loughridge, his father Alexander Lappe, his grandmother Nancy Loughridge and many loving cousins, aunts, uncles, and critters.

A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, May 29th from 1-3 at Los Altos Community Center for family and close friends.

Donations can be made to this organization which works to support bicycle safety and provides adaptive bicycles for those with disabilities, which is a group that Scott enjoyed supporting.

California Bicycle Coalition  
www.calbike.org



### BIKE TRIP

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Meyerson struggling to define, "who am I now?"

Assisted by family and friends, she embarked on writing a book to answer that question. Her son, Dan Zuckerman, is the co-author, and they spent five years gathering information, talking to 25 other stroke survivors and their caretakers, and found the same thing their family did: there isn't a lot of support out there, particularly when it comes to rebuilding a meaningful life after losing skills, careers and relationships. They published "Identity Theft: Rediscovering Ourselves After Stroke" in 2019, the same year the couple founded the non-profit Stroke Onward "to make this our life's work," Zuckerman says.

He says his wife "really valued being a professor, creating knowledge and sharing knowledge, which she is still doing at the core now, encouraging people to find the deeper meaning of their interests and what they value."

The couple writes a regular column for the American Stroke Association, and speaks to groups, doing a lot of Zoom meetings lately with speech therapists. In the last eight months, they have focused on setting up 16 community awareness events scheduled to take place on their Stroke Across America bike ride.

Meyerson and Zuckerman used to ski and hike together, and found riding a tandem bike is something they can enjoy. Three years ago the couple started planning to do a cross-country trek and then the COVID-19 pandemic hit. With the trip postponed, training got prolonged, and when Zuckerman and Meyerson weren't on their Peloton, they typically rode three to four times a week,



Magali Gauthier

Steve Zuckerman helps Debra Meyerson strap into their tandem bike before a ride on May 11.

often with the Over the Hill biking group which regularly climbs up to Skyline Boulevard and back.

On May 14 the couple was set to meet with local cyclists and supporters for a pre-launch event in their hometown of Ladera. The morning included a ride to San Gregorio for a ceremonial back wheel dip in the ocean. Why San Gregorio? Because that's where the couple was engaged, and later where Meyerson went into labor with their first child.

The couple is taking its 15-month old goldendoodle dog Rusti on the 100-day trip, trailing in a wagon or riding in the main RV support vehicle. One stroke survivor is planning to bike all the way with them, while two others, a stroke survivor and a traumatic brain injury survivor, will join in later. At various stops mapped out along the route, people are invited to Ride with Rusti for a day, or sign up for week-long segments backed by a bike touring company. Everyone is encouraged to participate virtually and log miles on his or her own. The different options and fundraising opportunities

can be found on the website [strokeonward.org](http://strokeonward.org).

In places such as Missoula, Denver, Kansas City, St. Louis and Detroit the Stoke Across America team is inviting local stroke care organizations and adaptive sports programs to get involved in what Zuckerman describes as "half info fair, half celebration" community events.

Stroke Onward offers resources for stroke survivors and care providers, and the couple's hope is to grow the list and boost local support groups' profiles.

Two college student interns are riding along, covering the estimated average of 55 miles per day, ideally going for four days and then taking a day off to rest. They'll be camping and taking pictures and videos to promote the trip with social media.

Stroke Onward is also working with a documentary producer to get organized about filming footage and interviews and keeping journals to capture the bike ride, and then use the material later to tell what Zuckerman sees as "a broader story—the importance of working hard, rebuilding life in the face of what you've lost." ■

### PLANT SALE

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day for garden enthusiasts who look forward to purchasing native plants and local offerings from our Woodside-Atherton

Penstemon 'Margarita Bop' is ready for the Woodside-Atherton Garden Club plant sale on May 14, at the Woodside Library Native Plant Garden on May 13.



Magali Gauthier

Garden Club members. The Native Garden is beautiful at this time of year. We encourage everyone to visit it."

The event also featured gardening essentials, planted containers and knives sharpening.

The club was founded in 1928 to help "stimulate and share knowledge about conservation, horticulture, floral design and photography," according to the club's website. Funds raised by the biennial sale help maintain the native plant garden, which the club proposed in 1970.

The group has been involved in a number of local civic projects, including work on gardens at Woodside Priory and Woodside Elementary School, according to its website.

For more information on the Woodside-Atherton Garden Club, go to [woodsideathertongardenclub.org](http://woodsideathertongardenclub.org). ■

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2273\_ (2022)**

**RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ANNEX CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT ON-SITE WASTEWATER DISPOSAL ZONE**

Lands of Raghav

The District Board of West Bay Sanitary District finds and determines as follows:

A. This Resolution of Intention is adopted pursuant to the District's "Zone Master Annexation Resolution" ("ZOMAR"), which was adopted by the District Board August 12, 1996. The provisions of ZOMAR are incorporated by reference into this Resolution of Intention.

B. The District has received an application to annex a parcel of real property (the "Parcel") to the District's On-Site Wastewater Disposal Zone (the "Zone"). The Parcel is described in Exhibit "A" attached to this Resolution of Intention and the description contained in the Exhibits are incorporated by reference. The name and address of the applicants and the number, type, volume and location of on-site wastewater disposal systems which are proposed to operate on the parcels to be annexed are described in Exhibit "B" attached to this Resolution of Intention and the information contained in the Exhibit are incorporated by reference.

C. The applicants have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the District Board that the Parcel constitutes "real property" for the purposes of Section 2(b) of ZOMAR in that:

X All of the conditions described in Subsections i., ii., iii., iv. and v. of ZOMAR Section 2(b) are satisfied; or

Other conditions exist which demonstrate that the Parcel will benefit directly or indirectly from the activities of the Zone. If applicable, those conditions are also set forth in Exhibit "B" and are incorporated by reference.

D. All of the conditions and requirements of ZOMAR Sections 2(a), 2(c), 2(d) and 2(e) have been fully satisfied.

In consideration of the foregoing findings and determinations,

**IT IS RESOLVED** by the District Board as follows:

1. It is the intention of the District Board to annex the Parcel to the Zone pursuant to the provisions of ZOMAR and applicable provisions of law.

2. In conjunction with a meeting of the District Board to be duly and regularly called and conducted, the Board will conduct a Public Hearing for the purpose of considering all matters pertaining to this Resolution of Intention.

The time, date and place of the Public Hearing are:

Date: June 22, 2022

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: West Bay Sanitary District Offices, 500 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025 & via Zoom

At the Public Hearing, all interested persons will be heard.

3. This Resolution of Intention shall be published and copies shall be delivered to the persons and entities as specified in ZOMAR Section 2(e)(i).

4. A true copy of this Resolution of Intention shall promptly be filed for record in the office of the County Recorder of the County of San Mateo.

