

From: Betsy Nash

Date: Friday, October 16, 2026 at 5:04 PM

To: Robert Bonta

Cc: Matt Senekeremian; Alex Fisch; Matthew Struhar

Subject: email for Attorney General Bonta from Menlo Park Mayor Betsy Nash

Dear Attorney General Bonta,

Last Monday at Stanford University, after your panel for Jim Steyer's class, I understand you met a Menlo Park resident who was the National Sales Manager at Sunset magazine for 20 years. That gentleman told me you seemed to know little about Menlo Park's builder's remedy project at [80 Willow Road](#) (the former Sunset campus) and were unaware of the August 25 letter that I sent inviting you to the site (that your staff said they would forward to you). He also told me that you agreed to visit the site and discuss the project with me if I reached out to you again.

For background, your office sent the City of Menlo Park a notice, pursuant to AB 712, threatening the city with penalties of up to \$6.6 million dollars if the city did not process and approve the project in the manner directed by Deputy AG Matt Struhar. This builder's remedy project includes over 530,000 sq. ft. of commercial space, a hotel and other uses situated in three towers up to 39 stories and 458 feet tall – the tallest building between San Francisco and Los Angeles – and significantly taller than the Elihu M. Harris State Office Building where your offices are located. With the exception of the 100 required affordable housing units (15% of 665 units), it is primarily a commercial project with luxury housing.

Please come to Menlo Park and see how this massive commercial development would dramatically worsen infrastructure challenges, jeopardize emergency services response times (including roadway and air access to the Stanford Medical Center Level 1 trauma center), and exacerbate our existing jobs/housing imbalance. Contrary to the very purpose of the builder's remedy law, this project fails to provide the housing that Menlo Park very much needs.

I also understand that the project raises questions about potential illegality, corruption, and national security around the property owner, as outlined in Representative Liccardo's September 23 letter to Treasury Secretary Bessent.

Please visit Menlo Park and see the proposed project for yourself. Learn about the property, the history of the development application, and the background of the application. I would be happy to show you around.

Finally, on October 1, the City emailed you and Deputy AG Matt Struhar the City's Response to Attorney General's Notice Regarding 80 Willow Road. We have yet to receive an acknowledgement that you received it.

Here is a compilation of my correspondence with you (attached as PDFs):

- August 25, 2026
- September 3, 2026
- October 12, 2026

Here is a compilation of key documents (links, and attached as PDFs):

- [July 29, 2026 – Attorney General's notice of violation](#)
- [September 23, 2026 – Representative Liccardo's letter to U.S. Treasury Secretary Bessent](#)
- [October 1, 2026 – City response to Attorney General's notice of violation](#)
- [October 2, 2026 – Applicant's lawsuit](#)

Sincerely,

Betsy