5. The District Manager shall cause the matters set forth in Sections 3 and 4 of this Resolution of Intention to be completed as directed.

**Exhibit A**

**"EXHIBIT A"**

DATE: 12-3-2021  
ANNEXED TO: WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT  
NAME OF ANNEXATION: WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT

**GEOGRAPHIC DESCRIPTION**  
LANDS OF RAGHAV  
AND A PORTION OF GROVE DRIVE  
PROPOSED WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT ANNEXATION  
1.15 ACRE +/- PARCEL

ALL THAT REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEING ALL OF LOT 20, AND PORTIONS OF GROVE DRIVE, AS DESIGNATED ON THE MAP ENTITLED "TRACT NO. 608 STONEGATE, SUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF CORTE MADERA RANCHO", SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA ON SEPTEMBER 29, 1948 IN BOOK 29 OF MAPS AT PAGE 31, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

**BEGINNING** AT THE MOST NORTHERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT THENCE ALONG THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT SOUTH 51°33'00" EAST 160.13 FEET (1) TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF GROVE DRIVE, 50 FEET IN WIDTH, SAID POINT IS ALSO THE BEGINNING OF A NON-TANGENT CURVE TO THE RIGHT WITH A RADIUS OF 40.00 FEET, A RADIAL TO SAID CURVE BEARS NORTH 51°33'00" WEST; THENCE ALONG THE RIGHT OF WAY OF A CUL DE SAC AT THE NORTHERLY END OF SAID GROVE DRIVE, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 212°23'57", AN ARC LENGTH OF 148.28 FEET (2) TO THE BEGINNING OF A REVERSE CURVE WITH A RADIUS OF 20.00 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID CUL DE SAC, ALONG SAID CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 134°06'57", AN ARC LENGTH OF 46.82 FEET TO A POINT OF CLASP (3); THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY NORTH 63°16'00" WEST 81.42 FEET TO THE NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF SAID GROVE DRIVE; THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY, SOUTH 38°27'00" WEST 42.15 FEET (5) TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT WITH A RADIUS OF 625.00 FEET; THENCE ALONG SAID CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 14°00'00", AN ARC LENGTH OF 152.72 FEET (6) TO THE MOST SOUTHERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 20; THENCE NORTH 47°46'00" WEST 223.25 FEET (7) TO THE MOST WESTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 20; THENCE NORTH 46°02'00" EAST 220.24 FEET (8) TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 1.15 ACRES +/-

FOR ASSESSMENT PURPOSES ONLY. THIS DESCRIPTION OF LAND IS NOT A LEGAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION AS DEFINED IN THE SUBDIVISION MAP ACT AND MAY NOT BE USED AS THE BASIS FOR AN OFFER FOR SALE OF THE LAND DESCRIBED.

APPROVED  
SAN MATEO LOCAL AGENCY  
FORMATION COMMISSION  
455 COUNTY CENTER  
REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063

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Richard E. Mather  
No. 8341  
12/03/21  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
02-11-2022

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**Exhibit B**

WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT  
**EXHIBIT "B"**  
SITE LOCATION  
229 GROVE DRIVE  
PORTOLA VALLEY, CA  
GRINDER SYSTEM

(1) Grinder Pump System  
200 Gallons Per Day (GPD)  
APN: 079-011-050  
Lands of Raghav  
229 Grove Drive  
Portola Valley, CA  
Location of System: Front of property

Legend:  
• OWDZ Pump System  
— OWDZ Force Main

**WOODSIDE HOUSING**

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9, about its additional need, staff said during the meeting. There are currently 65 units of housing at Cañada College.

**Not leaning into ADUs**

Town staff and Town Attorney Jean Savaree met with state housing department staff on April 1 to discuss the focus on increasing the development of ADUs, according to a town staff report. Town staff described their intent to send out a survey to property owners to gauge their interest in building ADUs over the next 8-year period, as well as discover any obstacles preventing homeowners from building additional units on their land.

While HCD staff indicated general support for focusing on ADUs, the staff report said Woodside was cautioned that its housing element plan must base its projections of future units on historic ADU production unless it has solid evidence showing otherwise. "HCD staff also cautioned, however, that the town's housing element would likely be subjected to additional scrutiny during its review for certification if it relied too heavily on one type of housing to meet the town's allocation," the report said.

HCD staff also said that varied housing types are necessary to provide a diversified housing stock that would offer access to a wider population, including those from different income levels, families and individuals who work in the area.

In early April, the town surveyed residents on their interest in constructing ADUs on their properties and learn what residents see as the barriers to their construction. As of May 3, the town had received 260 responses to the survey. Of the respondents, 188 indicated that they are interested in constructing ADUs on their property between now and 2031. However, only 114 of those indicating an interest provided contact information to allow staff to follow up. The majority of the 188 respondents (64%) indicated that they would be interested in constructing one unit, with 25% saying they would build two ADUs and the remaining 11% showing an interest in building three or more ADUs.

"While an encouraging response, the survey questions and responses also acknowledge that there are constraints to the construction of ADUs," according to the staff report.

Constraints include design and construction costs, permit costs, and the ability to connect to sewer or increase the capacity of the existing septic system.

Although the town can't address design and construction costs, it could reduce its permit costs and consider modifying wastewater rules, such as allowing septic systems on more steeply sloped land, according to staff.

### Housing on town-owned lands

The town is interested in partnering with an affordable housing company like MidPen Housing or Habitat for Humanity to pay for building housing on three town-owned parcels identified in the draft housing element, Shaw said.

It's important that these aren't rental units but homes for sale, so that people who work in town can put down roots, he said.

"It's kind of a moral obligation that we create that opportunity," Shaw said.

### A great deal of public interest

Over 100 attendees logged in on Zoom and residents crowded Town Hall to make comments, with 32 people giving comments. The town also received a number of letters against upzoning neighborhoods to 20 units per acre.

Town Manager Kevin Bryant said residents seem to understand that hitting the RHNA numbers is a Herculean task and he doesn't get a sense the people are blaming the town.

One point of contention was the plan for building 20 units of housing per acre at a lot at the corner of Runnymede and Raymundo; on 1 acre of the lot at 10 Haciendas Drive; and on 1 acre of the lot at 773 Cañada Road.

**'We believe our choices range somewhere between bad and less bad but also understand Woodside's need to be part of the solution.'**

TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS  
BRIAN DOMBKOWSKI AND  
CHRIS SHAW

Mayor Dick Brown opened the May 10 meeting by expressing his discontent with the state housing mandate. He also said he'd like to persuade state Sen. Josh Becker, D-Menlo Park, and state Assembly member Marc Berman, D-Palo Alto, to change their thinking about housing.

Wall said she'd like to make it clear the statements the mayor made were his personal views and he was not speaking on behalf of the town or the council.

### Penalties for failure, next steps

Local governments that fail to comply with state laws regarding their respective housing element, or fail to implement programs identified in the housing element, could face significant exposure to liability, according to the

state. Courts may remove the local government's land use and planning authority and it could be subject to judgments and fines of up to \$100,000 per month.

The town could also lose its authority to issue building permits if the housing element is not compliant with the state law, according to an April 25 staff presentation.

In nearby Atherton, one resident recently went so far as to suggest the town fight the mandate by refusing to submit a plan to the state and calculated how much it might cost the town in fines.

Once the town finalizes Woodside's draft housing element based on the council's feedback last week, the public will have 30 days to comment on it, according to Bryant.

The town will then submit the proposal to the state, which has 90 days to review it and provide feedback. The town must adopt its updated housing element by January 2023. ■

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### OBITUARIES

Local residents who died recently include **Caroline Patricia Sevy**, 92, a Menlo Park resident, on May 1; and **Virginia (Ginny) Allen**, 87, a former Atherton resident, on May 5.

To read the full obituaries, leave remembrances and post photos, go to [Lasting Memories at almanacnews.com/obituaries](http://LastingMemories.atmanacnews.com/obituaries).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 290778  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
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Registered owner(s):  
FACADE SHOE DESIGN, LLC  
25 Tagus Ct.  
Portola Valley, CA 94028  
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 14, 2022.  
(ALM Apr. 29; May 6, 13, 20, 2022)

AMERICA'S ICE CREAM  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 290811  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
America's Ice Cream, located at 451 Dumbarton Ave., Redwood, CA 94063, San Mateo County; Mailing address: 1344 Windetmere Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025.  
Registered owner(s):  
ANA LAURA CORONADO HERNANDEZ  
1344 Windetmere Ave.  
Menlo Park, CA 94025  
This business is conducted by: An Individual.  
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on April 19, 2022.  
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ROSEY SKYE  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 290730  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
Rosey Skye, located at 836 Park Avenue, Moss Beach, CA 94038, San Mateo County; Mailing address: 446 Old County Road, Ste 100, Box 350, Pacifica, CA 94044.  
Registered owner(s):  
ROSEY SKYE LLC  
446 Old County Road, Ste. 100 #350  
Pacifica, CA 94044  
California  
This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on May 14, 2018.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on April 11, 2022.  
(ALM May 6, 13, 20, 27, 2022)

FIESTA LIGHTING DESIGNS  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 290925  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Fiesta Lighting Designs, located at 1269 Carlton Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County; Mailing address: 220 Red Lion Way, Newman, CA 95360.  
Registered owner(s):  
SILVIA RUELAS  
220 Red Lion Way  
Newman, CA 95360  
MIGUEL SANTA ANA  
220 Red Lion Way  
Newman, CA 95360  
This business is conducted by: Copartners.  
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 27, 2022.  
(ALM May 6, 13, 20, 27, 2022)

CareKinesis  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 290853  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
CareKinesis, located at 401 South Canal Street, South San Francisco, CA 94080, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
TABULA RASA HEALTHCARE GROUP, INC.

228 Strawbridge Drive, Suite 100  
Moorestown NJ 08057  
Delaware  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 290961  
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Crystal Springs Bioelectric Therapy, located at 119 De Anza Blvd., San Mateo, CA 94402, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
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1395 Saratoga Ave #63  
San Jose, CA 95129  
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 May 2, 2022.  
(ALM May 6, 13, 20, 27, 2022)

MOUNTAIN MICROGRIDS  
MOUNTAIN MICRO GRIDS  
SKYLINE MICROGRIDS  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 290967  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Mountain Microgrids, 2.) Mountain Micro Grids, 3.) Skyline Microgrids, located at 215 Chapman Rd., Woodside, CA 94062, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
JEFFREY BEAMAN  
215 Chapman Rd.  
Woodside, CA 94062  
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 May 3, 2022.  
(ALM May 13, 20, 27; June 3, 2022)

MENLO CLOCK WORKS  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 290897  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
Menlo Clock Works, located at 961 El Camino Real, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
TIME SOURCE INC.  
961 El Camino Real  
Menlo Park, CA 94025  
California  
This business is conducted by: A Corporation.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/01/1981.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on April 25, 2022.  
(ALM May 13, 20, 27; June 3, 2022)

GREEN CEDAR DISTRIBUTION  
PHOENICIAN FOODS  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 290893  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Green Cedar Distribution, 2.) Phoenician Foods, located at 2479 Industrial Pkwy #K, Hayward, CA 94545, Alameda County; P.O. Box 275, Redwood, City, CA 94064.  
Registered owner(s):  
GHASSAN A. RICHA  
1405 Marshall St. #519  
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 08/11/2005.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on April 25, 2022.  
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## MENLO HOUSING

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home values from 2010 when adjusting for inflation.

“Home values in Menlo Park are approximately 72% higher than typical home values in San Mateo County and over double the cost of home values in the state,” according to the housing element.

As a consequence, the housing element argues that workers in Menlo Park are unable to afford housing in the city, and younger residents who grew up here or older residents who wish to remain in place are facing a future where they “may be unable to afford to continue living in the city.”

Zooming out to the Bay Area, these constraints could also be creating a less diverse region, as renters are “priced out, evicted or displaced, particularly communities of color,” the document states. Menlo Park itself is less diverse than San Mateo County, with 58% of the population being white, 17% Asian, 15% Hispanic, and 4% Black.

“There is an acute housing need for lower-income households in Menlo Park,” the document states.

Menlo Park’s housing element seeks to alleviate the local housing crisis with an ambitious target of planning for 3,830 housing units. That’s more than 3.5 times the number of housing built in the city between 2010 and 2021, based on data from the state Department of Finance, and three times more than the number of permits issued in the city between 2015 and 2019.

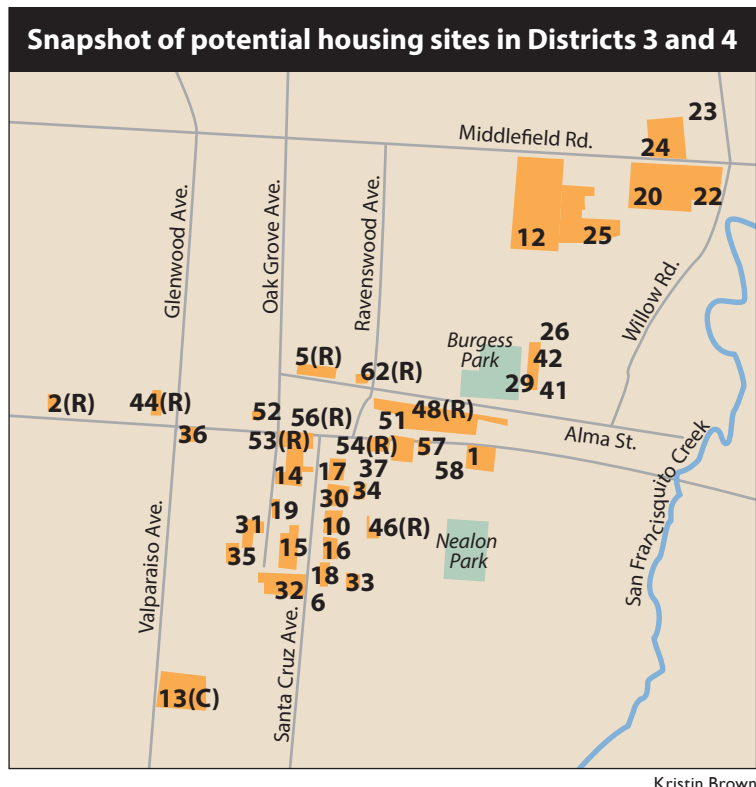
“One of the main goals I believe of the entire housing element process is to ensure that people who work in the community can actually afford to live in the community,” said Geoff Bradley, president of M-Group, a consulting firm contracted by the city to help draft the housing element, during a study session on Monday.

Here are some key takeaways on the city’s strategies to build more housing.

### Potential housing sites

State housing mandates require Menlo Park to zone for 2,946 additional units for the 2023-2031 housing element cycle, or 3,830 units when including a 30% buffer over the minimum. This breaks down to 1,516 lower-income units, 645 moderate-income units and 1,669 above-moderate income units which the city has already satisfied.

The housing element states that the city could achieve a majority of its housing targets through projects that are already in the development process — also known as “pipeline projects” — which accounts for 3,644 units.



A majority of potential housing sites identified in Menlo Park’s draft housing element are located in Districts 3 and 4 due to their proximity to transit, grocery stores, parks, schools and employment centers.

However, the city would still be short of its affordable housing needs since most of the units in the pipeline projects are market-rate housing. State law mandates that a complete housing element needs to identify sites for potential development that will help achieve the housing goals.

Menlo Park has identified 73 such sites, which make up about 84 parcels of land and about 72 acres throughout Districts 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the city. Fourteen of these sites were included in the previous 2015-2023 housing element cycle.

District 1, located north of U.S. 101, has been left out of the potential site analysis. A vast majority of pipeline projects, which include more than 1,700 units from Meta’s Willow Village development, are already located in District 1. In fact, there are six projects that account for the majority of the 3,644 units to be built in the area.

And unlike District 1, Districts 2 through 5 are more ideal for housing because they’re considered “high-resource” areas, with their proximity to transit, parks, grocery stores, employment centers and schools. Most of the sites are within a 15-minute walk of these amenities, the document states.

The rationale is why a concentration of potential housing sites are in the center of Menlo Park near downtown in Districts 3 and 4. About 49 sites are located within the two districts, making up 58.6 acres.

The sites chosen for development reflect one of the challenges of building housing in the city or in the Bay Area in general and that’s the lack of available land. Only two sites out of the 73 are

vacant: less than an acre of vacant land at Stanford Golf Course on Alpine Road near Stowe Lane, and the former James Flood Magnet School site near 300 Sheridan Drive, which has received considerable attention from nearby residents.

The rest of the “non-vacant” sites can be placed in six categories: religious facilities, parking lots, nonresidential sites such as commercial buildings that can include “carveouts” for housing, nonresidential sites that can be 100% housing, underutilized residential parcels, and sites in the El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan Area. The city is relying on these parcels to achieve 69% of its RHNA lower-income housing target when including the 30% buffer.

One of the more attractive options within those categories that the city has highlighted is parking lots, particularly because most of them are already city-owned. During a joint study session of the draft housing element between housing and planning commissioners on Monday, Bradley of M-Group said that parking lots are the “closest thing we have to vacant land.”

“(Parking) is a very low-value use of land,” he said, adding that repurposing parking lots for housing is a trend seen in other downtown areas and at Stanford.

There are nine parking lots that were identified in the site inventory list that could potentially be used for multi-family development.

In the El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan Area category, there are 25 sites highlighted in the list, not including the parking lots. To achieve housing development in this area, the city

is looking to upzone the sites or increase the allowable number of dwelling units per acre to a minimum of 30 units. (Addresses of these sites can be found on page 291 of 708 in the PDF of the housing element document.)

Commercial and office buildings are another point of interest in the draft housing element. There are nine sites identified that could potentially be used for “horizontal mixed use,” or a commercial development area that could carve out a parcel of land dedicated to affordable housing, and 20 sites that could be completely rezoned for housing.

“No one strategy is going to be the golden ticket to meeting all of our housing element needs,” said Deanna Chow, Menlo Park’s assistant community development director, in an interview. “We would like to see housing spread throughout the city.”

One approach that Menlo Park has avoided when choosing sites is redeveloping existing housing in order to develop more units.

“We’ve pretty much ruled out taking down existing residential units in pursuit of new residential units because of the equity and displacement issues that creates,” Bradley said.

Accessory dwelling units (ADUs) are another form of housing that the city can rely on to meet its regional housing needs. By introducing policies that reduce the barriers to building ADUs, the city projects that it can build 85 units, 77 of which could be affordable.

In total, adding the number of housing units coming through the pipeline projects, opportunity sites and ADUs, the city projects that it could add up to 7,060 housing units with 2,578 of them affordable.

To view more details about the site inventory and the city’s analysis of the sites, go to page 270 of 708 in the housing element PDF document. To view a list of the sites, start on page 563.

### Policy changes and programs

The draft housing element lists more than 100 policies and programs that can help Menlo Park achieve its housing goals, some of which carry over from the previous housing element cycle. In addition, the document proposes changes to current policies to lessen potential constraints to development.

These changes touch upon seven overarching goals for Menlo Park, much of it centered on pursuing “fair housing” such as ensuring equitable access to housing, creating housing for the special needs population and developing housing for all income levels, particularly

lower-income ones.

Some of the notable modifications to the city’s policies streamline the process for affordable housing and create more room for development by proposing changes to Menlo Park’s current zoning ordinances.

In order to develop more in the Downtown neighborhood, the city will modify the El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan to remove the housing cap placed in the neighborhood and upzone certain parcels to a minimum of 30 dwelling units per acre.

The city could also consider removing parking requirements, which the housing element lists as one of the constraints for building more housing.

Other policy amendments to remove potential development barriers include changes to the language in the previous housing element. One of those includes the rule around site developments and how they should consider school capacity.

The draft housing element proposes to modify this so that school capacity cannot be used as an argument for delaying projects in compliance with state law. Chow said that the new housing element will have programs that continue dialogue and collaboration with the city’s school districts.

Another modification removes a caveat for housing development in commercial shopping districts, which was originally encouraged so long as “adequate space for retail services remain.”

Other notable changes to the city’s policies include: a new mandatory rule to conduct outreach to neighboring residents of a development; applying ministerial review, a streamlined permitting process, for 100% affordable housing developments; and several modifications that could encourage development of more housing for those with disabilities such as a density bonus.

“New to the housing element requirements are the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing requirements and part of that is looking at addressing potential disparities in access to housing for persons with disabilities,” Chow said.

The draft is open for public review. An online version can be read at [bit.ly/3ySajOy](http://bit.ly/3ySajOy).

Physical copies are also available for review in the Menlo Park Library at 800 Alma St. and the Belle Haven Branch Library at 413 Ivy Drive.

Comments on the draft can be submitted online at [bit.ly/3NlqCaF](http://bit.ly/3NlqCaF).

For more information on the city’s housing element visit [beta.menlopark.org/housingelement](http://beta.menlopark.org/housingelement). ■

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# Viewpoint

IDEAS, THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS ABOUT LOCAL ISSUES

## How an emergency kindergarten teacher changed my life

By Antonio Lopez

### GUEST OPINION

The year is 1999. East Palo Alto has shed an infamous statistic of a bygone era. Marches, organizing, neighborhood watch groups, these were the tools that a generation reared in the civil rights and the Black Power movement had at its disposal to keep its community safe. But if the issue of public safety had been resolved, at least for the time being, the economic question kept the debates lively both in the streets and city hall.

In a sense, it is a distinctly EPA problem: an “inner city” in the heart of Silicon Valley that incorporated in arguably one of the worst moments in state history. To quote a former mayor in 2005, “For many years, we had no tax base. McDonald’s was our largest tax revenue.”

And yet, it is a uniquely American one, the story of minority-majority towns at pains to compete with their neighbors, of how to make revenue flow here as easily as running water. Nowhere is this sense of catching up more felt than in the field of education.

Ever since the days of Bob Hoover and other community members turning bedroom garages into libraries and took it upon themselves to create their

own college in the 1960s, the history of the city has always been linked to education (not least because its quality, as is in every American city, is linked to property taxes). Efforts to desegregate through busing turned out to be one-sided. The belief then was that why be beholden to outside districts to reform their treatment of our children.

That same year in 1999, faced with a teaching shortage, Ravenswood school district offered Marie Barragan an emergency teaching license for a kindergarten class in Edison Brentwood Academy. As she put it, “I was so nervous as it was going to be my first official year.”

In a sense, she started from scratch. On the other hand, Ms. Barragan came from a pedigree of pedagogues. Her mother, Yolanda, spent decades as a par-aeducator across schools in the district, working with students the state classified with “special needs.” Her sister Martha would soon join her at Ravenswood, teaching there from 2000 to 2015. As educators, she and her sister were following in their mother’s footsteps.

There is only one important

caveat that Brentwood principal bestowed upon to her newest employee, “I was the only kindergarten teacher that got all the ‘non-English speakers.’”

In both a literal and figurative sense, the city was in its adolescence. They were now confronted with the question, “Where ought my children be educated?” Some opted out of the city through the court-ordered Tinsley Program, then in its sixth year. While others, like my parents, chose for their kids to attend the school down the street from our house.

My generation represents one of the first group of kids who grew up in the city when it officially was a city. As such, I am young enough to have benefited from the labor of city leaders, and yet old enough to have seen these changes occur so dramatically and in such a rapid amount of time.

Seeing the tumultuous change children in the city experienced, it was vital for her to create a sanctuary from the layers of violence — physical and economic — both within and beyond the school’s walls. “I wanted to create a safe space that would inspire and spark the interest of knowledge,” she said, “(for) the children to walk through the door and forget about their home situation and just flourish.”

Ms. Barragan constructed the English-speaking homes we did not have, one whose central goal was to become masters of our environment. As she put it, “From 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., you became my children.”

Above all, she sought for her classroom to be “a temple of knowledge.”

And what a temple it was. Through her creative curriculum design, that same classroom, filled with the children of immigrants, would end the year with the highest test scores out of any kindergarten class in Brentwood.

I look at these photos and see a woman who exemplified a life of serving the public of my city, in particular those most vulnerable, those without any voting power, whose mothers, like mine, relied on checks from the WIC program to feed them.

I see someone who embraced the children of East Palo Alto because in them lay its future.

And in this moment in history, this is what we must do.

Ravenswood teachers like Ms. Barragan did not make progress with their students because of their environment, but in spite of it. They were up against decades of disparities in opportunities that us kids of color inherited. Most immediately, they faced the issue of inadequate funds.

When I am asked about the merits of ballot initiatives like Measure I, I think about how much Ms. Barragan sacrificed to build this temple. “Half of my paycheck was going back to the classroom,” she wrote, “so that I could buy materials and create the right environment for learning.” If we are serious in retaining teachers like Ms. Barragan, we as residents must invest in the infrastructure necessary for them to carry out their work.

Today, we continue to teach each other. Only now, it’s a bit more bidirectional. Her daughter used my book of poetry as part of her high school thesis. I keep her up to speed on all the happenings of a city.

And though she now calls me her council member, I will never bring myself to call her Marie. She will always be the woman I first met as a 5-year-old boy, the woman in a black blazer and slacks who every morning told us to stand up, push in our chairs, and recite the national anthem, and in so doing, sought to remind us, before we open our books for the day, through this simple ceremony that all too often veered into myth, we too were citizens. ■

Antonio Lopez is an East Palo Alto City Council member

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Our readers write

#### Laura Parmer-Lohan for supervisor, a skilled leader

San Mateo County needs strong leadership and advocacy for increasing affordable housing and ending homelessness. I believe that Laura Parmer-Lohan will bring this leadership to the Board of Supervisors.

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produce more housing in places where people already live and work.

While most of us support new affordable housing in the abstract, when specific proposals arise, so does specific opposition. That’s why we need more leaders like Laura, who has successfully listened, convened, and achieved consensus and approval for affordable housing in San Carlos.

Laura has been a staunch advocate for working families, teachers, firefighters, and essential workers to enable current and future generations to remain in San Mateo County.

She has the collaborative leadership skills to shape a better future for San Mateo County, and she has my vote for Supervisor this June.

Karen Grove  
Alameda de las Pulgas,  
Menlo Park

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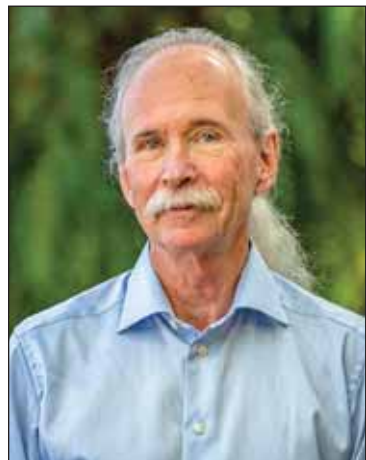


## Former Stanford history professor's new book investigates the real-life whodunit and coverup behind the death of university co-founder

By Mike Berry

It all sounds like a lesser-known Agatha Christie whodunnit.

In February 1905, Stanford University co-founder Jane Stanford died in Honolulu. Though initially recorded as a death by poisoning, the official account stated the cause of death was heart disease. Stanford's death occurred shortly after the 76-year-old widow survived an attempted poisoning at her San Francisco mansion.



Courtesy Jesse White

Author Richard White

Who poisoned Jane Stanford, the widow of Stanford University's co-founder, Leland Stanford? Could it have been the maid, the English butler, the personal secretary, the ambitious academic, the Chinese kitchen worker?

These murder mystery archetypes are all featured in Stanford history Professor Emeritus Richard White's new book, "Who Killed Jane Stanford? — A Gilded Age Tale of Murder, Deceit, Spirits, and the Birth of a University." Author of numerous books, White is a MacArthur Fellow and a Pulitzer Prize finalist for "Railroaded," an account of how transcontinental railroads altered the trajectory of corporate influence in the 19th century.

Nearly a century after Stanford's death, retired professor of neurology Robert W.P. Cutler examined the case, writing persuasively that she'd been murdered, the victim of strychnine poisoning, in his 2003 book, "The Mysterious Death of Jane Stanford."

A member of Stanford's history department when Cutler's book came out, White believed Cutler's book hadn't received the attention it deserved.

Reached by phone at his home near Palo Alto, White said "I was shocked (how few discussed it). It seemed pretty convincing. And the university does what the university often does when it has things it would rather not talk about — it says nothing."

It wasn't until White taught two classes focused on students using original archive sources that he thought another book on the case was warranted.

Archival discoveries by students from the "Who Killed Jane Stanford" courses intrigued him. "I was surprised by the extent to which the university tried to make sure (official records said) she wasn't murdered," White said. "The students' research didn't explain why, but the record was fairly clear that they did that."

What also became irrefutable from his students' research was that Jane Stanford was nearly impossible to work for.

"The university's position," White said, "was she was universally beloved and nobody but a crazy person would try to do her harm. My students showed that wasn't the case."

"She was arrogant, she was arbitrary, she was convinced that she was doing God's work," White said of Jane Stanford. "As a spiritualist, she was 'taking advice' from her husband and son, even though both of them were dead."

Stanford not only controlled

campus purse strings, she was witness to some political, ideological, financial and sexual scandals that plagued the university during its early years. White's own research indicated that if her death had been ruled murder or suicide, survivors may well have contested her will, opening a can of worms that no one at the university wished to contemplate.

In his new book, White delves deeply into the history of Gilded Age Bay Area. He highlights Leland's lack of business acumen, Jane's obsession with her son who died at age 16, the flawed documents that established the university, and President David Starr Jordan's struggles to protect the university from a series of scandals. White unearths clues involving shady detectives, corrupt politicians, yellow journalists and leaders of Chinatown's powerful tongs (community organizations that sometimes had ties to crime).

White also details both poisoning incidents.

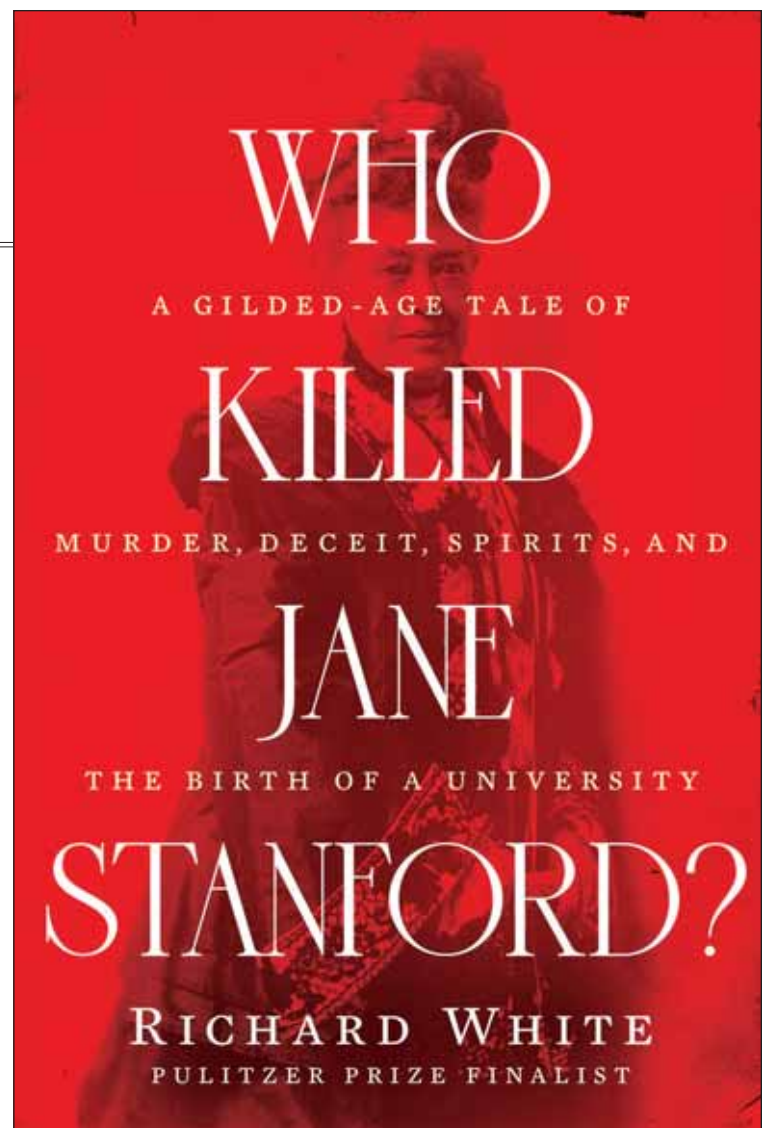
On Jan. 14, 1905, Jane Stanford called for help after drinking from her nightly glass of Poland Spring mineral water. The water tasted "queer" to her maid and to her personal secretary. Stanford was sure that she had been poisoned. Analysis would later prove the sample contained enough strychnine to kill an adult victim. Fortunately, Stanford was able to vomit up enough of the poison to save herself.

She was not so lucky the second time.

Deciding to escape to the tropics, Stanford and her entourage journeyed to Hawaii's Moana Hotel, where on the night of February 28, she again called for help.

"Run for the doctor!" she yelled. "I have no control of my body! I think I have been poisoned again!"

She was correct, only this



Courtesy W. W. Norton & Company

Former Stanford history professor Richard White delves into the circumstances around the death of Stanford University co-founder Jane Stanford — and whether university officials tried to cover it up — in his new book, "Who Killed Jane Stanford?"

time, the poisoning was fatal. After local authorities ruled her death a murder by poisoning, David Starr Jordan rushed to the islands to promote the notion that Stanford had died of natural causes, heart disease in particular.

The list of possible suspects extends all the way to Jordan, White explained.

"Some people thought servants had done it, the butler Albert Beverly, or one of the maids, Elizabeth Richmond. Some people thought David Starr Jordan had done it, or arranged to have it done. Other people thought that her own family was involved to get an inheritance. Some thought Bertha Berner, her secretary and confidante, had done it."

"For me," said White, "motives run deep into the history of Stanford itself. Many of the enemies Jane Stanford had, and many of the people who had reason either to kill her or to cover up the murder, their reasons came out of scandals and finances of Stanford University."

It's not just the list of suspects that evokes the golden age of mystery writing. White noted that Agatha Christie's first novel in 1920, "The Mysterious Affair at Styles," involved a fictional murder surprisingly similar to the real poisoning that killed

Stanford.

"I wondered whether Christie knew anything about Jane Stanford's poisoning," White said. "Both of them are designed to make strychnine poisoning look like accidental deaths. The parallels are striking."

Although he won't spoil the solution, White is very sure he's got the right answer.

"How confident am I?" White ponders. "I am very, very confident. I know there are going to be people who put up other candidates. That's fine with me, because it goes to my larger point, that there's more than one person who had a motive for killing Jane Stanford."

Richard White will discuss "Who Killed Jane Stanford" on June 9, in a virtual book talk sponsored by Boston Athenaeum ([bostonathenaeum.org](http://bostonathenaeum.org)) and June 16 at a Commonwealth Club event offered both in-person and online (in-person at 110 Embarcadero in San Francisco and at [commonwealthclub.org](http://commonwealthclub.org)). ■

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## The latest Peninsula dining news

Naschmarkt opens in Palo Alto, Tōno Coffee Project closes and Eataly announces an opening date

By Anthony Shu

**H**ungry for the latest restaurant news? The eagerly anticipated Eataly Silicon Valley, a three-story Italian food hall, has announced details about its opening. And in Palo Alto, a new Austrian restaurant has opened and a popular coffee pop-up has closed its doors.

### Palo Alto location of Naschmarkt opens

A slate gray parklet has appeared on Birch Street just off of California Avenue, marking the Palo Alto location of Naschmarkt, which opened Tuesday, May 17.

Naschmarkt is named after Vienna's sprawling market filled with fresh produce and international foods, and its Campbell location is known for "new Austrian cuisine." Signature dishes include crispy wiener schnitzel, thick-cut pork belly and spätzle, small egg noodles, paired with smoked chicken and sweet peas. Naschmarkt applies the Californian philosophy of featuring local, seasonal ingredients to central European cooking. A full bar offers seasonal cocktails, European beers and wines from Germany and Austria.

Restaurateur Dino Tekdemir was a co-owner of Anatolian Kitchen, which previously occupied the Birch Street property, and looks forward to creating a new space with a warm ambience. "You won't be missing Anatolian Kitchen, because you'll be thankful for me opening Naschmarkt," he told the Foodist in December 2021.

Before Anatolian Kitchen, the space housed The Oaxacan Kitchen, which still operates as

a food truck, Oaxacan Kitchen Mobile.

*Naschmarkt, 2323 Birch St., Palo Alto, 650-561-3202; naschmarkt-restaurant.com. Instagram: @naschmarktrestaurant.*

### Tōno Coffee Project closes in Palo Alto

Tōno Coffee Project closed its counter at downtown Palo Alto natural wine bar Salvaje on May 15 after nearly two years in business there.

Bryan Chiem started Tōno Coffee Project as a pop-up and events company in 2017 and started serving guests out of a side window at Salvaje in June 2020.

Previously popping up for only a day or two at a time, Tōno Coffee Project is known for single-origin coffees sourced from roasters around the world and oat milk-based beverages that have created a loyal customer base.

Opening up during shelter-in-place orders in what Chiem called a "ghost town," Tōno Coffee Project fostered connections among local guests dealing with the pandemic and other challenges. "This thing here in Palo Alto, it's kind of become (something) that I never really expected or planned for. I have employees now. We have a whole baking operation now ... it's all good memories," Chiem says.

Tōno Coffee Project also hosted a number of bakers selling often Asian-inspired baked

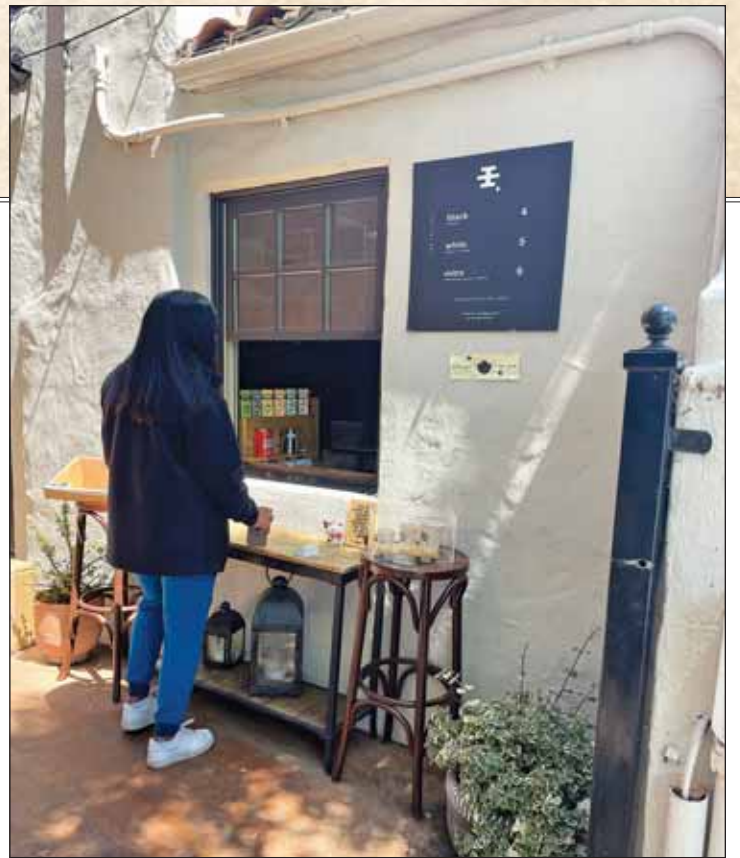
goods, including dark chocolate kouign amann from Love For Butter, sesame-scallion focaccia from Year of the Snake Foods, and Pastry Cat's matcha blondies. Since September 2021, the shop has been baking goods in-house.

Without a concrete plan, Chiem said he looks forward to Tōno's next venture, whether it's a pop-up, a focus on private events or a return to his home of East San Jose. "I started Tōno as a creative project ... I use it as an outlet to explore my curiosities (around) coffee. Being able to continuously explore ... is what Tōno is, and has been for me. I kind of want to keep it that way," he says.

### Eataly Silicon Valley finally sets a date

Eataly, an international chain of multistory Italian food halls, first announced plans for a Silicon Valley location back in December 2019. Nearly two and a half years later, Eataly will open its doors at Santa Clara's Westfield Valley Fair on June 16.

Celebrating Italian cuisine, Eataly Silicon Valley will combine retail with quick-service counters and two full-service restaurants. Diners can browse specialty goods like olive oils and dried pastas alongside cheese and salumi counters, then sit down at a restaurant for pizza and a Peroni. Italy's best-known foods and drinks are represented, for counters sell espresso, gelato and panini all



Anthony Shu

Tōno Coffee Project in downtown Palo Alto is closing its pop-up at Salvaje wine bar after nearly two years.

under one roof. The company opened its first store in Torino, Italy, in 2007 and embraces a motto centered on eating, shopping and learning.

Eataly Silicon Valley, which spans three stories and 45,000 square feet, will mark the company's ninth location in the United States and second in California after Eataly Los Angeles. Following a \$1.1 billion expansion and renovation, Westfield Valley Fair is quickly becoming a food destination with xiao long bao (soup dumpling) specialists Din Tai Fung, Ramen Nagi and trendy desserts including Uncle Tetsu's fluffy Japanese cheesecakes and mochi donuts from Mochill. Mall staples like The Cheesecake Factory and California Pizza Kitchen now stand next to upscale eateries including iChina and its \$4,500 virtual reality dinner.

Eataly Silicon Valley's opening celebration will include

complimentary tastings and take place at 5 p.m. on June 16. The food hall is also hiring aggressively to staff its massive operation and is hosting job fairs and walk-in interviews.

*Eataly Silicon Valley, Westfield Valley Fair, 2855 Stevens Creek Blvd., Santa Clara; eataly.com/us\_en/stores/silicon-valley. Instagram: @eatalysiliconvalley.*

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Naschmarkt's Palo Alto location just off of California Avenue opened on May 17.



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Italian cured meats and cheeses will be one of many offerings at the new Santa Clara location of Eataly, set to open in June.

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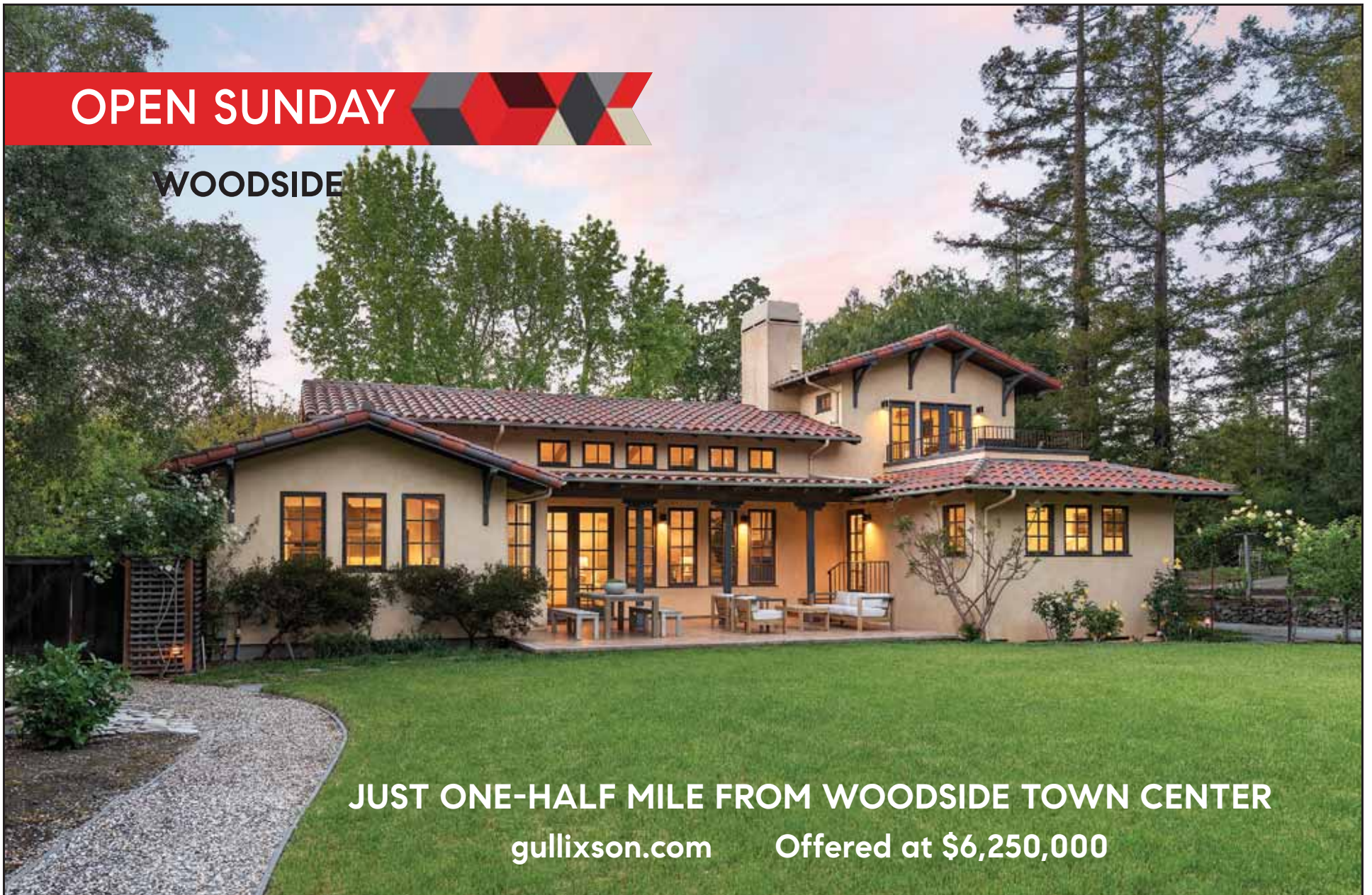
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